**4-H Blast**

May 2, 2019

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* **May 4:** District Roundup
* **May 15:** State Roundup Entries Due, 4-H Connect
* **May 15:** State Livestock Ambassador Application Due
* **May 16:** Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
* **May 17:** Steer and Heifer Clinic, 6pm, Rockdale Fair Park
* **May 18:** Community Workday, 4-H Volunteers Needed
* **May 20:** County Council, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron
* **May 21:** Ag in the Classroom, Cameron
* **May 20:** County Camp Registration Deadline, Extension Office
* **May 24:** District Officer Entries/District Leadership Lab/Surge Registration Due, 4-H Connect
* **June 3:** Recordbook Workshop/Training, 9am, Extension Office
* **June 7:** Fun Day Camp, 8am-12pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **June 10-14:** Texas 4-H Roundup
* **June 10:** County Camp Teen Leader Meeting, 9:30am, Waco
* **June 17-18:** District Horse Show
* **June 19:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Pick Up
* **June 19-21:** D8 Leadership Surge
* **June 24:** Recordbooks and Awards Due
* **June 25:** Club Manager Training, 5pm, Bea’s Kitchen- Cameron
* **June 28-30:** D8 County Camp
* **July 6:** Rockdale Fair Lambs, Swine & Goats: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
* **July 16:** Play Streets, 11am-1pm, Cameron Elementary
* **July 19:** Pinterest Camp, 8am-12pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **July 29:** Photography Workshop, 8am-11am- ages-7-11; 1-3pm- ages 12-18, Cameron Chamber
* **July 30:** Play Streets, 11am-1pm, Cameron Elementary
* ***Other dates available soon!!!!***

***GOOD LUCK to all our 4-H members competing at District Contest these weekend!***

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** If you are showing in MCJLS, you MUST enroll ONLINE NOW!!!!! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! You cannot show until you are enrolled!

***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!

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2019 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Here are the following ownership and tag in dates:

* Steers: **May 16, 2019**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
* Broilers: Order through RFA, by **May 24**, pick-up September 6, Home Demonstration Bldg.,

Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74

* Rockdale Fair Turkeys: Pick Up date is June 19th, New Salem Clubhouse
* Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **July 6, 2019**
* Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 6, 2019**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
* Rabbits: **September 4**, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

***County Council/Club Manager Meeting Dates:***

The following are the dates for County Council:

**Monday, May 20th**, 5:30pm Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Officer Election)- INTENT TO RUN FORMS ON THE WEBSITE AND DUE BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/milam-county-4-h-council-and-parentleaders/>

**Tuesday, June 25th**, 5:30pm, Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Club Manager Training, Recordbook Judging)

Please mark your calendars to join us for these meetings!!!!

***Community Workday:*** The City of Cameron is looking for volunteers to help clean up the city on **Saturday, May 18th** from 8am-12noon. If you are interested, please email Micah (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu). This is great for the recordbooks!!!!

***Youth Beef Project Clinic:***

Milam County Extension will be hosting a Steer & Heifer youth livestock project clinic **Friday, May 17, 2019 6:00pm** at Fair Park in Rockdale.

This clinic will be free to attend and will cover everything from project selection, nutrition, daily care, and show readiness. Each attendee will receive a rope halter from Sullivan’s Supply and a chance to win a $50.00 gift card and/or a pair of clippers from Sullivan’s Supply.

For more information contact Floyd Ingram

***Recordbooks:*** We will have a recordbook workshop on **June 3th** at 9am at the County Extension Office in Cameron. We will be learning about recordbooks and how to put one together. Please bring a laptop, calendar, and a lunch. After the training (1 hour), we will allow you to stay and work on your book or go ahead and leave. Hope you can come! Recordbooks are due **June 24th**. County Recordbook judging will be **June 25th** and District will be **July 11th**. 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/>

***County Camp:***

**June 28-30, 2019**

Deadline to register: **May 20th**

Palestine TX

Open to all 4-H members (3rd-8th- Campers)

9-12th grade students (Teen Leaders)

Deadline to register: May 20th

$125 for campers and teen leaders

$85 adults

See website for information: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***Day Camps:***

Extension Office: 254-697-7045 (Call to REGISTER)

Fun Day Camp: Fun Day Camp will be held **June 7th** and is for 5-8-year olds and this camp will be at the Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 8am-12pm. We will be doing a lot of fun relays and water games. Please make sure you call to register for camp! Admission to camp is 1 children’s book to donate.

Photography Day Camp: Photography Day Camp will be held **July 29** at the Cameron Chamber Meeting Room. Ages 7-11 will meet from 8am-11am and ages 12-18 will meet from 1-3pm. Limit to 15 per time. The kids will learn about basic photography and how to take the right pictures. Please bring a phone or camera. You MUST call to register for camp!

Pinterest Camp: Pinterest Camp (used to be FCS Camp) will be **July 16th** at the Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 8am-12pm. We will be doing some fun activities related to Pinterest at this camp! This is also a new time than last year. You MUST register for camp! Admission to camp is 1 children’s book to donate.

Playstreets: Lastly, we will be holding the Playstreets family fun days at the Cameron Elementary playground starting **July 16th and July 30th** from 11am-1pm. Please come and have fun with us! No registering required on Playstreets activities. We need helpers for this event!!! Please let Micah (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) know if you can. It would be from 9am-10am to set up and 1pm-2pm to clean up and then anyone to come and help play games with the kids during the events! Please sign up to help!!!! This is great for record books and awards!

***District 8 Leadership Lab and Surge/District Officer Elections:***

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 through Friday, June 21, 2019

Location:Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, TX

Registration on 4-H Connect: May 6-24, 2019

Registration Fee:

$225 per youth

$160 per adult chaperone

Please see the website for all the information. **Deadline to register is May 24th**

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

District Officer Information: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/>

**Deadline to apply is May 24th**

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

There are many great things happening at Texas 4-H Roundup! We have a LEAD academy and contests! Registration is due: **May 15th**. Please email: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

We are excited to be able to offer a new opportunity to high school age 4-H members this year – LEAD Academy. The announcement was made several weeks ago and the excitement continues to grow as the program comes together. The registration packet can be found on the Texas 4-H webpage at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/event_lead_registration_packet_2019.pdf>. There will be two separate 4HConnect registrations that will be open for members participating in LEAD Academy and Texas 4-H Roundup. Members who will be participating in LEAD Academy will register through the LEAD Academy registration process. Members who are competing in Texas 4-H Roundup and participating in LEAD Academy will register through the Texas 4-H Roundup registration process.

***State Livestock and Equine Ambassador Program:***

Please see your Texas 4-H email for the 2019 details and application link.

2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

• Texas A&M University – Kingsville June 17-20, 2019

• Texas A&M University – College Station July 8-11, 2019

• Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University

– Lubbock/Canyon July 22-25, 2019

Cost: $250.00 (includes food and lodging)

Selection Criteria:

• Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects

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

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

• Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applicant goes to: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C2PxJ597FTPIFL>

2. A two-minute YouTube video will be required (instructions can be found within the application)

3. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent

4. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

5. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university

6. Applications are due **May 15, 2019**

7. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2019 regarding application result

***Vet Science Camp:*** Exciting News! The Veterinary Science Certificate Program summer camps are now open. Attached is the survey link for interested 4-Her’s to complete. The survey needs to be completed for consideration no later than April 5th by 5pm. The dates for our two camps are as follows: Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **June 17-19, 2019** and the West Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **July 8-10, 2019**. Note the Texas A&M camp is no longer the week of State Round as it is the week after. We will notify everyone by **April 30th** whether they will be attending or not and to which camp they will be going to. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dr. Mask at 979-845-4353 or joe.mask@ag.tamu.edu or myself at 806-679-3980 or tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu. Ages 13-18.

<https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42bduLoIzbEZJgV>

***Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Program:*** The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program is looking for teens that are motivated, excited, and ready to make a change in their community! This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. These youth will be trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle habits to improve their health. More importantly, these ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more! If you are interested, please call or email the Micah Holcombe, County Extension Agent. mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

 ***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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