**4-H Blast**

May 20, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **May 20: Rockdale Fair Broiler Orders Due**
* **May 20: District 4-H Surge Deadline**
* **May 30: Texas 4-H Congress Bill Submission**
* **June 1: Dog Project Survey Due, Online**
* **June 1: D8 County Camp Deadline, Office**
* **June 1: Deadline to bring socks for State 4-H Service Project**
* **June 1: Recordbook Registration form DEADLINE**
* **June 1: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting, 5 pm, County Extension Office**
* **June 3-5: Horse Judging Camp, TAMU**
* **June 6: Release of Entries (competitors have a chance to change categories)**
* **June 6-9: Texas 4-H Roundup**
* **June 6-9: LEAD Academy**
* **June 10: FriYAY 4-H Day Camp Deadline, Online**
* **June 13: Milam County State Fair and 2022-2023 Steer & Heifer Validation, 7:00am – 11:00am, Leifeste barn**
* **June 14: Deadline to notify change of category**
* **June 14: Recordbook Training, 5 pm, Cameron Housing Authority**
* **June 17: FriYAY 4-H Day Camp!, 9am-4pm, Location: TBA**
* **June 21: Milam County State Fair and 2022-2023 Steer & Heifer Validation, 7:00am – 11:00am, Patin barn**
* **June 21: All recordbooks DUE and CLOVERBUDS BOOKS (including awards)**
* **June 21: All Awards are Due to the Extension Office**
* **June 21: Club Manager Training, 5:30pm, Cameron Housing Authority**
* **June 21: County Recordbook Judging, 7pm, Cameron Housing Authority**
* **June 21-23: D8 Surge/Leadership Lab**
* **June 22: Recordbooks can be picked up from office to be edited before District (or after judging on the 21st)**
* **June 28: Award Interviews, 9am, County Extension Office**
* **July 5: All recordbooks due back for District Judging**
* **July 7: District Recordbook Judging**
* **July 8-10: District 8 County Camp**
* **July 9: Lambs, Swine, and Goats Tag In, 7-9am, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **July 17-20: Texas 4-H Congress**
* **July 31: STEM Application Deadline**

***4-H Facebook:*** Do not 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 3 dots by search and like and then click Follow Settings, Step 3: set as favorite, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***4-H FCH Coalition/4-H Day Camp Planning:***

**If you would like to help plan 4-H Day Camps for this summer, please attend our next FCH Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, June 1st at 5pm at the County Extension Office. This is great to attend if you are doing a recordbook for 2022!!!!!**

***FriYAY 4-H Day Camp:* We do plan to have our 4-H Day Camp on June 17th from 9am-4pm called FriYAY 4-H Day Camp. Cloverbuds will be from 9am-12pm. In the morning will be for all kids but mostly geared toward cloverbuds and then the afternoon will be geared for the older kids 3rd grade and up. We will be doing cooking, consumer, fashion, and a lot of other activities! Come join us! Sign up will be starting next week! Lunch will be served for all kids attending. A location will be announced soon! Sign up here:** <https://forms.gle/XNeS9VKPdMG9scPJ9> **Deadline to sign up is June 10th.**

***Milam County 4-H Shirts:***

**Shirts are here at the office for purchase! Come by and see what we have! They are $15 each.**

***Rockdale Fair:***

**October 20-22, 2022**

**The NEW 2022 Rules have been posted on the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

The following change has been made to the RFA sale rules. This change was made effective on November 16,2021. \*Only barrow swine, market wether lambs, and market wether goats are eligible to be tagged in and shown at the Rockdale Fair.

The Broiler orders are due on **May 20**. Cost per bird is $1.74. Must order 25 birds per pen. There are only 2 entries, {2 pens of broilers, 2 turkeys) per exhibitor in the Market Turkey and Broiler show. pick-up **September 9**, Home Demonstration Bldg.,

 Rockdale Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74

Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 9, 2022**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park

Rabbits: **September 7th**, 2022, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park

Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 7, 2022**

Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 1, 2022**, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn- Cameron

Volunteer opportunities for 2022-2023 Juniors/Seniors to earn community service hours to become eligible for our scholarship: These hours will count towards Rockdale Fair scholarship, but don't confuse it with the Fair Setup/Clean up hours, those are required to prevent your sale check from deductions. The Rockdale Fair Association would like volunteers to work 2 hours at our ticket booth gate for our Jubilee Days, June 10 & 11, 2022. Sign up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sq3eY1U4VkRDVzhJFUCaLbuVxfHtAKIGfJrQFn-DEKA/edit>. The yellow highlighted lines are for the students. I have a couple of our 2022 scholarship recipients already signed up. Also, there will be times available for Juniors/Seniors to volunteer again at the ticket booth during the Fair. I will send another sign up sheet for volunteers in September. I could use two volunteers to help out at Tag-in on July 9, 2022, 7 to 9 am, Fair Park. Please let me know by June 21, 2022: Sheree Smith shereesmith2012@gmail.com

***Milam County State Fair and 2022-2023 Steer & Heifer Validation:* Monday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 21st*.* You can find further details on locations, times, etc. at the below.**

**Ag teachers, two very important things you will want to make your family’s aware of before validation this year:**

**1. The 2022-2023 Ethics Policy has had some major changes added to it and these changes will be monitored by the State Validation Compliance Committee much closer in the coming years. Rule #3 Section E includes the new section of compliance but I would encourage them to read the entire document in its entirety. Infraction of these new rules could lead to disqualification of not just one but all animals validated under the exhibitor or family.**

**2. The two set dates for validation will be the only two dates offered this year. I know yall’s schedule is just as busy as mine in the month of June so please stress to your family’s that validation must be done by a committee of 4 or more and these dates are final. If they have to have someone other than the parent bring animals to validation please have them fill out the proper paperwork ahead of time and we will get them taken care of.**

***Milam County 4-H & FFA Spring Validation Information:***

**First Validation. Monday, June 13, 2022**

**Location: Leifeste Barn. 1896 County Road 255 N. Cameron, TX 76520**

**Time: 7:00am – 11:00am**

**Species: All**

**Second Validation. Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

**Location: Patin Barn. 301 County Road 439. Thorndale, TX 76577**

**Time: 7:00am – 11:00am**

**Species: All**

**Reminders:**

**• Exhibitors that have ordered tags but have not submitted payment will not be validated until payment is received.**

**• If you are validating heifers you will pay the day of validation. Cost is $15.00 per head. Original registration papers must be brought to validation and ownership must be in the exhibitors name. Heifers brought to validation not meeting these requirements will not be validated.**

**• Registered Breeding Sheep, Goats, Swine: Original registration papers must be brought to validation and ownership must be in the exhibitors name. Animals brought to validation not meeting these requirements will not be validated.**

**• If additional registration papers are found active within an association indicating ownership information conflicting with the exhibitor's sole ownership designation, the breeding animal may be considered multiple-owned and subject to disqualification.**

**If you have any questions regarding the validation process or need any clarification on the Ethics Policy rule chances don’t hesitate to contact Floyd Ingram, at the County Extension Office: 254-605-0226.**

***Recordbooks:* It is that time of year again to start recordbooks! Recordbooks are essential to help with scholarships down the road! It is never too late to start a recordbook! Below are the deadlines for recordbooks! Don’t forget to go to the website to get forms and information:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/>

**A recordbook training will be held Tuesday, June 14th at 5pm at the Cameron Housing Authority. We will be discussing the in and outs of recordbooks and how to get started. Please bring a laptop and calendar. Hope you can come! Recordbooks and Awards are due June 21. County Recordbook judging will be June 21st and District will be July 7th. County Recordbook judging will take place at the Cameron Housing Authority as well at 7pm.**

**June 1: Recordbook Registration form DEADLINE:** <https://forms.gle/U6jgUL2Rd7Jgx22J6> **(Only Jr, Int, and Senior- Clovers are not required to submit registration just turn in)**

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**July 7: District Recordbook Judging**

***Milam County 4-H Awards:*** The Milam County 4-H Awards are now up on the website and will be due **June 21st** at the County Extension Office. Award interviews will be held **June 28** at the Extension Office. Work on those applications soon! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/>

There are many awards that do not require a recordbook, some do but a lot do not! So apply to get an award!!! ***CLOVERBUDS!!!!- Don’t forget to apply for the cloverbud award! It’s in your cloverbud recordbook!!***

***District 8 4-H Surge:***

Event: District 8 SURGE

Dates: **June 21-23, 2022**

Deadline: **May 20th**

Location: Camp Buckner, Burnett, TX

Cost: $225 per youth participant, $175 per adult

As we get closer to camp, a few things that we will be on the lookout for:

• Cardboard

• Empty Coke Bottles

For more information, please see our camp website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***District 8 County Camp:* County Camp registration forms are the Milam County 4-H Website. There is a Youth packet and an Adult packet for registration. The date for camp this year is July 8-10th at Lakeview Methodist Camp in Palestine. Deadline for registrations (paperwork and money) will be due June 1st. Workshop leaders are asked to attend the County Camp planning meeting on June 3rd.** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***State Community Service Project:***

**Each year, Texas 4-H Council selects a community service project to complete in hopes of giving back, one of the primary pillars of 4-H. This year, they selected Non-Slip Socks for the Elderly. June 8-9, during Roundup, from 10AM-3PM, we will be assembling and painting non-stick socks for BCS nursing homes. Clubs and counties are encouraged to bring NEW crew cut socks to Roundup and participate in this project! More details to come but start gathering those socks now!**

**You can bring non-slip socks to the Extension Office from NOW-June 1st.**

***TAMU Horse Judging Camp:* What: The 16th Annual Aggie Horse Judging Camp**

**Up-to-date industry instruction on halter and performance classes. Reasons option with group and personal instruction.**

**When: June 3-5, 2022**

**Where: Texas A&M University; College Station, TX**

**Who: Youth ages 10-18**

**Fees: Entries due by: May 20, 2022**

**$325 per participant (includes lunches, judging manual, notebook and t-shirt).**

**Registration:** [Click here to register](https://events.circuitree.com/TAMUS/Registration/RegistrationType/?returnUrl=%252fTAMUS%252fRegistration%252fEventSelection%252f%257b0%257d%252f%253ffilter%253dOrgIDs%257c59&filter=OrgIDs%7C59)**.**

**What to bring: A winning attitude!**

***2022-2023 Texas STEM Ambassador Applications:***

**Applications for the 2022-2023 STEM Ambassadors will open on July 1 and close July 31, 2022. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed here:** <https://youtu.be/nXarzxs50X8> **.**

**Application Link:**

<https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit> **(will activate on July 1)**

**Applicants will need to create a simple profile on Submittable to complete the application. The application requires (among other details) several written narratives, a 2–3-minute personal video narrative, as well as two letters of recommendations. Candidates are encouraged to begin work on the latter two as soon as possible.**

**Mission**

**As STEM Ambassadors, our mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork.**

**Eligibility for NEW Members**

**• Be in the 9th – 12th grade (as of September 1, 2022).**

**• Complete and submit application by July 31, 2022.**

**• Have a willingness to learn about and promote STEM.**

**• Attend a mandatory virtual orientation along with his/her parents/guardians on August 30 at 7 PM.**

**• Attend the mandatory fall and spring in-person meetings (dates will be listed in the application).**

**• Be willing to work collaboratively on a team with other youth and adults.**

**• Be responsive and engaged in team communications.**

**• Share knowledge and skills with others.**

**• Not serving on the 2022-23 Texas 4-H Council.**

**Applications will be reviewed in early August and applicants notified by the 26th.**

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! We would like to see who might be interested in participating in the project. We also hope to make a field trip in July to the State 4-H Dog Show to learn as well as some other activities to get started this summer. Please fill out the google form if you are interested in the 4-H dog project:** <https://forms.gle/uYVhHLcN4bYy5eNc6> **Please fill out the form by June 1st.**

**Here is some information about the project:**

**What is the dog project?**

**It is a chance to teach 4-H members to be responsible dog owners. Students own or lease the dog they work with in their project. In Milam County, Milam Touch of Love will ensure students wanting mixed breed dogs will have a project dog. Project Managers will work to get a purebred dog and breeder/mentor for 4-H members who want to compete in conformation, especially in AKC competition. Participants can train their dogs as one part of the project.**

**Sign up:**

**Students need to sign up online and pay annual dues. It is helpful if one parent will sign up to volunteer. That allows the project to sponsor and participate in more events and opportunities to learn. This is a great way to work toward goals with your child and to help the organizer/volunteers who are taking on the dog project on behalf of your children.**

**Benefits to the dog project:**

**In addition to learning about dog husbandry and training, participants learn organization, how to research and select a dog that meets a specific niche and the chance to earn scholarships. In addition, many of the 4-H tasks overlap with American Kennel Club title qualifications, and participants can compete in both programs. In addition, students learn effective communication skills, and ultimately will be able to organize community events, research complex issues, give presentations, make decisions, and help teach and guide others through the process of choosing the dog that will best fit their family and teach others about proper dog care. Students and leaders will keep records to document their progress.**

***4-H Entomology Contests:***

**Contest guidelines, information, and updates are now available for the 2022 Texas 4-H Entomology Collection Contest, Entomology Photography Contest, and Entomology Insect Identification Contests. Registration will take place on 4HOnline May 1st - 20th and cost per participant is $10. Registration for additional Roundup activities will be a separate registration, but collections will be submitted to and picked up from Reed Arena during Roundup.**

***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](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)

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