

MILAM COUNTY 4-H 2016- 2017 NEW FAMILY GUIDE



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Helpful 4-H Websites

Milam County 4-H
www.join4-h.com

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4-H MOTTO & 4-H PLEDGE

In support of the 4-H motto "To Make The Best Better,"
I pledge-----

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H PRAYER

Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a
little better because Thou did's't make me. Amen.

THE 4-H EMBLEM AND COLORS

The 4-H Club emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "h" on each leaf. The four "H's" stand for head, heart, hands, and health. Leaves of the clover are green and the "H's" are white. The white is for purity. Green is nature's most common color and is symbolic of youth, life and growth.

ENROLLMENT STARTS SEPTEMBER 1st

4-H Connect on-line Enrollment: <https://texas.4honline.com>

All 4-Hers and Leaders Need To Update Enrollment Annually-

⇒ 4-H Members:

- ⇒ Current 4-Hers need to update their profile on the 4-H Connect System.
- ⇒ New 4-Hers need to set up a profile and complete all information.
- ⇒ \$20 4-H Registration Fee for Junior, Intermediate and Senior age 4-Hers from Sept 1—Oct 31. On Nov. 1st the fee goes to \$25.
- ⇒ No registration fee for Beginner age 4-Hers (K-2nd grade)
- ⇒ Remember you have to be an Active 4-H Member to participate in activities

⇒ Leaders:

- ⇒ Current leaders need to update their profile on the 4-H Connect System.
- ⇒ New leaders need to set up a profile and complete all information.
- ⇒ \$ 5 Registration Fee for Volunteers (includes screening)
- ⇒ NEW- All leaders must complete 2 trainings before being approved on 4-H Connect
- ⇒ Remember leaders must be active to assist 4-Hers in project activities as well as drive 4-H members to events.
- ⇒ Please keep your email address, mailing address and contact information updated throughout the year.

Steps to Enroll and Participate in 4-H

1. Enroll Online- Please see website for more information: www.join4-h.com
2. Attend your Club Meetings
3. READ 4-H Blasts/Newsletters
4. Like our Milam County 4-H Facebook Page
5. Attend 4-H Project Activities/Contests
6. Contact your County Extension Office or Club Manager with any questions.

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 website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/>

ATTENTION: MCJLS REQUIREMENT

To be an **ACTIVE MEMBER** in Milam County 4-H and be able to participate in the 2017 Milam County Junior Livestock Show, **all members will be required to attend a minimum of TWO Club meetings**. This rule will start August 1, 2016 and all members have from August 1-March 1 to attend their 2 meetings. 4-Hers must attend 2 meetings of their primary club (the club you registered for as primary on 4-H connect) and you **MUST** sign in on the attendance sheet when you arrive at the meeting. This is so your attendance is documented and that all members are accounted for when the Club Managers keep track of attendance.

REMEMBER:

- You must enroll on 4-H Connect for the current year starting **September 1st**
- You can **ONLY** attend your primary club to count for the TWO meetings
- Attend TWO meetings from **August 1, 2016-March 1, 2017**
- Make sure you **SIGN** the sign in/attendance sheet when you first arrive at the meeting

Milam County 4-H Projects

Plant I.D./Range Evaluation

Livestock Judging

Consumer Decision Making

Healthy Lifestyles/Food and Nutrition

Livestock Showmanship

Natural Resources/Wildlife

Photography

Clothing and Textiles/Duds to Dazzle

Horse Judging

Leadership/Recreation

Shooting Sports

Contact Milam County
Extension
Office
if you are interested
in these projects!



Milam County 4-H Club - Contact Information

Regular Meeting dates are subject to change, please contact a club manager prior to attending your first club meeting.

Cameron 4-H

Theresa Hollas

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email : thollas@camp1.net

Monica Barton

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email : mbarton@cameronisd.net

Regular Meeting :

1st Tuesday of each month

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Yoe High School

No Meetings: May, June, July

Gause 4-H

Wanda Lee Or Kelly Cooper

phone: 979-587-0382

email : klee-cooper@gauseisd.net

Elizabeth Miller

phone: 979-218-4763

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Regular Meeting :

1st Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Gause I.S.D. Library

No Meetings: June, July, August

Milano 4-H

Tamesha Weaver

phone: 903-594-8960

email : tameshajo@gmail.com

Becky Thurman

phone: 979-220-9209

email:

bthurman@lrhealthcare.com

Regular Meeting :

1st Monday of each month

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Milano High School Cafeteria

No Meetings: June, July, August

Rockdale 4-H

Susan Dean

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email : sdean.rockdale@yahoo.com

Paul & Rebecca Luckey

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Regular Meeting :

2nd Monday of each month

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: New Salem Clubhouse (Rockdale)

No Meetings: June, July, August

Shooting Sports 4-H

Brian & Diane Preusse

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Keely Reisner

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First Club Meeting - September

2 Sundays per month Jan thru May

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: New Salem Clubhouse (Rockdale)

No Meetings: June, July, August, November

Thorndale 4-H

Cindy Widner

phone: 512-917-4768

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Becky Garcia

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Regular Meeting :

4th Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Thorndale Sr. Citizen's Bldg.

No Meetings: May, July

4-H Calendar Summary of Opportunities

- For more information and registration information, contact the Extension Office and refer to the 4-H Newsletter
- **Check page 11 for livestock show dates: tag orders, tag-in and entry deadlines**
- * activities limited to Senior age 4-Hers

January

- *State Teen Retreat
(sign-up in December)

February

- County Fashion Show Contest-Tentative

March

- County Roundup Contest
- County Share the Fun Contest
- District Fashion Show-Tentative
- District Consumer Contest
- District Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest
- MCJLS-H.E. Dept. (entries due in Feb.)
- *State Photography Contest
entry deadline
- District Photography Contest
(for Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors)

April

- District Roundup Contests
- District Share the Fun Contest
- District Beef, and Horse Contests
- District Plant I.D. & Range Evaluation Contests
- District Shooting Sports
- District Judging Contests (Horse, Livestock, Entomology, Meats, Soil)
- *National 4-H Conference
(application in October)

May

- County Camp—sign-up
- *State 4-H Photography Contest

June

- *State 4-H Roundup Contest
- District Horse Show Contest
- County 4-H Record Book Judging
- *District 4-H Leadership Lab
(sign-up in May)
- *Youth Range Workshop
(sign-up in April)
- *Brigades (Bass, Feathered Forces, Bobwhite & Buckskin)
(held in June & July - application in March)

July

- County Camp
- District Recordbook Judging
- *Texas 4-H Congress (only held in even years—application in April)
- State Prime Time Camp -
(sign-up in March)
- State 4-H Center Camps
(sign-up in March—May)
- State Horse Show

August

- 1st 4-H meetings begin
- *State Record Book Judging

September

- New 4-H Enrollment Starts
- County Photography Contest

October

- County 4-H Celebration Event
- National 4-H Week
- One-Day 4-H—State Community Service Day
- Rockdale Fair Home Economics
- Rockdale Fair Auction Food
(entries due in Sept.)
- County Food Show Contest
- County Food Challenge Contest
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest

November

- Holiday Classic (training & showmanship clinic)
- Holiday Gift Idea Exchange
(4-Hers demonstrate crafts)
- *National 4-H Congress
(application in March)
- State 4-H Jr. Leadership Retreat
(sign-up in October)

December

- District Food Show Contest
- District Food Challenge
- *State 4-H Teen Retreat
(sign-up for January retreat)

Take Advantage of 4-H Opportunities

- 4-H Projects Develop Skills:
- Leadership
 - Teamwork
 - Responsibility
 - Communication
 - Community Service
 - Record Keeping
 - Time Management

Ways 4-Hers are Recognized:

Awards	Award Description
• Recognition Awards	- Rookie - Clover - Honor Roll - All Star - Letterman
• Achievement Awards	- Gold Star - I Dare You - Silver Star - Bronze Star
• Contests	<div> <div> -Beef Quiz Bowl -Consumer Decision Making -Roundup Contest -Fashion Show -Food Challenge -Food Show -Healthy Lifestyles </div> <div> -Holiday Classic -Horse Quiz Bowl -Horse Judging -Horse Shows -Livestock Judging -Nutrition Quiz Bowl </div> <div> -Photography -Plant I.D. Contest -Range Evaluation Contest -Share the Fun -Shooting Sports -Soil Judging Contest </div> </div>
• Recordbooks	-Complete Record Book due in June
• Livestock Shows	-Major Shows -County Shows -Milam County Jr, Livestock Show -H.E. Auction -Rockdale Fair -Home Economics Dept at Rockdale/MCJLS
• State Award Winners	Jackets are awards for 1st time state winners. They must receive 1st place or above at a state level 4-H event.
• Scholarships	Start planning for Scholarships in Jr. High. Training is provided for early planners and for the seniors in high school preparing applications.

MILAM COUNTY 4-H AGE AND PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- 4-Hers MUST be "Active Status" according to 4-H Connect Enrollment System to participate in 4-H opportunities.
- 4-H Age is determined as of August 31st of the current year.
- Beginners can only participate on county level.
- 4-Hers must submit Eligibility forms signed by schools to participate in contests. 4-Hers must be passing to participate.

Beginner Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades K-2 	Junior Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 3,4,5 Must be 8 and third grade	Intermediate Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 6,7,8 	Senior Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 9,10,11,12
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4-H PROJECT LISTING

4-H projects are the educational experiences for members. Adult leaders assist 4-Hers by providing training sessions to groups or individuals. For more information on these projects, contact the Extension Office. You can also go to the County website and State 4-H website for more project information.

Animals:

- Beef
- Companion Animals
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care and Training
- Goats
- Horse
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

Citizenship:

- Citizenship
- Community Service

Consumer & Family Sciences:

- Clothing & Textiles
- Consumer Education
- Family Life Education
- Housing & Home Environment

Healthy Lifestyles:

- Food & Nutrition
- Health
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Safety

Communications/Expressive Arts:

- Photography & Videography
- Public Speaking
- Theater & Performance Arts

Environment Education & Earth Sciences:

- Field & Stream
- Forestry
- Natural Resources
- Outdoor Education
- Range Science/Management
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Water
- Wildlife & Fisheries

Plants:

- Horticulture
- Soil & Crop Science

Personal Development & Leadership:

- Leadership
- Recreation
- Workplace Preparation/Career
- Youth Entrepreneurship

Science, Engineering & Technology:

- Biological Science
- Computer Science
- Entomology
- Meat Science

PROJECT CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 4-Hers can select from a variety of 4-H projects.
- After they select a project, 4-Hers work with a leader or parent to gain skills and knowledge in the subject matter area.
- Leaders work to train the individuals and teams to compete in the project subject matter area.
- Resources are available at the Milam County Extension Office as well as the State 4-H website.

Quiz Bowl Contests

- Beef
- Horse
- Nutritional (Food & Nutrition Project)
- Team of 3 to 4

Consumer Decision Making Contests

- Consumer Education Project
- Team of 3 or 4 or individual

Roundup Contests

- Educational Presentations
- 1 to 6 4-Hers depending on contest
- Presentations to teach others about a project or activity
- Talks or demonstrations

Share the Fun

- Individuals and teams of 9
- Contest categories are: Poetry/Prose; Vocal; Musical, Solo/Band Performance; Choreographed Routines; Celebrate 4-H.

Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Storyboard

- Clothing & Textiles Project
- 4-Hers express their knowledge and skills by constructing or buying an outfit or designing items on paper or display boards
- Duds to Dazzle- 4-H member are given a piece of fabric or item and have to repurpose it into something else

Shooting Sports

- Individual and Teams
- Members of the Milam County 4-H Shooting Sports Club are trained by leaders for safety and competition
- Members shoot archery, pistol and rifle.

Food Show and Food Challenge

- Food & Nutrition Project
- Individual and team contests
- Food Show individual's display a dish and answer questions on nutrition, etc.
- Food Challenge team of 3 to 5 4-Hers in the same age division prepare a dish and talk about the food.

Healthy Lifestyles

- Compete in contest like Consumer Judging but with healthy lifestyles topics.
- Team prepares a presentation over a topic
- Compete in teams of 3-4

Holiday Classic

- District Livestock Showmanship Clinic and Prospect Show on beef, swine, lambs, and goat projects
- Educational opportunity for 4-H families

Horse Judging

- Horse Project
- Teams of 3 or 4
- Judging and placing animals

Horse Show

- Horse Project
- Individual
- Compete in riding events on your own horse.

Plant Identification and Range Evaluation Contests

- Range Science/Management Project
- Teams of 3 to 4

Photography Contests

- Variety of opportunities on county, district and state levels

Judging Contest

- Teams of 3 to 4
- Judging events available: livestock, horse, soil, and meat

TAG—IN / ORDER DATES FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- All dates are approximate and are **ONLY** a guideline. Exact dates will be communicated through the 4-H newsletter / newspapers.
- Contact the 4-H office **well before** these dates if you have any questions.
- Complete rules for each show will be posted on county website.
- 4-Hers **MUST** be "ACTIVE STATUS" according to the 4-H Connect Enrollment System to participate in livestock show activities.

Project	MCJLS	ROCKDALE FAIR	SPRING MAJORS Ft. Worth Houston San Antonio	Austin San Angelo	Fall Majors State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Heart of Texas, Brazos Valley
Commercial Heifers	N/A	First of April	N/A		N/A
Beef Heifers	Contact Supt. By Mid Oct.	September Entry See Rules	See Individual Fair Rules		
Steer Tag In	First of September	May	Order Tags April Tag -In Late June		N/A
Lamb/Goat Tag-In	November	July	Order Tags July Tag-In Oct.		Order Tags April Tag-In June
Swine Tag-In	Late Nov. or First of Dec.	July	Order Tags Sept. Tag-In Nov. or Dec.		Order Tags April Tag-In June
Rabbit Tag-In	February	September	See Individual Fair Rules		
Turkeys Ordered	August	April	August		N/A
Broilers Ordered	First of December	May	Late Sept. or Early Oct.		N/A
ENTRIES	Feb. Entry Nights to be announced	Pay fees at Tag-In Or Pick-Up	Contact Extension Office at least 2 weeks prior to individual show deadlines stated on livestock websites		
Auction Food Entries	February	September			
Eligibility forms signed by school	Turn in Completed Eligibility Form to Extension Office One Week prior to show.		One Week Prior to Show, Notify Extension Office when you will be absent and then Extension Office will check with the school concerning eligibility.		
Date of SHOW	March	October	See County Website for Rules and Schedules		