**4-H Blast**

**May 4, 2016**

* May 4: Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest Practice, 6:30pm, County Extension Office
* May 5: Awards Task Force Meeting, 5:15pm, County Extension Office
* May 9: Broiler Information Night, 6:30pm, New Salem Building, Rockdale
* May 15: Shooting Sports Club End of Year Party / Officer Installation / Awards for the Annual Club Shoot
* May 16: Bylaws Task Force Meeting, 6:15pm, Thorndale Chamber Of Commerce
* May 17: County Council Meeting- Officer Election/Recordbook Training #2, 6pm, Milano
* May 18: Broiler Orders Due for Rockdale Fair, call CEO
* May 19: Ag in the Classroom
* May 19: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Milam County Auction Barn
* June 1: County Camp Registration Due
* June 6: County Camp Leader Training, 10am, Waco
* June 7-9: State Roundup, College Station
* June 17: Fun Day Camp, 9am-12pm, Cameron
* June 20: Validation, 6:15am,
* June 20: County Recordbooks Due
* June 21: County Recordbook Judging
* June 26-29: Leadership Lab, New Braunfels

***Spring 4-H Opportunity Newsletter:*** [***http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/***](http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/)

***Good luck to all of those 4-H members competing at District Contests this week!!!!***

***Broiler Information Night:***

The Rockdale Fair Association will be holding a meeting for all current and future exhibitors who are or would be interested in showing Broilers at the upcoming and future Show(s). The meeting will be held on **Monday May 9th**, at 6:30 pm at the New Salem Club house at Fair Park in Rockdale. Local judges will be on hand to offer advice on how to care for, feed and maintain a successful broiler program. Texas A&M will also have their Poultry Science Department there as well, to discuss Industry news and programs available to graduating Seniors. Lots of information will be handed out as well as presented. Refreshments will also be served. Parents are also encouraged to attend as we know that projects are a Family oriented activity. For more information, please feel free to contact Eric Vaculin, as he is the Broiler Superintendent. His number is 936-581-1324.

***County Council Officer Elections:***

**May 17th** at 6pm at the Milano ISD, we will be holding our County Council Meeting and Officer Elections. If you would like to run for an officer position, please fill out the Intent to Run form on our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2015/04/Milam-County-4-H-County-Council-Officer-Intent-to-Run-Form-2016.pdf> Right now, the bylaws state you must be ages 13-19 to run (or in the 8th-12th grade for the 2016-2017 year). We will also be holding an Awards and Bylaws Task Force meeting in May before the meeting. If you are interested in these meetings, please email Micah so you can be given more information.

***Awards and Recordbooks:***

It is time to start thinking about recordbooks and awards! Please see the website to start getting an idea of what you need to be documenting and taking pictures for your book: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/> Awards and Recordbooks will be due ***June 20th*** but don’t start too late!!! The next training will be ***May 17th*** at the County Council Meeting! We plan to have some new awards this year so please apply!!! Award applications will be up on the website by May 15th.

***2016 Fall Majors Lamb, Goat, & Swine Validation***

***2016-2017 Major Steer Validation:***

**Monday, June 20th 2016**

Milam County Livestock Auction

Beginning at 6:15am with Swine them Lamb and Goats then Steers.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY VALIDATION DATE!

***County Camp:***

Dates: **July 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2016**

Deadline to register for County Camp: **June 1st**

Location: Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine TX. (Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents)

Ages: for 4-H members grades 3rd-8th with 4-H members grades 9th-12th serving as Teen Leaders. (For school year 2016-2017)

Cost of Camp: $125 for campers and teen leaders, $85 for adult chaperones. Includes: meals, lodging, snacks and t-shirts

WANTED: Teen Leaders: Senior age 4-H members are needed to help as workshop leaders or group leaders. Please let County Extension Office know if you are interested in being a leader. **June 6th** – Teen Leader Training, Waco, 10:00 AM (Mandatory for those wanting to be leader)

Forms and other camp information can be found on the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***Outdoor Challenge Summer Opportunity:***

The 2016 4-H Outdoor Challenge is scheduled for **June 17-19** in Guadalupe County at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. Registration opens in May on 4-H Connect. Contest Fee: $35/per contestant. **2016 4-H Outdoor Challenge Events:** Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Fishing, Climbing, Kayaking, Outdoor Skills, Biologist Skills, Gear Judging, Outdoor Safety. Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

***The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP) State Contest:***

The WHEP State Contest will be held **June 25-26, 2016** in Uvalde, Texas on the campus of the Southwest Texas Junior College. This contest is open to any enrolled 4-H member across the state with all age divisions represented. Please email or call the Extension Office if you would like more information.

***Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Program***:

Applications for the Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Program are now being accepted. You can below here to access the online application, which will be available through **Friday, May 27th**. <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnTHJ6RPtqe05VP>

***Rockdale Fair Dates to Remember:***

**May 19**: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Milam County Auction Barn

**July 9:** Lambs, Goats, Swine Tag-In 7-9am, Rockdale Fair Park

***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)