

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy New Year! I will be out for Maternity Leave from January 22, 2015-March 1, 2015. Please call the office with any questions you might have.

Just a few reminders:

- January 24: Ft. Worth Plant ID Contest
- January 26: Consumer, 6pm, Bea's Kitchen
- January 31: Christine Holcombe Memorial Scholarship Mardi Gras Bash
- February 1: 4-H Day at the Capital Registration, 4-H Connect???
- February 2: Consumer, 6pm, Bea's Kitchen
- February 9: Consumer, 6pm, Bea's Kitchen
- February 10: Rockdale MCJLS Entry Night
- February 11: Thorndale MCJLS Entry Night
- February 11: Broiler Pickup, 4-6pm, YEB Cameron
- February 16: Cameron MCJLS Entry Night
- February 16: Rabbit Tattooing, 4-6pm, YEB Cameron
- February 17: Consumer, 6pm, Cameron Chamber of Commerce Room (next to office)
- February 21: Consumer San Antonio Contest

Dates Coming Up in the Future to please mark down:

- March 1-31: National 4-H Congress Applications Open on 4-H Connect
- March 2: Hackamore Contest Entries Due
- March 7: District Consumer Contest, Waco
- March 9: County/District Photography Entries Due (see below for instructions)
- March 14: Hackamore Ranch Open Invitational Contests
- March 25: 4-H Day at the Capital
- March 26-28: Milam County Junior Livestock Show

(Council and Parent/Leaders Meetings will be scheduled in March/April-please see new)

Consumer Meetings for January-February:

Meetings have been set for the consumer classes for January. Please see the following dates:

- **Monday, January 26, 6-7pm**, Bea's Kitchen (Printers and Televisions)
- **Monday, February 2, 6-7pm**, Bea's Kitchen (Nutritious Snacks and Fast Food Meals)
- **Monday, February 9, 6-7pm**, Bea's Kitchen (Cookware and Outdoor Equipment)
- **Tuesday, February 17, 6-7pm**, Cameron Chamber of Commerce/Office-if you come the week before (County Contest)

Practices are really important to attend! If you do miss a class; all classes have been put on the website you and you can judge the class and practice on your own. However, this may or may not help you when being put on a team for the San Antonio/District Contests, so please make sure you attend all practice dates as much as possible. <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/consumer-decision-making/>

Milam County Jr. Livestock Show Rules:

The MCJLS Animal General Rules and Animal Entry Forms are now available for viewing the Milam County Extension Website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior->

[livestock-show/](#) The Home Economics Non Baking Division and the Baking Rules should be up by next week hopefully. Just keep checking the website!

Chris Holcombe Scholarship Memorial Mardi Gras Bash

This event will be held **January 31, 2015** at 6pm at the Simon George Hall (401 S. Karnes), Cameron. We are in need of some help for this event from the 4-H Families. If you are interested in helping decorate/ice cupcakes, you will need to be at the Hall at 10am. The more we have the faster it will go. We also need some kids to help with the kids' area at the event. Helping play games and entertain kids who come to the event. Please email Marcia Felton, if you plan to come and help with either decorating cupcakes or help with the kids area: MRFelton@ag.tamu.edu Just a note, because this is a fundraiser we still ask those who help to please purchase a ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Extension Office. This is a great way to help in the community so sign up and be a part of it! Maybe someday you will receive this amazing scholarship!

Hackamore Invitational Plant ID and Range Contest:

The 3rd Annual Open Invitational 4-H and FFA Contests sponsored by Mr. Cody Fowler-Hackamore Ranch in Milam County is scheduled for **March 14, 2015**. These contests include a range and pasture plant identification contest and a range evaluation contest. The high point senior individual in each contest will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The contests are open to all 4-H and FFA members in the following age divisions, Junior Division (3rd-8th grade) and Senior Division (9th-12th grade), and any adult can participate for practice only. Registration fee for the contests are as follows: by **March 2, 2015**- teams-\$40 and individuals-\$20; onsite registration-teams-\$60 and individuals \$30. The event will start at 8:30am-9am at the 44 Farms located near Cameron, Texas. A complete list of rules and guidelines as well as registration information can be found by going to: <http://milam.agrilife.org/hackamore-ranch-open-invitational-contests/> Come be a part of this wonderful opportunity!

Scholarships:

The Milam County 4-H Scholarship Website is up and running and there has been some added scholarships, so please make sure you get those on your calendar and don't miss the deadline: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

Photography Contest:

Would you like to enter some photos for the District and State Contests?! The contests will take place in March. **March 9th** will be the deadline for all photos to be due to the County Extension Office. To enter, please go to: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/> for all the rules, entry forms, etc. Entries must be put on a flash drive/CD and put in a Ziploc bag and pictures must be labeled correctly. It must be submitted with an eligibility form and an entry form stapled to the Ziploc bag.

National 4-H Congress:

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program held annually in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The 2015 event will be held from **November 26th to December 1st** and is open to all Texas 4-H youth between the years of 14 and 18 on September 1st. Applications for the 2015 National 4-H Congress will be accepted online through 4-H CONNECT from **March 1st to March 31st**. Cost is \$1,500.

Texas 4-H Roundup Update:

- Dates: **June 9 - 11**
- Roundup Guide is available and on 4-H Roundup webpage

- No Scholarship Assembly on Monday; scholarships will be awarded each evening immediately prior to Roundup Recognition Assemblies
- Award winners will be announced as surprise each evening (1st - 3rd)
- Hotel information will be released in February. Must book by May 1. (I will send out an email about this later.

4-H Day at the Capitol:

Event will be held on **March 25, 2015** at Texas State Capitol. The event is limited to the first 300 youth and adults who sign up. Registration will open on **February 1st** and will go until event is full or Feb 28th. Event information will be released later. However, if you plan to register for this event, please contact Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu so we can make arrangements.

Milam County 4-H Facebook Page:

The Milam County 4-H has a facebook page! Please make sure and go in and LIKE the page to get information about Milam County 4-H! 4-H facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH> 4-H Blasts will be posted on the page as well as contest winners, etc.

Join 4-H NOW!

If you have not already joined 4-H, please make sure you go to 4-H Connect and enroll your family members!