



McMullen County

4-H News

It's Livestock Show Time! January 22nd & 23rd will be here before you know it. Please contact me for a project visit as you begin your final preparations for the livestock show. One major change this year is that on the Friday, Jan 23rd is a school day with an early release at 1:00 p.m.

4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H members mark your calendars for the upcoming

4-H Club meeting which will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 13th** beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. 4-H officers will have a planning meeting scheduled on Monday, Jan. 11th at the school cafeteria beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Livestock Show Entry Forms

An entry form is enclosed for you to complete and submit to the Extension office. A file copy will also be e-mailed to you in case you need additional copies. Entry forms are due by **Friday, Jan. 15th**. Registration for late entries is \$20.00. Make checks payable to the McMullen County Fair Association.

Livestock Show Rules

Copies of the Livestock Show Rules are available on the school website: <http://www.mcisd.us>.

Show Rule Reminders:

Rabbit Projects - must weigh between 3-5 lbs.

Lambs- must weigh 90 lbs.

Must have milk teeth in place

Lambs must be shown free of halters and leads

Swine: 220 to 270 lbs

Goats: Minimum weight of 45 lbs.

Must have milk teeth in place

Must gain 15 lbs

Horns must be tipped

Must be shown with a collar, no lead ropes or halters.

Must be slick shorn (clipped)

Livestock Show Schedule (Tentative)

Jan. 22nd - Check In and Official Weighing, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 23rd - Judging - beginning with rabbits at 7:30 a.m.

Livestock projects will be judged in the following order: rabbits, broilers, swine, goats, lambs, heifers, and steers.

District 12 4-H Council Meeting

The District 12 4-H Council will be meeting on Saturday, January 9th at Texas A&M Kingsville.

Goat and Lamb Project Clinic Scheduled

A goat and lamb project clinic is scheduled for **Tuesday, Jan. 12th** beginning at **4:00 p.m.** at the show barn. This will be a good opportunity to expose your project to the show barn and sharpen up your showmanship skills in preparation for the livestock show.

Photography Project News

The start of a new year also brings many opportunities for 4-H members to be involved with many different project areas. One of these is the photography project. The County 4-H Photography Contest deadline will be on **March 10th**. The theme for the 2009-2010 photography project is "The Four Season's of Texas" (fall, winter, spring and summer). Photos must be taken by 4-H members between Jan. 1 2009 and through March 2010. The Eight Photo Divisions and 2 classes are the following:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Classes</u>
People	Color and Black & White
Animals	Color and Black & White
Still Life	Color and Black & White
Landscape	Color and Black & White
Plant/Flora	Color and Black & White
Architectural Elements	Color and Blk. & White
Theme "The Four Seasons of Texas"	Color and Blk & Wht.
Special Effects/Creative Effects	All Media

Upcoming Events Calender

<i>March 10</i>	<i>County Photography Contest entries due.</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>County 4-H Fashion Show</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>County Rifle Contest</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>District Photography Contest</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>District Rifle Contest</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>District Roundup Contest</i>
<i>April 17</i>	<i>District Rifle Contest</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>District Fashion Show</i>
<i>May 1</i>	<i>District Livestock Judging Contest</i>
<i>June 19th</i>	<i>District Horse Show</i>
<i>June 21- 24</i>	<i>District Leadership Lab</i>

4-H HAS TALENT COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is excited to announce the 1st Annual Texas 4-H Roundup "4-H Has Talent" Competition. This exciting, new event will give youth the opportunity to showcase their talents on the "big stage" at the June 9th Assembly at Texas 4-H Roundup. The 2010 4-H Has Talent Competition is another way the Texas 4-H Program is continuing to encourage youth to explore the arts as well as showcase the young talent the great state of Texas has to offer. More information on the contest can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>.

Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship

Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H experience, academic record and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a prescribed criterion). The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted in coordination with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The Texas 4-H Foundation seeks to ensure that each recipient receives the highest dollar amount of scholarship for which that recipient is eligible. For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration for an Opportunity Scholarship. Contact the Extension Service office for an application and more details. Applications are also available on the state 4-H website, <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>. Applications are due in the Extension office by **Feb.2**.

Sincerely,



County Extension Agent
McMullen County

**McMullen County Livestock Show
4-H Entry Form**

Entry Fee \$10.00 per entry

Deadline : January 15, 2010 Late Entry – \$20.00

Exhibitor's Signature_____

Parent's (Guardian) Signature_____

Circle entries : Steer Heifer Lamb Swine Goat

Poultry Rabbits

******* Make checks payable to McMullen County Fair Association *******