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MEMORANDUM

To: County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers

Subject: 2nd Annual MJ Hanna Foundation Open Invitational Contest

Saturday, April 10, 2021 – M J Hanna Ranch located on Hanna Ranch Rd.,
Gatesville, Texas 76528.

4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant Identification Contest

4-H Range Evaluation Contest

This will be the 2nd Annual Open Invitational 4-H and FFA Contest sponsored by the MJ Hanna Foundation in Coryell County. The MJ Hanna Foundation supports youth education through various activities and will be awarding the top individuals with scholarships.

The top 5 Senior level 4-H teams will be endorsed by Texas 4-H to compete in the National Land & Range Evaluation Judging Contest to be held May 4-6, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK. This contest will serve to select teams for the 2019-2020 Texas 4-H year due to the cancellation of 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup. 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup will serve to quality teams for the 2022 National contest.

A total of \$16,000 in scholarships will be given out to the top individuals of each contest!!

LUNCH will be included!!

Date: Saturday April 10, 2021

Location: MJ Hanna Ranch on Hanna Ranch Rd, Gatesville, Texas 76528

Eligible Participants: All 4-H and FFA members in the following age divisions

Junior Division – 3rd-8th grade

Senior Division – 9th-12th grade

Entry Fee: Registration Fee received by April 5, 2021

Teams - \$40

Individuals - \$20

On-site Registration Fee

Team - \$60

Individuals - \$30

Contest Schedule

Registration	8:30-9:00 a.m. at M J Hanna Education Building
Orientation	9:00-9:30 a.m.
Contest Start	9:30 a.m.
Review of Contest	Following the completion of each contest
Lunch	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Awards Program	2:00 p.m.

Entry Materials

Entry materials can be obtained at the following locations:

Coryell County Extension Office – 303 Veteran’s Memorial Dr.

Website: <https://coryell.agrilife.org/>

Email: Becky Coward Becky.Coward@ag.tamu.edu or Andy James Andy.James@tamu.edu

Awards

Junior Division

Range and Pasture Plant ID & Range Evaluation Contests

Junior High Point Individual - \$1,500

2nd Place Individual - \$500

Team prizes for top 3 teams

Senior Division

Range and Pasture Plant ID & Range Evaluation Contests

Senior High Point Individual - \$5,000

2nd Place Individual - \$1,000

Team prizes for top 3 teams

MJ Hanna Foundation Invitational 4-H and FFA Contest Rules

General Rules

All general rules apply to both contests.

1. Number of Teams – There is no limit to the number of teams that may be entered by a County Extension Agent of Agricultural Science Teacher.
2. Age Divisions – Junior Division (3rd – 8th grade), Senior Division (9th – 12th grade)
3. Participants
 - a. Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members in the same age division. Scores of the 3 highest team members will comprise the team score.
 - b. Individual participants may compete and contend for individual awards.
 - c. Current 4-H and FFA membership is required for participation.
 - d. The High Point Senior Division participant is not eligible to receive more than 1 high point scholarship. In the event that a high point senior wins the contest more than once, the scholarships will be awarded to 2nd-3rd place individuals.
4. Entry Materials
 - a. All entries must be signed and sent in together with one check by the Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent. Entries will NOT be accepted by other individuals.
5. Contest Study Resources
 - a. Plants may be mounted or live specimens
 - b. A master plant list with characteristics of each plant may be obtained by contacting Dr. Barron Rector, Contest Coordinator, Extension Range Specialist. (979) 845-2755
 - c. Resource materials are also available at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>
6. Participants must bring a clipboard and 2 pencils.
7. Current Covid-19 Safety Guidelines will be followed by all attendees. In the event of cancellation due to Covid-19, refunds will be issued to entrants.

Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Specific Rules

1. The contest involves identification of a minimum of 60 plants that may be either grasses, forbs, legumes, or woody plants from the master plant list.
2. Each participant will use a scantron (provided by Coryell County) to score the contest.
3. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant and record their answer.

Range Evaluation Contest Specific Rules

1. This contest involves the following contest components and will follow the 4-H Range Evaluation Contest Rules:
 - a. Part I – Identification of 20-40 plants from the master plant list.
 - b. Part II – Evaluation of a marked range site
 - c. Part III – Judge 4 marked range plots to evaluate range health and answering plot specific questions
2. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant and record their answer on Part I.
3. Contestants will have 20 minutes to complete Parts II and III.

MJ Hanna Foundation Invitational

4-H and FFA Contest Entry Form

Name of County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher			
Email for CEA/AST			
County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter			
Address			
	City	Texas	Zipcode
Coach's Name			
<i>Individuals/Teams can enter one Invitational Contest</i>			
Entries Summary for Range and Pasture Plant ID Contest			
Number of Youth Teams Entered			
Number of Individuals on Teams			
Number of Individuals Entered			
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Number of Youth Teams Entered			
Number of Individuals on Teams			
Number of Individuals Entered			
Lunch Count			
Total Number of Persons for Lunch Count (Include all youth and adults)			

Return Entry Form and Fees to:

Coryell County Extension Office
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 Gatesville, TX 76528
 (254) 865-2414

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Teams - \$40
 Individuals - \$20

On-Site Entry Fee

Teams - \$60
 Individuals - \$30

No Refunds after April 5, 2021

Checks Payable to Coryell County 4-H

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