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**Memorandum**

**TO:** District 8 County Extension Agents



**FROM:** Donald W. Kelm

 District Extension Administrator

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 4-H Youth Development

**subject:** District 8 4-H Recordbook judging

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| **Event Date**: | Thursday, July 6, 2023 |
| **Location**: | Hill County Fair Grounds (Exhibits Building)1180 S Waco StHillsboro, TX  |
| **Entry Deadline:** | All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.Opens: Monday, June 5, 2023Closes: Friday, June 23, 2023 |
| **County Approvals:** | County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by **Monday, June 26, 2023** |
| **Entry Fee:****Late Fee:** | $0 per member$10 per book, from the time entries close up to 60 hours post-deadline. After the 60-hour period has ended, the late fee will increase to $25 per book.  |
| **Lunch:** | Lunch and refreshments will be provided and included in the $15.00 per person registration fee. Checks should be made payable to **Hill County 4-H** and should be paid at the door. Receipts will be available at that time. Please do not send checks to the District office ahead of time. Please make sure to include any food allergies on the registration sheet. ***(***<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1o1QOLv7jUR-KU7tsD_MFxnmMl01uGrClHURJPVNL3OA/edit?usp=sharing>  |

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| **MC900442036[1]**MC900442036[1]**Preparation of Books before Judging:** | County Extension Agents should bring their county’s recordbooks to the event on **July 6th by 9:00 am** to place them in the correct categories. Each Recordbook should have two items:1. On the front cover of the Recordbook folder, attach a 3x5 index card (stapled or with a binder clip; no paper clips, please) with the following information PRINTED:

Name of 4-H MemberCountyAge DivisionCategory***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU UPDATE THE CARDS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR!***1. The “4-H Recordbook Check Sheet” should be hole-punched and be the first page in the book in front of the “Personal Information Page” and should have the “County” column checked off and initialed.
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| **Resources:** | District 8 4-H Website – Recordbook Judging Page<http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/recordbook-judging/>Texas 4-H Website – Recordbook Page<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/> |
| **Judges:** *MC900442036[1]* | *For District:** All County Extension Agents will be expected to participate.
* Each county is responsible for brining at least 2 volunteers to serve as judges.
* Dress for agents will be a minimum of business casual. No jeans.

Information should be uploaded to the Google Sheet by **Friday, June 23, 2023:*** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g89AI0hX\_U46VuSapxu6P1le3xwYiV-9/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102071584667392687574&rtpof=true&sd=true ]

*For State:* This year’s State Recordbook judging will be conducted virtually, with books uploaded into Submittable. Once that information is released, we will send out to County Agents  |
| **Categories:** | MC900442036[1]Also, please remember that the categories were updated in recent years. When developing the new list of categories, a description was also written to help you make the best category selection. The list with descriptions can be found on the Texas 4-H Recordbook website. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>  |
| Animal AgricultureBeefCitizenship & Civic Education & Community ServiceConsumer EducationDog Care & TrainingEntomologyFashion & Interior DesignFood & NutritionGardening & Horticulture  | Goat Health &Personal SafetyHorseLeadershipNatural ResourcesPhotographyPlant & Soil SciencePoultryPublic Speaking | RabbitScience, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics SheepShooting SportsSwineVisual & Performance ArtsVeterinary Science |
| **State Recordbook Judging:** | Senior Recordbooks will need to be uploaded via Submittable once their 4-H Online registration is complete. State-qualifying members will enter the state competition through 4-H Connect. The cost will be $15 per book. All entries will need to be uploaded into 4-H Online & Submittable no later than July 31st. *Information will be updated as soon as it becomes available.*  |

Good luck to your 4-H members and please let us know if you have any questions!