

March
2023

Wichita County 4-H



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AGENT NOTES

KATRENA MITCHELL, 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Hello 4-H Family!

February may have been a short month but there was a lot packed in! Congratulations to all who went to the Majors and represented Wichita County 4-H so very well! We are proud of all of you!

We've also welcomed a new face to the office. Hannah Kautzman joins us as a part-time secretary so say hi if she's here the next time you are by!

As always, ask questions and we will see you somewhere soon!





THANK YOU!

David, Heather and I can not show our appreciation enough for the over 20 4-Hers plus parents who helped out at this year's **Home & Garden Festival**. This is a huge undertaking for our office and we can't do it alone! For anyone who helped set up, take down, brought animals, worked a shift, planted strawberries, promoted 4-H and agriculture or answered the million questions thrown in our direction--**THANK YOU!**

This really helps to spotlight Wichita County 4-H and the hard work you all do. We receive so many compliments on how you all interact with the public from the adults down to the littlest of kids. You are making great impressions out there!

On top of 2 filled days of Home & Garden, we partnered with **Texas Farm Bureau** this year to offer an **Ag Day** for area elementary students on Monday the 27th. We had another 15 4-Hers plus parents who helped out at this event! We saw about 200 1st -3rd graders and introduced them to agriculture and the many ways that it affects our lives. Then all pitched in to take the whole thing down and get it all packed up!

We'd be amiss if we also didn't thank the local businesses and producers that helped us out:

Wichita County Master Gardeners
Feed & Garden Store
BC Sheep Co.
Dane Bergin Family
Texas Farm Bureau
Arts Alive Council

We're making hygiene packs for Big Brothers Big Sisters and need donations! !
We will present them at a workshop for them on March 25.

We made an Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1ILG58H5R9NRU?ref_=wl_share
or scan the QR Code to go directly to the link.

Donations/purchases can be made anywhere and dropped off here to the office!

Donations Welcomed!

Personal Hygiene Products Needed



Examples of items we would take:

- ⇒ Body Wash, Loofahs
- ⇒ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash
- ⇒ Shampoo/ Conditioner
- ⇒ Deodorant, body sprays
- ⇒ Hair brushes and combs

We have created a QR code to an Amazon Wishlist where you
can also purchase donations from!



Wichita County 4-H

Feel free to stop by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office with any donations at
600 Scott Ave Ste 200, Wichita Falls, TX 78301

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Spring Break Help?

If you are available March 14 or 15th, we could use some help here in the office! We need to clean some incubators and pack up hatching supplies plus do some general organizing in the 4-H Closet.

Lunch will be provided if you RSVP ahead of time!

Time to order Tags!

If you're planning on showing lambs or goats at the State Fair of Texas or planning on a Steer project or have your Heifer project for next year, it's time to order those tags!

*New this year:

We'll have to tag all heifers. If you have a heifer that's already been validated under your name, that heifer does NOT have to be re-validated.

Please make sure all breeding animal papers are under the 4-Her's name

Time to order State Fair Tags for Sheep & Goats plus State Validation tags for Steers & Heifers

Steers & Heifers:
\$28/tag til April 7
\$33/tag til June 1

State Fair of Texas Tags
Sheep & Goats
\$18/tag til April 7
\$28/tag til June 1



All tags **MUST** be paid for at the time of order.

Use QR Code or this link:
<https://forms.gle/M1Eri6YVL4ZeViE07>



Horse Show Info!

Horse Validation is now open!

Validation is \$10 thru April 15 then goes up to \$20 until May 1. You can validate as many horses as you need. Only validated horses are allowed to show at District and/or the State Horse show.

- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.
- If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded. These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If not registered, list the horse as GRADE.

The new State Horse Show rules are now available. Scan the QR code or use the link below.

****Leased horses are now eligible to be shown at District & State. This is a NEW rule! There is a form specifically for leased horses.**

If you need assistance with taking photos, let me know and I'll come help!

Validation is done online at [Texas.4Honline.com](https://texas4-honline.com). A how to video is located here: <https://youtu.be/OPoOmyC1kTk>



https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/horse_rules_regulations_2023.pdf

Be part of the Wichita County 4-H Team and walk across Texas!! Let us know you want to participate and then turn in your miles weekly!
Parents--form your own teams and beat the kids!



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Let's Get Moving!

Walk Across Texas! Youth Program

For Texans walking the road to a healthier life, the journey begins with a single step...

Walk Across Texas! Youth is an eight-week program designed to help our youngest Texans establish the habit of regular physical activity using a fun and motivating team approach!

Who is it for?

- Schools
- After-School Clubs
- 4-H Clubs
- and much more!



PROGRAM DATES:

March 27-May 19, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

KATRENA.MITCHELL@AG.TAMU.EDU OR 940-716-8610

EXCITING NEWS!

The 4-H Design Tour is set for Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in Stephenville.
Open to Wichita County 4-H members and parent volunteers.
We assure you this tour has something for everyone!

Tour highlights include:

- Industrial history of Thurber brick manufacturing and its impact on the petroleum production in Texas
- Interior Design & Entrepreneurship
 - Architectural Design
- College and Career Exploration

Schedule

Time TBA: Leave Wichita County

10:00 AM W. K. Gordon Museum and Research Center for Industrial History of Texas

11:30 AM Leave for Stephenville

12:00 PM Lunch – Jake & Dorothy's & History \$15 per person / Payment One Check Per County

12:30 PM Ashleigh Feuerbacher, Vice President, Stephenville Economic Development Authority –

Greers Building & old First National Bank - state tax historic credit projects for both during their rehabilitation.

1:00 PM Self-Guided Tour - Stephenville Historical House Museum

1:20 PM Depart for Outlaw Conversions

Tour 1:30 PM – 2:40 PM

3:00 PM TSU Campus Tour

5:00 PM Head Home

Parents are welcome! If you want to drive youth, we will need to make sure you are a registered volunteer on 4-H Online.

The DEADLINE to Register is Friday, May 12, 2023.

REGISTRATION & FEE of \$15 is DUE at the time of registration.

LATE REGISTRATION cannot be accepted. Those not paid by deadline will not be registered.

Note that refunds will only be given if event is cancelled or rescheduled.

The registration fee covers your lunch at Jake & Dorothy's. \$15 per person includes a burger basket with fries, drink, and tip. Fixings will be on the side to allow for preferences.

4-Hers may want to bring spending money for campus bookstore or snacks, etc.

The poster features a central image of a tall, red brick oil derrick against a blue sky. The background is a collage of historical photos and documents, including a portrait of a man in a top hat and the word 'THURBER' repeated on bricks. A large blue banner with a torn edge effect is overlaid on the center.

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District 3 4-H Design Tour

May 30, 2023

Tours

- W. K. Gordon Museum in Thurber, TX
- Stephenville Historical House Museum
- Historic Downtown
- Outlaw Conversions
- Tarleton State University Campus Tour

Lunch

- Jake & Dorothy's



Contact

Your County Extension
Office for more information.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

W.K. GORDON MUSEUM
—AND RESEARCH CENTER FOR
INDUSTRIAL HISTORY OF TEXAS
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

JAKE & DOROTHY'S
CAFE
SINCE 1948

Current Projects!

Public Speaking: Thurs 4pm @ Extension Office
(or other times as needed!)

Vet Science: Info Meeting: March 6 @6pm Iowa
Park RAC

Horse Judging: TBD- let me know who's
interested and what dates available!

Dog Training: Will start after Spring Break.

Ways of communication:

- **Watch for and read Friday emails**
- **Follow Wichita County 4-H Club on Facebook & Instagram**
- **Most of the Clubs also have their own Facebook Page or Group. Join them!**
- **Sign up for REMIND: text @h3dhha to the number 81010**
- **Any questions--call the office 940-716-8610 or text Katrena at 940-631-1861**

Spring 4-H Activities:

Deadlines are coming up quickly for most of these. If interested, speak up!

Sewing & Fashion

Consumer Decision Making

Quiz Bowls: Horse, Livestock, FCH

Fashion Storyboard

District Roundup: Educational Presentations; Public Speaking; Talent Showcase; STEM Poster Board

To read up on these upcoming 4-H projects, check out the District 3 4-H website:

<https://d34-h.tamu.edu/d-3-4-h-programs/>

or

on Texas 4-H: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>



4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Burkburnett 4-H:
4th Monday of the month
6pm BMS Cafeteria

Cowpoke City 4-H: TBD

Valley View 4-H:
1st Monday of the month
Faith Baptist Church
6:30pm

Explorers 4-H:
March 10 @ 10:30am
Friberg Cooper Community
Center. Adopt-a-Highway
pickup! + pizza!

Holy Family Classical Academy
TBD

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

Holy Family Classical Academy

Colleen Foley

Club Manager Openings for:

Horse Club

Outdoor Adventures

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 are led by Club Officers with the support of the Club Manager and the Extension Agents.

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.





**2023
Spring**

Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN**

2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2023
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D.,
Extension Program Specialist at
jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu



Spring Tournament

Fish at YOUR Location:
March 20 at 12:00 am thru
May 31 at 11:59 pm

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Registration is open on 4Honline.com

It's time to register for the 2023 Spring 4-H Virtual Fishing Skill-a-thon! FREE official Check-it-Stik to all first time 4-H participants. Clover Kids are invited to participate.

2022-23 District 3 4-H Contests

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

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. Each of these contests have REGISTRATION Deadlines about 3 weeks prior to the contest.

Friday, March 31, 2023	Meat Judging	Canyon
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Show	Archer City
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Duds to Dazzle	Archer City
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Storyboard	Virtual
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Consumer Decision Making	Vernon
Saturday, April 15, 2023	District Roundup, Share the Fun, S.E.T., Public Speaking, Educational Presentations	Vernon
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Photography	Virtual
Saturday, April 22, 2023	Rifle/Pistol	Wichita Falls- NWTF&S
Tentative 4/28/23	Horse Judging	Vernon
Monday, May 1, 2023	FCH Quiz Bowl - PM	Vernon
Monday, May 1, 2023	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Vernon
Monday, May 1, 2023	Horse Quiz Bowl	Vernon
Saturday, May 6, 2023	Trap Contest	Iowa Park
Saturday, May 13, 2023	Archery	Archer City
6/15/2023 - 6/17/23	Teen Leader Lab	Leuders TX
6/21/2023 - 6/23/2023	Horse Show	TBA
Monday, July 17, 2023	Record Book Judging	Archer City

**SAVE THE DATE
EXPLORE**

*Dallas
Fort Worth
Area*

CORE
academy
Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**
May 1st

One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

**JUNE
26th - 30th
2023**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**TEXAS 4-H
LANDSCAPE
DESIGN**

JUNE 5, 2023
College Station, TX
Hosted by the Texas A&M University
Horticulture Department

OBJECTIVE

- ✓ Enhance 4-H members landscape design knowledge
- ✓ Promote professionalism to 4-H students by simulating a real-life interaction between customer and landscape professionals
- ✓ Expose 4-H members to career opportunities in horticulture related fields
- ✓ Highlight a degree in a horticultural related field

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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CONTEST INFORMATION
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horticulture>

This is not an official Texas 4-H Roundup contest. Youth that compete in this event will be provided the opportunity to also register for Texas 4-H Roundup held that same week.

2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

Essay Topic:
**The Importance
of Beeswax**

DEADLINE
Monday, April 3, 2023
via 4HOnline



**Texas 4-H Roundup
Community Service
Project!**

Save those empty Toilet Paper rolls!
They will be used to make flower bombs as
pictured below!

Deadline to turn in
your empty rolls will
be: June 2 to the
Extension Office

**TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP
COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Wichita County 4-H
Head Heart Hands Health
940-715-8010

State 4-H Livestock & Equine Ambassadors

For our High School Youth. Applications open Feb 15.

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program

June-July, 2023 | Three Short Course Locations

EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT. DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumers and farmers.

Through collegiate level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the livestock industry.



Developing the Next Generation of Industry Leaders

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy

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Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program

JUNE 22-JUNE 25, 2023 | COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT. DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumers and farmers.

Through collegiate-level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the equine industry.



Developing the Next Generation of Industry Leaders

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior equine programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in the equine industry

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Our mission is to prepare youth to serve the livestock industry through advocacy, leadership and networking.

To Apply and Be Eligible to Serve, Students Must Be:

- Freshman - Senior (2023-2024 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the livestock and agriculture industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

2023 Short Course Dates:

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 26-29, 2023
- Texas A&M University: July 17-20, 2023
- West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University: July 24-27, 2023

2023 Program Fees

\$350 - Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course.

"This program has allowed me to have a more sustainable voice for all in agriculture. My time and relationships built with the people throughout the entirety of the Ambassador Program has made me the richest person in the world."

- Former Livestock Ambassador



Apply Online

Visit www.texasyouthlivestock.com

Applications will be available online under the Livestock Ambassador tab on:

February 15, 2023

Applications will be due on:

April 15, 2023

More Information

Kelley Ranly
Leadership Coordinator

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Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu

@texasyouthlivestock

Our mission is to prepare youth to serve the equine industry through advocacy, leadership and networking.

To Apply and Be Eligible to Serve, Students Must Be:

- Freshman - Senior (2023-2024 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the equine industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

2023 Program Fees

\$350 - Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course.

"I am so thankful for this life-changing opportunity. I feel like I am better equipped to serve and teach others about the equine industry. I am now much more aware of the career I want to pursue one day."

- Former Equine Ambassador



Apply Online

Visit www.texasyouthlivestock.com

Applications will be available online under the Equine Ambassador tab on:

February 15, 2023

Applications will be due on:

April 15, 2023

More Information

Kelley Ranly
Leadership Coordinator

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Upcoming Club Meetings:

Valley View: Monday March 6

Faith Baptist Church, Iowa Park 6:30pm

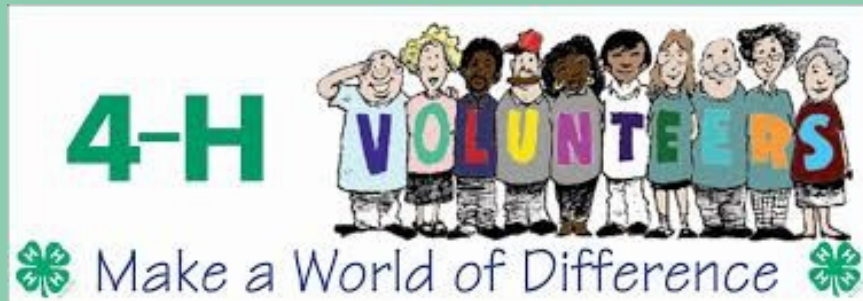
Explorers 4-H: Friday March 10

10:30am at the Friberg Cooper Community Center (across the road from Friberg Cooper United Methodist Church 5511 Friberg Ch Road)

Program: Adopt-a-Highway Trash pickup followed by pizza lunch!

Burkburnett 4-H: Monday March 27

Burk Middle School Cafeteria 6:00pm



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!

Volunteers have to be registered on 4Honline.com

Public Speaking & Educational Presentations

It's time to start thinking about speeches!

District Roundup is April 15 in Vernon

Project Meetings:

Thursdays 4pm

(If you need a different day/time, please let me know!

A **4-H educational presentation** is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills in a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be you just speaking and convincing, or simply educating, with words alone (public speaking).

Categories:

Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety

Open

Open Ag & Natural Resources

Open Family & Community Education

Promote 4-H

Safety & Injury Prevention

Animal Science

Beef

Health & Wellness

Horse

Public Speaking

Interested in presenting a speech on current events and issues? 4-H members have the opportunity to present a 5 to 8 minute suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern. Visual aids and props may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation following their conclusion.



There are many of you whom I'd love to see do an Educational Presentation or Public Speaking. This is a lifelong skill you will use everywhere!

Let's do it! Let me know and we will start working on topics and speeches. Let's find a category that you are passionate about.

Summer Camps at the 4-H Center.

Registration is now open!

Youth don't have to be in 4-H to participate so grab a friend and go!



Texas 4H Center

- County Camp I: June 25-29 2023
 - Y: \$300, A: \$160
- County Camp II: July 9-13, 2023
 - Y: \$300, A: \$160
- Horizons I: July 2-6, 2023
 - Y: \$300, A: \$160
- South Texas: July 23-27, 2023
 - Y: \$500, A: \$400
- Prime Time I: July 16-19, 2023
 - Y: \$250, A: \$135
- Prime Time II: July 19-22, 2023
 - Y: \$250, A: \$135
- High Adventure Camp: June 18-20, 2023
 - Y: \$200, A: \$115

Register Now

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>



For further details, visit us at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>

State 4-H Roundup

A whole week of 4-H Fun and Contest for High School aged 4-Hers!

There's a contest or event for all! Many contests you have to qualify at District for while others are open to anyone who'd like to compete. See those invitational contests at the bottom.

For more information on Roundup, scan the QR Code or go to the link:



<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Registration will be on 4HOnline starting May 1. Both youth and adults attending will need to register. We encourage adults to go ahead and get their profiles set up in 4HOnline to pre-register. Onsite registration will be available this year for those attending just assemblies. Workshops and contest participation will require registration through 4HOnline for both youth/adults.

INVITATIONAL CONTESTS

- Agricultural Product Identification
 - Archery
- 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Method)
 - Entomology Identification
- Healthy Lifestyles - NATIONALS
 - Hippology - NATIONALS
- Invitational Livestock Judging
- Invitational Meat Judging and Identification
 - Livestock Skill-a-thon - NATIONALS
 - Photography Judging
 - Poultry Judging - NATIONALS
 - Range Evaluation - NATIONALS
- Range & Pasture Grass Identification
 - Soil Judging - NATIONALS
 - Robotics Challenge
- Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon
 - Wildlife Challenge
- Wool & Mohair Judging & Evaluation (NATIONALS – Wool Judging)

ABLA Foundation Flock

For those interested in the Border Leicester sheep breed, here's a great opportunity to be awarded a beginner flock.

ABLA Foundation Flock

Program Overview



About the Program

In an effort to build a solid future for the Border Leicester breed, the American Border Leicester Association and its membership offer the ABLA Foundation Flock. We believe that Border Leicesters are among the best dual purpose and beginner breeds. This program seeks to pair deserving youth with quality registered breeding stock. The winning applicant will receive:

- Two proven brood ewes
- One unrelated ram lamb
- 2023 ABLA Junior Membership

Applicant Requirements

- Program is open to any youth between 8 and 21 years old as of January 1st, 2023
- Youth must commit to the following:
 - Breed and lamb out their ewes a minimum of one season
 - Exhibiting their lambs in 2024 is encouraged but not required
 - If they are unable to keep the flock for any reason within the first year of ownership, they must offer the right of first refusal to the donor breeder(s)
 - Provide regular updates to their ABLA mentor
 - Submit summary of their experiences to the ABLA board by April 15th, 2024

Application Process

- Completed applications must be submitted by March 15th
- Applications will be reviewed & 2-4 applicants will be offered phone interviews by April 1st
- Winning applicant will be notified of their selection by April 15th
- Winner must be present at the National Border Leicester Sale to receive their flock
 - Greenville, OH
 - May 11th & 12th

Please contact Lydia Smith at echoridgeflock@gmail.com with any questions or to receive the application form.