

4-H Blast

April 21, 2017

- **April 21:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Orders Due
- **April 21:** District Plant ID Contest/Ag Product ID Contest
- **April 22:** Livestock Judging District Contest
- **April 27-May 7:** Tractor Supply Spring Clover Fundraiser
- **April 27:** Healthy lifestyles practice 6pm, Extension Office
- **April 27:** Scholarship Prep Night, 7pm, Extension Office
- **May 1:** Roundup Registration Opens
- **May 4:** Healthy lifestyles practice 6pm, Extension Office
- **May 6:** District Roundup, Riesel
- **May 11:** Healthy lifestyles practice 6pm, Extension Office
- **May 11:** Deadline for Roundup Registration
- **May 15:** Ag in the Classroom, 8am, YEB
- **May 15:** County Council, 6pm, Bea's Kitchen
- **May 18:** Healthy lifestyles practice 6pm, Extension Office
- **May 18:** Steer Tag-In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
- **May 22:** County Camp Registration Deadline
- **May 25:** Healthy lifestyles practice 6pm, Extension Office

Summer Dates:

- Texas 4-H Roundup- June 5-9
- Family Fun Day- June 12
- Beginners/4-H Fun Day Camp- June 16
- Recordbooks Due- June 19
- D8 Leadership Lab/Surge- June 21-23
- Recordbook Judging/Club Manager Training- June 22
- Awards Interviews- June 29
- Water Camp- July 5
- D8 Recordbook Judging- July 6
- County Camp- July 7-9
- Community-wide VBS (Cameron)- July 10-14
- FCS Camp- July 18

CLUB NEWS:

Shooting Sports News Meeting Dates

- May 14, 2017

Rockdale Fair Upcoming Important Dates:

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

Turkey Orders Due: **April 21, 2017**, \$5.50/each

Steers: **May 18, 2017**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

For more dates and times, please see the rules on our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Recordbooks: The Recordbook training was recording and the link is on the website as well as all the new materials for this year!

Remember Recordbooks are due **June 19th**! Judging will be **June 22nd**. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/>

Awards: The awards applications are updated on the website. Please go in and apply! Applications are due **June 19th**! It will be here before you know it! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/> (THIS INCLUDES STATE WINNER JACKETS!!!)

Family Fun Day: Milam County 4-H will offer a Family Fun Day on **June 12, 2017**, from 9am-4pm. We will be going to Waco and visiting the Cameron Park Zoo and the Baylor Mayborn Museum. Transportation and a sack lunch will be on your own. We plan to meet at Cameron Park Zoo at 9am. Then leave and have lunch at the Mayborn Museum pavilion then go to the museum. Price will be \$10 each for Adults and Children and \$5 each for 3 and under. Registration and money is due by June 1st. Sign up and pay at the Extension Office. This is a great way to spend time with your family on a local adventure. 4-H membership is not required but we

encourage you to join afterwards of course! Registration is required so we can order tickets at discounted amounts. No late registrations accepted.

Day Camps: We have some really fun day camps scheduled for this summer!

Fun Day Camp: **June 16th:** This FREE Fun Day Camp will be offered from 9am-12pm at Bea's Kitchen in Cameron. The Day Camp is for ages 5-8 (or those entering K-2 grade next year) who want to learn more about 4-H and do some fun and exciting crafts for the summer. Other activities including learning 4-H pledge and projects to do in 4-H!

Water Day Camp: 4-H Water Camp will be on **July 5th** from 3-5pm at the Youth Exposition Building in Cameron. (301 S. Houston, Cameron) The cost is FREE and ages 5-18 (or those entering K-2 grade next year) are welcome to come. Come and have fun at the Water Day Camp. Learn about water conservation, hydration, and have fun playing some water games! Please wear clothes to get wet and/or dirty.

FCS Day Camp: **July 18th** What is FCS Day Camp? Family and Consumer Sciences relates to 4-H projects like food and nutrition, consumer education, and clothing and textiles. At FCS Camp we will be making homemade pie crusts and learning how to shop!!! Time for this camp will be from 9am-4pm and lunch will be provided. The cost of the camp is FREE! The FCS Camp will be held at the Abiding Lutheran Church in Cameron, TX. Ages will be for 5-18 year olds (or those entering K-12 grade this coming year).

County Camp Registration: County Camp is **July 7-9th**. Please see the website next week for registration information. Deadline for registration will be **May 22**. Forms are also available in the office.

State 4-H Opportunities: Here are a few opportunities going on in the State 4-H Program! For more opportunities and information, see the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>

Raise Your Hand Campaign:

We're supporting 4-H in this effort because we believe every child deserves the chance to succeed. If you're a 4-H alumni or know someone who is, we're asking for your help in spreading the word. Together we can help 4-H provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America with the skills to handle what life throws at them.

It's easy:

1. Raise Your Hand: Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/raiseyourhand> to show your pride as a 4-H alumni.
2. Compete for Your State: Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay It Forward: Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/raiseyourhand>.

Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference:

- DATES: **June 12-16** – Register BY MAY 1
- COST: FREE – Most students are sponsored by the County Farm Bureau.
- WHO: HS Juniors and Seniors (in Fall 2017 enrollment)
- WHERE: Tarleton University – Transportation to the event is provided.
- WHAT: During this week-long conference, students will meet over 250 students from across the state, develop leadership skills in the following areas (public speaking, time management, team dynamics, work ethic, etc.), and learn about agriculture, the free market system, and the US Constitution. The interactive team challenges and competitions make the event the highlight of the summer for most attendees.

Texas 4-H Horse Show: If you would like to compete in the Horse Show, please email or call our office for the information!

4-H Fundraiser: The Spring Paper Clover Campaign with Tractor Supply Co is approaching fast! The dates will be **April 27 to May 7** and will once again provide an opportunity for local 4-H programs to partner with their TSC stores to promote the 4-H program across our state.

Milam County 4-H Information!

For information about any 4-H related activity, please go to the website or facebook page! www.Join4-h.com or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH