**4-H Blast**

January 4, 2023

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **January 1-31:** 4-H NASA Camp Registration
* **January 5:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 8:**Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 10:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **January 10:** Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, BME Cafeteria
* **January 12:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 15:**Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 17:** Consumer County Contest, 4:00-7:00pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 17:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **January 17:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **January 21:** MCJLS Hunters Extravaganza Raffle, 5:30pm, YEB
* **January 24:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 24:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **January 24:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **January 29:**Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 30:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **January 31:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 31:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **January 31:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **February 7:** MCJLS Sign Up Night, Thorndale
* **February 7:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **February 9:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **February 9:** MCJLS Sign Up Night, Cameron (LAST NIGHT TO SIGN UP!!!)
* **February 10:** Bell County Youth Fair Judging Contests (Ag ID, Horse, Livestock)
* **February 14:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **February 14:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **February 17-18:** San Antonio Consumer Contest
* **February 21:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, ZOOM
* **February 21:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **February 25:MCJLS Mkt Bunnies tattooed, 8-10am SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
* **February 28:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **February 28:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **February 28:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **March 4:** HLSR Plant ID Contest, Houston
* **March 4-5:** 4-H NASA Camp
* **March 7:** Horse Judging Practice, 4:30-5:30pm, CJH Ag Room
* **March 9:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **March 15:** HLSR Ag Product ID Contest, Houston
* **March 21:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **March 28:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **March 30:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **April 6:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **April 11: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **April 11:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **April 18:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **April 25:**Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **May 9:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **May 16:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office
* **May 30:** Dog Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office

***Eligibility Forms:***

**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**

***4-H Clubs:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club**
	+ **Every 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6pm, BME Cafeteria.**
	+ **NOTE: Cameron 4-H Club Meeting will be January 10th this month!!!! (Due to the Holiday)**
	+ **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**
	+ **Next meeting: January 23rd, 6pm Thorndale Chamber Meeting Room**
* **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.**

***4-H AG Product ID Project:* 4-H AG Product ID project is ready for the spring contests! Meetings will take place on Sundays at 4pm at the new Extension Office (806 N Crockett Ave Cameron) Conference room. If you are interested in the project, please email Micah Holcombe (**mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu**) to be added to the list to participate.**

**Spring Practices:**

* **January 8**
* **January 15**
* **January 29**
* **February 5**
* **February 12**
* **February 26**
* **March 19**
* **April 2**

***4-H Horse Judging Practices*: Horse Judging Practice will be Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 at CJH (Cameron Junior High Ag room). Practices will begin on January 10th. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!**

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:***

**Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 22-25, 2023**

**Tag In Dates and Ownership Deadlines:**

**January 21: Hunters Extravaganza Raffle, YEB, $20/ticket- 5:30pm (Drawing 7pm)**

**February 25: Mkt Bunnies tattooed, 8-10am SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**See rules for more information!**

**Entry Night:**

**February 7: Thorndale**

**February 9: Cameron, YEB**

**February 9: LAST NIGHT FOR ENTRIES!**

***4-H Consumer Project:* Below are the dates for the Spring project meetings. Consumer Decision Making project is teaching youth how to be a better shopper. We learn need vs want, how to find the best quality of an item, and how to give reasons on why you placed an item a certain way. It’s a fun project with many contests! All meetings will be held at the Bea’s Kitchen in the new Annex (806 N Crockett Avenue Cameron).**

**Below are the dates for practices:**

* **January 5, 6:30pm**
* **January 12, 6:30pm**
* **January 24, 5:30pm**
* **January 31, 5:30pm**
* **February 9, 6:30pm**
* **February 28, 5:30pm**
* **March 9, 6:30pm**
* **March 21, 5:30pm**
* **March 30, 6:30pm**
* **April 6, 6:30pm**
* **April 11, 5:30pm**

**Contests:**

* **January 17th- 4pm-7pm, County Consumer Contest- Cameron (MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER CONTESTS)**
* **February 18th- San Antonio CDM Contest- San Antonio**
* **April 17th - District CDM Contest- Cleburne**

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! Here are the dates of the meetings! We will be holding meetings on Tuesdays at 5:30pm at the Milam County Annex. All meetings will be held at the Extension office (806 N Crockett Avenue). You can enter on the right side of the building and the door will be propped open. The main entrance will always be locked.**

**You will need to bring the following items:**

**• Dog**

**• Leash (preferably a leather one)**

**• Collar- prong or martingale (ask Cathy if you need more help)**

**• Treats- easy treats to go in pocket to reward dog for good behavior**

**Dates for Practices:**

* **January 17**
* **January 24**
* **January 31**
* **February 14**
* **February 21 (zoom)**
* **February 28**
* **March 21**
* **March 28**
* **April 11**
* **April 25**
* **May 9**
* **May 16**
* **May 30**

***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:**

**January 30th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Recordbook Training)**

**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.**

***4-H Cloverbuds Project Group:* 4-H Cloverbuds is a FUN 4-H program for children in kindergarten through second grade. Children participate in hands-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills! Explore a variety of projects in a fun way and do much, much more! REGISTER FOR FREE AT** [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) **on September 1st!**

**4-H Cloverbuds' Meetings:**

**1st Tuesdays, 5:15pm-5:45pm, (before Cameron 4-H Club Meetings- however Cloverbuds is open to ALL youth in Milam County).**

**Ben Milam Elementary Cafeteria (Cameron, TX)**

**Cloverbuds Meeting Dates:**

* **January 10 (2nd Tuesday)**
* **February 7**
* **March 7**
* **April 4**

**CHECK OUT THE CLOVERBUD WEBSITE:**

<https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clover-kids-k-2nd-grade/>

***4-H NASA Camp:* Texas 4-H will be having their night at NASA again this year! On March 4-5, 2023, any actively enrolled 4-H member will be able to participate in hands-on STEM activities, presentations from astronauts, a guided tour of rocket city, and get to have an overnight camping experience at the space center. Registration will be open on 4HOnline January 1-31, 2023, and will be $90/ person (youth or adult). All Adults MUST be enrolled online to participate. 4-H Parents are required to accompany their children. This is a GREAT EXPERIENCE! Open to 3rd-12th grade students.**

***National 4-H Conference:* Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 14-19, 2023, in Arlington, VA are now open in 4Honline. Youth must be 15 – 19 years old to attend. Applications are due next week, December 22, 2022, the delegation will be announced early January 2023.**

**National 4 H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4 H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. At the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions and present to federal partner agencies along with the opportunity for delegates to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives.**

***Texas 4-H Scholarships:* The portal is open to start working on your Texas 4-H Scholarships. Dates to remember:**

* November 2022-December 2022: Applicant complete FASFA
* Application Opens: November 1st
* First Draft Completed: January 2nd
* Second Draft Completed: January 30th
* Final Draft Completed: February 6th
* Application Deadline: February 15th @ 11:59 PM
* CEA Approval Deadline: February 24th @ 5:00 PM
* Interviews: April 28th – April 30th
* Award Notifications (Tentative): Mid May
* Scholarship Banquets: June 6th – 8th

***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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