**4-H Blast**

March 26, 2018

* **March 27:** County/District Photography Contest Deadline
* **April 2:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice, 6pm, Gause School
* **April 2:** Deadline for Texas 4-H Congress
* **April 4:** Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm
* **April 7:** District Horse Judging
* **April 7:** Rockdale Fair Commercial Heifers, 8:00am-12pm, Milam County Auction Barn
* **April 9:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice

***County/District Photography Contest:*** If you are interested in participating in the County and District Photography Contest, please see the website for more information: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/> The deadline to enter is March 27th. Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is March 30th.

***Dates for Spring/Summer:***

These are a few dates to please put on your calendar!

* **April 10:** Roundup Orientation Night, 6pm, County Extension Office
* **April 11:** Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm
* **April 11-22:** 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
* **April 18:** Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm
* **April 14:** Hackamore Plant and Range ID Contest
* **April 16:** County Council Meeting/Officer Elections
* **April 17:** District Fashion Show
* **April 21:** District Livestock, Meat, Soil Judging Contest
* **April 23:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **April 30:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **May 5:** District 8 4-H Roundup
* **May 7:** Ag in the Classroom
* **May 7:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **May 17:** Rockdale Fair Steer Tag-In, 7-9am, Rockdale Fair Park
* **May 21:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **May 28:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **June 4:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice
* **June 8:** Fun Day Camp
* **June 11-15:** Texas 4-H Roundup
* **July 7:** Lambs, Swine, and Goat Tag In, 7-9am, Rockdale Fair Park
* **July 13-15:** D8 County Camp
* **July 13-15:** Texas 4-H Dog Show
* **July 22-26:** Texas 4-H Congress

Many other contests and activities but here is a highlight!!! If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call or email the Extension Office!

***Shooting Sports Meetings:***

Meetings will be at the New Salem Building at the Rockdale Fair Grounds at 2pm. The format will stay the same with the first meeting being a meeting with shooting after and the second meeting being shooting.

* April 8 and 22
* May 13 and 20
* June 10 and 24

***District Roundup:***

Roundup is not a roundup of cows but rather a Roundup of all sorts of 4-H talent and speaking opportunities! There is public speaking, educational presentations, and Share the Fun Talent. If you are interested in any of these and want to participate in the 4-H Roundup on May 5th at District, please mark your calendar to attend the April 10th, Roundup Orientation Night at the Extension Office. We will go over each of the opportunities and then have a few kids give speeches to get the idea on how to do it. It will be fun and a great life skill to obtain!

***Healthy Lifestyles:*** Do you enjoy working with others and performing skits? Would you like to know how to live a healthier life and make better choices? Then healthy lifestyles is for you! We will begin meeting on Monday's to improve our knowledge in nutrition, food safety, physical activity, skin care, and teen driving safety. Each Monday we will tackle a new category.

For more information about this contest visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018-Healthy-Lifestyles-Invitational-Contest-Materials_1.13.17.pdf> and come practice with us!

* April 2 Gause School, 6pm (Decide times after this meeting)
* April 9 Cameron Extension Office
* April 23 Gause School
* April 30 Cameron Extension Office
* May 7 Gause School
* May 21 Cameron Extension Office
* May 28 Gause School
* June 4 Cameron Extension Office

***Hackamore Plant ID Contest:*** SAVE THE DATE! The Hackamore Plant ID Contest will be held in Thorndale on April 14th. More information to follow later!

***Texas 4-H Community Service Project:***

The 2017-2018 Texas 4-H Council is encouraging local 4-H clubs to collect new or gently used children and young adult books. The books should be donated back to your local community, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc. We will be collecting the books at the Extension Office then donating them to the different libraries in the community!

Please send the Extension Office photos of your service project of collecting books. A presentation will be made during Texas 4-H Roundup announcing the impact made across the state. Collection will be taken from now till June 1st.

***State Water Ambassador:***

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. Each year, up to (32) individuals are selected to join the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. Those selected will participate in a summer 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy. Over the next (12) months, Ambassadors will provide a minimum of (40) hours of service. Deadline to apply is May 20th. Registration will open February 19, 2018 @ <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html> If you are interested in this opportunity, please let the Extension Office know or follow this link above.

***Wildlife Conservation Camp:*** Applications are now open for the Wildlife Conservation Camp sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Applications can be completed by visiting http://www.wildlifecamptx.org/. Complete camp details can also be found on that webpage. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2018. Space is limited so encourage your 4-H members to explore and apply soon for this hands on, broad experience surveying and learning about the habitats of Texas, the wildlife we live with, and the management techniques and careers encompassing our wildlife. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

***Texas 4-H Congress:***

Texas 4-H Congress is just around the corner!! It will be held July 22-25th in Austin at the Capitol. Please see below the information about Congress. This is a great opportunity to learn about State Government and how it is ran. It is also a great leadership opportunity! Please sign up! Applications open on 4-H Connect so sign up quickly! To learn more about Texas 4-H Congress please click on this link: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/>

* February 12, 2018 Press Corps Online Opens on 4HConnect
* March 23, 2018 Lobbyist Application closes
* March 23, 2018 Press Corps Application closes
* March 30, 2018 Lobbyist and Press Corps Notification

IF you would like to attend, please contact the County Extension Office. This will be for registration for regular attendees. Those wanting to be Lobbyist or Press Corps, please go ahead and sign up online through 4-H Connect! Please email Micah Holcombe (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) by April 2nd if you would like to attend Texas 4-H Congress. I need your first name, last name, grade (2018-2019 year), # years in 4-H (including the 2017-2018 4-H Year), High School Graduation year, # of Opportunities left to attend Texas 4-H Congress (TX 4-H Congress is only offered in even numbered years).

***Vet Camp:*** 4-H will have two Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camps this summer. We are implementing an application process through Qualtrics for the camps this year. Please have interested Texas 4-H members complete to application that is due by 5:00 pm on April 19, 2018.

Open to Texas 4-H members 12—18 years old as of September 1, 2018

Texas A&M University: $175.00

West Texas A&M University: $175.00

Program Dates:

Texas A&M University: June 11-14, 2018

West Texas A&M University: July 23-25, 2018

Application is due by 5:00 pm on April 19, 2018

A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 for each location

Applicants will be notified by May 1, 2018 regarding application results

\*Applicants will be notified if they are accepted/denied.

An application does not ensure entrance into the camp. The camp is limited to 25 participants at each site.

<https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WTT3UMrOQCISSV>

***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

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