

March 6, 2014

MEMO TO: County Extension Agents - Agriculture
County Extension Agents - 4-H

SUBJECT: 2014 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

On June 15-19, 2014, the Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held in Stephenville, Texas. The school will be held at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena. This event has been developed in order to encourage young people in 4-H to develop leadership skills and to exercise their abilities in working with younger members in roping activities in 4-H. Participation is open to all districts of the state, with applications being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis with first priority to those boys and girls who are 12 years of age and older.

The cost of the school will be \$380.00 for the week. There is a limited number of indoor stalls. Therefore, a maximum of one horse per applicant. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Roping School.

This will include group insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse and will cover the cost of practice calves used in the teaching process. Most meals will be taken in the Tarleton State University Dining Hall. All students will be housed in the Tarleton State University Dormitories. Students will not be allowed to stay elsewhere.

It is necessary that we have chaperons, either in the form of Adult Leaders or County Extension Agents, during the school. Each county which sends participants should encourage one or more agents or leaders to attend. We will need at least one female adult leader to serve as chaperon for the girls. Cost for an adult leader chaperon is \$175.00 each to attend. If chaperon is bringing a horse, add a \$25.00 stall fee. Expenses continue to increase. The intent of the Texas 4-H Calf Roping School is not to make a profit. However, we must be able to cover our financial obligations.

Sign up will be on a first come-first serve basis. This will give us an opportunity to redistribute our attendance in case we need to solicit members from this immediate area. The maximum number which can be accommodated is 48.

The staff for this school will be essentially the same as in the past years, with the assistance of volunteer leaders and County Extension Agents.

The participants should arrive before 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 15 and will finish just before noon on Thursday, June 19.

Stalls will be on a first come-first serve basis so get there early to get the good ones. Some stalls are not covered.

HORSE RULE - All horses brought to the roping school must have had a Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the past 12 months. An accredited veterinarian can take care of the testing procedures and provide you with a VS 10-11, EIA test form. You must send in a copy of the VS 10-11 form for every horse you intend to bring to the school. Copies must be **mailed** in with your roping school application.

The enclosed statement of rules and application forms should clarify any questions that you may have about submitting applications. Also attached is a tentative agenda.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This year all of your money (deposit and balance) must be sent to The Texas 4-H Foundation. Your balance needs to be at the Foundation no later than JUNE 1, 2014, “NOT” to my office or at check-in at the school.

A separate sheet attached to the entry form will allow you to fill out names and return with your deposit to the address shown on the form to the Texas 4-H Foundation. Print off a second copy of this sheet to send with your balance.

Please make sure that you do not send any money to my office, only the entry forms.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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