

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.

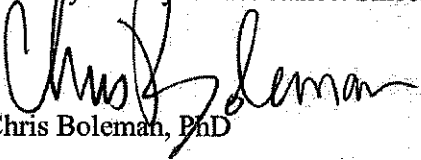
IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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
4180 State Hwy. 6
College Station, TX 77840**

Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely,


Chris Boleman, PhD

cc: Dr. Douglas Steele
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RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS
Texas 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School
June 19-23, 2016

1. Each participant will furnish his own horse, feed, equipment and be responsible for the safekeeping of these items during the school.
2. The school will furnish meals, lodging, instruction, calves for practice and other equipment used by the entire group.
3. When an application is submitted it is understood that, if accepted, the applicant will abide by the rules and respond to the supervision of those conducting the school. All fees will be returned if the applicant is not accepted.
4. Participants will travel in vehicles with adult leaders. No participant will be allowed to travel in personal vehicles.
5. Each application must be completed in full and signed by a parent or legal guardian.
6. *HORSES BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED ROPING HORSES. IT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT TO TRAIN GREEN HORSES. HORSES MAY BE BORROWED, LEASED OR OWNED, BUT MUST BE FURNISHED BY EACH PARTICIPANT.*

REMEMBER - You must send in a copy of your vs 10-11 EIA, Coggins test results for every horse brought to the roping school. If you do not have your coggins test papers you cannot unload your horse.

7. Conduct of roping school members will be the same as for all other statewide 4-H functions:
 - A. **LIGHTS OUT AT THE DESIGNATED TIME.**
 - B. **NO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR DRUGS.**
 - C. **COURTEOUS BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIMES.**
 - D. **RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHER, ESPECIALLY COLLEGE FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE.**
 - A. **ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOL.**
8. Participants should arrive before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and be prepared to leave Thursday by noon. Dorms will not be available until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. No evening meal will be served in the dorm Sunday. Plan to eat in town the first night.

Not all horse stalls are covered. Bring portable panels/pens if you have them.

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature

4-H MEMBER PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

June 19-23, 2016

Name _____

Age _____ Sex _____ County: _____ District: _____

Home Address _____ Town _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Phone (Home) _____ (Office) _____

E-Mail Address:
(please make legible) _____

T-Shirt Size YM YL AS AM AL

Have you attended a previous Texas 4-H Roping School? Yes / No If yes, what year(s)?

Are you a junior leader in 4-H? Yes/No What project:

Why do you want to attend?

What is your previous experience in roping?

Do you own or have available a satisfactory roping horse?

I agree to abide by the rules of the Texas 4-H Calf Roping School and conduct myself in a proper and courteous manner throughout the duration of the school.

Signature of 4-H Member

I understand the rules and conditions for attendance at the Texas 4-H Calf Roping School and consent for my child to participate. I agree to release the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the instructors of the school, Tarleton State University of Liability in case of injury or damage to my child, equipment and horse during and as a result of participating in the Texas 4-H Calf Roping School.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Please Check That These Documents Are Sent To:

- Copy of EIA Test Papers Enclosed
- 4-H Member Participant Application
- Adult Participant Application
- Code of Conduct
- Medical Release
- Payment

PLEASE RETURN THESE DOCUMENTS NO LATER THAN May 1.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE

This authorization is for _____ (a minor) during his/her travel and participation relative to the Texas 4-H Calf Roping School. It covers the period of June 19-23, 2016. In case of sudden illness or accident to the above named person requiring immediate treatment or surgery while enroute to the School, during the school as a participant, and/or while returning from the event, I authorize the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (either professional or volunteer) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the participant. This authority extends to any physician or surgeon to perform whatever medical or surgical procedure is necessary to preserve the life or well-being of the above named participant.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

I further grant approval for the above named minor to participate in all activities conducted during the Texas 4-H Roping School. I further state that the above named minor is in good health and requires no special care or medication except as listed below.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Does the above Named Minor Require Care or Medication?

If so, please list:

Is special medication(s) being sent with minor in quantity to meet his/her needs during the period of June 19-23, 2016 ?

Yes _____ No _____ None Needed