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Texas A&M System

DATE: February 6, 2009

MEMO TO: District 2 County Extension Agents – AG, FCS, and 4-H

SUBJECT: **2009 District 2 4-H Record Book Judging**
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 9:00 a.m.
PYCO, 2901 Ave A, Lubbock, TX

FROM:

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County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences

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4-H and Youth Development

We will judge District 2 4-H record books on July 8, 2009 at PYCO, 2901 Ave A, in Lubbock, Texas. No data files will be required. 4-H Connect will open on June 10, 2009.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REGISTER THROUGH 4-H CONNECT by noon on July 1, 2009.

RECORD BOOKS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 4:00 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 6.
YOU MAY BRING THEM TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR MAIL THEM. (See note below*)

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

***NOTE:** If you mail books, they **MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M.** on Thursday, July 2nd.

A $10 entry fee per Record Book will be charged. This includes a $1 per book contribution to 4-H EXCELL and also pays for the judges' meals, gifts, and 4-H Connect fees.

Individuals may pay by credit card or e-check, or county 4-H check. **Make checks payable to:**

Texas 4-H Foundation – D-2 Record Book

And mail to: **Texas 4-H Foundation**
P O Box 11020
College Station, TX 77842-1020

South Plains 4-H Office
1102 E FM 1294
Lubbock, TX 79403-6653

Tel. (806) 746-4010 ★ Fax. (806) 746-4057
Web Address: http://d24-h.tamu.edu

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I. AGE DIVISIONS:

(a) Juniors must be 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age on August 31, 2008. Participants must be 8 or 9 and in the 3rd grade and have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1997.

(b) Intermediates must have passed their 11th but not their 13th birthday before August 31, 2008. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1994 and ending August 31, 1997. (11-13)

(c) Seniors must have passed their 14th, but not their 19th birthday before August 31, 2008. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1989 and ending August 31, 1994 (14 and over).

II. SENIOR RECORD BOOKS:

(1) Each record should contain:
All material listed in the "Record Improvement Guide: 4-H Member's Guide for Completing a 4-H Record Book" and the 2008-2009 Texas 4-H Clover as listed on page 31-32. Please carefully read the instructions in both publications.

(2) Please attach White (color coded for SR entries) Label with paper clip to outside of each book listing the Award Category, Age Category and County. Score cards will be color coded to coordinate with these labels and will be added during the committee workday.

(3) **Senior 4-H members that have won first place at state with their record book may submit a record book at the county level, but it CANNOT advance to District for competition.**

III. JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE RECORD BOOKS:

(1) District 2 Junior and Intermediate Record Books will follow the same guidelines as seniors, except do not include the 4-H Resume.

(2) Juniors and Intermediates must submit record books in designated categories as listed on pages 31-32 of the 2008-2009 Texas 4-H Clover.

(3) Please attach Yellow (color coded for Intermediate entries) or Pink (color coded for Junior entries) Label with paper clip to outside of each book listing the Award Category, Age Category and County. Score cards will also be color coded to coordinate with these labels and will be added during the committee workday.

(4) Only first place record books from County may be submitted for District judging (1 per category from each age division).

IV. PHOTOCOPYING RECORD BOOKS:

4-H Record Books will not be copied at District or State levels for mass distribution to other 4-H members and leaders. The District Office may ask permission to copy books and use the information for educational or interpretation purposes. Each county is responsible for their own policy regarding photocopying 4-H Record Books at the local level.

V. OPEN CATEGORIES:

Pay special attention to Record Books that are entered in OPEN categories. Make sure that they will not fit in other categories. If you need assistance in this area contact Wendy Scott.

VI. RESULTS:

DO NOT CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE ASKING FOR RESULTS on July 8th. Results will be sent via e-mail to counties on July 9th!

VII. JUDGES:

ALL COUNTY AGENTS (EXCEPT IPM) ARE EXPECTED TO JUDGE and are requested to complete an application. Those who have prior commitments on this date, please contact the DEA.

Volunteers are always needed. Please have them complete the enclosed application to be considered as a judge. This application should give the committee a better idea of a prospective judge's qualifications.

Applications are due to Wendy Scott, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock, TX 79403, **BY JUNE 1st** .

We require a minimum of 70 judges for Record Book Judging on July 8th. Please help us recruit qualified judges.

There will be a judges training on June 17, 2009, from 10:00-12:00 at the District Office in Lubbock. All new agents, agents who need a refresher course and any parent leaders who would like to attend are invited.

VIII. RESOURCES:

If you need any assistance with Record Book Training or resources, please contact Wendy Scott via email at wmscott@ag.tamu.edu or at (806) 746-6101. Centra trainings will be offered this year.

As stated in the "Record Improvement Guide," the 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio can be no more than 10 pages for senior, intermediate and junior age categories. Each portfolio must be at least three pages of double-spaced type and use a minimum of a 10 point or equivalent size font for the text. Each portfolio also should include a minimum equivalent of three pages of pictures. Please see the "Record Improvement Guide" for more requirements and recommendations.

2009 RECORD BOOK COMMITTEE:

Melissa Long, Chair	Nancy McDonald	Deana Sageser
Amber Parkinson, Vice Chair	Mary McMullen	Shirley Sears
Ronda Alexander	Curtis Preston	Julie Smith

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attachments: Judges Applications - **Due to District Office by 06/01/09 (CEAs must also complete this)**
District Record Book Reminder Sheet
Record Book Label Templates

2009 District Record Book Reminder Sheet

☐ Judge's Application Due (if want to judge district & state)	May 17th
☐ Judge's Application Due (district only)	June 1st
☐ CEA Judge's Application Due	June 1st
☐ Judges Training	June 17th
☐ 4-H Connect Due	July 1st @ Noon
☐ Record Books Due	July 6th @ 4:00 p.m.
☐ District Record Book Judging	July 8th
☐ Return State Advancing Record Books to District	July 27th @ 4:00 p.m.