

September
2022

Wichita County 4-H



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AGENT NOTES

by Katrena Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Lots of 4-H activities to get involved in within the next couple of months. September & October calendars are getting booked with upcoming workshops that I hope to have all details nailed down soon and will share with you all!

For all our new 4-H family, welcome! If you see something you'd like to do or have another project in mind, let me know!

If you're needing a livestock project, now's the time to get one. Let us know if we can help!

Time to order rabbits is also coming up and we are working on updating the breeder list that we have.



4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year kicks off on Sept 1, 2022.

All 4-H enrollment is done online at [Texas.4Honline.com](https://texas.4honline.com). All of our clubs except for one are now online. We hope that Cowpoke City is up by the end of the week. Chartering the clubs this year has been a bit frustrating. Once Cowpoke City is online, Club Manager, Danelle Ivey, will get those shooting sports classes up and going.

Enrollment is done every year by both the 4-Her and volunteers.

We encourage at least one parent per family also enroll as a volunteer leader. Per Texas 4-H guidelines, if you transport a child other than your own to a 4-H activity, you should be a registered 4-H volunteer.

4-H enrollment is \$25 per 4-Her until Nov 1 and then the fee increases to \$30. Adults can register as volunteers for \$10.

Keep checking our Facebook or Instagram and the weekly emails for project dates as they get scheduled moving forward!

We also have **REMIND: text @h3dhha to the number 81010**





4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Explorers Club :

Friday, Sept 2 2pm Kemp Center for the Arts. Project Focus: Photography!

Valley View 4-H

Sept 7 6:30pm
Iowa Park RAC

Horse Club

Sept Meeting TBD

Cowpoke City:

next meeting TBD

Burkburnett:

4th Tuesday at 6pm
Burkburnett Middle School Cafeteria

Outdoor Adventures

Sept Meeting TBD

Why Attend a 4-H Meeting?

4-H meetings are the best way to meet other 4-Hers and learn about upcoming projects and activities.

Meetings should be led by Club Officers with the support of Club Managers.

Club Managers:

Burkburnett 4-H:

Susann Bailey & Amy Fischer

Cowpoke City 4-H:

Danelle Ivey

Explorers 4-H:

Kathy Love

Valley View 4-H:

Kris Lovelady & Angie Adams

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



2022-23 District 3 4-H Contests

Here's the calendar of District 4-H Contests for this year.

Food Show & Livestock Judging are up first!

Those practices will be starting soon!

If you see a project you'd like to know more about, ask! We are always looking for great volunteers and parents to help coach these!

2022-2023 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONTEST DATES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION	FEE
Saturday, November 5, 2022	Food Show	Vernon	Sept. 1 - Oct. 21	Oct. 22 - 28	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	Livestock Judging	Vernon	Sept. 1 - Oct. 18	Oct. 19 - 26	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$15
Thursday, November 17, 2022	Leaders 4 Life	Decatur	Sept. 1 - Nov. 3	Nov. 4-10	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	Food Challenge	Jacksboro	Sept. 1 - Nov. 8	Nov. 9 - 16	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	PDC Meeting	TBD			
Monday, December 19, 2022	Ag Product ID	TBD	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4	Dec. 5 - 11	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Monday, December 19, 2022	Livestock Skill-a-thon	TBD	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4	Dec. 5 - 11	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Show	Archer City	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$15
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Duds to Dazzle	Archer City	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Storyboard	Virtual	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$5 per person
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Consumer Decision Making	Vernon	Jan. 1 - March 23	March 24 - April 1	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Saturday, April 15, 2023	District Roundup, Share the Fun, S.E.T	Vernon	Jan. 1 - March 23	March 24 - April 1	\$5 Per Person
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Photography	Virtual			\$2 per photograph
Saturday, April 22, 2023	Rifle/Pistol	Wichita Falls- NWTFS	Jan. 1 - April 8		\$20/\$25 Late Fee \$25 + Reg
Tentative 4/28/23	Horse Judging	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 4	April 5 - 12	\$20 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$20
Monday, May 1, 2023	FCH Quiz Bowl - PM	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Monday, May 1, 2023	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Monday, May 1, 2023	Horse Quiz Bowl	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Saturday, May 6, 2023	Trap Contest	Iowa Park	Jan. 1 - April 14	April 15 - 26	\$35 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$35
Saturday, May 13, 2023	Archery	Archer City	Jan. 1 - April 21	April 22 - 29	\$25 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$25
6/15/2023 - 6/17/23	Teen Leader Lab	Leuders TX	Jan. 1 - May 25	May 26 - June 1	Youth \$140 / CEA \$125
6/21/2023 - 6/23/2023	Horse Show	TBA	Jan. 1 - May 30	May 31 - June 7	Entry TBA + Late Fee \$100.00
Sunday, July 17, 2023	Record Book Judging	Archer City	Jan. 1 - June 26	June 26 - July 3	\$0, Late Fee \$25
TBA	Meat Judging	Lubbock TTU			\$20 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10

Northwest Texas Field & Streams Shooting Sports

Our partners at NWTFS will be starting a Rifle/Pistol class for **4-Hers** on Oct 23 at 1pm.

Sessions will be held every Sunday thru Dec 6 from 1-4:30pm at the Gun Range on Old Friberg Rd.

Please sign up with Katrena!



Food Show

This year's theme of the food show is Backyard BBQ!

Do you like to cook or bake? This project is for you!

Make a dish and present it to a panel of judges. Wow them with your knowledge of MyPlate and what nutrients are in your dish!

Don't be afraid to showcase your culinary skills by experimenting with flavors and dishes commonly found at a backyard BBQ.

Summer isn't the only time for a Backyard BBQ! Sometimes, a backyard BBQ means you get to enjoy special dishes that you only see at a BBQ. The grill usually comes out and families have started gathering around to experiment with different flavors. Now is the time for you to get creative with flavors and recipes commonly found at backyard BBQs. You may even want to try out a new piece of kitchen equipment such as a grill plate or indoor grill.

Remember, not all backyard BBQ dishes even require a grill! Many Backyard BBQ favorites can be prepared on the stovetop, in the oven, in non-cook methods, or using special equipment.

If interested in this project or would like to help lead this project, please let Katrena know. **Our County Contest will be held October 15.**

4-H Food Challenge

Teams of 3-5 4-Hers



4-Hers work together to create a dish with a set of specific ingredients given to them. They have a certain amount of time to make the dish then they present it to a panel of judges.



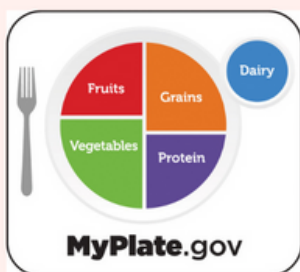
Interested in this project?
Grab some teammates & let Katrena know!

If you need a team to join, speak up!

A county Food Challenge Contest will be held Oct 15



The project includes learning about food safety, important nutritional needs, teamwork and creative thinking!
Grab your friends and make a team!



For more info, contact Katrena

Validation & Tag Orders!

Time to order tags for the Spring Majors & the county show!
All animals that will be shown at County must be validated so mark those calendars NOW!

What is validation and why do we do it?

Validation provides proof of ownership of an animal by a certain date. There are many reasons this is important but mostly because we want to ensure that the 4-Her has ownership and possession of the animal in plenty of time to prepare it for the show.

WICHITA COUNTY FALL VALIDATION SCHEDULE FOR SPRING MAJORS & 2023 COUNTY SHOW

TAG ORDERS:

Heifer UINS: due Sept 13. Tags will be \$17.

Sheep/Goats: due by Aug 26-- \$17

After Aug 26-Oct 14—tags will be \$27

County Show ONLY lambs/goats: due by Oct 14 and are \$5

Use Google Form to order all Heifer/Sheep/Goat tags

Swine tags due Sept 15th (4-Her deadline)

Major Show tags \$15; County Show tags \$3

Email Katrena to order all 4-H Swine tags

Validation Dates:

(All animals must be validated on these dates in order to show at Spring Majors or at the County Show.)

Heifers: Oct 27 3-5pm Potts Farm

Sheep/Goats: Oct 24 3-5pm Iowa Park Ag Barn

Oct 25 3-5pm Wichita Falls Ag Barn

Swine: Nov 27 Burk Ag Barn 2pm

Nov 28 Wichita Falls Ag Barn 4pm

Nov 28 City View Ag Barn 5pm

Nov 29 Electra Ag Barn 4:30pm

Nov 30 Iowa Park Ag Barn 4:30pm

Quality Counts

If you are showing any animal at the County Show or at a Major, you must complete Quality Counts. You complete this your first year, then when you change grades from 5th to 6th and then 8th to 9th. QC numbers must be added to your entry forms. This course does take time to complete so don't wait til the last minute!



QUALITY COUNTS

enrollment Instructions

- 1** To begin, go to; <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
- 2** Register by entering your information, then click "Submit Registration."
- 3** Save the email from texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu for your records.
- 4** Click "Proceed to Curriculum," → [AgriLife Quality Counts Website](#).
- 5** Click the blue **Add to Cart** button. ***FREE COURSE!**
- 6** Click **Create an Account** under the log-in button if you do not already have an account with AgriLife Learn.
- 7** Click "**View Cart**" and then click "**Proceed to Checkout.**"
- 8** Select the option that states, "**No, I want to purchase this course for myself.**"
- 9** Check the box next to ☒ "**I agree with the Terms of Use,**" then click Next.
- 10** To access your course, follow one of the 2 options below:
 - a. Click the "View my Order" button and then click on the link next to "Access Course:"
 - b. Navigate to the USER PROFILE icon in the top right corner of the screen and select "My Courses"
- 11** Select Quality Counts. → Choose your Age Bracket (As of Aug. 31. 2022)
- 12** Click "**Launch Unit**" to begin the course!
- 13** Once completed, click the blue "**Click here to Proceed to Test**" button.
- 14** Once you pass the Exam, your Quality Counts number will appear at the bottom of the page.
You will also receive an email from texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu containing your QC #
- 15** **Congratulations!** You have completed the Quality Counts journey!

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com>

Ag Product ID & Livestock Skillathon

These two contests go hand in hand together! Ag ID teaches about Texas Crops and industry. Livestock Skillathon teaches about types of feed, meat cuts and other livestock industry practices.



Study Guide
Revised October 1, 2016

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Agricultural Product Identification contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating ag products grown in Texas. For the Ag Product ID contest, 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutrition content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).

The **Livestock Skill-a-thon** contest tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to gain and develop production livestock skills and life skills through a competitive environment.

If interested in either of these projects, let us know! Practices will be start soon on **Tuesdays from 6-7** but we also have study guides to get you started! Contact Katrena or Angie Adams if interested in trying these projects!

Local Jackpot Shows!

Even if you're not ready to show, attending and watching other 4-H and FFA youth show, will help you learn until you're ready to enter the ring! This is not all that are happening but ones that I've seen posted here and there.



LONESOME DOVE Classic
Archer City, TX

**** Limited reserved trailer spots available - \$100/spot/per day****

\$35/HEAD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH- CATTLE 8:00 WEIGHT CARDS DUE. SHOWMANSHIP STARTS 8:30A.M.

SHEEP AND GOAT TO START AT 1:00 WITH WEIGHT CARDS DUE BY 11:30A.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH- CHURCH SERVICE 8:30A.M.

SWINE SHOW STARTS WITH SHOWMANSHIP AT 9:00 WITH WEIGHT CARDS DUE BY 8:30



BUCKLES FOR GRAND AND RESERVE AND SHOWMANSHIP

***CORNHOLE BOARD RAFFLE/GIVEAWAY- 3 SETS**

***FOOD TRUCKS ON SIGHT AND CONCESSION STAND**

Judges:
Cattle: Jacob Steph
Sheep/Goat: Joel Lanier
Swine: Garrett Cox

Contact:
Cattle: Tanner Hash (940)631-2337
Hogs: Michael Cowley (940)636-1803
Sheep/Goat: Chris Howard (940)507-3794

8 breed format
DOPB, LOPB, Durac, Berk, Hamp, York, Light Cross, Dark Cross

Bryson Supporter's 7th Annual

COWBOY CLASSIC

Steer, Heifer, Lamb, and Goat Show

OCTOBER 1

JACK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JACKSBORO, TX

Show Order/Details:

Outdoor Arena

Steers
Cattle Showmanship
Heifers

Indoor Arena

Lambs
Lamb Showmanship
Market Goats
All Goat Showmanship
Doe Show

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BUCKLES

FOR GRANDS, RESERVES, AND SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

\$35 Entry Fee
Registration from 7-9AM
Show day only
Show starts at 10
Blow & Go
Wash Racks Available
Show from trailer
Bring your lawn chairs
Concession available

Limited Tie-Outs will be sold at a later date

Judges:
Cattle: Gary Clayton
Lambs & Goats: Tatum Christie

ALVORD FRIENDS OF THE FFA

BUCKLE SHOW

STEERS AND HEIFERS (Judge: Donnie Loo)
Shown by Weight / Breed / Age
Divisions: American, British, Exotic
All Others Will Be Shown ARB or ORB
Subject to Weigh Back / Paper Check
Teddy Northcutt 940-577-1760

LAMBS (Judge: Wes McCurry)
Shown by Weight & Breed
Breeds: Southdown, FW, FAX, Medium Wool, Dorper
Ewes Welcome: Judged As Market
Subject to Weigh Back
Brittany Recer 214-395-8718

GOATS (Judge: Wes McCurry)
Market Show Only
Shown By Weight
Divisions: Light, Middle, Heavy
Does Welcome: Judged As Market
Subject to Weigh Back
Michael Pendley 940-577-4550

SWINE (Judge: Tyler Crafton)
Market Show Only
Shown by Weight & Breed
Breeds: Light & Dark OPB, Durac, York, Hamp, Cross, Berk
Subject to Weigh Back
Gilts Welcome: Judged As Market
Rebecca Berend 940-902-3646

SHOWMANSHIP
ALL DIVISIONS BY 7:30
\$5 AT THE GATE



WILEY TO BBQ TONIGHT

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PREMIUM TRAILER PARKING
\$100 PURCHASE
RECEIPT REQUIRED
940-802-3010

Wise County Fair Grounds
Decatur, TX
OCTOBER 29TH, 2022

Delaney Mancil Memorial Buckle Show

November 26, 2022
Wise County Fair Grounds • Decatur, Texas

Buckles for Overall Champions
Attention FFS Seniors, there will be two scholarships given away at the show.



\$5/Person

Old Timer Showmanship Cattle and Swine Buckle • Wethers/Lambs

- Showmanship Buckles
- Steers, Heifers, Pigs, Goats & Lambs
- \$30 per head
- Sign-ups open at 7:30
- Sign-ups close at 9:30
- Classes begin at 10:30

Three Breed format for steers
Three head to make breed
Blow & Show

Swine will be broken down by breed and weight

Barrow & Gilts
Market Lambs
Market Boer Goats
Dairy Market Wethers

(No Breeding Doe Show, Lamb & Goat Wether does may enter Market Show by weight)

Mini Hereford Classes • Longhorn Classes

Concession Stand

T-Shirts

For more information please contact:
Jimmy Looney - 940-393-6382
Christi Looney - 940-393-2938

IOWA PARK ^{COSTUME} BANNER BLOWOUT
OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2022
 "NEW" Iowa Park Show Barn, 910 JOHNSON ROAD

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION (SEE LINK BELOW) * \$30 REGISTER DAY OF SHOW
\$5 SHOWMANSHIP FEE DAY OF SHOW - CASH ONLY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 * SWINE SHOW
 REGISTRATION AT 8:00 A.M.
 SHOWMANSHIP BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
 CATTLE REGISTRATION - 8:00 A.M.
 SHOWMANSHIP - 9:00 A.M.
 SHEEP & GOAT REGISTRATION - NOON
 GOAT SHOWMANSHIP - 12:30 OR 30 MINUTES AFTER CATTLE FINISH
 SHEEP BEGIN 15 MINUTES AFTER GOATS WITH SHOWMANSHIP

VIP PARKING SPOTS \$100 - MUST PAY IN ADVANCE VIA PAYPAL
MUST BE THERE NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. TO CLAIM YOUR SPOT!

WEAR YOUR FAMILY FRIENDLY COSTUMES TO THE SHOW! (NO INFLATABLES) TRAILER TREAT ON SATURDAY!

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/RGYey2LzmXXjDy8x5>

Save the Date

THANKSGIVING
throwdown

November 19, 2022

Jack Co Fair Barn
 1012 State Hwy 59
 Jacksboro, TX 76458

Barn Opens 7:00am
Weight Cards Due 9:00am
Show Starts 10:00am

Steers
Heifers
Market Sheep
Wether Dams
Market Goats
Wether Does
Swine

Contacts:
 Kara Hutton 940-507-1945
 Josh Hutton 940-229-0202
kara@huttonins.com

Hosted by Perrin 4-H Club and PYSA

JONES COUNTY FAIR

LIVESTOCK SHOW

SEPTEMBER 24TH - ANSON, TX
LAMBS, GOATS, STEERS & HEIFERS

Lamb show @ 8:30 am
 followed by the goat show
 Heifer & Steer Show Check-in @ 12:30
 Show @ 2pm or 30 mins following the goat show
 Address for the barn- 800 23st Anson, Tx 79501

Entry Fees
 \$20-Goats & Lambs
 \$25-Heifers & Steers

SCAN THIS CODE TO PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

JUDGE:
 TAYLOR OSBOURN

BUCKLES AND PRIZES TO CHAMPIONS
CASH AWARDS TO PLACING ANIMALS
 FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 325-823-2432 OR EMAIL
CLAY.COLE@AG.TAMU.EDU

Birthplace of Texas 4-H
LAMB & GOAT SHOW

9/10/2022
 JACK COUNTY FAIR BARN - JACKSBORO, TX

ONE RING
\$30
ENTRY FEE

SHOW @ 10AM
MARKET CARDS DUE @ 9AM
WETHER DAM/DOE CARDS DUE @ 11AM

Lambs
 Market Lambs
 Wether Dams
 5 breed format

Goats
 Market Goats
 Wether Does
 Shown by weight. Blow & Go

Showmanship @ 9am
\$5 @ Gate

FULL CONCESSION STAND
 Show Contacts:
 Wes McCurry 817-266-3629
 Charlie Martin 806-681-5600

Judges
 Lambs: Dakota Quickle
 Goats: Trey Glasscock

SAVE THE DATE

Boomtown Classic

Located at the Burkburnett FFA Show Barn
116 Gresham Rd, Burkburnett, TX 76354

November 19-20, 2022

November 19th
Girl's night out gilt show
Weight cards due @ 6pm
Show starts @ 7pm

November 20th
Market swine show – 2 rings
Weight cards due @ 8am
Ring A show starts @ 9am

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22, 2022

JACK COUNTY FAIR BARN
1072 STATE HWY 59, JACKSBORO TX 76458

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30 AM
SHOW STARTS AT 10:00 AM

CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS
NEW THIS YEAR SWINE CLASSES

AWARDS FOR CLASS, DIVISION,
AND OVERALL WINNERS



Perrin Punchout Jackpot Show

Cattle

JUDGE: RYAN RASH



SUPT: Jared Smith 903-477-9023

- Steers (American, British Exotic)
Shown by weight
- Heifers (American, British, Exotic)
Shown by Age Under 30 months



BEYOND THE RING JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED

Kodie Outlaw Klassic

Swine

SUPT: Steve Bradshaw
(940) 210-8686
Breeds: Light OPB,
Dark OPB, Duroc,
Hamp, York, Berkshire
Light Cross, Dark
Cross
(must have 3/Breed)



Dairy Goats

SUPT: Kelly Martin
(940) 210-2506
-Wethers
-Junior Does
-Senior Does

Market Lambs

SUPT: Todd Vineyard
(254) 977-2045
Judge: Rachelle Coble
Shown by Weight

SHOWMANSHIP

9:30 AM ALL RINGS - \$5
PEE WEE - UNDER 8
JUNIOR 3RD - 5TH
INTERMEDIATE 6TH - 8TH
SENIOR - HIGH SCHOOL
ADULT 19-21

Market Goats

SUPT: Bryan Finley
(817) 229-9727
-Wethers and Does
(Shown by Weight)

November 5th, 2022

Wise County Fair Grounds, Hwy 51
Decatur, Texas

Check in: 6-8:30 am.... Show Starts at 9:30 am

Barn Open Friday Nov. 4 at 6 pm
- 21 and Under - \$30 per Entry

OVER 40
BUCKLES
PLUS OTHER
PRIZES!

TEXAS A&M
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2022 Texas 4-H
RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA
Statewide Educational Experience & Rabbit Show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
AT THE BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER
301 W LOOP 121
BELTON, TEXAS 76513

This statewide competition is open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age & includes:
Educational Workshops, Rabbit Show,
Rabbit Photography & Arts Contest,
& Youth Skills Contests!

REGISTRATION:
OPEN AUGUST 20, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
VIA 4-H ONLINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/>
or contact Shelley.Franklin@ag.tamu.edu

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Fun opportunity to go and learn about rabbits & see a rabbit show!

This is a great opportunity for our Jr & Intermediate 4-Hers!

Spark
formerly Junior Leadership Retreat

November 11-13, 2022
Texas 4-H Center
Brownwood, TX
Open to 3rd - 8th Grade 4-H Members

Join us in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat) which is the premiere youth teaching youth statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by our Texas 4-H Council! 4-H members will have the opportunity to spark their interest through service-learning activities, project experiences, art and crafts, recreation and knowledge. Most importantly, they will have a chance to meet 4-H members from across the State and make new friends!! And of course what is a 4-H camp experience without a dance!!

Hands on Workshops
Service Learning
Fun
Recreation
Make New Friends
Dances
Theme Night
(will be announced soon)





Hosted by Bexar County:

Join the Nature Club! Through a series of 8 virtual, weekly lessons, we will be learning all aspects of nature, from predator/prey interactions, food webs, lifecycles and pollinator/plant interactions.

Nature Clubbers will be mailed a kit containing all the materials for each lesson and activity. Lessons will be recorded and posted to a YouTube Channel – so you can participate live or on your own schedule!

Click link below to register

<https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/virtual-nature-club>

This will be a must attend for anyone who'd like to show and/or learn more about rabbits! The presenter is former 4-Her who has been very successful with her rabbits at many levels of showing.



Current Scheduled Club Meetings!

Explorers 4-H Club Kickoff Meeting

Friday, Sept 2, 2022
2pm

Kemp Center for the Arts

Come learn about 4-H and see what possibilities there are
for your family!

Bring a camera or your cell phone and
take a stroll around the Sculpture
Garden with us and practice your
photography skills!

More info: 940-716-8610 or
katrena.mitchell@ag.tamu.edu



Valley View 4-H Club
1st Meeting of the Year!

Sept 7 at 6:30pm

Iowa Park RAC

Hope to see you there!



Attention Parents!

We have a couple of Volunteer Job openings and are looking for people to volunteer!

Club Managers:

Help schedule club meetings & activities. Grab a friend as your Co-Manager!

Needed for the ***Horse Club & Outdoor Adventures!***

Project Leaders:

Help teach a project. Can be a one time opportunity or a series of lessons.

Ex: Food & Nutrition Project

Are you handy with a crockpot? Able to cut up a chicken? Know how to can?

Know how to supervise 4-Hers learning or making a dish? We need you!

I'm currently working on setting up a cookie decorating class and a food as art class so stay tuned for those details!

Volunteers have to be registered on 4Honline.com

Explorers 4-H Fishing Project

Thursday, Sept 15 9am
Lake Arrowhead State Park

Contact Kathy Love to RSVP and further information!



Do you like to spend time trying to catch the "BIG ONE"?

Adults who know how to fish and can help 4-Hers learn how to bait, cast and catch & clean fish are needed.

We hope to have some fish days throughout the year for both our homeschool group and for those who can't make the daytime opportunities.

How 4-H Works

(This is a repeat of a post from last year but has great tips!)

We have so many new 4-H families this year and I just want to welcome you and Thank you for joining us! I'm getting a lot of the same questions and I know many more of you probably have the same or similar questions but haven't asked yet. I understand as I'm not a big question asker!

How 4-H works after you've joined your Club is as simple or as complicated as you'd like it to be. We have 4-Hers who do one or 2 projects and others who do as much as can fit into their schedules. We can offer projects as long as we have volunteer leaders who give of their time.

Your 2 County Agents: David Graf and myself can't be everywhere and Club Managers can't either as much as we'd all love to!

Many of our projects can be self guided at home. For example, if you want to learn how to make a jelly and your parent or family friend knows how, that can be a project. We do focus a lot on projects that usually end up with a contest opportunity at the end of the project but that's not always the case. Much of the time, the project is just the learning opportunity which is the most important.

If you would like to share a hobby or skill that you have or know someone with a skill, we'd love to set up the opportunity for you to share that. It can be a one time commitment or a short series.

We will host county wide opportunities as much as possible throughout the year for all to attend if possible. Clubs may also host opportunities throughout the year as well. All that info will be shared on our social media and in our Friday emails.

For our shooting sports projects, you must be coached by a Texas 4-H Certified Shooting Sports coach. Even if you've been shooting for years, a 4-H Coach needs to work with you to be able to sign off that you're doing things safely and by 4-H guidelines. If you're a parent with a love of shooting sports, we'd love to have you as a coach! Even if you just want to coach your own child, becoming a certified coach will help!

My advice to anyone new to 4-H is to pick one project and dive in! Get with me or your Club Manager and see how we can help. Even if we don't have a specific plan for that project, your request may be what we need to get it going! We have some great 4-Hers who have been in a few years and would love to answer your questions and be a mentor as well.

My goal for this year and each year is to support you in whatever project or projects you choose. There's no such thing as too many questions or contacting me too much to ask those questions. That's how we all learn!

I am here to help you!

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