

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents-Agriculture and 4-H, 4-H Program Leaders, others

FROM: Scott Horner, Senior Research Associate

SUBJECT: 4-H Goat Kid Giveaway Program

The 4-H Goat Kid Giveaway Program was formed to promote dairy goats as a 4-H project in 1987. The program started in Waller County, with six recipients the first year and the goats being donated by the International Dairy Goat Research Center. Over time, the program expanded to include meat and miniature goats and become a state-wide program that has so far placed nearly 500 goats across the state of Texas.

Historically, the program receives an average of 15 - 20 applications each year, and selects between 5 and 10 of these to receive goats. The applications are screened by judges that look for evidence that the applicant has the resources and knowledge to properly take care of the goat, as well as shows commitment towards furthering their goat and overall 4-H involvement. Applicants do not need to have previously raised goats to enter this program. In fact, judges are encouraged to favor youth that are fairly new to breeding projects.

Successful applicants will need to participate in an approved 4H goat activity or workshop that will be offered when the kids are ready to be picked up. We encourage them to also participate in the 4H Goat Judging Contest that will be held on the last weekend in July 2020. Goats will be able to be picked up June 1st.

Please encourage your 4-H youth to participate in this program. Photocopy the enclosed application as needed. Completed applications, three letters of reference and the signed rules agreement form need to be postmarked/date stamped by April 1st and returned to Cynthia Pierfax-cmpierfax@pvamu.edu. All participants will be contacted on May 14th with notification of who will receive a kid this year.

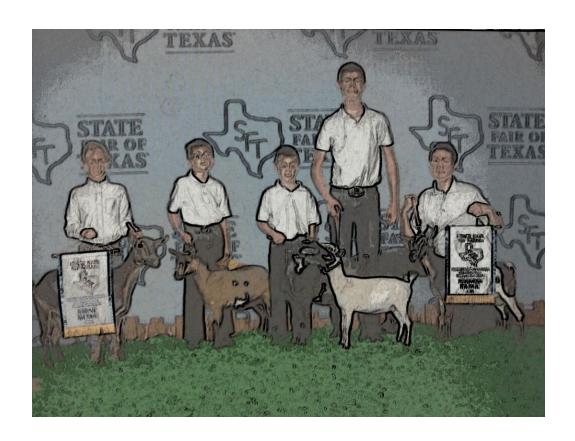
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4-H GOAT KID GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

Application Form







Cooperative Extension Program

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Section 1 - Personal Information

Name:	Age:
Address:	Birthdate:
	Grade:
	Phone: ()
Race □Black/African □Asian □American India	an/Alaska Native □Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander □White
Ethnicity □Hispanic □ Non Hispanic County:	Parent's Names:
Parents e-mail:	
Has any member of your family participated in this pr If yes, please give their name and year participated.	
Section 2	- 4-H Background
Name of your 4-H Club:	Name of club leader:
How long have you been a member of your 4-H club?	
What program areas have you been involved in with 4	4-H?
What have your 4-H accomplishments? (what you have	ve learned, experiences, awards, etc.)
What plans and goals do you have for your future invo	olvement in 4-H?

Section 3 - Responsibility

Describe the kinds of chores that you are responsible for at your home.
Describe your experience in caring for pets or farm animals.
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Outside of 4-H, what other activities are you involved in at your school or in your community?
Section 4 - Caring for the Goat
Describe the area that the goat will live in.
Describe what you will feed the goat and how it will be fed.
Describe what help and information you have available if have trouble.

Section 5 - Interest and Plans for Goats

What made you interested in goats?
What do you plan to learn from your goat project?
What activities do you plan to participate in with your goat in the coming year?
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What future plans do you have for your goat project?
What breed of goat would you like to have for your project?

*** End of Application ***

Send completed application, 3 letters of reference and a copy of the signed rules of the program postmarked by July 15 to:

4-H Youth Development c/o Cynthia Pierfax PO Box 519, MS 2001 Prairie View, TX 77446

Prairie View, TX 77446 Or email to sdhorner@pvamu.edu

Rules and Regulations

I understand that as a 4-H Goat Giveaway Program kid recipient, I am required to meet the following regulations that have been set up by the 4-H Goat Committee for this program:

- 1. I will register the goat with a recognized registry for that type of goat (American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, etc.).
- 2. I will attend the offered 4-H Workshop.

Applicant

- 3. I will exhibit my goat at least one time during the year that I receive the goat. The exhibition can take place at a county fair, junior livestock show, major livestock show, state 4-H Fair, or a registry-sponsored open class goat show.
- 4. I will breed this kid to a registered buck of the appropriate breed so that I can return a weaned female kid to the Kid Giveaway Program within two years of receiving my kid. If I am unable to return an offspring of this kid by this time, I will arrange to provide a similar quality kid to the program.

(**NOTE:** In case of infertility of the animal, arrangements will be made through the breeder of the goat for a replacement and the deadline for returning a kid will be extended.)

- 5. I will send a thank-you letter to the breeder of the goat, submit quarterly reports of the progress of my goat to the Kid Giveaway Program and complete the 4H project record book until I have returned a kid to the program.
- 6. If I am not able to continue with the program, I will contact the program coordinator so that arrangements can be made to give the goat out to another 4-H member that wants to participate in the program.
- 7. If the goat dies or is permanently disabled, I will contact the Kid Giveaway Program immediately to arrange for replacing the animal.

(NOTE: If the cause of death or disablement is determined to be intentional neglect, the goat will not be replaced and you will still be responsible for providing a replacement kid to the program.)

8. I realize that the goat kids offered may be donated and that their health or quality may not be under the control of the International Goat Research Center or Cooperative Extension Program. There is potential for the animal to have a communicable disease or to become ill during transportation and bring illness to any other animals that are at my home. There is the possibility that the animal will not be a quality show goat. Even in these events, I will still be responsible for fulfilling the terms of this agreement or making alternate arrangements with the breeder or program, and do not hold the program accountable for the health or quality of this project.

9. Photograph/Media Release Photographs of participants of the Kid Giveaway Program may be used in presentations or promotion of the programs of the Cooperative Extension Program and Cooperative Agricultural Research Center. I _____ (do) _____ (do not) give permission for my minor child to appear in such photos. Parent Signature Required

Parent

County Agent	Date