

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DATE: April 23, 2020

TO: All District 5 County Extension Agents

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District 5 4-H Extension Program Specialist

SUBJECT: 2020 District 5 Record Book Judging
July 7, 2020 or July 7-9, 2020
Nacogdoches County Extension Office, 203 W. Main Street, Nacogdoches

Please see information below for the upcoming District Record Book judging event. **This memo is internal information for CEAs.**

Attached is a registration summary form for participants, judge volunteer form, a marketing flyer for the Record Book Judge Certification training, and a flyer for your use. Please be sure to include your contact information and due dates for Record Books at the county level.

District 5 Event Guidelines

Entry Requirements

- Enter by submitting the attached county form with list of participants, age division and Record Book category on or before **June 23, 2020**.

Entry Divisions (grade by August 31, 2019)

- Junior Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Entries Per County

- One book in each age division and each category may be submitted. There are 25 Record Book categories and 3 age divisions, therefore, a county may submit up to 75 books.
- See the Family Record Book guidelines on the Texas 4-H website for a complete set of rules and a list of categories. http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/recordbook_family_guide_release102019.pdf

Agent Assignments

- All agents are scheduled to assist with judging unless otherwise excused in advance through Shelia Harris, DEA. Requests to be excused should be made in writing as soon as possible and at least two weeks prior to judging.
- Agent judging assignments will be made based upon entries received and where possible, volunteers will be assigned to judge categories of their preference, but outside of their county.

Submitting Record Books

- Record Books may be submitted to the District office by July 6, close of business or brought to the Nacogdoches Extension office the day of judging.
- Each Record Book must have a completed and signed check sheet inside the front cover. Books without a completed form cannot be accepted.

Judges

- Each county should provide one or more judges that have completed either the **4-H Record Book Judge Certification training or county training** that you have provided prior to the event (see information below).
- Using the form attached, send name, mailing address, email and phone number of at least one judge that has been trained and agreed to participate.
- Please be sure that each judge specifies the age division and category they would prefer to judge. In the interest of non-bias, judges will be asked to select judging assignments outside of their county.
- If a judge cancels, you are responsible for obtaining a replacement.
- The completed judge's information form is due by **June 23, 2020** via email to Carolyn Walton at carolyn.walton@ag.tamu.edu
- Each judge will be emailed one week before contest to provide them their judging assignment and arrival time information.

Training for Judges

- Adult volunteers utilized for judging Record Books will need to either participate in training provided at the district level, scheduled for June 9th, online from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. or you will need to provide at the county-level. The online training will be recorded and can be viewed at a later date.
- Agents are encouraged to participate in the Record Book training to ensure they understand how to provide positive feedback to 4-H members, score for quality, and learn about any changes to judging criteria for the 2019-2020 year.

DISTRICT 5 4-H

BECOME A CERTIFIED 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGE

Online training June 9, 2020
3:00 - 4:30 pm
open to county agents and adult volunteers

ARE YOU INTERESTED? REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE TO RECEIVE LINK TO PARTICIPATE

Learn how to provide positive feedback to 4-H members
Judge skills obtained through project learning
Score consistently for evaluation
Rank based upon quality

Additional information contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, PhD
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Overall Schedule

- At this time, there is Plan A and B in place for judging at the District level due to unknown restrictions on meeting in large groups.
- **Plan A:** All agents and volunteer judges will meet at the Nacogdoches County Extension office at 203 W. Main Street, Nacogdoches to judge. Please be sure to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. as judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The office will be open at 8:15 a.m. for registration and morning refreshments. Lunch is on your own.
- **Plan B:** Judging will take place at the same location and same time, but on July 7, 8, and 9, and in small groups based upon categories:
 - July 7 – Agriculture/Livestock topics
 - July 8 – FCH and STEM topics
 - July 9 – Natural Resources and Leadership/Citizenship topics



Awards and Scoring Criteria

- Awards and judging scoresheets will be sent back with agents to provide their participants.
- 1st place will be presented a 4-H medal and places 2nd – 5th will receive a 4-H ribbon.
- Entry via 4-H Connect gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.
 - Senior age division youth placing 1st in each category will advance to state for judging.

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