

# Camp County AgriLife News

The official newsletter for agriculture and 4-H in Camp County



**CAMP COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS RECITING THE 4-H PLEDGE**

## Cancellations and Changes

I appreciate your understanding for the last minute cancellations. There is a chain of command that we must follow. Of course, Governor Abbott is at the top, under the President (for all intents and purposes). Then the Texas A&M System in which decisions are made by the Chancellor; then the Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences and finally Extension falls under that. To make it even more complicated, county offices are supposed to heed the advice from the above, but also make decisions based on the county health official. With all of those people and steps involved, you can imagine this makes planning even more complicated. As of 3/27/20, all AgriLife Extension Face to Face programming is cancelled through May 4. However, we will remain available to you via phone and email through all of this! There will also be weekly educational videos via my YouTube Channel, lifeofana-gagent. In addition, many agents (and myself) are developing live “virtual” programs— see next page for those already planned and watch your email for future details.

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### **My lifeofanagagent YouTube Channel:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNbb\\_ybu-yhFd2XLZK5C6YQ?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNbb_ybu-yhFd2XLZK5C6YQ?)

We are also working to establish some live educational programs (including Pesticide CEU's) utilizing the ZOOM or WEBEX TEAMS applications. You may select the link below to download them- please note you will want to download the application prior to the meeting.

<https://zoom.us/download>  
<https://www.webex.com/downloads.html>

**Youth Intro to Horticulture Series** for 4-H members via ZOOM on Monday and Wednesday Afternoons, March 30-April 15, 3-4pm. Please email Brian Triplett: [b-triplett@tamu.edu](mailto:b-triplett@tamu.edu) to register and receive the program ID.

**Youth Livestock Project Workshop** for 4-H members, Hosted by Camp, Franklin, Red River and Titus Counties has been moved to a VIRTUAL program! April 16, details are coming soon, so if you are interested, please email me ASAP: [kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu). It will also be held on the ZOOM application.

**Weed ID and Chemical Use 1 hour CEU program**, for private-use pesticide applicator license holders, hosted by Camp County, April 21, 6:30pm via the WEBEX application. Please email [kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu) to register and receive the meeting ID.

**Virtual Preview of "Quad County Beef and Forage Program"** hosted by Camp, Franklin, Red River and Titus Counties- Details and Information TBD (to be disclosed) if you are interested, please email [kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu)

\*Programs labeled as "Youth" are intended for 4-H members, but if you find a topic interesting, feel free to register for the program and join us. Likewise, just because a program is not labeled as "youth" does not mean it is not open to youth, some topics such as livestock reproduction, may be sensitive, so please use your own judgement.

## "Ag"tivities to do at home!



Let's face it, I know the youth stuck at home are just excited as they can be about still having to do things called "homework" or "chores," so I've decided to include some ideas for the extra down time or as a break from trying to do those boring things!

"Show" tips: First and foremost, I think this is a great opportunity for youth to hone their livestock showmanship skills and learn more about the specific animal that they show. <https://www.purinamills.com/education/show-feed> is a great online resource- there are articles to read and videos to watch from the leaders in each species in the show industry. Some of my personal recommendations are the videos on "What to feed your show goat" and "how to fatten up show cattle." Of course [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) is also a great resource for livestock showmanship/grooming videos- but here is my caution: industry trends change so fast, I would not recommend watching a video more than 3+ years old. Specific showmanship like how to drive a pig, may not change drastically over the years, but grooming techniques for goat legs for example, have changed rapidly in the last few years. On my YouTube Channel, lifeofanagagent, there is a playlist dedicated to livestock showmanship, grooming and animal selection- those are the top videos I recommend youth watching on their own.

### *A few other tips from Miss Kaycee:*

- ◆ Try to maintain eye contact with the judge
- ◆ Never show your frustration inside the showing, never hit your animal with excessive force because you are frustrated
- ◆ Choosing a show stick for cattle: choose a stick based on your own height, not the size of the animal
- ◆ Broiler: act professional when holding your bird, don't act like it's the first time or act like its gross.
- ◆ Don't get nervous and walk too fast while driving your animal

## District IV 4-H Roundup

*Roundup* is a qualifying and invitational event for 4-H youth who placed at the county/district level or signed up to compete at one of the invitational events. Roundup has around 50 diverse competitions that tie in with the many projects that 4-H has to offer. County Roundup could be held at a regular 4-H meeting or could be an additional event in the county; it is not mandatory. I would recommend having each member compete in a different topic/event so that each child gets to “qualify” for district level; as the county may only send one qualifying competitor in each topic/event. Junior, intermediate and senior members may compete at county and district competition. Only senior members compete at State Roundup.

This year is unique with how the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected us. There will be no district qualifying events held this year. All senior level 4-H members will be invited to attend State Roundup when/if it is held in 2020. What I would like to see you do at home or in the time frame we would be scheduled to have a 4-H meeting or activity, is to learn about the various contests offered at District IV 4-H Roundup! The few contests that would be an appropriate start for a first time Roundup competitor include:

### *Individual Competitions:*

**Educational presentations** (pick a topic, any topic... as long as it fits into one of these categories: ag tech and farm safety, animal science, beef, health and wellness, horse, safety and injury prevention, promote 4-H open ANR, open FCH or open. Max 12 minute presentation, scoring based on selection of subject, knowledge of subject, information presented/accuracy, verbal presentation, use of teaching aid, professionalism, poise, grammar.)

**Public Speaking** (speech on current events and issues, 5-7 minute presentation as a platform speech or radio broadcast, presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern, no visual aids or props. Criteria to be judged: voice, eye contact, attention of audience is gained, purpose clearly stated, one theme, accuracy of information, logical order- intro, body, summary)

## Continued...

**Food Show** (choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis. Judged on theme- 2020's is “Food around the world,” knowledge of: MyPlate, nutrition, food prep and safety; food presentation and poise/professionalism)

**Fashion Story Board** (an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more, multiple textures/layers to promote the design. Scoring based on: creativity, quality, color scheme, fabric samples, embellishments, dimensions, originality, overall consistent theme, detail, titles/labeling, meets design brief)

### *Team competitions:*

**Duds to Dazzle** (teams of 3 to 5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using item from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit (Supply kit list found in Duds to Dazzle guide). The teams then present their item to a team of judges. You may also be tested on what you have learned about how the clothing & textile industry impacts the environment, specifically the waste stream. Scoring based on: teamwork, preparation, pricing, use of materials, overall appearance, presentation skills)

**Livestock Skill-a-thon** (tests a 4-H member’s knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to gain and develop production livestock skills and life skills through a competitive environment. Teams of 3-4 members, individual high point champion awarded also. Contest divided into 4 areas: identification, judging, quizzes, and a team exercise)

## Roundup continued...

**Ag Product ID** (Teams of 3-4 members. 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Must select the correct ID of each product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display- could be economical impact, nutritional content, region of production, etc. 30 second per station. Products range from seasonings to meat cuts)

**Photography Judging** (Like all judging and consumer decision making contests, photos to be judged are in groups of 4 by category; you must ask yourself certain questions such as: does the photo belong in this category, does it capture the eye, does it have a subject, how does it make you feel, what is the quality of photo. Clear your mind of prejudices. Rank photos in order of best (by the category and how it answers your questions) to worst. Teams of 3 or 4 members. Contest is timed, 4 minutes per class of photos, 6 photography judging classes, 2 problem classes. No oral reasons.

In the next month or two (or during the summer-depending on Pandemic status) I would like to compile some videos and examples of the above competitions to help you better understand them. What you can do in the meantime is visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> and click on each event guideline, project page, score sheet, and rules/details to learn more and determine what you/your child might be interested in. Remember, it is a competition, but the idea should never be to stress or overwhelm your child. 4-H is learn by doing, what better way to test your knowledge than by a little friendly competition! Specifically for our district, District IV, this website has a calendar and timeline information for District Roundup: <https://d44-h.tamu.edu/event-page-links/> (even though it is canceled, you may still take a look at the schedule as it does not change much from year to year).

## Other 4~H

### Tentative Calendar

You can see I have included a handy refrigerator magnet with all of the potential 2020-2021 4-H club meetings. All of our meetings remain on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of the first meeting of the 4-H year and the first meeting of the calendar year (September and January). We will try to keep this schedule as best we can. Note that we also do not typically meet in March, since that falls during our County Show. I would like to continue to have a county-wide 4-H activity during the downtime at the show as we did this year. Again, with the current COVID-19 Pandemic affecting us, there is still chance that more 4-H events, activities, meetings, etc. could be postponed or moved to a virtual platform. It is more critical than ever that you please read your emails, follow @campco4H on Facebook and reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

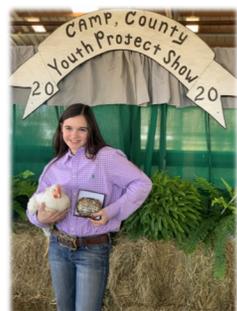
Date	Event	Location
May 2020	Record Book Workshop	Pilgrim building or virtual
May/June 2020	Mandatory Adult Volunteer Leader Training	Pilgrim building or virtual
June 19 and 26	Junior AgVocates	TBA
July 24 and 31	Junior AgVocates/quiz bowl	TBA
TBA	Shooting Sports Practices	Knox Shooting Range
TBA	Cooking Classes	Midway Baptist Church
TBA	Veterinary Science Classes	TBA



## Youth Project Show Highlights



Addi Wheeler- Grand Champion Meat Rabbit Pen  
Gracelyn Carpenter- Reserve Champion Meat Rabbit Pen



Sadie Barrett- Reserve Champion Broiler Pen  
Dylan Kruse- Grand Champion Broiler Pen  
Bradley Sinkey- Broiler Showmanship

Zachary Lemmar- Grand Champion Market Goat  
Allie Smith-

Reserve Champion Market Goat, Showmanship

Alan Zecaida- Grand Champion Market Hog  
Taylor Worth- Reserve Champion Market Hog and Showmanship



Lanna Wilkes- Grand Champion Commercial Heifer  
Cayden Jackson- Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer and Showmanship



Daniel Hedger- Grand Champion Ag Mechanics and Showmanship  
Gentry Jeter- Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics

\*Only 4-H members pictured, denoted by underline

## Other Virtual Tours



“Virtual” farm tours: There are a number of farms and ranches opening their “doors” online and on social media during this time, take advantage of that and learn about the food and fiber industry! This experience is similar to our Camp County Junior AgVocates program - and will only put our youth ahead for this summer’s programs. Here are a list of businesses participating in these virtual tours:

<https://www.americandairy.com/news-and-events/dairy-diary/virtual-farm-tours-while-your-stuck-at-home.stml>

<https://www.dukefarms.org/making-an-impact/eagle-cam/>

<https://www.agclassroom.org/student/tours.cfm>

<https://www.farmfood360.ca/#fur-tile>

Alpaca farm: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyqixVNSvgWPzNCEve8LO2w/videos>

“Virtual” Zoo and Museum tour:

<https://virtuelschoolactivities.com/>

*Southern Living* compiled a list here: [https://www.southernliving.com/syndication/museums-with-virtual-tours?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=southernliving\\_southernliving&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_term=1878E92E-6542-11EA-AAAC-CF782FEB5590&fbclid=IwAR3hbqujgvCRiEyK9o12ZD6cSC9AJyagGmDu2pChGH6HiSLn6avSi-omd54](https://www.southernliving.com/syndication/museums-with-virtual-tours?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=southernliving_southernliving&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_term=1878E92E-6542-11EA-AAAC-CF782FEB5590&fbclid=IwAR3hbqujgvCRiEyK9o12ZD6cSC9AJyagGmDu2pChGH6HiSLn6avSi-omd54)

“Virtual” story time: <https://storytimefromspace.com/>

“Virtual” Dissection Lab: <https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/education/virtual-dissections-labs/>

**Be sure to follow the D-IV 4-H Facebook page as they are posting DAILY activities! Find them at @DIV4H**

# More Youth Project Show Highlights



**I PLEDGE MY HEAD** to clearer *thinking*  
**MY HEART** to greater loyalty  
**MY HANDS** TO LARGER SERVICE  
**MY HEALTH** to better living  
 FOR MY CLUB & MY  
 MY COMMUNITY WORLD  
 MY COUNTRY

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If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Camp County Extension Secretary, at 903-856-5005, by the registration deadline.