**4-H Blast**

October 24, 2019

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* **October 24:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 24:** Spring Major Show Sheep and Goat Tags
* **October 25:** Christmas Card Art Contest Deadline
* **October 28:** Global 4-H Citizenship Tour Webex Meeting
* **October 30:** Club Officer Training, 6pm, New Salem Building-Rockdale
* **November 1:** Entry Form Due for Food Show and Food Challenge
* **November 2-3:** Holiday Classic
* **November 6:** Recordbook Training, 7pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron
* **November 6:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 7:** Major Show entry night, 4-6pm, County Extension office
* **November 8:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange Entries Due, Email
* **November 12:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 21:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 11:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 16:** MCJLS Broilers Due, 6-7pm, YEB (ONLY PLACE TO ORDER)
* **December 17:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 19:** Teen Retreat Deadline, Online

**Great job to all our Rockdale Fair participants!**

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! DO NOT ENROLL EARLIER! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> This link will show you the steps to join as well as many important items for the 4-H year! Join us for 4-H fun! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show. You will NOT be able to show unless you have enrolled online AND have a completed eligibility form. You must have them signed yourself and sent to the school and the school will send us your signed form if eligible.

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***2020 Spring Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation*** *(FWSSR, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin*)

Major sheep and goat validation for Spring major shows will be Thursday, **October 24, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

***Consumer Project Meetings:***

**Here is a list of all the consumer meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be from 5:30-7pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at Bea’s Kitchen. If you are interested in this project, please fill out the entry form: <https://forms.gle/2BstgoKhQ3E1mubi9>

* October 24-Thur
* November 6- Wed
* November 12- Tuesday
* December 11- Wednesday
* December 17- Tuesday
* January 14- Tuesday
* January 22- Wednesday (Consumer Contest I (4-8pm)-MANDATORY MEETING)
* January 30- Thursday
* February 5- Wednesday
* February 14- Target Practice in San Antonio (NEW TIME- 4pm)
* February 25- Tuesday
* March 4- Wednesday
* March 16- Monday
* March 31- Tuesday (Consumer Contest II (4-8pm)- MANDATORY MEETING)
* April 14- Tuesday
* April 8- Wednesday

***Christmas Card Art Contest:***

Submit your best original design to the Texas 4-H Foundation and your artwork may be chosen as one of the five official 4-H Foundation Christmas Cards!

The Christmas Card Contest is open to 4-H Members of all ages. Design a 5×7″ Christmas Card and mail it, along with the Christmas Card Design Contest Entry Form, to the Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842.

Student must be a 4-H Member to participate. Submissions must be postmarked by **October 25th;** if possible sent artwork, along with entry form, in a ‘do not bend’ envelope. Artwork must be able to fit into a 5×7″ template. Only original artwork will be considered, digital art or photography will not be considered. By entering your artwork, you are giving the Texas 4-H Foundation permission to use and/or sell your art as part of a fundraising effort in support of the Texas 4-H Foundation County Grant Program. Winners will be announced **November 1, 2019.**

***4-H Global Citizenship Study Trip:*** 2021 4-H Global Citizenship study trip will be to Europe. We are planning a ten-day excursion to include Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest! A WebEx informational meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, October 28** beginning at 6:00 for everyone who can join. It will be recorded for those who cannot participate in the call. Meeting information is provided below and on the attached document.

Join AgriLife WebEx meeting : <https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/webappng/sites/agrilife-tamu/meeting/download/489a5ef056554dc9b30ad2a330f1893d?siteurl=agrilife-tamu&MTID=mf90a334ee33a8b9ae3d82d167f0fd595>

Meeting number: 925 549 098

Meeting password: N3zP5Fkm

***4-H Food Show/Food Challenge Entry Forms Due November 1:*** If you would like to enter the Milam County 4-H/District 4-H Food Show and/or Food Challenge please visit the website for forms and information: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/>

FORMS are due **November 1st**

***Scholarship:*** Scholarships will be updated on the website. Please check it for information on scholarships and applying. If you missed the training, all items have been updated on the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

***Recordbook Training:*** Get a head start on a 4-H Recordbook! Learn how the recordbooks work, what goes in them and how to get started on one! The training will be held **November 6** at 7pm at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron. Please bring notepad, pen, and a calendar! Please RSVP and confirm your spot on the facebook event!

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 21st** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 18 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate as an individual or with a friend or family member. They will create a food or craft themed for the Holidays and will demonstrate it to the audience on how to make it. They will need to bring the supplies and an item finished for the demonstration along with giving one finished product away as a door prize. Deadline to submit instructions will be: **November 8th** Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.

Instructions can be emailed or google shared to Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received) **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** 4-H Shooting sports project will start in December. If you are interested in signing up for the project, please call or email club manager, Keely Reisner. knlreisner@yahoo.com or 254-721-9270.

***Texas 4-H Center Teen Retreat:*** Teen Retreat 2020 is scheduled for **January 3-5**. Please share this opportunity with your 4-H Members in 7th-12th grade. We will have sessions in Leadership and Teambuilding, Social Science, Leadership, and more! Registration is open on the Texas 4-H Center website, <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>. Registration fees will increase on **December 20th** and close on December 31.

***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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