**4-H Blast**

May 6, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **May 9: Youth Water Contest**
* **May 9: Texas 4-H Roundup LEAD Academy Registration Deadline**
* **May 15: Shooting Sports Project, 2pm, SPJST Hall**
* **May 16: Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **May 17: 4-H FCH Coalition/4-H Day Camp Meeting, 5pm, YEB**
* **May 17: Milam County 4-H Council Meeting/Officer Elections, 6pm, YEB**
* **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 3-5: Horse Judging Camp, TAMU**
* **June 6-9: Texas 4-H Roundup**
* **June 6-9: LEAD Academy**
* **June 14: Recordbook Training, 6pm, Cameron Housing Authority**
* **June 21: Club Manager Training/Recordbook Judging, 5:30pm-8pm**
* **June 21-23: D8 Surge/Leadership Lab**
* **July 8-10: District 8 County Camp**
* **July 17-20: Texas 4-H Congress**
* **July 31: STEM Application Deadline**

***ENROLLMENT:*** [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/](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DC-2F-2FZbVWUVOdk5HXwv0m7alxPtZ1SseKKA1ur7zkP9egCmOD-2BSCJbxXsHQlz6a4NQ4Nm6OWu4BLlCPcPBTE2-2B-2FkEKUuXbj7HhHcVQVErPi-2BQ-3D4sqv_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHxNCjOj1SPMcdTFBlXNRRDjgA-2BnXfdjCEFn3lI5nUH-2FZwlqFHmmcu1UsKQmFNesT9XWU30QDTcrT8E97sRuRuLPW-2BPy68GpqpOc4q-2BNAPzlYKjSf81Stia9AowMuYVk73urGcFM-2FEBdXx3MDYErtqug-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377112827%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7hkt5I5O0jf3%2FSZNllYUuzcHAIhIZCAMppcgkvdgB%2B4%3D&reserved=0) 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!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLLMENT BEFORE YOU SUBMIT IT! **If you are in the pending status, you are good!** If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***Eligibility Forms:*** NEW!!!! NEW!!! NEW!!!!!

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE! WE WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE SCHOOLS THIS YEAR FOR ELIGIBILITY APPROVAL.

It can be scanned and emailed or ***dropped off to the Extension Office*** 2 weeks prior to contest/event. Email forms to: carolyn.hux@ag.tamu.edu

Link to form: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2021/09/MilamCounty4-H_eligility_form_21_22.pdf>

***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!

***Club/Project News:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page. Please like the new page for club news and information: [https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DApMIXhKBzKyWN0q-2FiGgfb4IlHGi4ximYHZlwBqH0-2FagoHOnHRPfr6nrjNyUcp1RRJ8DoefIqQfpP81AJPaLXvw-3D-3DdtkR_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHhg7P3AF0ewvp1L861aorugR83aDZuIX7cjIBru5sxkMTPpOFxUDLtw1nYuMjhyJkti6pyMroDhlad84Xa9pnqD6iy8QgCUfvYQTQfp74JKmlZe2G7jELNt-2F-2BQ6LtB74i-2BmZdsVKF-2BJIgf26YJQArzw-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377122822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OnNJalGQNpxDKPxIMjCkgFIlEpTpk3cfflV891MRVmQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **Gause 4-H Club:** Gause meetings are **the first Monday** of the month. All meetings are at 6PM at the Gause school library.
* **Milano 4-H Club:**Milano 4-H Club is ready for meetings! Please connect with their club by joining their Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677500032472214->
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** All meetings are at 6PM at the Thorndale Chamber of Commerce building. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Thorndale-4H-Club-101013718813470>
* **Shooting Sports Club:** Shooting sports is starting off with a BANG!!! We will have our 4-H meetings on the following dates at 2pm. The meetings will take place at the SPJST Hall but could change based on availability of the hall. Please check facebook and other 4-H media for updates.
	+ **May 15**

***2021-2022 Stock Show Updates:***

**The Stock Show Update files that include updates from every Major Stock Show for the 2021-2022 year are included here:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>**. Let Floyd Ingram know if you have any questions when planning for the upcoming show season.**

***4-H Cloverbuds Meetings:*
CLOVERBUD MEETINGS:**

**3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, NEW LOCATION FOR APRIL!!!!**

**You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to attend meetings! Membership is FREE!**

**We will be having a lot of fun activities and learn more about 4-H.**

* **May 16: Recordbooks/End of Year party!- BACK at MCLA**

***County Council Meeting:***

**Here are this year’s County Council meetings for the year! Hope you all can make it to the meetings!**

**Locations to be announced.**

**• May 17, 2022- 6pm-7pm, YEB- For the intent to run form and election process, please go to the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/milam-county-4-h-council-and-parentleaders/>

**We will need 3 voting delegates from each club to attend and vote but all 4-H members going into the 8th-12th grade are welcome to run for an office.**

***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 FCH Coalition Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 5pm at the YEB. This is great to attend if you are doing a recordbook for 2022!!!!!**

***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.

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

***Recordbook Training:* 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.**

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

Event: District 8 SURGE

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

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.**

***Texas 4-H LEAD Academy:***

**LEAD Academy will be hosted June 6-9, 2022 in College Station on Texas A&M University Campus. Registration for this event is tied to the Texas 4-H Roundup Registration in 4Honline and follow the same registration timeline. Cost is $25 for Monday (includes evening meal), Tuesday has no charge, Wednesday is $25 (includes lunch), and Thursday is $25 (includes lunch). Participants can register for one, two, three, or all four days of LEAD Academy. Registration Deadline: May 9**

**Event Includes: (Detailed schedule and workshop descriptions can be found at:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hxcMfXARzpWjwGjGdNQKD5XF2_5nceDZ/view>**)**

**Youth Track**

**LEAD Academy is geared toward 4-H members who are currently in the 9th – 12th grades (as of 9/1/2021).**

* **Youth will gain practical, next-level leadership skills that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect as active members of their communities, nation, and world.**
* **The event is designed to engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice, and master existing and newly developed skills and knowledge in civic engagement, civic education, and personal development.**
* **From this experience, we hope youth attending will apply what was learned to make a difference in their communities.**

**Adult Track**

**LEAD Academy Adult Volunteer Track is geared toward 4-H parents, adult volunteers, and agents.**

* **Volunteers can connect and network with other volunteers and parents.**
* **It is an opportunity for volunteers to sharpen their skills to help them while working with the 4-H members in their clubs and projects.**
* **Last year, a few sessions were offered for our adult volunteers. Our goal is to expand the workshop offerings for adult volunteers to help them to feel confident in working with the young people in our 4-H program.**

***Virtual Texas 4-H Reel ‘EM in Fishing Skill-A-Thon 2022:***

**Register individually as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or \*Clover Kid (grades K-2) via**

**4HOnline at** <https://v2.4honline.com/> **beginning April 1st**

**Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate**

**Prizes to be listed May 2022**

**New educational programs and fishing contests**

**Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules are posted at**

**Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall**

**Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division**

**Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey**

**Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D.,**

**Program Highlights:**

<https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

***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.**

***Youth Water Contest:***

**Youth Engaged for Changed in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) just launched a creative art contest for youth! Three winners will receive $100 Amazon gift cards. Share your answer to the question: What are the different ways you rely on water on a daily basis or why would you consider a career in water?**

**Submit ONE of the following:**

**• A video essay, featuring acting, singing, poetry, or other spoken word (no more than 1 minute in length)**

**• Illustration, such as a graphic design, comic, meme, infographic, animated gif, etc.**

**• Photograph**

**• Vision board**

**• Written essay or poem (no more than 500 words)**

**Submit your entry by May 9.**

<https://engage.youth.gov/submit-story/april-2022-contest?utm_source=YE4C&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=EPA-water-contest-2022>

***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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