**4-H Blast**

**May 11, 2016**

* May 15: Shooting Sports Club End of Year Party / Officer Installation / Awards for the Annual Club Shoot
* May 16: Bylaws Task Force Meeting, 6:15pm, Thorndale Chamber Of Commerce
* May 17: County Council Meeting- Officer Election/Recordbook Training #2, 6pm, Milano
* May 18: Broiler Orders Due for Rockdale Fair, call CEO
* May 19: Ag in the Classroom
* May 19: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Milam County Auction Barn
* May 20: Deadline to Register for Leadership Lab “Surge” and Texas 4-H Roundup
* June 1: County Camp Registration Due
* June 6: County Camp Leader Training, 10am, Waco
* June 7-9: State Roundup, College Station
* June 17: Fun Day Camp, 9am-12pm, Cameron
* June 18: C Holcombe Scholarship Deadline
* June 20: Validation, 6:15am,
* June 20: County Recordbooks Due
* June 21: County Recordbook Judging
* June 26-29: Leadership Lab, New Braunfels

***Spring 4-H Opportunity Newsletter and other 4-H Blasts:*** [***http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/***](http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/)

***Shooting Sports Year End Party:***

This Sunday, May 15th at 2:00pm, The Milam County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be having our End of Year Party, with Installation of our new Officers and hand out Awards from our Annual Club Shoot held on April 24th. The Club will be providing hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks. Club members are asked to bring chips and dips, a side, or a dessert to go with our meal. Please respond to Stacey by email to let her know what you will be bringing: Stacey Pedroza stacey.pedroza.ghji@statefarm.com

***Leadership Lab “Surge”:***

Surge is a great opportunity for teen leaders to come together and learn leadership while having a bunch of fun! This year it will take place at the T Bar M Resort outside of New Braunfels! The dates are **June 26 –June 29, 2016** (Arrive at 1:00 pm on Sunday and Adjourn at 11:30 am on Wednesday). Registration is $250 (Milam County 4-H will reimburse ½ after attendance to Surge). This includes insurance, lodging, Schlitterbahn ticket, meals and snacks beginning with supper on Sunday and ending with breakfast on Wednesday. (Lunch will be provided at Schlitterbahn.) Parents will be responsible for their own transportation to and from T Bar M and meals while traveling. All participants must have completed the 8th grade to attend Leadership Lab. This a limit so register NOW!!! Space is already almost full! To sign up, register on 4-H Connect! Deadline to register is **May 20** or spots are filled!

***County Council Officer Elections:***

**May 17th** at 6pm at the Milano ISD, we will be holding our County Council Meeting and Officer Elections. If you would like to run for an officer position, please fill out the Intent to Run form on our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2015/04/Milam-County-4-H-County-Council-Officer-Intent-to-Run-Form-2016.pdf> Right now, the bylaws state you must be ages 13-19 to run (or in the 8th-12th grade for the 2016-2017 year). We will also be holding an Awards and Bylaws Task Force meeting in May before the meeting. If you are interested in these meetings, please email Micah so you can be given more information.

***Awards and Recordbooks:***

It is time to start thinking about recordbooks and awards! Please see the website to start getting an idea of what you need to be documenting and taking pictures for your book: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/> Awards and Recordbooks will be due ***June 20th*** but don’t start too late!!! The next training will be ***May 17th*** at the County Council Meeting! We plan to have some new awards this year so please apply!!! Award applications will be up on the website by May 15th.

***2016 Fall Majors Lamb, Goat, & Swine Validation***

***2016-2017 Major Steer Validation:***

**Monday, June 20th 2016**

Milam County Livestock Auction

Beginning at 6:15am with Swine them Lamb and Goats then Steers.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY VALIDATION DATE!

***County Camp:***

Dates: **July 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2016**

Deadline to register for County Camp: **June 1st**

Location: Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine TX. (Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents)

Ages: for 4-H members grades 3rd-8th with 4-H members grades 9th-12th serving as Teen Leaders. (For school year 2016-2017)

Cost of Camp: $125 for campers and teen leaders, $85 for adult chaperones. Includes: meals, lodging, snacks and t-shirts

WANTED: Teen Leaders: Senior age 4-H members are needed to help as workshop leaders or group leaders. Please let County Extension Office know if you are interested in being a leader. **June 6th** – Teen Leader Training, Waco, 10:00 AM (Mandatory for those wanting to be leader)

Forms and other camp information can be found on the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***Rockdale Fair Dates to Remember:***

**May 19**: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Milam County Auction Barn

**July 9:** Lambs, Goats, Swine Tag-In 7-9am, Rockdale Fair Park

***C Holcombe Scholarship:***

Applications are being accepted for the Christine Holcombe Memorial Scholarship. Funds for this scholarship were raised at the Mardi Gras Bash held in February. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college and must be a former Milam county resident or have graduated from a Milam county high school. Applications are due by June 18, 2016. To obtain an application, go to: http://counties.agrilife.org/m…/4-h-activities/scholarships/. For more information please call 201-403-8185.

***State 4-H Opportunities:***

Looking for some more opportunities at the State 4-H Level, click here: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>

***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](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)