

Production Agriculture & Natural Resources Programming



Programming for Production Agriculture and Natural Resources is equipping producers and land owners with up to date research based information on animal genetics, intensive raised bed gardening, land conservation and water usage, forage production, and forage recovery.



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Program Strength through Partnerships

The afore mentioned educational efforts show only a glimpse of the programs offered through Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Rockwall County. Other issues currently being addressed include: Water Conservation—through Xeriscaping and Zone Planting Techniques, Curriculum Enrichment with County Elementary Schools, and Emergency Preparedness, Food Safety

Programming and Educational efforts are generated and developed through community involvement of local citizens. All parties interested in becoming an active member in the development and implementation of Extension program can contact the office at 972.204.7660 or visit our website at rockwall-tx.tamu.edu/. An internet version of this document can also be downloaded at the same site under publications.

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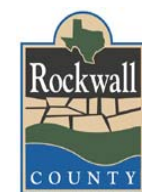
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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

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In Photographic Review

2011 Mid Year Update

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Rockwall County - Setting a Standard of Excellence

Youth Showcase Disciplines in Life Skills, Share Knowledge with Others & Impact a Nation for Learning



Kids Helping Kids Book Drive Provides Much Needed Books for Navajo Nation



Eighth Annual Tour of Gardens hosted by Rockwall County Master Gardener Association

Family and Consumer Science Programming Spreading the Message about Health and Nutrition



Horticulture Education Programming



Along with client consultations, the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association conducted the 8th annual Tour of Gardens - showcasing recommended landscaping techniques, a Successful Vegetable Gardening Series - creating a blog specifically for the clientele, Plant Swaps with products valued at more than \$4000.00, as well as providing the quarterly *EnviroSmart* - a newsletter for environmentally conscious homeowners to county residents.

Family Consumer Science Programming

- Rockwall ISD Food Service Manager Training (3 sessions)
- Master Wellness Volunteer Training (40 hour training)
- Mejor Vida program (3 lessons) – Lake Rockwall Estates
- Walk Across Texas at GMR Resources
- Clothing & Textiles Contest – Rockwall Youth Fair
- Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program (9 lessons)
- Cooking Well with Diabetes (4 lessons)
- Rockwall Boys and Girls Club (6 lessons – 6 and 7 year old youth)
- Rockwall Boys and Girls Club staff training
- Child Care Provider's Training (provided 3 state mandated clock hours to child care center directors and staff)
- Food Protection Management Training (2-day, state certified training for food service managers)



4-H & Youth Development



Rockwall County youth have been busy during the first half of 2011. Projects included life skills training, disciplines, and achievement events. Leadership, Public Speaking, Clothing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition, Educational Presentations, Photography, Animal Science, Shooting Sports, and Companion Animals are just a few. Curriculum Enrichment opportunities in the public schools allowed young people to explore new life experiences with animals and gardening. Kids Helping Kids Book Drive generated over 7000 children's books with an estimated value of \$26,250.