Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents Ag/NR, 4-H

SUBJECT: 2020 District 7 Livestock Skill-a-thon

EVENT DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020

LOCATION: Angelo State MIR Center
                                    7945 Grape Creek Rd
                                    San Angelo, Texas 76901

FEE: $10.00 per contestant

ENTRY DEADLINE: 4-H Connect Opens – April 13th and Closes April 27th
                                    4-Her's will need to enter on 4-H Connect.
Any entries made after closing date of 4-H Connect will incur a $50 late fee in addition to the original contest fee.
(Pending late entry is approved based on timeline needed for contest preparation)

Please find the Guidelines, Rules and Regulations for this event on the following pages. Please contact the District 7 Office if you have any questions or concerns.

This district contest is being conducted to educate youth about this opportunity and to give them the opportunity to practice. This is not a qualifying contest because ALL interested **intermediate** and **senior** individuals from District 7 can participate in the Invitational Livestock Skill-a-thon contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. See the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines for more details on this invitational contest.

Sincerely,
Garry Branham   Macy Duncan
District Specialist- 4-H & Youth Development   4-H Program Assistant

AGE DIVISIONS
The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2019**:
- JUNIOR – age 8 and in the 3rd grade to 5th grade
- INTERMEDIATE- Grades 6th-8th
- SENIOR – Grades 9th-12th (Max age 18 as of August 31)

All counties must be entered on 4-H Connect.

There will be NO REFUNDS for teams/individuals that don't show up to the contest or for meals. If you miss the registration deadline you will be required to pay the late registration fee.

Contestants will complete this contest using Meat Skill-a-thon Form # 480-5b scantrons.

For More information on the Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest Guidelines for Texas 4-H Roundup please visit:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_livestock_skill_a_thon_guide_2020.pdf

TEAMS
Each county may enter an unlimited number of teams. A team is made up of 3 or 4 members. Team members must be designated prior to the competition.

SCHEDULE
- 8:30 AM Check in
- 9:00 AM contest
- Awards following completion of tabulation

CONTEST COMPONENTS
Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals, but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards.

The contest will be divided into three or four areas: identification, judging, knowledge quiz, and team exercise (**Seniors only**). Contestants will be divided into groups and have time limits for each station area.

CONTEST CLASSES
The following is a list of common skill-a-thon classes. Please note that actual classes may deviate from this list in an effort to keep current with a rapidly changing livestock industry.

Identification

1.   Livestock equipment Identification: Identify the proper name and use for pieces of equipment used in livestock production. **Participants no longer required to indicate the equipment use.**

2.   Livestock Breed Identification: Identify from photographs or pictures livestock (beef cattle, swine, sheep and goat) breeds. Contestants must also match the breed with the most appropriate description supplied for each breed.

3.   Retail meat cut identification: Identify beef, lamb, and pork retail cuts. Contestants will identify the retail cut specie, primal cut, and retail cut name.

4.   Feed Sample Identification: identify various samples of feeds.

Judging

5.   Hay Judging class: Rank a class of four hay samples with analysis information and answer questions about the classes.

6.   Wool Judging class: Rank a class of four fleeces and answer questions about the class.

7.   Retail Meat Judging Class: Rank a class of four retail meat cuts (beef, pork, or lamb) and answer questions about the class

Quizzes

8.   Quality Assurance exercise: Demonstrate how to read a medicine label, calculate withdrawal times, complete a treatment record, and make responsible management decisions regarding quality assurance.

9.   Industry Quiz: Complete a 30-question multiple choice quiz concerning the total livestock industry.

Team Exercise

10.   **For senior complete teams only.** This area will not affect individual scores. Team members are allowed to collaborate on team exercises. Possible team exercises include Keep/Cull – EPD Only, Livestock Performance and Marketing, Quality Assurance, and Nutrition and Feeding.

Feed Sample Identification:
- https://quizlet.com/22837845/feed-stuff-identification-flash-cards/
- http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/agmania/feedid/

AWARDS
Determined by contest officials.