



# MILAM COUNTY



## 4-H NEWS

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- 15 Ag in the Classroom
- 31 Final Sign-Up for District 4-H Council Officer Election
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- 1 Final Date for County 4-H Camp Registration
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# NEW ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR 2011-2012



Access the 4-H Connect on-line system at: <https://texas.4honline.com>

## New Members

## Returning Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Create family profile by selecting the “I need to setup a profile” button</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Use your email and password to access your profile.</li> <li>◆ If you have forgotten your email or password contact the Extension office.</li> <li>◆ <b>DO NOT</b> create a new profile.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Add youth and/or adult profiles under your family profile.</li> <li>◆ Make sure information is correct before you move on to next screen.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Click on the “Edit” button beside profile name.</li> <li>◆ Click on “Enroll for 2011-2012” (at bottom of page).</li> <li>◆ Review and update all information pertaining to this profile.</li> <li>◆ <b>DO NOT</b> just click and move on.</li> <li>◆ Be sure the school and grade are correct.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Continue to <b>INVOICE</b> page               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review Invoice                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Beginners or Clover Kids do not pay a registration fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Continue to <b>PAYMENT</b> Screen (Only use credit card or e-check)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ (\$20.00 Registration Fee - Aug. 1 - Oct. 31) or (\$25.00 Registration on Nov. 1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ When the county Extension office receives your enrollment notice, they will review all information and approve your membership. Then your status will be “Active”.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Only “Active” status 4-Hers will be able to participate in 4-H activities and contests.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**Remember You Need to be an Active 4-H Member to participate in the MCJLS, Major Shows, Roundup Contest, Etc. Sign-Up TODAY!!**

### Club Manager Contact Information

**Cameron 4-H Club**—Jennifer Kostroun [jkostroun@cameronisd.net](mailto:jkostroun@cameronisd.net) and Melissa Cobb [mcobb@rogersisd.k12.tx.us](mailto:mcobb@rogersisd.k12.tx.us)  
**Gause 4-H Club** — Wanda Lee - 979- 279-2472 and Kelly Cooper [klee-cooper@gauseisd.net](mailto:klee-cooper@gauseisd.net)  
**Milano 4-H Club** — (contact the Milam County Extension Office for this club —[ce-walker@tamu.edu](mailto:ce-walker@tamu.edu))  
**Rockdale 4-H Club** — Sarah Goeres [sarahgoeres@me.com](mailto:sarahgoeres@me.com)  
**Shooting Sport Club** — Tiny & Susan Dean [susdean@templejc.edu](mailto:susdean@templejc.edu) — Chris & Kelly Cooper [klee-cooper@gauseisd.net](mailto:klee-cooper@gauseisd.net)  
**Thorndale 4-H Club** — Michelle Fisher [michellef@floydsglass.com](mailto:michellef@floydsglass.com) and Bethany Fisher [bethandyfisher@yahoo.com](mailto:bethandyfisher@yahoo.com)



## 4-H Record Books for 2012 have NEW forms.

In January 2012 a county 4-H Record Book Training will be conducted to introduce the computer version of the "NEW" 4-H Record Book. We have not seen the final version, but what we have seen looks easier.

Record Book Training: Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
 Time: 6:00—7:00 p.m.  
 Place: New Salem Building at Rockdale Fair Grounds

The NEW Record Book System starts with the 2011—2012 Year. All previous years record book information will just be attached behind the current year. This will make record book preparation A LOT EASIER.



The website for the new record book system is still going through a few updates, but if you are interested in trying out the system go to the following website

<http://4hreports.com/index.aspx>

- Step 1: Click on Member Login
- Step 2: Put in your family email (one you view on a regular basis) and a pass word. Click on set up a profile
- Step 3: All 4-Hers in the family can set up their record book pages by opening the original and then saving the form with the 4-Hers name.
- Step 4: Keep up with your project activities.



During the training in January, we will go through examples for each form. This new system will make it easier for you to complete a 4-H Record Book for recognition at the County Celebration. Mark your calendars for January 31—County Record Book training. If a club wants additional training in February—May, contact the Extension Office.

### Record Books Due on June 21, 2012

## 4-H Council and Leaders Meetings

**January 31:** 4-H Council and Leaders meeting is set for Jan. 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Salem Building on the Rockdale Fair Grounds. The Council will work on the Leaders for Life Training while leaders and club managers will discuss major business ideas including the updating of the Council By-Laws.

**March 20:** 4-H Council and Leaders meeting is set for March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Bea's Kitchen in Cameron. The Council will elect officers for the 2012—2013 Year. Leaders and Council will discuss needed training sessions for the spring and summer activities.

A Youth Board meeting will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. for council officers and club managers.

# County Contest Night - March



March 5, 2012 is the date set for the County Contest Night at Ben Milam Elementary School in Cameron. 4-Hers wanting to compete in District for the following contests will need to enter the March 5th contest for County Judging.

- ◆ Roundup Presentations
- ◆ Share the Fun Contests
- ◆ Fashion Show

Information on the Roundup Presentations and Share the Fun Contests are available on the state website. Just go to the county 4-H website and click on State 4-H Guide and Information Resources. The 2012 Roundup Guidelines gives resources and detail information on the different contests. There are changes in several of the contests.

- ◆ State 4-H Roundup Guidelines and Contest Resources are on our website under 4-H Information: <http://milam.agrilife.org/>
- ◆ Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard Contest information is on the following website <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

Email or call the Extension Office for more information on County Contest Night or any other contest opportunity. Entry forms will be on the county website in January.

## Contest Opportunities

### Fashion Show Contest

- ◆ Fashion Storyboard Contest
- ◆ Fashion Show

### Share the Fun Contest

- ◆ Poetry/Prose
- ◆ Vocal
- ◆ Musical -- Instrumental
- ◆ Solo/Band Performance
- ◆ Choreographed Routines
- ◆ Celebrate 4-H

### Food Contest

- ◆ Food Challenge
- ◆ Food Show
- ◆ Nutrition Quiz Bowl

### Other District Contests

- ◆ Beef Quiz Bowl
- ◆ Consumer Decision Making
- ◆ Entomology Identification
- ◆ Horse Quiz Bowl
- ◆ Indoor Rifle Match
- ◆ Leaders 4 Life Skill-A-Thon
- ◆ Horse Judging
- ◆ Livestock Judging
- ◆ Meat Judging & Identification
- ◆ Soil Judging

### Range & Plant I.D. Contests

- ◆ Range and Pasture Identification
- ◆ Range Evaluation

### Roundup Presentations

- ◆ Beef
- ◆ Clothing and Textiles
- ◆ Companion Animals
- ◆ Computer Technology
- ◆ Family Life
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Horse
- ◆ Natural Resources
- ◆ Open - General Presentation
- ◆ Open - Agriculture and Natural Resources Presentation - **New for 2012**
- ◆ Open - Family and Consumer Sciences Presentation - **New for 2012**
- ◆ Promote 4-H
- ◆ Public Speaking
- ◆ Safety and Injury Prevention
- ◆ Sheep and/or Goats



# Photography Contest

## State 4-H Photography Contest

### For Senior Only



Complete Rules on County Website

Photo Files Due by March 30, 2012 --- (received by the Extension Office)

**Start a Photo Project  
By Taking Pictures of Your Project Activities!**

#### Age Division:

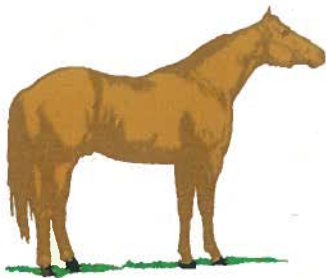
Senior 14 - 18 years of age as of August 31, 2011

#### Photo Categories:

- ◆ PEOPLE
- ◆ ANIMALS - WILDLIFE
- ◆ ANIMALS - DOMESTIC
- ◆ MARINE/AQUATICS
- ◆ ELEMENTS OF DESIGN
- ◆ NATURE/LANDSCAPE
- ◆ PLANT/FLORA
- ◆ DETAILS & MACROS
- ◆ DIGITAL DARKROOM
- ◆ THEME - Trains
- ◆ NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
- ◆ FOOD
- ◆ DOMINANT COLOR
- ◆ STORY BOARD

#### State Photography Contest Rules:

- ◆ **READ THE COMPLETE RULES** for preparing and submitting your photos.  
[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/projects\\_photography\\_guidelines.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/projects_photography_guidelines.pdf)
- ◆ **ALL ENTRIES FOR COUNTY JUDGING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO** Cheryl Walker at the following email: [cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu)
- ◆ **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR COUNTY JUDGING** and the top photos will be submitted to the State Photography Contest Judging by the Extension Office.
- ◆ **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED** on or before March 30, 2012
- ◆ **Photo FORMATTING AND LABELING:**
  1. **Formatting your Photograph:** Each photograph must be formatted in a jpg file to where it can be printed at 300 dots per inch (dpi) at a 3 inch X 5 inch size. File must not be over 1.5 MB in size to upload.
  2. **Labeling/Naming your Photograph:** Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the category, county, last name, and first name. File name should include an "\_" between each of the items, category\_county\_last\_first.jpg.  
*Example: John Smith from Dallas County entering the Details & Marco category would upload a file labeled: "Details\_Dallas\_Smith\_John.jpg"*
  3. **Category Name:** Available on page 3 of the state rules.



## Horse Project!

- ◆ If you are interested in the 4-H Horse project, call the Extension Office 254-697-7045 or email [ce-walker@tamu.edu](mailto:ce-walker@tamu.edu) to get on the email listing for future meeting activities. The leaders, Tarrin Warren and Amy Laurrell will be planning project meetings.
- ◆ If you are planning to enter the District or State Horse activities, you must complete **Horse Validation materials by May 1**. There is no LATE registration.

## Consumer Project

It's not too late to join the 4-H Consumer Project Group. We will be meeting in January and February to prepare for contests. Team members learn to rank products according to the needs and wants expressed in a story explaining the use of the products. Practice sessions prepare the 4-Hers for the contests, but also help them become better consumers. All interested 4-Hers and parents are welcome to join the project group.

Meeting Place: Bea's Kitchen, Cameron  
 Meeting Times: 6:00 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m.  
 Meeting Dates: (tentative schedule—get on the email list to receive meeting announcements)

Tuesday - January 17

Monday - January 23

Monday - January 30

Monday - February 6

Monday - February 13

Friday - February 17

Contest Date:

Saturday - February 18 (San Antonio Livestock Show Consumer Contest)

Saturday - March 3 (District 8 4-H Consumer Contest)

The Consumer Project is a great opportunity for 4-Hers to learn the importance of financial decisions. Through the project sessions, the 4-Hers practice comparing products for different situations. Email Cheryl Walker at [ce-walker@tamu.edu](mailto:ce-walker@tamu.edu) to get on the email list.

## Plant ID Training

- ◆ If you want to learn about the environment, mark your calendar for the January 18<sup>th</sup> Plant I.D. Training. The training will be conducted at Bea's Kitchen in Cameron starting with a pizza supper at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist will start the training about 6:00 p.m. It will be a hands-on training for 4-Hers, leaders and interested persons to learn about ecology, range management and plant identification.
- ◆ If you are planning on attending, preregister by calling the Milam County Extension Office (254-697-7045).



# Milam County Jr. Livestock Show Home Economics News

Home Economics Department Show - March 30, 2012

At Bea's Kitchen



Feb 21 - Home Economics Entry Deadline - submit to the Milam County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. or to the show secretary at any of the Animal Tag-In Nights (listed on Page 8 of this newsletter).

2012 Milam County Jr. Livestock Show rules for the animals and home economics department are now available! Check them out on the Milam County Extension website - <http://milam-tx.tamu.edu>. It is your responsibility to read the rules! Below is the Age Divisions and Divisions for the Home Economics Department

## Age Divisions for Home Economics Department:

- A. Beginner Division            Open to anyone between the ages of 5 - 8  
(as long as they are in one of the following grades - Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)
- B. Junior Division                Open to anyone between the ages of 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 10 years of age  
(as of August 31, 2011)
- C. Intermediate Division        Open to anyone between the ages of 11- 13 (as of August 31, 2011)
- D. Senior Division                Open to anyone between the ages of 14- 19 (as of August 31, 2011)

## Home Economics Divisions:

- A. ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT DIVISION:
- B. CLOTHING DIVISION:
- C. CREATIVE ART DIVISION:
- D. COLLECTION / DISPLAY DIVISION:
- E. DRAWING DIVISION:
- F. FOOD DIVISION:
- G. PAINTING DIVISION:
- H. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION:
- I. SCRAPBOOKING DIVISION:
- J. WOOD AND METAL CRAFT:



**Available on Website**  
**-- Entry Forms**  
**-- Complete Rules**

# MCJLS

March 29 - 31, 2012

- ◆ Rules are posted on the county website and copies are available at the Milam County Extension Office.

**DATE CHANGE** ◆ Feb 15—Broiler Pick-Up - Youth Expo Building, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

- ◆ Feb. 21—Market Bunnies will be tattooed, Youth Expo Building, 4 - 6 p. m.
- ◆ All animal entries must be received by the show secretary (not Extension Office )
- ◆ Mar 23—All 4-H Showing at the MCJLS must submit an Eligibility form to the Milam County Extension Office.

**\*\*Please Note a Major Change for the 2012 Show\*\***

ALL Steers, Swine, Lambs, and Goats making the sale will be put on the resale truck!

Entry nights for the Milam County Junior Livestock Show have been scheduled. Attending one of the three entry nights is required to turn in entry forms, entry fees, and to ensure that all the required information is included for all livestock entries for the March show. Please note that each exhibitor will be required to provide a social security number with each entry eligible for the auction.

All animal entries must be submitted at an entry night, but Home Economics Department entries may be submitted at an entry night or at the Milam County Extension Office by the February 21 deadline. Entry nights will be held at the following times and locations:

## MCJLS Entry Nights

Feb 14 — Thorndale Ag Science Classroom

Feb 16 — Rockdale Ag Science Classroom

Feb 21 — Cameron Youth Expo Building

Time for Entry Nights — 4-6 pm

**Entry Forms Available on Website**



# Deep In The Heart

Coming to All Texas CINEMARK Theaters February 17th

- ◆ "Deep in the Heart" reveals the true-life story of Mr. Richard "Dick" Wallrath. No one person has ever given more financially to the Texas 4-H and Texas FFA Scholarship Programs than Dick Wallrath. He has also provided tremendous financial assistance to 4-H and FFA members through major livestock show premium auctions.
- ◆ We sincerely hope that our 4-H Families will support the emotion-packed documentary of Dick's life for two reason. First, it could have an impact on your own life. Secondly, because of Mr. Wallrath's continued generosity, a portion of all ticket sales will go to both Texas 4-H and Texas FFA to further strengthen their much needed scholarship programs.
- ◆ Please go on the opening weekend of the movie—February 17th. The success of this opening weekend will dictate their plan for nationwide release.



## 4-H Community Service Projects



### ◆ March - Ronald McDonald House Donations

Wish List Items will be delivered during spring break to the Temple Ronald McDonald Home. Start now collecting items like: individual serving size snack and meal items (no refrigeration required); paper towels, napkins, plates, trash bags, toys, games, etc.



### ◆ Can Tabs

Can tabs are collected throughout the year. Drop them off at the Extension Office and during Spring Break 4-Hers will deliver them to the Temple Ronald McDonald House.



### ◆ Operation "Huggables"

Operation "Huggables" is collecting stuffed animals that are donated to children of military families who have a parent being deployed overseas. Bring new or gently used stuffed animals and drop them off at the Extension Office. You can also contact the 4-Hers coordinating the project: William Dean and A.J. Harwell.

# State 4-H Opportunities

## MASH Camp



The Medical, Athletic Training, Safety & Health Camp provides youth an opportunity to learn about nutrition, physical activity, health and safety, as well as explore a variety of careers available in the health and medical fields. Activities include tours and hands-on experiences of Texas A&M College of Medicine, Health Science Center, College of Veterinary Medicine, A&M Athletic facilities, and TEEX Disaster City. The camp is scheduled for **June 27-29, 2012** and is open to youth ages 13-17 (at the time of the camp).

If you are interested in additional information on this camp, email me — [Cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:Cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu)

## 2012 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE



◆ Are you up for a challenge? Do you love the great outdoors? If so, mark your calendars for June 30-July 1, 2012 for the 4th annual Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge to be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.

◆ Grab a friend. Learn, practice, and train to compete in a series of ten outdoor events that will challenge you physically and mentally. Are you the ultimate Texas Outdoor Challenge team? Join us next summer to find out!

◆ Stay tuned for further contest details and announcements next spring. Visit

our website at: [www.tinyurl.com/tx4hoc](http://www.tinyurl.com/tx4hoc). If you are interested in additional information on this camp, email me — [Cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:Cheryl.walker@agnet.tamu.edu)

## Brigades — March 15, 2012 Application Deadline

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. The Texas Brigades is a wildlife-focused leadership development program for high school youth (ages 13-17). There are four different camps: Bobwhite Brigade, Buckskin Brigade, Bass Brigade and Waterfowl Brigade. You will be introduced to habitat management, hone your communication skills, and develop a land ethic. Top wildlife professionals and resource managers serve as instructors and mentors. Each camp is 4 ½ days long.

Here are the camps, dates and website for applications and more information — <http://www.texasbrigades.org/>

Rolling Plains Bobwhite - June 16-20, 2012 - Centennial Lodge, Coleman

South Texas Bobwhite - June 24-28, 2012 - 74 Ranch, Campbellton

South Texas Buckskin - June 3-7, 2012 - Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde

North Texas Buckskin - July 15-19, 2012 - Stasney's Cook Ranch, Albany

Bass Brigade - July 9-13, 2012 - Warren Ranch, Santa Anna

Waterfowl Brigade - July 22-26, 2012 - Big Woods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony

## 4-H Foundation Alliances and Opportunities

- ◆ **LONE STAR 4-H COLLECTION JEWELRY** at <http://texas4hfoundation.org/texas-4-h-alliances/lone-star-collections-4-h-jewelry>
- ◆ **LA QUINTA OFFERS 4-H DISCOUNT.** 15% discount on rooms through direct reservations by calling the hotel direct, calling the toll free reservation line at 1-800-531-5900, or online at [www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com). Please mention the "TX4H" promotional code when making reservations.
- ◆ **Texas 4-H Foundation website** for the current 4-H Foundation Alliances <http://texas4hfoundation.org/texas-4-h-alliances>

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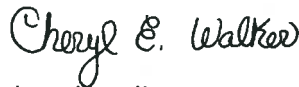
Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

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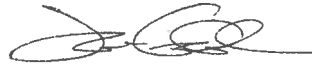
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*Happy New Year!*



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Click on 4-H in Milam County for more information & 4-H Updates  
<http://milam-tx.tamu.edu/>



**4-H Re-Enrollment or Enrollment**

- ◆ On-Line Enrollment at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- ◆ \$20 Annual Youth Enrollment Fee (\$25 after October 31)
- ◆ Annual Enrollment required for ALL 4-Hers and Adult Leaders



**Eligibility Forms**

- ⇒ Required from 4-Hers for each competitive event (Sept - May)
- ⇒ Completed by 4-Her and Signed by the school .
- ⇒ Return signed forms to Extension Office by fax or mail one week prior to event.
- ⇒ Forms available on the Extension website and at the Extension Office.