MEMO TO: County Extension Agents – Rolling Plains 3

SUBJECT: DISTRICT 3 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
Wilbarger County Exhibit Building
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Agent Contact: Seth Hall

The District 3 4-H & Invitational Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Check-In will begin at 8:00 am and judging begins at 9:00 am. 4-H teams may enter the Invitational Judging Contest in addition to participating in the District 4-H Contest. However, teams must pay additional invitational fees and will have two scantrons and separate contestant numbers for the separate contests. Those participating in the 4-H Contest will give reasons. The Invitational contestants will answer questions. If you compete in both you will give reasons and answer questions. See Invitational flyer for more information on Invitational Contest.

AGE DIVISIONS

Juniors - 8 years old and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age through age 10 as of August 31, 2014
Intermediate - 11 years of age through age 13 as of August 31, 2014
Senior - 14 years of age through age 18 as of August 31, 2014

ENTRIES

4-H Registration will be completed online using 4-H connect. Online registration will begin November 1st, 2014 and will close November 15th, 2014 for a registration fee of $10.00 per person. No late registration may be accepted. Everyone will register on 4-H Connect as an individual. Teams will be designated the morning of contest at check-in. You will NOT be able to register or pay the day of the contest for the District 4-H Contest.

When 4-H’ers enter, they may pay by credit card or county check. Counties sending checks must include a copy of registration receipt. Fees must be received by the 4-H Foundation office by the contest date. You will mail your county check along with transmittal to:

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

Wilbarger County Adult Leaders will be selling meal tickets during registration. Tickets are $5. The lunch meal will include 2 slices of pizza, a drink, and a cookie. Please contact the Wilbarger County office with an estimated number of lunch tickets a week prior to contest.

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. Reasons classes will be determined day of contest. 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 Qualifying Contest. Therefore, all members of each team must be decided upon before the contest and maintained throughout the contest. If an advancing team cannot attend State Roundup, then the CEA must contact the District Office before registration closes so that alternate teams may be contacted. See State 4-H Roundup Rules for team member substitutions.

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 if not already on a first thru third place team.

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. For a secondary tie breaker, contest official will designate class(s) to break ties before judging begins.

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

JUDGING PROCESS

Contestants will have ten (10) minutes to judge each class. First three (3) minutes will be for viewing. Next three minutes will be for handling or close inspection. The remainder of time (4 minutes) will be used for visual inspection and marking your scantron. Participants will be able to communicate with group leader to move animals around in appropriate classes.

CHECK-IN

On Wednesday, November 19th, check-in will begin at 8:00 am at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building. Once counties designate teams at registration, coaches will be given scantrons and team numbers. Teams must neatly and completely fill out Scantron to ensure it is read correctly in tabulation.
CONTEST INFORMATION

There will be a “reasons” lunch break between judging of animals and giving oral reasons. Project leaders, parents and coaches are not allowed in the judging area. If your youth will need a snack during this time, it is recommended that they bring items with them or purchase lunch tickets during registration. The awards will begin promptly after results are tabulated.

Please contact the District 3 office at 940/552-9941 if you have any questions or concerns. Or visit our website at http://d34-h.tamu.edu/ or scan the QR code using your smartphone.

Sincerely,

Kelli Lehman
Extension Program Specialist 4-H
Rolling Plains District 3
2014 4-H & Invitational Livestock Judging Contest
November 19, 2014 – Wilbarger County Exhibit Building – Vernon, TX

Agent Assignments

OVERALL SITE COORDINATORS – Langdon Reagan/Seth Hall

Contest Coordinator – Seth Hall

Registration – Langdon Reagan, Chairman
Justin Nash – 4-H
David Graf– 4-H
Leslie Neve– 4-H
Chrissy Karrer – Invitational
Maranda Revell – Invitational
Wilbarger County – Lunch Tickets

Group Leaders -          Ryan Martin          Chase Witt          Jerry Copland
                         Jon Green            Todd Vineyard       Martin Shaw
                         Justin Hansard       Steven Sparkman    Jason Westbrook
                         Lonnie Jenschke      Charlie Martin
                         Missy Hodgin         Justin Gilliam

All Ag and 4-H Agents are to be on hand to fill in where needed even if not assigned.
Recruit volunteers as needed.

CLASSES & CONTEST INFORMATION

8 Livestock Classes in:   Beef    Goat
                         Sheep   Swine

Reasons Classes:          3 Senior Division
                         2 Intermediate Division
                         1 Junior Division

Tabulation:
Jay Kingston will serve in tabulation. No one will be allowed in tabulation unless previously assigned.

Animals need to be in place by 7:00 am and committee members need to be present to facilitate class coordination. Registration committee needs to be in place by 7:30 am.
Committee and others assigned: Please holdNovember17th for contest setup.
Vernon Hotel/Motel List
Members of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce

Days Inn
3110 Frontage Road Hwy 287
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-9982

Green Tree Inn
3029 Morton Street (off 287)
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-5421

Holiday Inn Express
700 Hillcrest Drive
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-0200

La Fonda Motel
1004 Wilbarger
Vernon, TX 76384
940/553-1533

Pecan Grove Bed & Breakfast
1904 Houston Street
Vernon, TX 76384
940/553-3827
940/838-8622

Super 8 Motel
1829 HWY 287 W
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-9321

Village Inn Best Western Motel
1615 Expressway 287 East
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-5417

A&A RV Park
6169 Hwy 287 Business East
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-6530

Rocking AA® RV Park
3725 Harrison
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-2821

Budget Host Inn
715 Wilbarger
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-2531

Hampton Inn
4131 Western Trail Drive
Vernon, TX 76384
940-552-2100