TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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TO: All District 10 County Extension Agents

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SUBJECT: 2020 District 5 4-H Virtual Bass Tournament and Educational Opportunities

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Please see information below and attached for guidelines, tentative schedule of contests, and rules of play for the upcoming 4-H Virtual Bass Fishing Tournament hosted by District 5. **Note that the Bass tournament will be open to any 4-H member across the state with separate awards presented at the District-level.** A marketing flyer is attached for your use. Be sure to add your county office contact information at the bottom.

Event Guidelines

Tournament Schedule

Species	Dates	Fishing Times
Bass	March 7, 14, and 21	8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Entry Requirements

- Register on 4-H Connect beginning January 21, 2020 at https://texas.4honline.com
- After registering on 4-H Connect, participants must join the Facebook 4-H Fishing group by clicking here or going to https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202432833284039/ at least 2 days before the tournament begins.

Contests

- Statewide (individual or team)
- District (individual or team)
- Big Bass (individual)

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Entry Fees

- 4-H youth may enter the statewide, district and big bass contests in following combinations:
  - **State only** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state.
  - **State and District** – compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes.
  - **State, District and Big Bass** - compete against all entered 4-H'ers across the state and against other registered district participants for separate awards and prizes and for the Big Bass prize of a replica of the winning fish and bragging rights.
- $25 per individual per state and/or district contest (may participate in all three dates with one-time entry fee to state or state and district).
- Optional Big Bass individual entry (additional add-on contest competing against all other Big Bass registered 4-H'ers across the state) - $5
- Bass teams are comprised of 3 or 4 members of any 4-H age division (mixed teams are permitted).

Entry Limitations

- There are no limits on the number of individuals or teams entered by county.

District Registration Deadlines

- Entry to 4-H Connect by March 3, 2020

Location

- Fish anywhere permitted by law (freshwater, ponds, stock tanks, rivers, lakes, etc.).
- Boats are not required.
- Post entry pictures for judging on Facebook during specified dates and times.

Awards

- Presentation of awards for each contest will be held at the county-level at a date determined by county agents.
  - 1st place will be presented a medal and an award to be determined by 4-H Fishing committee. 2nd and 3rd places will receive a rosette and an award to be determined by 4-H Fishing committee.
  - If registered in the optional "Big Bass" contest, the top placing big bass (based upon fish length and girth) will be presented a replica of the winning fish.
- Entry via 4-H Connect gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name, photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

Educational Opportunities

- 4-H members that join the Facebook 2020 4-H Fishing group, will have the opportunity to view Texas Parks and Wildlife skill-based videos on using fishing gear, selecting lures and other topics of interest.
- Optional weekly skill-a-thon activities will also be available to check a member's knowledge of fishing skills and techniques.