



**DATE:** February 1, 2026

**TO:** All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents, 4-H Parents, and 4-H Members

**SUBJECT:** **2026 District 2 4-H JUNIOR LEADER LAB**

**FROM:** Cari Snider  
4-H Youth Development Specialist

**CAMP DATE:** May 27 -29, 2026

**CAMP LOCATION:** PLAINS BAPTIST CAMP- Floydada, Texas  
<https://www.pbacamp.org/>

**4-H ONLINE OPENS:** April 1, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.

**4-H ONLINE CLOSES:** At 180 registered or April 16, 2026 (whichever occurs first)

**CAMP FEE:** \$250

**WHO?** Junior Leader Lab is for District 2 4-H members who have completed 3rd to 7th grades in the 2025-2026 school year.

**CONTACT:** Cari Snider. Cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

**2026 Camp Theme:** “TBD”

This 2026 District 2 4-H Lab letter contains the following:

- Registering for Lab
- Preparing for Lab
- Packing for Lab
- Coming to Lab
- Time at Lab
- Supervision at Lab
- Departure from Lab



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## Registering for Lab

Here is what your child is getting for the registration fee:

- 2 nights lodging
- 6 Meals
- Ice Cream
- Smore's Party
- Trained Plains Baptist Camp staff
- Facilities and equipment
- Trained medical staff
- 2 T-shirts
- Workshop materials
- A true camp experience

**REGISTRATION:** 4-H Online will open for registration on April 1st at 7:00 a.m. 4-H Online will close on April 16, or when 180 have registered – whichever occurs first. Registration fee (\$250) may either be paid by credit card or county check (discuss with your agent on this option). **No refunds will be made after April 16<sup>th</sup>**

When registering be prepared to answer the following:

- Gender
- Grade
- T-shirt size
- Allergies/Special Dietary Requirements
- **Accommodations** (this does NOT include rooming assignments)

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All accommodations requests should be submitted in 4HOnline. Any additional information should be provided to Cari Snider, [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu), at least 2 weeks prior to the contest.

This camp will fill up quickly. If you attempt to register and it is closed, e-mail [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu) with child's name, county, and grade. A waiting list will be based on date/time e-mails were received.

## Preparing for Lab

We understand that Leader Lab may be the first away-from-home experience for some of our 4-H members. Parents should have a conversation with the youth about what to expect at camp.

Youth will be actively participating in events from early morning to very late into the evening. If you are not comfortable with your child staying up past 11 pm, Leader Lab may not be the best choice for him/her.

**DORMITORY ASSIGNMENTS:** Girls will be in separate cabins from boys. Cabins to be determined, will work with PBC to finalize. If you have a special room request for your child, e-mail Cari no later than April 24, 2026 at [cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu) There is NO guarantee that we will be able to accommodate rooming requests.

## Packing for Lab

- Tennis Shoes
- Casual clothes for active sports – no halter tops, crop tops, be mindful of shorts length
- Pillow, Sheets (twin size), blanket, or sleeping bag
- Bath towel, wash cloth, shower shoes, Soap, Beach towel, Appropriate Swimsuit
- Toiletries – especially deodorant and toothbrush Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Flashlight
- Clothes for cool evenings Dance clothes for 2 nights!

DANCE THEMES: TBA

**Cell phones- Please do not send a phone with your child.**

**Swimsuits:** PBC recommends one-piece swimsuits for the girls; however modest tankinis are also permitted. Bikinis may be worn with a tank top or t-shirt worn over the swimsuit. For guys, we do not allow speedos. Modest swim trunks (no short shorts) are best. Swim shirts/T-shirts are recommended but not required

We will not be responsible for any item your child brings to camp. Please consider what you allow your kid to bring.

## Coming to Lab

**ARRIVAL:** Check-in will be Wednesday, May 27 from 10:15- 11:30 at Plains Baptist Camp (specific place will be designated later). At check-in, campers will receive their rooming assignment. They are not allowed to change rooms. The camp opening ceremony will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Please arrive with:

- 1) Code of Conduct
- 2) Medical Authorization Form/Assumption of Risk
- 3) Medical Information Form
- 4) ANY MEDICATIONS- in a clear bag labeled with your child's name and county

All Forms can be found at: <https://d24-h.tamu.edu/events/junior-leader-lab/>

## Time at Lab

- ALL campers will have the opportunity to participate in ALL sessions! Activities include: waterslides, swimming, low ropes, outdoor learning center, fishing, hiking, ziplining, big swing, jumping pillow, basketball, sand volleyball, gaga ball and several sessions taught by our counselors. Some of these activities will be a “challenge by choice.”
- Please have a discussion with your child about “checking their cool at the door.” The more involved they are in activities, they more they will take away from lab.
- Youth will be actively participating in events from early morning to very late into the evening.
- All campers are expected to observe the designated curfew and ‘lights out’ times.

## Supervision at Lab

Background checks and CPT training are current on all employees. Agents will go through an orientation upon arrival and have been given a chaperone position description.

Campers will be placed in color groups that are directed by two high school counselors. These counselors are selected through an application process. They are required to attend multiple trainings conducted through Teams prior to lab. They also arrive one day early to prepare for lab.

**CONTACT INFOMATION:** During the day, you may call Plains Baptist Camp at 806-983-3954. If it is after business hours, call the same number and leave a message.

## Departure from Lab

Lab will finish at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 29th. A County Extension Agent or counselor must check your child's room before departure.