

February 6, 2008

**MEMO TO:** County Extension Agents - 4-H  
County Extension Agents - Agriculture  
4-H Program Assistants

**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT 3 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST  
Parker County Sheriff's Posse Arena  
Friday, April 18, 2008  
Agent Contact: Kurt Lemon

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The District 3 Horse Judging Contest will be held in conjunction with the District 3 Livestock Judging Contest on Friday, April 18, 2008. Check-In will begin at 9:00 am and judging begins at 10:00 am.

**AGE CATEGORIES**

Juniors - 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years of age through age 10 as of August 31, 2007  
Intermediate - 11 years of age through age 13 as of August 31, 2007  
Senior - 14 years of age through age 18 as of August 31, 2007

**ENTRIES**

Registration will be completed online using 4-H connect. Online registration will begin March 1, 2008 and will close April 4, 2008. **You will NOT be able to register or pay the day of the contest.**

Entry fee is \$10 per person. When your 4-H'ers enter, they may pay by credit card. This year, however, the Foundation will not accept checks from individuals so counties will need to send one check along with copies of each receipt. **Fees must be received by the 4-H Foundation office by the contest date.** You will mail your county check along with receipts to:

TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION  
PO BOX 11020  
COLLEGE STATION TX 77842

11708 HWY 70 South  
PO Box 2159  
Vernon, TX 76385-2159

Tel. 940.552-9910  
Fax. 940.553.4657  
<http://AgriLifeExtension.tamu.edu>



## ORAL REASONS / CLASSES

Juniors will give one (1) set of oral reasons.

Intermediates will give two (2) sets of oral reasons.

Seniors will give three (3) sets of oral reasons on three (3) classes. Contestants will be notified of the classes that reasons will be taken in.

Any number of teams may enter the contest. The top three (3) senior teams will advance to State Roundup. Therefore, all members of each team must be decided upon before the contest and maintained throughout the contest.

Teams can consist of three (3) or four (4) members. Individuals may also enter. Teams with four members will have low score dropped. Individual scores can be counted for individual awards. The three (3) high point senior individuals will advance to State Roundup.

Eight classes will be judged consisting of beef, sheep, goat, and swine classes. All classes will be presented as to availability of quality animals. Ties will be broken based on high reasons scores on individual and teams.

Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's) will be part of the contest.

## CHECK-IN

On Friday, April 18, 2008 check-in will begin at 9:00 am at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Arena and judging cards will be handed out during this time.

A coaches meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Parker County Extension Office. **This meeting is for coaches only.** It is not mandatory, but attendance is highly encouraged. Important information will be shared so that time constraints are not an issue on the morning of the contest.

## LUNCH

All participants, county Extension agents, parents, and project leaders can purchase lunch for \$5. Lunch will include a sandwich, chips, fried pie, and a drink. **Participants wanting to eat lunch during the allotted time will need to purchase a lunch.** Those with special dietary needs will need to make arrangements with their group leader to bring in food items to contest area. Parents and or leaders will not be allowed in the judging area at anytime during the contest. Snacks will also be provided throughout the afternoon at no cost. **The deadline to purchase lunches will be April 5, 2008. Checks should be made payable to the "4-H Club Account" and should be mailed to Parker County Extension office, 604 N Main #200, Weatherford, TX.**

Judging will take place outside, so come prepared for all types of weather.

Please contact the District 3 office at 940/552-9941 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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