

March 25, 2016

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

SUBJECT: 2016 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

On June 19-23, 2016 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 Challenge Arena. This event has been developed in order to encourage young people in 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 \$425.00 for the week. There is a limited number of stalls which are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, a maximum of one horse per applicant is allowed. Students may bring portable pens for their horse if they are available to the student. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Roping School.

The school fee 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. 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 50.

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.

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The participants should arrive ***before*** 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 19 and will finish just before noon on Thursday, June 23.

There will be **nightly jackpots** that students are not required to participate in however, they are highly encouraged. This is an opportunity for the students to learn how to prepare for competition against their peers. There will be a jackpot for each group Monday & Tuesday; the cost will be 2 head for \$20. On Wednesday night there will be a buddy roping with one person from each of the four groups on one team, followed by a family buddy roping. Cost is \$20 per person.

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.

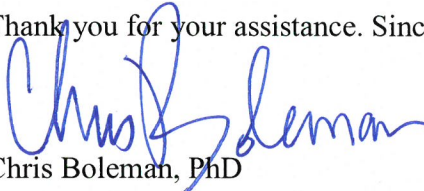
IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This year all of your money (deposit and balance) must be sent to Meridith Wilde.

**Make checks payable to: Texas 4-H Roping School.
All forms must be turned in no later than May 1.**

**Please make sure that you send all money and the entry forms to.
Meridith Wilde
State 4-H Office
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Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely,



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