



March - 2017

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

SUBJECT: 2017 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

On June 18-22, 2017, 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 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 \$425.00 for the week. There is a limited number of stalls--Therefore, a maximum of one horse per applicant is allowed. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Roping School. If a youth registers for the school and then qualifies for the National Jr High Finals, then a full refund will be provided.

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 \$200.00 each to attend. If chaperon is bringing a horse, add a \$25.00 stall fee. Expenses continue to increase.

Sign up will be on a first come-first serve basis. 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.

The participants should **NOT** arrive before 8:00 a.m., BUT should arrive **before** 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 18th and will finish just before noon on Thursday, June 22nd.

Please note many stalls are not covered, but participants are welcome to bring a safe portable shade if desired.

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:
District 7 4-H Office- 7887 US Highway 87 North, San Angelo, Texas
c/o Garry Branham by May 1st.**

Make checks payable to: Texas 4-H Roping School

Please make sure that you send all money and the entry forms to the District 7 4-H Office.

Thank you for your assistance.