Milam County 4-H Spring 2016 Opportanity Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE: This is a supplemental newsletter to the 4-H Blast. It comes out quarterly and provides you with opportunities in addition to the 4-H Blast events. Please continue to read and stay informed through the 4-H Blast sent weekly!

Calendar of Events

March

April

CEO: County Extension Office

March 15: Brigade Application Deadline

March 16: Ronald McDonald Visit, 9:15am, Temple RMH

March 31-April 2: Milam County Jr. Livestock Show

Gause ISD

March 25: Office Closed, Holiday

March 22: County Roundup/County Council, 6pm,

March 25: Office Closed, Holiday

March 25: Navarro Judging Contest, Corsicana

April 1: 4-H Has Talent Deadline

April 1: Notify CEO if you are validating horse

April 6: Rockdale Fair Commercial heifer tag in, Milam County Livestock Auction, 5:30pm-7:30pm

April 9: Hackamore Range/Plant ID Contest, 8am, 44 Farms

<u>April 15:</u> Major Livestock Show Tag Orders Due (Lamb, Goat)

April 11: Quiz Bowl notification, email Floyd

April 15: \$10.00 per horse validation deadline

April 15: National Congress Application Deadline

April 15: District Plant ID, Stephenville

April 16: District Horse Judging, TAMU

April 19: Council and Parent/Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, Thorndale Sr. Citizens Center

April 23: District Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, and Soils Judging, TAMU

April 23: Fishing Camp, Texas 4-H Center

April 30: District Roundup, Riesel

April 29-May 1: Texas 4-H Scholarship Interviews

May

<u>May 2:</u> National Anthem Contest at State Roundup Deadline

May 14: District Rifle Contest, Leon Co.

<u>May 16:</u> State Roundup Entry Deadline, 4-H Connect

May 18: Rockdale Fair Broiler Orders Due

May 19: Ag in the Classroom, Cameron YEB

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

May 20: District Horse Show Entries
Due

<u>TBA:</u> Last day to register for Leadership Lab

TBA: SE District County Registration– Includes Team Leader and Group Leaders

NOTE: Some deadlines and events have not been scheduled just yet! Please check on the website or in the upcoming summer newsletter for more dates!

*SE District Camp is still TBA

Eligibility Forms

REMEMBER! Every competition/show that you participate in, you must fill out an eligibility form! For forms, please go to:

http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/

All forms must be in the Extension Office **ONE WEEK** prior to the event!



Milam County Jr. Livestock Show News

Complete rules are available at the Milam County Extension Office and on the Milam County 4-H website: http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/

Show Dates: March 31-April 2

All 4-Hers having livestock and/or baked entries must submit an eligibility form signed by their school one week prior to the show. Eligibility forms are available on the Milam County 4-H website.

ATTENTION

Baked Goods Participants

planning to participate in

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (13 yrs and older)

Contest time has been move from 8:45 am

To

2 pm in the dining area at the YEB.

This change is due to March 31st being a State scheduled day for all public schools to administer the English II End of Course Exam. This is a 5 hour test so students have from 8am to 1pm to take the test. This will only effect the Senior Showmanship division.

Baked Goods Overall Grand and Reserve winners along with

Showmanship winners will be

announced at 5 pm in the Show Arena in the barn as previously scheduled.





Major Show Tag Orders Dug-April 15th

State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag Order Deadline - <u>April 15:</u> These tags are required to exhibit a lamb or goat at the 2016 State Fair of Texas. Cost \$12.00 per tag.

Make checks payable to Milam E.L.A.B. Payment must be received by the April 15th deadline. Tag in dates for each species will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the extension office at 254-697-7045.

Rockdale Fair Dates to Remember

Show Dates : October 20-22, 2016

Entry fees for the market show are due at each individual tag-in or pickup.

RFA Tag In dates and order deadlines:

- April 6- Commercial Heifer Tag In Milam County Livestock Auction, 5:30 pm 7:30 pm
- May 18- Broiler orders due (cost \$1.74 per broiler minimum of 25 birds per entry) pickup
 September 7- New Salem Building, 5:30-7:30pm
- May 19- Steer Tag-In Milam County Livestock Auction, 5:30 pm 7:30 pm
- July 9 Lambs, Swine, Goats Rockdale Fair Park 7:00 am 9:00 am
- September 14– Rabbit Tag in– New Salem Building, 5:30-7:30pm
- <u>September 14</u>– Breeding Heifer Entries postmarked September 14th (may be turned in at Rabbit Tag in)
- October 1- Commercial Heifers Palpation, 8-10am, Sifting, 10am, Milam County Livestock Auction

For entry forms and other information, please visit the website: http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/

4-H Livestock Projects

Anyone needing assistance with livestock projects please contact Floyd Ingram by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-697-7045

County Events and News

Milam County 4-H Council/Parent and Leader Meeting Dates:

- March 22, 6pm, Gause ISD (County Roundup)
- April 19, 6pm, Thorndale Sr Citizens Center (Ag in the Classroom Planning)
- May 17, 6pm, Milano ISD (Recordbook Training #2)
- June 21, 6pm, Bea's Kitchen (Co. Recordbook Judging)

Recordbook Workshop

Do you want to apply for 4-H awards or a scholarship and cannot because you have not completed a recordbook!? Well, you are in luck! Milam County 4-H will be holding a Recordbook Workshop on how to complete a recordbook! Recordbooks are not always boring, so tips will be given on how to make it more fun and meaningful to you! The recordbook training will be held on May 17th at the Milano School at 6pm.

Ag in the Classroom Help Needed

If you would like to help (grade 5 and older) at the Ag in the Classroom on May 19, 2015, we will need group leaders and some selected presenters for that day. Please email or call Floyd if you are interested, Floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu or 254-697-7045.

Ronald McDonald House Spring Break Visit

Our Community Service Project for this month is visiting the Ronald McDonald House in Temple during Spring Break; the date is Wednesday, March 16th. We will meet there at 9:15am. The Ronald McDonald House needs a variety of donations. Their Wish List items needed include: individual serving size snack and meal items (no refrigeration required); paper towels, napkins, plates, trash bags, toys, games, etc. We also collect and deliver can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. They sell the tabs to buy additional items needed in their facility. We may also be delivering Huggables to the Military 4-H (tentative). Huggables are stuffed animals/items for kids to hug on while parents are away in the military. Please bring your items to the Extension Office by March 15th if you cannot come or bring them on the day that we go to Temple. Come and join us!

4-H FCS Coalition Meeting Scheduled

Are you interested in the 4-H food and nutrition project, consumer project, or clothing and textiles project? If so, you are invited to attend a 4-H FCS Coalition Meeting and Orientation of these projects. We also will be planning the summer workshops for the summer. The meeting will be May 17th at 7pm at the Milano School (right after County Council). Come and learn about the projects and help us plan! (Bring a calendar!)

Scholarship Deadlines

All Scholarship information/requirements and applications are available by going to:

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/

Please make sure and review this information.

The County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share The Fun.

County Roundup will be held March 22nd at 6:00pm at the County Council Meeting (Located in Gause ISD).

District Competition will be held April 30th in Riesel. If you plan to participate, please email Micah Holcombe, mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

**Educational Presentations are where you teach the audience about a certain topic/4-H project or it can also be a "how to" methods demonstration.

**Public Speaking is speaking to a group without visuals and about some issue or topic. You come up with the topic and all public speaking presentations compete against each other.

Categories for Educational Presentations Include:

- Beef
- Companion Animals
- Health
- Horse
- Open
- Open Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Open Family & Consumer Sciences
- Promote 4-H
- Public Speaking (Individual entry only)
- Safety & Accident Prevention
- Sheep &/or Goat

Swine, Beef, Horse Quiz Bowl

**Share The Fun is like a talent show for those who are very talented with music whether that is singing, playing an instrument or dancing, poetry, or skits. The skit is a "Celebrate 4-H" skit, it usually is something very entertaining and fun that has to do with 4-H.

Categories include:

- Dramedy
- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical/Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Choreographed Routine
- Celebrate 4-H

Quiz Bowls will also take place at District Roundup, <u>April 30th.</u> If you are interested in doing these quiz bowls, please call or email Floyd at <u>Floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu</u> or 254-697-7045. He MUST know by <u>April 11th</u> if interested.

2016 4-H Horse Certification/Validation

DEADLINE: <u>March 1, 2016-April 15, 2016 for \$10.00 per horse OR April 16, 2016-May 1, 2016 for</u> \$20.00 per horse

Much MORE information can be found on the Milam County 4-H Horse Project Website:

http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/4-h-livestock/horse-project/

Please contact the County Extension Office (254-697-7045) by April 1, 2016 if you plan to validate.

Photography Contest

<u>This year's entries will be emailed to Micah. All entries are due March 28, 2016</u>. Please make sure and follow the instructions in the State Photography Guidelines for rules on submitting for county. The 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Photography Rules and Guidelines are available on the Milam County 4-H website:

http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/

To enter county, please email pictures, eligibility form, and entry form to Micah Holcombe (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) by March 28, 2016. An eligibility form must be attach to the entry (event: County and District Photography Contest—date April 1, 2016). Entry forms are also located on the photography website (above). Please follow the State rules on naming your photos. Confirmation of email entries will be emailed on March 29, 2016.

Summer Dates to Remember:

- June 6-9: Texas 4-H Roundup, College Station
- June 21: County Recordbooks/Awards App Due, CEO
- June 21: County Recordbook Judging, Bea's Kitchen
- June 20-21: District Horse Show, Belton
- June 26-29: D8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels
- July 7: District Recordbook Judging, Bosque Co.
- July 13: Water Camp, Cameron
- July 17-20: Texas 4-H Congress
- Other Camps to be announced soon: D8 SE County Camp, FCS Camp, Fun Day Camp



Leadership Lab is open to all senior 4-H members (Grades: 9-12) who want to learn leadership and have fun! Leadership Lab includes a trip to Schlitterbahn!!!



State 4-H Opportunities Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applicant goes to https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV OPYpO9DjXaYnpFb
- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 participants per university
- Applications are due <u>June 1, 2016</u>. Applicants will be notified by June 17, 2016 regarding application result

BECOME A TEXAS 4-H STEM YOUTH AMBASSADOR

As a Texas 4-H STEM Youth Ambassador you

• Provide a youth voice in state, regional and national promotions of STEM initiatives

Represent 4-H in a positive light and serve as a youth voice for 4-H Science and the 4-H STEM Futures programs at interpretive events with such individuals and groups as:

Members of the Texas House of Representatives

County Judges and Commissioners

4-H Families

Serve as a spokesperson for 4-H Science and 4-H STEM Futures programs for local media interviews and other opportunities, as needed.

Share experience as a 4-H STEM Youth Ambassador through social channels throughout the year when participating in events nationally and locally.

Inform 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers, 4-H educators, University faculty and other interested persons about 4-H STEM Futures opportunities and resources.

- Connect with donors on local level to develop and implement STEM strategies
- O Engage with the Lockheed Martin employee mentors/volunteers within your state and local area.
- O All applications must be submitted to Toby Lepley at tlepley@ag.tamu.edu by Monday, April 1, 2016 5:00 PM. (Contact Micah for application, she will forward it to you)

If you have any questions about the Texas 4-H STEM Youth Ambassadors program or application, please contact Toby Lepley at tlepley@ag.tamu.edu or 979-845-1212 - Greg Myles at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu or 214-904-3069 - Derrick Bruton at dbruton@ag.tamu.edu or 972-952-9264

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THE 2016 4-H ROUND UP

4-H National Anthem Competition

Texas 4-H Roundup will showcase three 4-H members or groups of 4-H members each day for the singing of the National Anthem during the General Assemblies. Information for the applicant is below.

HOW TO ENTER



Submissions must be uploaded to https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/NationalAnthem/index.html

- All submissions MUST BE POSTED TO YouTube (All links made public).
- All submissions MO2 is exposed to 10 foot use for unims made pusiel.

 Entries may be submitted on an individual basis or as a group.

 Groups cannot be made up of more than four (4) members. Three individuals/teams will be selected to perform one at each assembly held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Individuals/teams will be announced May 9, 2016.

 Open to all 4-H members grades 3 12 (based on September 1, 2015 4-H Year).

- 4-H member does not have to be a contest participant of Texas 4-H Roundup
- YouTube Video must be of the individual or group (up to four 4-H members) singing the National Anthem. Singing must be in a capella style (no music).

 If selected to sing during Texas 4-H Roundup, performance will be done a capella

- Videos will be evaluated by a panel of judges with music experience.

 If selected to sing participants must be registered on 4-H Connect.

 Roundup staff will be selecting the nights that the individuals/groups will be performing.

Deadline For Submission: May 2, 2016



SET Poster Competition

Discover Science Method Research Poster Contest—2016 Texas 4-H Roundup

Thursday, June 9, 2016

The Discover Science Method Research Poster contest will allow youth to apply the scientific method to subject matter of interest or that they have learned through 4-H projects. The scientific method is a process for formulating and testing hypotheses through experimentation and research. Scientists use the scientific method to explore relationships in nature. The poster contest gives youth an opportunity to display and demonstrate how they

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applied the scientific method to research, experiment, and formulate results for their project.

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to 1st place of each category in the Senior Age Division

Awards will be given in the Intermediate Age Division by category



Contest Categories include:

- Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science
- Environmental Science/Chemistry/ Earth Sciences
- **Animal Science**
- Plant and Soil Science
- Engineering/Physics
- **Consumer Product Testing**

For more information about the contest contact:

David Smith at dwsmith@ag.tamu.edu

Or visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/ contest guidelines



State 4-H Roundup

State 4-H Roundup is just around the corner!!! Monday, June 6-Thursday, June 9th. Below is a schedule of events!!! Most contests require you to be a senior 4-H member (9th-12th grade) and you must qualify at district contests but some are open to Intermediates as well (grades 6-8th) and seniors and are not required for qualifying at district. Please see below for the schedule! If you are interested in any Invitational Contests, please email Micah Holcombe for more information! mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS May 16, 2016

NOTE: Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest is a great contest for Consumer Judgers!!!



*Educational Presentations **Invitational Contest

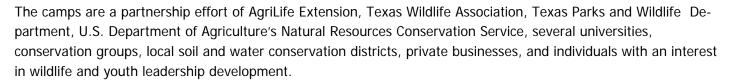
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Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7	Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9
Roundup Registration Reed Arena 3 pm - 7 pm Offsite Events Indoor Rifle Match - Held off-site - CORRECTION June 4-5, 2016 A	Roundup Registration Reed Arena 7 am - 7 pm Morning Contests Agriculture Product Identification ** Beef Quiz Bowl Fashion Show Fashion Storyboard Healthy Lifestyles ** Horse Quiz Bowl Leaders 4 Life Livestock Skill-a-thon ** Nutrition Quiz Bowl Swine Quiz Bowl ** Robotics Challenge ** Mternoon Contests CORRECTION Archery (will be afternoon only) Photography Judging Mening Contests/Events 4-H Has Talent 4-H Fun Run / Walk Maily Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation Trade Show	Roundup Registration Reed Arena 7 am - 7 pm Morning Contests Consumer Decision Making Entomology Collection ** Entomology Identification Food Challenge Horse Judging Invitational Meat Judging and Identification ** Mohair Judging Qualifying Livestock Judging Qualifying Meat Judging and Identification Range & Pasture Grass Identification Range Evaluation Share-The-Fun Choreographed Routines Dramedy Poetry/Prose Vocal Soil Judging Wool Judging and Evaluation Daily Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation Trade Show Silent Auction	Roundup Registration Reed Arena 7 am - 6 pm Morning Contests Discover Scientific Method Research Poster ** Duds to Dazzle Food Show Health * Hippology ** Horse * Invitational Livestock Judging ** Open Ag and Natural Resources * Open Family, Consumer Science * Poultry Judging ** Public Speaking Promote 4-H* Share-The-Fun Celebrate 4-H Musical / Instrumental Solo / Band Performance Sheep and Goat * Vet Science Skill-a-thon ** Wildlife Challenge Workshop ** Afternoon Contests Beef * Clothing and Textiles * Companion Animals * Open * Safety and Injury Prevention * Workshop Grilling Meat Science Daily Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation Trade Show Silent Auction

Texas Brigades Summer Camp Registration Deadline-March 15th

Registration for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Brigades summer camps program has begun.

The camp dates and locations are:

- •Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, <u>June 11-15</u>, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.
- •South Texas Buckskin Brigade, <u>June 12-16</u>, Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde.
- •South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, <u>June 24-28</u>, Buck Horn Creek Ranch
- •Bass Brigade, July 6-10, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- •Waterfowl Brigade, <u>July 17-21</u>, BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony.
- •Ranch Brigade, July 18-22, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- •North Texas Buckskin Brigade, <u>July 24-28</u>, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.



Tuition is \$500 per cadet per camp, but Rollins said sponsors are available to provide financial aid when needed. The 4-H member is responsible for their own cost to this event.

Applications may be completed online or downloaded at http://www.texasbrigades.org//Applications/2015-Application-Forms.html

Applications may be submitted online or printed from this website and submitted. Or, you may obtain an application by contacting Aimee Carrasco or Zelina Alvarado. Phone: 855-TXBRIGS

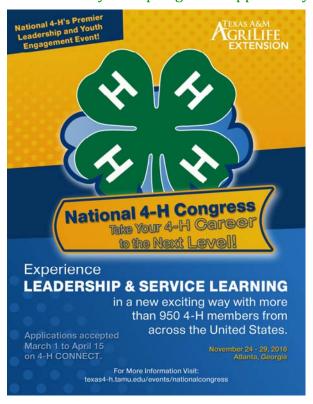
E-mail: acarrasco@texasbrigades.org or zalvarado@texasbrigades.org

This year's registration deadline is **March 15th**.

Navarro County Youth Expo Judging Contests Friday, March 25, 2016

For more information, please email Micah or Floyd.





4-H members are responsible for their own costs for National 4-H Congress.





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