**4-H Blast**

April 9, 2020

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**Texas 4-H will not conduct face-to-face programming until May 4th. Programming includes 4-H club meetings, project meetings, practices, contests and recognition events.**

The following events have been CANCELED due to this regulation:

* **April 11:** Coryell County Invitational Plant ID Contest, Gatesville
* **April 14:** Ag in the Classroom
* **April 14:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **April 15:** County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber (officer elections)
* **April 19:** Shooting Sports Practice, 2pm, New Salem Building- Rockdale
* **April 24-26:** 4-H Scholarship Interviews, College Station
* **April 29:** Recordbook Workshop, 5:30pm, County Extension Office
* **May 2:** District 4-H Roundup, Riesel High School (more info coming soon)
* **June 8-12:** Texas 4-H Roundup ***NEW!!!!!!! CANCELED!!!!!***

4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **April 9:** Recordbook Online Workshop, 6pm, Zoom
* **April 9:** Virtual 4-H Experience (Natural Resources), 10am, Texas 4-H Facebook
* **April 13:** 4-H Virtual Art Camp, Online
* **April 13:** Virtual Space Camp Assignment 3
* **April 14:** Virtual 4-H Experience (Leadership and Citizenship), 10am, Texas 4-H Facebook
* **April 15:** Virtual 4-H Experience (Leadership and Citizenship), 10am, Texas 4-H Facebook
* **April 15-May 15:** Outdoor Challenge Registration, limited space-register now, 4-H Connect
* **April 16:** Virtual 4-H Experience (Leadership and Citizenship), 10am, Texas 4-H Facebook
* **April 17:** Major Show Steer Tag Orders Due
* **April 17:** State Fair Sheep and Goat Orders Due
* **April 20:** Virtual Space Camp Assignment 4
* **April 24:** RFA Turkey Orders- order through RFA
* **April 24:** Major Show Steer Tag Order MONEY Due
* **April 24:** State Fair Sheep and Goat Order MONEY Due
* **May 1:** Healthy Texas Ambassadors Applications Due, County Extension Office
* **May 1:** Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Application Due
* **May 1-22**: Entomology Contest
* **May 16:** RFA Commercial Heifers: 8:00 am to 10:00, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn **SEE NEW DATE!!!!!**
* **May 13:** RFA Steers: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
* **May 22:** RFA Broiler Orders: Order through RFA
* **May 22:** Deadline for State Entomology Contest

***More summer dates to come soon!!!!***

* **June 5:** 4-H Clover Kid Fun Day Camp
* **June 17-19:** District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab) and District Council Officer Elections
* **June 22:** Recordbooks and Awards Due
* **June 23:** Club Manager Training, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **June 23:** County Recordbook Judging (Awards and Recordbooks due for parents that judge), 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **June 26-28:** Southeast District County Camp, Palestine
* **July 9:** District 4-H Recordbook Judging

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! 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!

***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! **DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CHECK THE FACEBOOK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER!**

***Major Show Steer Tag Orders:***

Milam Co. Extension Office is now taking 2020-2021 Major Show Steer Tag Orders

The deadline for tag orders will be **Friday, April 17, 2020** by 5:00pm. Orders taken via phone: 254-697-7045.

Checks will need to be made out to E.L.A.B. with the memo **2020 Steer Validation**. Checks will need to be mailed to: Milam County Extension Office. 100 East 1st Street. Cameron, Texas 76520. Payment will be due to the Extension Office by **Friday, April 24th**

See ordering Information below.

Validation fee for 2020-2021 Major Show Steers:

$20 per head April 1-April 17

$30 per head April 17-June 23

**Physical Validation – June.** Exact dates are still to be determined.

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***4-H Virtual Photo Challenge:***

Starting **April 1**, put your photography skills to the test. Review the challenge topic for the day and then take your best photos with whatever camera you have available. Keep it simple. Interpret the topic however you like, or research that type of photography online for ideas. If you like (and with your parent’s permission) post your photos on the Texas 4-H Photography Project Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TX4Hphotography/> and the Milam County 4-H Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH/> Instructions and guidelines are outlined on the facebook page.

***Recordbook Workshop:*** A virtual recordbook workshop will be held Apr 9, 2020 06:00 PM on Zoom. They will be covering all parts of the recordbook, as well as touching on how to use the new ZSuites. Check it out!!!! Hope to “see you there!”

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/463152131>

Meeting ID: 463 152 131

***Texas 4-H Virtual 4-H Experience:*** At home with the kiddos? Join us at 10 AM some FUN, interactive for activities for ALL youth! Come back to the Texas 4-H Facebook page and look for the LIVE video on each date listed below! A list of the first three activities & minimal needed materials will be posted on the facebook page before the event.

Leadership and Citizenship: **April 14th, 15th, 16th**

***New 4-H Art Camp:*** We are excited to present to you our Virtual 4-H Art Camp for 9th to 12th grade students. Each week we will release a new lesson with easy to follow instructions and pictures, that can be completed at your own pace.This camp is FREE for anyone to participate (4-H membership NOT required)! We only ask you to fill out the Registration Form via the link provided to access our Camp website where the lessons will be released every Monday morning **(4/13).**

[**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1ESy7J8kfL40ZX322r6OhermJ7pjop9GB9COVCacxBpzX3g/viewform**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1ESy7J8kfL40ZX322r6OhermJ7pjop9GB9COVCacxBpzX3g/viewform)

***Virtual Space Camp: EXCELLENT SCIENCE FOR KIDS!!!*** We are excited to present our Virtual 4-H STEM Space Camp for 3rd to 5th grade students. Each week we will release a new experiment with educational and how-to videos.

This camp is FREE for anyone to participate (4-H membership NOT required)! We only ask you to fill out the Registration Form via the link provided to access our Campsite where the experiments will be released every Monday morning at 10am CT. (**4/13, & 4/20**). You will have all week to complete the assignment. It is not a webinar. I encourage you all to sign up! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIqxFidahTBHmMexVQy92KzCaEyiQU40xalo8lMbQNYeqWew/viewform>

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2020 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/> PLEASE READ ALL RULES FOR DATES AND DEADLINES! Here are the major livestock dates!!! More rules for baked goods and Home Economics will be available soon!

1. Commercial Heifers: **May 16, 2020**, 8:00 am to 10:00, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron; Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 3, 2020**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn Cameron
2. Steers: **May 13, 2020**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
3. Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 11, 2020**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
4. Rabbits: **September 10, 2020**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
5. Broilers: Order through RFA, by **May 22**, pick-up **September 4**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74
6. Turkey: Order through RFA, by **April 24**, pick-up **June 17**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Cost per turkey: $6.25
7. Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 10, 2020**

***Entomology:*** Are you interested in collecting bug? We have the project for you! This is a SELF-GUIDED project and we have information on the contest. For more information, you can visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/> \*NEW\* this year, the contest is separate from Texas 4-H Roundup Registration. Registration will be through 4-H CONNECT on **May 1 – May 22, 2020**. Cost is $10. Collections will need to be physically brought to College Station on Tuesday, June 9th and turned in at the HEEP Center, Room 411 by 10 am. Awards will be announced during the Entomology Identification Awards ceremony the afternoon of Wednesday, June 10th. 4-H members do not need to be present but must make arrangements to have their collections delivered/picked up for the contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 entries per age division.

The contest is open to Junior, Intermediates and Seniors. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 entries per age division. Additional awards may be provided if sponsorship is available.

***Virtual Crappie Tournament:***

It’s spring in Texas, and time to dust of those rods and reels for a three-week crappie tournament and learning experience. Prizes will be given to the biggest crappie caught as an individual and a team! This is a great opportunity to challenge your 4-H friends while practicing social distancing.

Learn More: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TLhWEDon5OGBA-9cPrCVevLENp5OblFh/view>

Watch fun videos on how to fish and techniques to be an awesome angler, listen to a visit with the local game warden, watch a Cooking with Crappie food demo so you can make a delicious fish dish at home, learn sun, boater, food safety and hydration tips, play along with our 10 for 10 fishing game and learn fun fish trivia facts!

Fish are caught are posted on Facebook to the 2020 4-H Fishing group. Participants can post under their parent/adult Facebook account. See the complete contest rules at the link above.

***Registration opens on March 23rd-April 8th on 4-H Connect*** for all Texas 4-H members and Clover Kids under District 5 Virtual Crappie Tournament.

***2020-20201 Healthy Texas Ambassador:***

Are you looking for ways to expand your program? Looking for ways to improve the health and lives of youth and adults? Do you have teens in your county who are looking to make a difference in their health and the health of others? If so, the HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM is the perfect opportunity for them to become trained in health, wellness, and safety while helping you grow your local program efforts!

Eligibility requirements include:

• Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2020-2021 school year

• Submit completed application to the local county extension office by ***May 1, 2020***

***For Handbook and application go to:*** [***https://drive.google.com/file/d/1no5Y9N8VtZdFOGVVjUAgaipJLG0HekYC/view?usp=sharing***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1no5Y9N8VtZdFOGVVjUAgaipJLG0HekYC/view?usp=sharing)

• Have an interest and passion to serve others in the area of health education which includes nutrition, physical activity, passenger safety, and safe environments!

What does the program entail?

After youth are accepted to the local program, they must fulfill the following obligations:

• Complete and report 40\* hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually. \*This is a reduction in previous hours to be consistent with other ambassador programs.

• Attend a Regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit in a location nearest to them.

• Attend face-to-face and online trainings

• Remain academically eligible.

• Must agree to the obligations and requirements outlined in the HT Youth Ambassador Handbook.

• Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2020. Ambassadors who fulfill the minimum (40) hours of service will be invited to reapply for the following year. New and returning ambassadors MUST complete a new application annually.

• To meet all commitments for which the Ambassador volunteers and to complete those commitments with excellence.

For more detailed description of requirements and expectations, agents should review the 2020-21 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Handbook.

***Texas 4-H Water Ambassador:*** APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2020/2021

Help Spread the News!!! Applications are now open for the 2020/2021 class of 4-H Water Ambassadors. Up to (30) youth will be selected to serve this leadership position. The role of 4-H Water Ambassador requires youth who are dedicated, mature and dependable with a genuine interest in water and natural resources. To be eligible, youth must:

• Be in high school or entering high school for the 2020/2021 academic year

• Be 14 years of age or older by August 31, 2020

• Be a current 4-H member, OR be willing to join a local 4-H club if selected

Download the complete application guidelines and instructions here. More information is also available on our web site, [www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com](http://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com).

On-line applications are due **May 1, 2020.**

***2020 4-H Outdoor Challenge:***

When: June 21-22, 2020

Where: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Contest- 4-H Connect (https://texas.4honline.com), **April 15-May 15, 2020;** Participation is **limited to the first 60 full teams who register**. Registration fee is $50 per contestant.

 Lodging & Meals- Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/ during same timeframe as Contest Registration.

Rules and Resources Guide:

 General information can currently be found in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

***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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