**4-H Blast**

May 15, 2020

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**Texas 4-H will not conduct face-to-face programming until May 20th. Programming includes 4-H club meetings, project meetings, practices, contests, and recognition events.**

4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **May 1-28**: Entomology Contest
* **May 15:** Fashion Video Challenge
* **May 15-27:** Texas 4-H Virtual Lead Academy
* **May 16:** RFA Commercial Heifers: 8:00 am to 10:00, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn **SEE NEW DATE!!!!!**
* **May 16-17:** Catfish Skill-A-Thon
* **May 22:** DEADLINE District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab) and District Council Officer Elections
* **May 22:** RFA Broiler Orders: Order through RFA
* **May 23-24:** Catfish Skill-A-Thon
* **May 28:** Deadline for State Entomology Contest
* **May 30-31:** Catfish Skill-A-Thon
* **June 1:** Kitchen Vision Recipe Submission Deadline
* **June 1:** Healthy Texas Ambassadors Applications Due, County Extension Office
* **June 9:** Texas 4-H Roundup Celebration, 7-9pm, Facebook Live

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

* **June 17-19:** District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab) and District Council Officer Elections
* **June 17:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Pickup, Rockdale
* **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
* **July 12-15:** Texas 4-H Congress

***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!**

***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. Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 11, 2020**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
3. Rabbits: **September 10, 2020**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
4. 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
5. 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
6. Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 10, 2020**

***Fashion Video Challenge:*** MAKE A 3 MINUTE VIDEO ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FASHION IDEAS!!

WHAT CREATIVE ITEMS CAN YOU COME UP WITH? HOW DO YOU STYLE SOMETHING YOU ALREADY HAVE? SHOW US WHAT YOUR PERSONAL STYLE IS AND HOW YOU CAN BE CREATIVE WITH YOUR DESIGNS. TO ENTER: Send in your video the week of ***May 11th-15th*** to

Karen Jungman: kljungman@ag.tamu.edu or

Angie Nors: angie.nors@ag.tamu.edu

Videos will be posted to the District 8 4-H Facebook page along with results on

Monday, May 18th PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED !!

***Recordbooks:*** Recordbooks are due ***June 22, 2020***. County Recordbook judging will be ***June 23rd*** and District will be ***July 9th***. If you would like to go online and get your forms (still need to be updated), you can go to: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/>

***Milam County 4-H Awards:*** The Milam County 4-H Awards are now up on the website and will be due ***June 22nd*** at the County Extension Office. Award interviews will be held in June/July (TBA) at the Extension Office. Work on those applications soon! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/> Some require recordbooks and some do not.

***District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab):***

Below are the details for this year's SURGE (Leadership Lab). The D8 Website (website below) has the SURGE Letter, District Council Information, camp waiver, and schedule. Please note that we have pushed check-in back to 3:00.

SURGE:

**June 17-19, 2020**

Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Who: Senior-Aged 4-H Members (must have completed the 8th grade)

Registration on 4-H Connect:

**May 4-22, 2020**

Registration Fee:

$215 per youth

$160 per adult chaperone

Release Forms: PDF (Required for youth and adults)

REMINDER THIS YEAR!! The completed, signed forms will need to be scanned as a pdf and uploaded to 4-H Connect during the registration process. Please note: The forms require a copy of the participant’s insurance card.

Theme: Going all in on 4-H

FMI: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/leadership-lab/>

***District Council Officer Elections:*** The District 8 4-H Youth Development Program provides District 8 4-H Council officers many opportunities to be ambassadors for the 4-H program, practice and share their leadership skills, and assist in making District 8 4-H events run smoothly. District 8 4-H Council members are held to a high standard of excellence which should be demonstrated by participation in the scheduled events and activities. Application on 4-H Connect – Due ***Friday, May 22, 2020*** (Opens on Monday, May 4, 2020)

FMI: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/>

***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 virtual. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 4-H Entomology Collection Contest will be submitted through photographs. Photographs will be uploaded to 4-H Connect, ***May 1- May 28, 2020***. The LAST DAY to upload submissions is May 28th.

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.

***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 ***June 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.

***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 30, 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/>.

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

As of today, we are working towards a Texas 4-H Congress happening as it has been held for many years. As of today…………………………..

I understand that members and their families may be a little wary about whether to register for the event or not since our normal schedules have been altered so much recently and we cannot give a definite direction about the summer events. However, I would encourage interested youth to go ahead and submit a bill and get registered as if we knew for sure we were hosting Congress. Registrations will not be approved until we are certain about the event.

As a reminder, all students wanting to attend Congress, will need to submit a bill.

Quick Congress Info:

When: ***July 12-15, 2020***

Where: Texas State Capitol, Austin

Who: Senior 4-H members

Cost: Varies (**$350 May 5**)

All other information can be found here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/>

***Texas 4-H Celebration:***

BIG NEWS. We can't be together in person this June, but we CAN CELEBRATE a great 4-H year! Join us for a Texas 4-H Celebration evening where your 2020 scholarship recipients will find out what scholarship they will be awarded, your Salute to Excellence Winners will be recognized, your Texas 4-H Council will retire their jackets, and MORE! Tune in to Facebook Live right here at #Texas4H from 7-9 PM on **Tuesday, June 9th**! Please note families do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view the video as long as they are given the link to the live video. Share this post to help us spread the word! 🍀

***20/20 Kitchen Vision:***

Texas 4-H Youth Development and the Texas 4-H Foundation is seeking culinary talent from 4-H members from across the state, and they need YOUR help finding the perfect recipes! The 20/20 Kitchen Vision project is designed to highlight recipes created by current Texas 4-H members and clover kids!

Recipes MUST be created by a current Texas 4-H member or Clover Kid. Youth should submit recipes and a photo of the completed dish to callie.henly@ag.tamu.edu by **June 1st**. The recipes will then be voted on by the public on our Texas 4-H social media platforms to determine our cookbook dishes.

***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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