**4-H Blast**

December 16, 2019

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* **December 11:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 11:** District Food Show, Belton
* **December 16:** MCJLS Broilers Due, 5-7pm, YEB (ONLY PLACE TO ORDER)
* **December 17:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 19:** Teen Retreat Deadline, Online
* **December 24 & 25:** Office Closed Holiday
* **January 3-5:** Teen Retreat, Brownwood
* **January 5:** Shooting Sports meeting, 2pm, New Salem Club House

***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!

***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.

* 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

***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/>

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** Hello my name is Addie Reisner and I am a club officer for Milam County Shooting Sports and I would like to encourage shooters from all over Milam County to come join our club! Ages from 8 years to 18 years old can participate. We practice at the New Salem Building in Rockdale behind the Fair Grounds. We shoot air pistol and air rifle inside and we shoot archery outside under the trees. We are only able to practice air and archery at our meetings because there is not an outside range on the Fair Grounds. We will start our season up on **January 5, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. this year. We are looking forward to having lots of new faces at our meeting. Please come and join us. Shooting Sports is a great way to meet new people from all over the state and learn characteristics such as discipline, safety, patience, problem solving and respect. We are looking forward to seeing you on January 5th!!

***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. A chaperone must be provided and travel is on your own.

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 25-28, 2020***

* Mkt. Broilers: (NEW) Order **December 16**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 25,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

***MCJLS Broiler Order:*** ATTENTION: This is still news for ordering Broilers for the 2020 MCJLS. You will need to go to the YEB in Cameron on Dec. 16. That is the only way to order broilers for the show. Order in lots of 25. Make checks out to Milam County Junior Livestock Show Association and orders must be paid for by the ordering deadline Dec 16th. If they are not paid for by Dec 16th, they will not be ordered.

Entry NIGHTS:

* Monday, **February 10:** Rockdale General Store Meeting Room
* Tuesday, **February 11th**: Thorndale Ag Science Building
* Monday, **February 24th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 24, 2020. After February 24, late entries will be accepted until March 26th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***Community Service Project:*** We will be having a monthly collection of items for the Milam Touch of Love Animal Shelter. You can drop your items off at the Extension Office, Cameron 4-H Club Meeting. Items needed:

* Dog food (any kind)
* Cat Food (any kind)
* Collars
* Leashes
* Dog and Cat toys
* Blankets
* Hanging water bowls
* Clorox bleach
* Monetary donations for spaying and neutering

***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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