**4-H Blast**

September 27, 2019

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* **September 27:** Rockdale Fair Auction Baked Goods Entry form due
* **September 27-October 20:** State Fair of Texas
* **September 29:** State Fair Plant ID Contest
* **October 1:** Ag Product ID Practice, 5:30pm
* **October 2:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 3-13:** Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo
* **October 5:** HOT Consumer and Ag Product ID Contests
* **October 6-12:** National 4-H Week
* **October 8:** Ag Product ID Contest, State Fair
* **October 9:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 14-19:** Rockdale Fair Week
* **October 22:** 4-H Food Show/Challenge Training, 5:30, Extension Office
* **October 22:** Scholarship Training, 7pm, Cameron Chamber Mtg Room
* **October 22:** Spring Major Show Sheep and Goat and Heifer Validation, 4-6pm, MCJLS
* **October 24:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 24:** Spring Major Show Sheep and Goat Tags
* **October 25:** Christmas Card Art Contest Deadline
* ***Other dates available soon!!!!***

**Enrollment STARTED September 1st!!!!!!**

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! DO NOT ENROLL EARLIER! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> 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! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show. You will NOT be able to show unless you have enrolled online AND have a completed eligibility form. You must have them signed yourself and sent to the school and the school will send us your signed form if eligible.

***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!

***2020 Spring Major Show Sheep & Goat and Heifer Validation*** *(FWSSR, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin*)

Major heifer validation for Spring major shows will be **Tuesday, October 22, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

Major sheep and goat validation for Spring major shows will be Thursday, **October 24, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

***Swine Tag Order (Major Shows):*** Major Show Swine Tag orders are now available in the Extension office to order. Deadline: TBA

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** 4-H Shooting sports project will start in December. If you are interested in signing up for the project, please call or email club manager, Keely Reisner. knlreisner@yahoo.com or 254-721-9270.

***Consumer Project Meetings:***

**Here is a list of all the consumer meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be from 5:30-7pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at Bea’s Kitchen. If you are interested in this project, please fill out the entry form: <https://forms.gle/2BstgoKhQ3E1mubi9>

* October 9-Wed
* October 24-Thur
* November 6- Wed
* November 12- Tuesday
* December 11- Wednesday
* December 17- Tuesday
* January 14- Tuesday
* January 22- Wednesday (Consumer Contest I (4-8pm)-MANDATORY MEETING)
* January 30- Thursday
* February 5- Wednesday
* February 14- Target Practice in San Antonio (NEW TIME- 4pm)
* February 25- Tuesday
* March 4- Wednesday
* March 16- Monday
* March 31- Tuesday (Consumer Contest II (4-8pm)- MANDATORY MEETING)
* April 14- Tuesday
* April 8- Wednesday

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

PLEASE NOTE: **ALL EXHIBITORS SHOWING MARKET ANIMALS, COMMERCIAL HEIFERS, BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS, BAKED FOOD AND AG MECHANIC PROJECTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COME TO ONE CLEANUP/SET UP DAY, SEPTEMBER 29th or OCTOBER 6th FROM 1:30 to 4:30. ROLL WILL BE CALLED.**

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:

* Baked Goods for Auction Entries are due: **September 27th** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Ag Mechanics Entry forms due: **October 1, 2019** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Pig Scramble- Entries due NO LATER than **October 2nd**, $5 per entry per contestant, Pig Scramble- **October 16th** 7pm.
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* Rockdale Exhibitor Kick-Off, Wednesday, October 16th, 5:30pm, Rockdale Fairgrounds
	+ FREE T-SHIRTS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS!
	+ FREE HOT DOG DINNER FOR EVERYONE!
	+ FAMILY NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL!
	+ PICK UP EXHIBITOR PASSES!
	+ YOU MAY BRING ALL OF YOUR TACK, FEED, SIGNAGE, STALLS, ETC. (NO ANIMALS)
	+ AG MECHANICS CHECK IN 5:30 – 7:30!
	+ PIG SCRAMBLE AT 7:00!
	+ MINGLE WITH OTHER EXHIBITORS!

***National 4-H Week:***

* September 23: National 4-H Week Proclamation
* October 6: Flowers in honor of National 4-H Week at Churches
* October 7: Color Contest Entries due to Extension Office
* October 7 and 8: Wear 4-H Shirts
* October 7-11: Take refreshments to businesses and/or school lounges as a thank you for supporting 4-H
* October 7-11: 4-H members speak on Radio about 4-H
* October 10: Coloring Contest Winners Announced
* October 12: One Day 4-H Community Service Project– Steaktober– Play Streets and Steak Dinner

Promote 4-H by participating in the 4-H Coloring Contest Rules:

Color page with markers or crayons

Place name on back of page with Name, Grade, Town (Age divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12)

Make sure you color the right page for each age division– Pumpkin (Ages K-2) and Girl #iam4H (3-12)

Must be a 4-H member to participate, enroll online: www.join4h.com

Deadlines and Dates: October 7: Coloring Pages due to Extension Office

Coloring Pages: You can find them on the Facebook page!

***National 4-H Week/One Day 4-H:*** We will be helping at Steak, Stein, and Wine Fest- 12pm-1pm- Set up for PlayStreets, 1pm-4pm- Playstreets- kids come out and play and help with monitoring kids on inflatables as well as not take off with anything, 4pm-8pm: Help serve at the steak dinner (2 shifts- 5 and 6:30pm) (Encourage 4-H members to wear a 4-H tshirt or club tshirt). If you would like to help, please fill out the google sheet: <https://forms.gle/r8iJdi2aFtp3JJn38>

***Christmas Card Art Contest:***

Submit your best original design to the Texas 4-H Foundation and your artwork may be chosen as one of the five official 4-H Foundation Christmas Cards!

The Christmas Card Contest is open to 4-H Members of all ages. Design a 5×7″ Christmas Card and mail it, along with the Christmas Card Design Contest Entry Form, to the Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842.

Student must be a 4-H Member to participate. Submissions must be postmarked by **October 25th;** if possible sent artwork, along with entry form, in a ‘do not bend’ envelope. Artwork must be able to fit into a 5×7″ template. Only original artwork will be considered, digital art or photography will not be considered. By entering your artwork, you are giving the Texas 4-H Foundation permission to use and/or sell your art as part of a fundraising effort in support of the Texas 4-H Foundation County Grant Program. Winners will be announced **November 1, 2019.**

***4-H Food Show/Food Challenge Training:*** We will have a 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge training on **October 22nd** at the Extension Office. We will learn about the 4-H food show and food challenge and sign up for County and District Contests. Please RSVP by email if you plan to come: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or confirm your attendance on the event on facebook!

***Scholarship Training:*** A scholarship training will be held for all 4-H high school students and their parents on Tuesday, ***October 22nd*** at 7pm at the Cameron Chamber Meeting Room. We will learn about scholarships available, how to complete an application, and how to organize your junior and senior year! Please call the Office to RSVP 254-697-7045 or confirm your spot on the facebook event.

***Looking Ahead…..***

Here are some major events happening in the fall months. This is not all the dates so please keep posted on more as we go forward!

**November 2-3:** Holiday Classic

**November 6:** Recordbook Training, 7pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron

**November 7:** Major Show entry night, 4-6pm, County Extension office

**November 18:** Holiday Gift Idea

**December 16:** MCJLS Broilers Due, 6-7pm, YEB (ONLY PLACE TO ORDER)

***Recordbook Training:*** Get a head start on a 4-H Recordbook! Learn how the recordbooks work, what goes in them and how to get started on one! The training will be held **November 6** at 7pm at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron. Please bring notepad, pen, and a calendar! Please RSVP and confirm your spot on the facebook event!

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 21st** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 18 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate as an individual or with a friend or family member. They will create a food or craft themed for the Holidays and will demonstrate it to the audience on how to make it. They will need to bring the supplies and an item finished for the demonstration along with giving one finished product away as a door prize. Deadline to submit instructions will be: **November 8th** Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.

Instructions can be emailed or google shared to Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received) **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***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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