WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT 7 4-H

June 2020

# Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: **UPDATED!!!**
District 4-H Record Book Judging
**This event is mandatory and ALL AGENTS are expected to attend.**

EVENT DATE: July 7, 2020 (Tuesday)

LOCATION: Tom Green County 4-H Building, San Angelo TX

FEE $10.00 per Record Book Entry (4-H Connect)

ENTRY DEADLINE: 4-H Connect Record Book Registration:
Opens 6/08/2020 --- Closes 6/22/2020

**RECORD BOOK JUDGING**

**BRING THE DAY OF THE JUDGING** JULY 7, 2020:

- Record Books (2 stapled "Throw Away" Copies - with cover sheet) **Do not put books in covers/folders because they will not be returned.**

**Planning Day will be postponed to a later date.**
**See updated information for record book judging procedure and schedule on following pages.**

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**DISTRICT 7 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING**

**PARTICIPANT AGE**

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 (contestant must not have reached their 18th birthday on or before August 31)

**ENTRIES**

Counties may submit the following number of entries in each category:

- Juniors Two (2) Record Books per category
- Intermediates Two (2) Record Books per category
- Seniors One (1) Record Book per category

## -It is VERY important that youth are entered in the appropriate age division!!

You will be responsible for getting your county winning record books to the judging location.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS WITH PROCEDURES RELATED TO CURRENT PARAMETERS:

- We will only use County Extension Agents as judges. Volunteers will not be utilized.
- Each category will be evaluated by 2 judges.
- We realize Record Books are a very important document to our members; we also know that judges will most likely be using hand sanitizer frequently and possibly other precautions.
  - We don't want to risk messing up an original version of their book that they want to keep, so we are asking contestants to submit to **2 printed copies of their books (just stapled; not in a folder or cover). These can be done in black & white if preferred. Judges will be instructed to not base decisions on this….**
  - This way each judge will have their own stack of books without having to pass back and forth/share them.
  - Once these copies are evaluated by the judges, the books will be disposed of… This way we don't have to worry about books being smudged or messed up by hand sanitizer or other things.
  - The stapled copies of the books should have the Cover Sheet as the "cover" of the book, followed by the printed book itself.
  - While the youth will not receive the copies of their books back, they will receive the judge's score sheets back.

**CATEGORIES**

Please make sure that Record Books are entered in the correct category. The description in the Record Book Categories document can be used to decide this.

**JUDGES**

Again, we will only be using agents to judge this year to reduce our numbers during this situation. We will make assignments after entries are received. If there is a category or age division you prefer to judge or not judge, please let Macy know.

**DRESS**

The dress for agents will be casual.

**UPDATED SCHEDULE**

- 10:00AM Arrive
- 10:30AM Orientation immediately followed by judging
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- Continue Judging after lunch as needed

**LUNCH**

Lunch will be provided for Agents.

**AWARDS**

There will be NO Awards Ceremony.

- 1st – 6th place and participant ribbons in each category and age division
- Participant Ribbons

**STATE RECORDBOOK JUDGING**

**Information for the State Record Book Judging Contest will be provided to the district winners at the completion of the district contest.**

## UPDATED PLANNING DAY INFORMATION:

- We are currently in a status of unknown for many school systems and plans for the next year regarding schedules and procedures.
- The current STAAR testing calendars for both 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 that are online, both with updates only as of July 31, 2019.
    - Who knows if those dates will stay the same or be changed later in the year. Even on a normal year, they end of changing dates in late July after our planning day.
- With that said, we have decided to postpone the Planning Day portion of our meeting to a later time. We will provide more details for this meeting when decisions are made.