



# Hockley County 4-H Newsletter



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## April 2011 Edition

### County Roundup

County Roundup will be on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** at the First United Methodist Church at **5:30**. 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, horse quiz bowl, grass ID, entomology ID, Public Speaking, Leaders 4 Life, Healthy Lifestyles Invitational and Share-the-fun. Share-the-fun categories are: poetry/prose, vocal, musical- Instrumental, band/solo performance, 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 Practices

This contest is very similar to Consumer Decision Making with healthy lifestyles topics. We will have practices on Monday's starting **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 at the Extension office. There will be a contest at District Roundup this year for jr, int. and srs.

### Club Meetings

Levelland- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at ABC; program on Record Books

Sundown- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at park by golf course

Ropes- TBA contact DeLinda Hicklen

Whitharral- April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at the school cafeteria

Smyer- TBA contact Lana Shaw

Shotgun Sports- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be doing our Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup at 9:00. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you need an application, let me know. Elections will be held at State Roundup. Application is a percentage of your score combined with the council's vote following a 2 minute speech.

## District Roundup

District Roundup will be held on **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at Levelland Junior High. Share-the-fun, educational presentations, public speaking, horse quiz bowl, Leaders 4 Life, Healthy Lifestyles, Entomology ID and Grass ID will all be held at district roundup. Entries are due on 4-H Connect by **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Entomology ID

Kerry is still working to set up times for practices. If you are interested and haven't yet talked to him you need to do so at 894-2406 or 638-5635.

## Grass ID/Wool Judging

Grass ID practices are Mondays & Wednesdays in April from 4:30 - 6:00 at the NRCS office. Contact Lynnette Payne if you are interested, 894-4774. If you are interested in wool judging the contest will be on **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at Texas Tech. Entries are due on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Doug Hoelscher if you are interested, 789-5310.

## Steer Validation Tags

If you plan to show a steer next year you need to order tags with the extension office by **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Texas 4-H Roundup-** June 13-17

## Community Service Opportunities

We've Got Your Back- Don't forget to be collecting backpacks and purses. We will fill with personal hygiene items and canned goods and distribute toward the end of May.

Breedlove- Money collected for this state-wide project need to be turned in by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Livestock Judging

There will be a judging contest at South Plains College on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. District contest will be on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** and entries are due on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Rusty Ferguson if you are interested, 777-7424.

## Texas Tech Judging Camps

**Livestock Judging:** June 5-7 14 yrs and up

**Livestock Judging:** June 9-11 12 yrs and up

**Meat Judging:** June 5-7 12 yrs and up

**Horse Judging:** June 9-11 12 yrs and up

Cost is \$225 and includes meals, lodging and t-shirt. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Application is available at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afs/>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. The District 2 Horse Show will be held on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Caprock Equestrian Center in Lubbock. Complete details will be available soon.

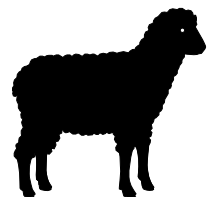
## Lamb and Goat

Anyone wanting to exhibit lambs or goats at the 2011 State Fair of Texas will need to order validation tags by **April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

\*Howard College is sponsoring a Lamb Camp June 12-14. Cost is \$85.

They are also sponsoring a goat camp June 5-7. Cost is \$85. You can go to

their website <http://www.howardcollege.edu/> for complete information and to download the application.



## Texas 4-H Golf Challenge

This is the second year for this contest. There will be one held in Lubbock on **July 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Meadowbrook golf course. Teams of three must register. Cost is \$90 per team and includes 18 holes of golf and a catered lunch. The contest also includes golf etiquette, turf grass management and sports nutrition curriculum. Entries open April 10<sup>th</sup> on 4-H Connect. For more information go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/> and click on golf challenge.

## 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. Judging record books also gives you a good opportunity to learn more about other books and get ideas. Record books are due in the office by 5:00 on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 11<sup>th</sup>** and award interviews will be on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Fashion Show practice-** April 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at Levelland ABC school. Good Luck Fashion Show participants!!!

## National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be in Atlanta, Georgia on **November 24-30, 2011**. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. For more information on attending National Congress go online at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/natcongress/index\\_youth\\_natcongress.php](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 27-30) and one for 12-13 year olds (July 24-27). Registration is through 4-H Connect and early registration is from March 14-May 6 and cost is \$210.

**SpecTra-** Held at the Texas 4-H Center for senior age 4-H members July 18-22.

**Leader Lab** May 31-June 2 at South Plains College. This camp is for junior 4-H members ages 9-13 at the time of camp. Cost is \$147 and registration is open on 4-H Connect and closes **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### Electric camp

June 27- July 1<sup>st</sup>. - Electric camp is for 4-H'ers ages 13-19 and location is in Cloudcroft, NM. Details are coming soon.

### 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](http://www.texasbrigades.org)

**M.A.S.H Camp**- June 28-30 in College Station, Cost is \$175 and registration is open on 4-H Connect. Hands-on experience about medical, safety and health career fields.

**Chef Camp**- June 6-10 at the 4-H Center, Cost is \$400 and covers all lodging and supplies.

**Summer Project Tours**- There will be a one time \$10 fee associated with this series of events. You may chose to attend one or all three for the fee.

**Wind & Water Project Tour**- June 23

**Food & Nutrition Project Tour**- July 14 \*NEW DATE\*

**Officer Training**- July 7 \*NEW DATE\*

Following the officer training will be a district council meeting and dance.



Have a Great Spring!!

Amber Parkinson  
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