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County Roundup

County Roundup will be on **April 12th** at the First United Methodist Church at **5:30**. Entomology will not have competition this year at county roundup. Everyone must compete in County Roundup to go on to District, if you have a conflict with this date let me know and we will try to make other arrangements. Sign up for categories by phone or e-mail as soon as possible. Roundup events include educational presentations and Share-the-fun. Share-the-fun categories are: poetry, vocal, musical, band, choreographed routines and celebrate 4-H. Educational Presentations are educational speeches that may include props and there are a variety of categories. If you have any questions or need assistance please let me know.

Healthy Lifestyles Training

This is a new contest that is invitational at state 4-H Roundup this year. It is very similar to Consumer Decision Making with healthy lifestyles topics. We will have a short training following County Roundup for everyone interested in learning more about this contest.

Club Meetings

Levelland- April 9th, 6:00 at Daves Need 4 Speed

Sundown- TBA contact Lori Holdman

Ropes- April 19th, 7:00 at Methodist Church activity building

Whitharral- April 20th, 6:30 at the school cafeteria

Smyer- April 14th, 7:00 at school cafeteria

Shotgun Sports- April 11th, 3:00 p.m. at ABC school. This is a mandatory safety meeting and sign up. If you can't make this meeting you need to contact Dawn Chaney.

County Council

The next council meeting will be on Saturday, **April 24th**. We will be doing our Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup at 9:00. We will have a meeting afterwards. Bring money for lunch. Any senior 4-H member wanting to serve as on the district 4-H council needs to have their application to the district office by **May 1st**. Applications are available on the District 2 4-H website. Elections will be held at State Roundup.

District Roundup

District Roundup will be held on **May 1st** at Levelland Junior High. Share-the-fun, educational presentations, entomology and Grass ID will all be held at district roundup. Entries are due on 4-H Connect by **April 15th**.

If you have questions about any information in this newsletter contact the Hockley County Extension Agents at 894-3159.

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Entomology ID

Practice for the Entomology Contest are on **Tuesdays for intermediate and senior** level 4-H members **from 4-5:30** at the Extension office in Levelland. The **juniors are on Thursdays from 4-5** at the Extension office. The study materials have changed for all age groups this year. An update in terminology for all ages has occurred and the junior material will hopefully be much more enjoyable. So if you have questions give Kerry a call at 894-2406 or 638-5635.

Grass ID/Wool Judging

Grass ID practices are Mondays in April from 5:00 - 6:30 at the NRCS office. Contact Lynnette Payne if you are interested, 894-4773. If you are interested in wool judging the contest will be on **April 20th** at Texas Tech. Entries are due on **April 16th**. Contact Krisha Hoelscher if you are interested, 897-0060.

Livestock Judging

If you are interested in Livestock judging contact Chris at 894-3159. There will be a judging contest at South Plains College on **April 9th**. District contest will be on **April 17th** and entries are due on **April 9th**. Contests besides district have registration fees plus scantron fees. Many also require pre-registration. Texas Tech is also hosting at Livestock Judging camp May 30- June 1. Cost is \$225 and application is due May 1st. Application is available at www.afs.ttu.edu.

Beef Project Trainings

Meat Judging/Id training will be offered on April 12th at Texas Tech meats lab. This is for youth and adults to learn more about meats judging but would also be a great way to learn more about cuts of meat, carcasses, etc. Let me know if you are interested.

Fitting 101- This training is also for youth and adults on April 24th at 2:00 at the Hockley County Fairgrounds. Participants are encouraged to bring animals and grooming supplies for a hands on practice. Call office to sign up for these events.

Horse Project

Anyone that is interested in participating in the district or state horse show will need to contact me to get your horses validated by May 1st. The District 2 Horse Show will be held on **June 15th**. The 2010 State Team Roping School will be held at South Plains College on **June 24th - 27th**. 4-H'ers 12-18 years old can participate. If you are interested call the office for an application.

Lamb and Goat

Anyone wanting to exhibit lambs or goats at the 2010 State Fair of Texas will need to order validation tags by **April 9th**. Howard College is sponsoring a Lamb Camp June 6-8. Cost is \$85. They are also sponsoring a goat camp June 13-15. Cost is \$85. If you are interested contact the office for an application.

*If you plan to show a steer next year you need to order tags with the extension office by **April 15th**.

4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course

This course is designed to equip outstanding students with the knowledge to help other 4-H'ers with their projects and is for youth ages 14 and older. It will be college level animal science curriculum of sheep, goats, swine and cattle production as it relates to the show ring. It will be taught by Texas Tech faculty, extension agents, breeders and project leaders. Cost is **\$75** which includes meals and lodging and will be July **26th-28th**. Deadline to apply is June 24th and application can be found at <http://www.afs.ttu.edu>.

Texas 4-H Golf Challenge

This new contest will be held in Lubbock at Meadowbrook golf course on June 17th. For more information go to <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/>

Record books

Record books are just around the corner. If you have questions or need help with a record book please contact me and I will schedule a time for a training. We also need help from leaders in judging books on a county and district level. There will be a training on **June 16th** in Lubbock. It will also be recorded if you can't make this date. Judging record books also gives you a good opportunity to learn more about other books and get ideas. Recordbooks are due in the office by 5:00 on **June 28th**. This is also when we will have county judging. Please submit a black and white copy of your recordbook as well for reference purposes.

Award Applications

Award applications will be due by **July 12th** and award interviews will be on **August 2nd** at 3:00. You can pick up applications in the office or send your e-request and we can send to you by e-mail. Questions for award interviews are also available to help you prepare. You must complete a recordbook or a member achievement plan to be eligible for awards.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be in Atlanta, Georgia on November 25-30, 2010. The program will touch youth issues, leadership, appreciating diversity and community service learning. Those senior members interested must fill out an application online through 4-H Connect by April 16th. For more information on attending National

Congress go online at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/natcongress/index_youth_natcongress.php

Let's Go Camping!

Information about all of the camps located at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood can be found at <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> All registration will be through 4-H Connect. *Please pay for your camps with your credit/debit card or by check.*

Prime Time- Two sessions are offered, one for 9-11 year olds (July 28-31) and one for 12-13 year olds (July 25-28).

Applications are currently being accepted. The total cost is \$210 and registration closes July 3rd.



Leader Lab

June 1-3 at South Plains College. This camp is for junior 4-H members ages 9-13 at the time of camp. Cost is \$132 and will be first come first served on 4-H Connect beginning **March 29th**. Last year it filled up very fast! Camp packet can be found at <http://d24-h.tamu.edu>

Electric camp

June 28- July 2nd. - Electric camp is for 4-H'ers ages 13-19 in Cloudcroft, NM. Cost is \$140. Registration is on 4-H Connect from April 15th- May 1st.

Shooting Sports Camp

For ages 9-11 and is June 2-6 and ages 12-14 is June 20-24 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center.

Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps

Offerings include bobwhite, buckskin, bass and feathered forces. Youth ages 13-17 and also adults wishing to chaperone can get more info. at www.texasbrigades.org

4-H Project Tours/Officer Training

Wildlife & Fisheries- June 23rd

Clothing/Food and Nutrition- July 7th

Officer Training- July 20th

Mark these dates on your calendar. More information will be available later.

Texas 4-H Congress

This is a 4 day mock legislative event held in Austin at the Capitol July 11-14th for 4-H members ages 15-18. Cost is \$275 plus travel, which is arranged by the district. If you are interested you need to contact me because there is a quota system for each county. This is a great opportunity that happens every two years.

4-H Project Fair- Sept. 21st

Good luck to our Fashion Show participants: Ashlen Albus, Deborah Albus, Courtney Chaney and BaLeigh Pugh. Spring brings many contests and events. I hope many of you take advantage of these opportunities. We also need some volunteers to be in charge of the stick horse and turtle races at Early Settlers' Day on July 10th. If you can help let me know.

Have a Great Spring!!

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