**4-H Blast**

April 12, 2023

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **April 14: Leon County Judging Contests (Livestock, Ag ID, Horse), Leon County Expo**
* **April 15: MJ Hanna Plant ID Contest**
* **April 15:Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador Applications Due**
* **April 17: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **April 17: Thank you notes due for MCJLS (6-7pm YEB Drop offs allowed)**
* **April 18:County Council Meeting/Council Officer Elections, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **April 18:Deadline to register for District Roundup, online**
* **April 22:District Livestock/Meats Judging Contest**
* **April 25:**Scholarship Prep Night- Extension Office Demo Room
* **April 26-May 5: Tractor Supply Campaign, Rockdale Tractor Supply**
* **May 1:**Water Ambassador Entry Deadline
* **May 19: 4-H Surge Camp Deadline, 4-H Online**
* **May 19: District 4-H Council Officer Application Due**
* **May 31: D8 County Camp Entries Due (by NOON)**
* **June 1: Recordbook Registration form DEADLINE**
* **June 5: Release of Entries (competitors have a chance to change categories)**
* **June 12: Deadline to notify change of recordbook category.**
* **June 13: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting, 6pm, Extension Office**
* **June 16:** Steer and Heifer Validation and all SFT/HOT Project Validation, 7:30–10:00am, Leifeste Ranch
* **June 16:** 4-H Fun Day Camp, 9am-12pm (Clovers), 1pm-5pm (Juniors/Int/Sr)
* **June 20: All recordbooks DUE and CLOVERBUDS BOOKS**
* **June 20: Awards Applications Due (coming soon)**
* **June 20: County Recordbook Judging**
* **June 20: Club Manager Training, 5:30pm, County Extension Office**
* **June 21: Recordbooks can be picked up from office to be edited before District**
* **June 21-23: D8 Surge Camp (Teens), Camp Buckner**
* **July 5: All recordbooks due back for District Judging by NOON**
* **July 6: District Recordbook Judging**
* **July 7-9: D8 County Camp (3-12 grade), Palestine- Info coming out soon!**

***Important Addresses:***

* **County Extension Office/Milam County Annex: 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**
* **YEB (Youth Exposition Building): 301 S Houston Ave, Cameron, TX 76520**
* **Extension Office Conference: Meeting Room by Extension Office inside Milam County Annex**
* **Bea’s Kitchen (Senior Center inside of Milam County Annex): 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**

***Eligibility Forms:***

***Remember to do your eligibility form before you go to shows!!!!***

**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://milam.4h.agrilife.org/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/>

***4-H Clubs:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6pm, BME Cafeteria.**
	+ **ALL MEETINGS have concluded until September.**
	+ **Please like the new page for club news and information:** <https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub>
* **Davilla 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Arnold Home, 205 CR 422a- 76577**
* **Gause 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 1st Monday of the month, 6pm, Gause school library**
* **Thorndale 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 4th Monday of the month, 6pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce**
* **Rockdale 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm, Rockdale Fair Park- New Salem Bldg**
* **Shooting Sports 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30pm, TBA- Text 254-482-1143 for more information**

***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 Rules Posted:***

**Rockdale Fair: October 19-21, 2023**

**The Rockdale Fair have been posted to the 4-H Website and can be viewed here:** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/rockdale-fair/> **Please READ ALL THE RULES for Important Dates and Deadlines!**

**Tag Orders/Deadlines:**

* **Turkey: Order through RFA, by April 21st, pick-up June 23rd, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, HENS ONLY Cost per turkey: $5.00**
* **Steers: Major show tag will be accepted or steers will be tagged July 8, 2023, 7:00 to 9:00 am, Rockdale Fair Park. ALL ENTRY FORMS DUE OR POSTMARKED BY JULY 8, 2023 and must show Texas major show tag validation number with exhibitor or family name.**
* **Lambs, Swine & Goats: July 8, 2023, 7:00 to 9:00 am, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **Rabbits: September 13th, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **Broilers: Order through RFA, by May 19th, pick-up September 8th, Home Demonstration Bldg., Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Cost per broiler: $1.74**
* **Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due September 13, 2023**
* **Ag Mechanics: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, October 2, 2023.**
* **Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than September 21, 2023**
* **All exhibitors showing market animals, commercial heifers, breeding beef heifers, baked food and ag mechanic projects will be required to come to one board approved cleanup/set up day, Saturday, October 7th, 8am to 11am, Saturday, October 14th, 8:00am to 11:00am or Sunday, October 15, 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Exhibitors will be required to sign in. FAILURE TO ATTEND MAY RESULT IN PROBATION OR DISQUALIFICATION.**

***4-H Dog Project*: Due to some unforeseen circumstances, we will not be holding any more project meetings this spring. We hope to have a summer workshop/field trip! Please stay tuned to the 4-H blast for later information!**

***County Council Meetings:* 4-H County Council meets during the year to discuss and plans 4-H events happening and votes on financial matters. They also provide trainings for 4-H members and families! Please see the dates below and mark them in your calendar:**

**April 18th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Elections 2022-2023)**

**All 4-H club presidents and council delegates (3 per club) and their club managers are asked to attend the meetings, but all 4-H families are invited to attend the meetings and trainings. Council delegates/presidents give club reports at the meetings. If you would like to run for an officer position, please fill out the online application form:** <https://forms.gle/sFsphnAqJSc1fY896>

***Recordbooks:* Recordbooks are due June 20th to the Extension Office (can turn them in at County Recordbook Judging on June 20th if you judge). Forms have been updated on the website:** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/4-h-activities/recordbooks/> **County Recordbook Judging will be held June 20th. District Judging will be held July 6th.**

**June 1: Recordbook Registration form DEADLINE:** <https://forms.gle/vrzcCTFpeq5eMted8>

**June 5: Release of Entries (competitors have a chance to change categories)**

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***District Roundup:* District Roundup will be held, May 6th, in West, TX. There are 3 different competitions to enter at Roundup including Public Speaking, 4-H Talent Showcase, and Educational Presentations. There are multiple categories at Roundup to participate in each contest. Please look at the website to enter and learn more! Deadline to register for County is April 18th.** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/projects/roundup-contest/>

**Please fill out google form by Tuesday, April 18th, what category you are entering (Please use the categories below are what to enter):** <https://forms.gle/J6KizKosc2A2Sn7a7>

**Eligibility Forms must be filled out by Friday, April 21.** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/>

**We will be discussing and learning more about these contests at the April 18th County Council meeting after elections!**

***Southeast District 8 County Camp:*** **This camp will be held in Palestine, TX at the Lakeview Methodist Conference Center on July 7-9, 2023. COST: $125 FOR CAMPERS & TEEN LEADERS, $85 FOR ADULT CHAPERONES, INCLUDES: MEALS, LODGING, SNACKS, AND T-SHIRT**

* **FRIDAY, JULY 7 - ARRIVE FROM 5:00-6:00 PM FOR REGISTRATION, GET TO KNOW YOUR COLOR GROUP, & DANCE**
* **SATURDAY, JULY 8 - CAMP ACTIVITIES, WATER RELAYS, DANCE, AND MORE!!**
* **SUNDAY, JULY 9 - CAMP WRAP-UP & DEPARTURE AT 10:00am**

**Registration is due to the County Extension Office: May 31, 2023.**

***2023-2024 Tag Orders/Validation:***

**Steer and Heifer Validation is along with all SFT/HOT Project Validation is scheduled for Friday, June 16th from 7:30–10:00am at the Leifeste Ranch 1896 County Rd. 255 Loop. Cameron, TX 76520 or until completed.**

**For more information about tag orders/validations, please see the handout/worksheets for ALL VALIDATIONS/TAG ORDERS:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/117OOOyVqTEIPos4pCbT8Jqkmr8G1dkwD/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108619984068140158846&rtpof=true&sd=true>

***D8 4-H Surge:* What it is? SURGE is our Leadership Lab camp. This camp is designed for our Senior aged youth. 4-H members who have completed at least the 8th grade at the time of SURGE may participate. The registration fee covers 3 nights of lodging, all meals, program activities, insurance, curriculum, and T-shirts. The attire is school appropriate (casual). Each evening there is a dance and many kids want to dress up. However, there are kids who wear summer clothes and each night is a theme dance so costumes are permitted. This camp is hosted by the District 8 Council Officer team. We will also elect our new slate of officers at this camp.**

**Other Details:**

**When: June 21-23, 2023**

**Where: Camp Buckner, Burnet, TX**

**Registration Dates: May 1-19, 2023**

**Cost per student: $250**

**Cost per adult: $200**

**Service Project: We will again collect NEW socks and shoes for the families that Buckner International works with. These items will be left at the camp for the missionaries to take as needed. Items needed: kids socks, kids shoes, kids underwear (all sizes in all things)**

***District 4-H Council:* Applications Due May 19th** <https://agrilife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/> **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.**

**To be eligible to run for a District 8 4-H Council Office, 4-H members must meet the following requirements:**

**• Must have attended a prior District 4-H SURGE (Leadership Lab).**

**• Must attend 2023 District 8 4-H SURGE.**

**• Must have completed at least the 9th grade.**

**• Review the D8 4-H Council Standing Rules at** <http://agrilife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council>**.**

***Poultry Camp:***

**See Milam County 4-H Facebook for more information.**

**Poultry Judging Camp Ages 9-13**

* **Camp Date:**
	+ June 14th-15th

**Poultry Judging Camp Ages 14-18**

* **Camp Date:**
	+ June 15th-17th

**Ag Teacher and Coaches Poultry Judging Camp**

* **Camp Date:**
	+ June 29th-30th

*For more information please contact:*

Ally Spears, Program Coordinator allyson.spears@ag.tamu.edu

***State Horse Validation:*** Texas 4-H Horse Validation for the 2023 season will be open in 4H Online from **March 1 – May 1, 2023**. ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc. 4-H families can submit payment of $10.00 per horse ($20.00 after April 15th, or $250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a credit card ONLY. If you are interested in validating and need information, please go to:  <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline_family_guide_horse_validation_2023.pdf>

***Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine, Poultry Ambassador Applications:***

More details regarding the programs can be found at [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com).

Due **April 15, 2023**

• Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects

• Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy

• Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others

• Top 25% class rank

***Water Ambassador Applications Open:*** **The 4-H Water Ambassadors Program will select up to 30 students for a minimum 12-month term of service. Those selected will participate in the 7-day Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (tour) June 11-17, 2023, which includes hands-on experiential learning and covers a wide range of important water issues. Over the next year, water ambassadors commit to delivering at least 40 hours of education and service. Students will also engage in continuing education opportunities to broaden their understanding of water and equip them to share their knowledge with their local communities, clubs, schools, etc.**

**• Applications deadline: May 1, 2023**

**• Those selected are required to pay a $250 program participation fee.**

**• Visit www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application for more details.**

***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!

***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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