

Wichita County 4-H Family Guide 2023-2024



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HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WICHITA COUNTY 4-H?

WEEKLY EMAILS

Email is the most efficient way to communicate with our members. Please make sure your email address is correct in your 4-H Online enrollment. All 4-H communication will come from katrena.mitchell@ag.tamu.edu, melba.flinn@ag.tamu.edu or morgan.adams@ag.tamu.edu. The emails will contain educational articles, important deadlines, 4-H activities, and club news. Stay informed by reading those emails! We may also send out "blasts" from 4-Honline too! Keep an eye out for those too!



REMIND

We also utilize REMIND as a way to keep in touch. Text @h3dhha to the number 81010

FACEBOOK

We will post lots of useful information, deadlines, 4-H activities, and club news on our Wichita County 4-H Facebook page. Please follow our page, and check it often, to keep up with what is going on!

Nearly all our Clubs also have their own Facebook pages or group. Feel free to join them all to stay connected as well!

INSTAGRAM

Our Facebook page is tied into our Instagram page and we post there as well.

Please follow us there and check it often, to keep up with what is going on!

4-H CLUB INFORMATION

*Please Note: You participate in 4-H by attending a club or project meeting.
A club or project leader will NOT reach out to you because you enroll online.
Club and project information is obtained by attending the meetings listed below.*

Wichita County 4-H Clubs

Burkburnett 4-H Club

Club Manager: Amy Fischer 940-632-5316

Clovers 4-H Club

(for our Clover Kid 4-Hers)

Club Manager: Jessica Sales salesJ@mail.com 940-636-8311

Cowpoke City 4-H Club

Club Manager: Danelle Ivey 915-433-5431

Curious Minds 4-H Club

Club Manager: Jennifer Collins curiousmindswf@gmail.com

Explorers 4-H Club

Club Manager: Kathy Love 940-613-9672

Holy Family Classical 4-H Club

Club Manager: Colleen Foley FoleyColleen@hotmail.com

Outdoors Adventure 4-H Club

Club Manager: Open Position

Valley View 4-H Club

Club Managers: Angie Adams 940-867-8427

Morgan Adams 940-867-8395

Wichita County 4-H Horse Club

Club Manager: Position Open

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4-H IS...

Learning by doing, and is available to all boys and girls, 8 years old and in the 3rd grade through 18 years old as of August 31st of each year, from urban, suburban, and rural areas. First, an adult leader brings together youth that have common interests. Second, the youth choose one or more projects. Projects are chosen from over thirty project areas offered. Third, the group enrolls as a club, and forth, meets together to learn and have FUN. Clubs are able to explore 4-H activities, events, and trips. In 4-H, there are events happening all year round.

4-H SLOGAN

Learn by Doing

4-H MOTTO

To Make the Best Better

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:
my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
my HEALTH to better living,
for my CLUB, my COMMUNITY,
my COUNTRY, and my WORLD.

4-H PARENT PLEDGE

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions.
I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments.
I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.
I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world, through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

Mission Statement:

Prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical, and cognitive competencies.



Provisions from the Americans with Disability Act will be considered when planning educational programs and activities. Please notify the Wichita County Extension Office if you plan on attending an Extension Education Program and need specialized services.

4-H MEMBERSHIP

PROGRAM YEAR

The 4-H program year begins on September 1 and concludes on August 31 the following year.

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Any person, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability, or national origin, may enroll as a 4-H member.

Texas 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of 8 AND in the 3rd grade and 18 on August 31.

Clover Kids are ages 5-7. They are eligible to participate in many of our county projects and opportunities.

Events that require registration, certification, or entry, during the summer prior to the beginning of the 4-H year: County Extension Agents may sign entry forms for events that will occur during the 4-H year, for youths who will become eligible for and enroll in 4-H on September 1, but these youths may not participate in 4-H competitive events and activities until September 1.

Zero-based enrollment: for accountability purposes, and the requirement for keeping mailing lists updated, the Texas 4-H program will continue to use zero-based enrollment, meaning that we start new every 4-H year and must re-enroll previous members and volunteers and enroll new members and volunteers.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT

All 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one project. A member may add or delete project enrollments at any time during the 4-H year.

CROSS-COUNTY ENROLLMENT

Membership cannot be held simultaneously in more than one county or state, but membership may change with residence, as long as the member competes in a given project in only one county or state.

A member of a 4-H club must participate in 4-H learning groups and other educational activities under the guidance of a 4-H volunteer who is enrolled in the County Extension office. A member of a 4-H club is expected to enroll in one or more 4-H projects and provide written evidence of project completion.

Exception - if it is more convenient, desirable or logical for a 4-H member or Clover Kid to belong to 4-H in an adjacent county, he or she may do so, if both agents involved agree. The agreement should be in writing. In addition, crossing county lines requires either changing all membership from the home to the host county or participating in the project in the host county but representing the home county in events and activities.





WHAT DO YOU DO IN 4-H?

The 4-H slogan is “Learn by Doing”. 4-H members complete learning experiences called 4-H projects. A project is an area of interest that a 4-H member wants to learn more about. Each project consists of at least six hours of learning time and provides hands-on, in-depth learning experiences for members.

A 4-H member may participate in one or more project each year. Below is a partial list of 4-H projects to choose from:

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| Photography | Beef |
| Dog Care | Sheep |
| Citizenship | Swine |
| Food & Nutrition | Rabbits |
| Clothing & Textiles | Poultry |
| Public Speaking | Horse |
| Horticulture | Dairy Goats |
| Leadership | Meat Goats |
| Shooting Sports | Archery |
| STEM | Quiz Bowls (Beef, Horse, & Nutrition) |
| Consumer Education | |

Just about any subject can be tailored into an independent 4-H project if your club doesn't have a leader for your interests.

Another way to participate in 4-H is by attending club meetings. These club meetings are conducted by 4-Hers who have been elected into officer positions. 4-H adult volunteer leaders help 4-H members plan and run the meetings. Each club has an adult volunteer leader who acts as club manager. The 4-H club manager oversees the meetings and activities of his or her respective club

4-H offers its members many fun activities to participate. In addition to attending club meetings and completing projects, you might also enjoy making presentations, performing skits, and leadership and community service activities. There are also opportunities to participate in 4-H camps, retreats, exhibition shows and contest.



4-H ENROLLMENT



4-H members and volunteer leaders will utilize the online enrollment system to enroll in the Wichita County 4-H program.

Once enrolled, your family profile stays with you your entire 4-H career, no need to ever create a new family profile.

If you move to another county, just contact your County Extension Agent and they can get the transfer process started.

**THIS IS THE ONLINE LINK TO ENROLL:
TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM**

THE 4-H PROJECT



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The project is the heart of the 4-H program. A wide variety of projects are available for members. Project opportunities vary depending upon the county and club.

Through well chosen projects, members learn to use their resources, to assume responsibility and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living. A project may extend over a short period of time or for several years. “Learn-by-doing” is the most important aspect of a project, not time. Making, growing, caring for, observing and participating – all of these active learning processes are involved in 4-H projects.

From a member’s viewpoint, projects may be fun, help develop skills, offer an opportunity to assume responsibility, to make a profit, save money or explore interests and careers. Projects also offer a chance to do things with friends.

Leaders and parents may see the project as a means to create more interest in daily tasks, strengthen family and community ties, develop knowledge and skills of members, explore possible career opportunities, enhance positive self-concept, develop the ability to organize, plan and make decisions.

THE 4-H PROJECT GROUP

Members will have the opportunity to participate in group learning and peer teaching since sharing skills and experiences often provides them with greater learning opportunities. Group participation can also motivate members to follow through with commitments. Members are usually involved in group learning through their participation in a project group.

Project group meetings (4-H classroom setting) are where members acquire subject-matter, knowledge and skills, and general life skills. 4-H projects are required to have six educational experiences so that 4-H members can develop their knowledge and skills.

Most clubs will have several project groups to offer. If there are five or less members enrolled in a project, the club may decide not to offer that project. Parents will be expected at this time to help the 4-H member select another project. In some cases projects are available on a countywide level (i.e. shooting sports, photography, food and nutrition, fashion and interior design, etc.). Project leaders for county wide events are responsible for announcing meeting dates, times, and places.



THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A PROJECT

- Select a project you like or have interest in learning about.
- Select a project that can be completed.
- Consider the monetary investment required. Can parents/guardians help?
- Consider the space and equipment that you have at home.
- Consider parental support for the project.
- Be aware of the opportunities for growth in this project.
- A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose, and be worth the effort.
- Select only the number of projects you can complete.

**DO THE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH BEFORE YOU
PURCHASE, OR COMMIT TO, A PROJECT.**



HOW DO I BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER?



To learn more about becoming a 4-H volunteer, contact the Wichita County Extension office or a club manager.

- We highly encourage at least one adult from each 4-H family to enroll as a registered volunteer. This helps in case we need help with transportation, monitoring 4-Hers at an event or more!
- Consider volunteering to lead a 4-H group in your community, your local school, or any other location where there are youth who need positive, committed adult role models in their lives.
- Complete the Texas 4-H Volunteer Enrollment and Youth Protection Standards Program. Because the Texas 4-H Youth Development program is committed to helping create safe environments for young people to learn, have fun, and develop socially, we work to ensure that the adults we entrust to work with young people only have the best interests of youth at heart.
- Share your skills, knowledge and talents while having fun with kids and you're sure to make a difference in their lives.

4-H offers a variety of programs, activities, and events designed specifically to support and enhance volunteer participation and involvement in kids' lives. The work volunteers do with youth is also supported by university-developed educational materials and resources available through your Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.



Volunteer

WHAT TYPES OF 4-H VOLUNTEERS ARE THERE?

Volunteers are essential to the successful implementation of the 4-H program. All registered adult 4-H volunteers, working directly with 4-H youth in Texas, complete a Youth Protection Standards Program (criminal background check) and receive training. Teens may also serve in volunteer roles through the 4-H Leadership Project.

Volunteers can serve in a variety of roles, including the following:

- 4-H Club Managers
- Project Leaders
- Event Judges
- Community Resource Persons
- Camp Counselors/Chaperones
- Parent Helpers
- Advisory Council Members
- Foundation Members
- Mentors

WICHITA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

The purpose of the 4-H Ambassadors is to promote and advertise 4-H to other youth, volunteers and community leaders.

The Ambassadors help others understand how 4-H affects the lives of young people and how it addresses key youth issues in the community and state.

Members of the Wichita County 4-H Ambassadors also plan and coordinate 4-H activities in the county. They also promote county, district, and state level 4-H activities.

The Ambassadors have to meet certain **requirements** before being chosen as an Ambassador.

First, they must be a leader in their Club and project area. They must also complete and submit a record book for the year.

Ambassadors are then interviewed by a panel who score them on their overall presence and answers to the questions.

We have Jr Ambassadors who are in 4th-8th grade and then SR Ambassadors who are in high school.

They get to help represent Wichita County 4-H throughout the County at many different events.





4-H RECORD BOOKS



Each 4-H member is encouraged to keep a record of his or her 4-H work. Records are not an extra task, but are a part of the 4-H program. Few young people (adults are no exception) enjoy record keeping. However, it is an important life skill.

Why encourage 4-H members to keep good records?

A 4-H record teaches a desirable habit. Modern day society demands that each and every one, no matter what vocation, keep track of financial and business matters. Developing this habit early in life will be a valuable asset.

A 4-H record is a measuring stick. Members and leaders are kept informed of the member's progress, and that will usually stimulate self-improvement by the member.

A 4-H record is a mirror. It will reflect accomplishments and therefore serve as the basis for awards, trips and other recognition.

A 4-H record provides youth with a time for reflection about who they are, what their goals are, what they have accomplished in the past year, etc.

A 4-H record can be achieved only when there is the proper attitude and cooperation between member, parents, and leaders.

4-Hers learn:

to communicate in writing.

to organize thoughts.

to set goals and work toward these goals.

to make short and long term plans.

to evaluate a record of growth from year to year.

to recognize skills learned, goals accomplished, and successes they've had.

Record Books are due May/June, of each year, and are **REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR COUNTY AWARDS** and to be an Ambassador.

Information required to complete a record book is available at the Wichita County Extension Office, or you may go to: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>



There are a variety of 4-H contests which offer members a chance to showcase their skills. Many of these contests are offered at the county, district, and state level. Below are brief descriptions of some of the annual contests. Please note that all contest dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Notifications of changes will be emailed and posted on facebook.

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Consumer decision making is a team contest where 4-H members must evaluate goods and decide upon the best product for a given scenario. 4-Hers will gain knowledge in the area of price, quality, and product evaluation.

Typically a Spring Contest

4-H ROUNDUP

4-H Roundup provides 4-H members a chance to demonstrate and practice their public speaking skills. 4-H members use the knowledge they gain from their 4-H projects and activities to prepare presentations, which are a valuable educational part of the 4-H program.

Educational Presentations are planned presentations, by one or more 4-H members, designed to teach information related to a project or activity. Visual aids including slides, posters, charts, pictures, and models may be used in the educational presentations. 4-Hers may present educational presentations individually or in teams with up to five members.

In addition to educational presentations, 4-H Roundup offers PUBLIC SPEAKING. Individuals present a 5 to 7 minute talk suitable for a platform speech or radio broadcast. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used.

Share-the-Fun Skits are other competitions that are part of 4-H Roundup. These skits allow 4-H members to discover and fine-tune their acting and showmanship talents. There are six divisions within Share-the-Fun.

- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical-Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Choreographed Routines
- Celebrate 4-H

Spring Contest

For more info on any contest, Google Texas 4-H and the contest name. For District 3 4-H contest info, go to: <https://d34-h.tamu.edu/d-3-4-h-programs/>



AG PRODUCT ID

25-30 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following, the product identification, each station has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions can be general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional 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). Contestants are given 40 seconds at each station to answer both questions. Please refer to the Product list for suggested products and the resource guide for study materials. Contest locations include Texas State Fair, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and Texas 4-H Roundup. _

Fall Contest but carries throughout the year

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

The Livestock Quiz Bowl is a team trivia contest that tests 4-H members' knowledge about livestock and the livestock industry. 4-Hers compete in teams of four.

Spring Contest

BEE KEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

The Beekeeping Essay Contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. For over 50 years, the American Beekeeping Federation has been serving the needs of the U.S. beekeeper. Any youth interested in participating in the contest must follow the instructions for the Texas selection process. Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

Information is released in the Spring.

ENTOMOLOGY

Did you know that nearly three-fourths of all animals are insects? Because there are so many insects, they impact our daily lives in both good and bad ways. In this 4-H project you will learn about entomology (the study of insects). You will learn about the insect world by studying, collecting and identifying various insects. Discover how helpful and harmful insects live, multiply, and affect humans. This project is easy to afford because insects are free or inexpensive at pet stores or scientific supply houses. Because of their size, insects can be easily housed in small containers for observation. Learn how to identify, classify, collect, and preserve insects and other arthropods.

Can be a year round project. Collections and Photography contests are in the Spring

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DUDS TO DAZZLE



4-H DOG SHOW

The Texas 4-H Dog Show has been a great success for 40 years! Competitors are from all over the state, ranging in age from 8 to 18. All breeds, including mixed, are welcome to compete after they have met the minimum requirements. Dog and 4-H member teams can compete in five different classes, such as: obedience or rally, conformation, showmanship, drill team, and/or costume.

Will begin in the fall and carry throughout the year. State Dog Show is in July.

FASHION SHOW

The Fashion Show provides opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate what they have learned about good grooming, poise, fashion interpretation, and understanding of style. Clothing and Textiles participants may choose to concentrate on clothing construction or buying. The District Fashion Show is held in April, and the State 4-H Fashion Show is in June.

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CONTEST NAME.**

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3-4-H-PROGRAMS/](https://d34-h.tamu.edu/d-3-4-h-programs/)**

During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3 to 5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using items from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit (supply kit list found in Duds to Dazzle guide). The teams then present their item to a team of judges. You may also be tested on what you have learned about how the clothing & textile industry impacts the environment, specifically the waste stream.

District Contest is in April

STORYBOARD

The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design. Now an invitational contest for Senior members!

Spring Contest

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs.

The Texas 4-H Photography Judging contest allows 4-H members to demonstrate skills in the evaluation, selection, and placing of photographs based on industry standards and expectations. The 4-Hers participating in the contest will judge six classes of photographs and two classes of problems, testing both the participants' knowledge and skills in the photography project.

4-Hers can enter photos in several contests throughout the year to include the County Project Show, County, District and State contests, Entomology, State Dog Show and Natural Resources.



4-H CONTESTS



JOIN THE FUN!

FOOD CHALLENGE

Modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's Chopped, the 4-H Food Challenge allows teams of 4-H members to create a dish using only a predetermined amount of ingredients. From these ingredients, the 4-Hers must identify, prepare and then present information related to the serving size, nutritional value, and cost of the dish. Through out this energized process, the 4-H members are demonstrating their culinary and food safety skills to judges and on-lookers.

District Contest is in November.

FOOD SHOW

The Food Show allows 4-H members an opportunity to practice skills and share knowledge acquired through the Foods and Nutrition project. There are four categories in which to compete: Main Dish, Side Dish, Appetizer, and Healthy Dessert. The District 3 Food Show is held in November and the State 4-H Food Show is in June.

FCH QUIZ BOWL

FCH "Quiz Bowl" is a quiz game that tests teams of 4 on their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and health. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn points for correct answers. Teams advance in a tournament-system bracket to win the competition. The contest will cover materials found in Food & Nutrition, Healthy Lifestyles Invitational, and Consumer Decision Making.

Spring Contest

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES INVITATIONAL

The invitational is held at 4-H Roundup. Teams do not have to qualify to enter. First, you are given a story (in each of 8 classes) related to a healthy lifestyles topic and four possible outcomes or choices. You must rank the four choices and are scored on your answer. Then, in the presentation portion, teams must work together to analyze a problem, develop a solution, and make a presentation to the judges.

HORSE SHOW

4-H members can show off their horsemanship skills while participating in the 4-H Horse Show. 4-H horses must be owned by May 1st of the current 4-H year. There is also a futurity project that you can participate in. There is a horse show in January at the County Show. The District 4-H Horse Show is held in June, and the State 4-H Horse Show is held in July.

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FOR DISTRICT 3 4-H CONTEST INFO, GO TO: [HTTPS://D34-H.TAMU.EDU/D-3-4-H-PROGRAMS/](https://d34-h.tamu.edu/d-3-4-h-programs/)



HORSE JUDGING

In horse judging, you will compete on a team as you learn to be the judge of a horse show! You will learn all the body parts of a horse, the ideal characteristics of how a horse moves, determine how to score horses in competition, and explain how you decided on your scores. You will learn decision-making and public speaking skills. When you get to the senior level of this activity, you could compete in national competitions.

District Contest is in April.

****We are looking for a coach for this****

HORSE QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl is an opportunity for participants demonstrate all of the information gained during the past year through their project. It will also help them learn more about their project while getting the opportunity to compete on a state level. It is a team event. The team that buzzes in first, gets to answer the question. Held at 4-H Roundup each year, competitors must qualify through their district in order to compete in this event.

Contest is in Spring.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Livestock judging is a highly competitive experience that enhances independent decision-making abilities while challenging participants to process information quickly and be able to defend a position or decision. Livestock judging is the visual appraisal of an animal's physical traits, including positive and negative features.

District Contest is in November but contests are also held throughout the year.

MEAT SCIENCE

There are several contests throughout the year at almost every major stock show as well as District and State 4-H events. Students are given a set of meats that they must evaluate and score. After they have made their decision of which cut of meat is the best they will write a set of oral reasons. It is a competitive environment to test their knowledge of the subject of meat science.

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

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.

District Contest is in December and tied with Ag Product ID.

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SET POSTER CONTEST

The Discover Scientific Research Method Poster contest allows youth to apply the scientific method to the subject matter they have learned through their 4-H projects. The scientific method is a process for experimentation that is used to formulate and test a hypothesis through experimentation and data analysis. Scientists use the scientific method to explore relationships in nature. The poster contest allows youth an opportunity to display and explain (through the scientific method) their project, research, and observations.

RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA

The Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza is open to official Texas 4-H age enrolled members. The event includes opportunities for youth to exhibit their rabbit projects in numerous breeds in addition to single fryers and meat pens. 4-H members without rabbits may also participate in a variety of other educational events. These include Art (graphic and handicrafts), Best Dressed Rabbit (costume), Breed Identification, Educational/Promotional Rabbit Posters and Displays, Hands-on-Judging (by the youth), Photography, Rabbit Quiz Bowl, and Showmanship. This event takes place in the Fall of every year.

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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

There are a number of opportunities for youth to exhibit their livestock at the local, county, state, and national levels. County and state livestock show opportunities are advertised through email and facebook posts. If you are new to showing livestock, please contact the Wichita County Extension Office and we will be able to help you set up a livestock show plan.



WICHITA COUNTY SPECIFIC

4-H Flip is a County only project that's loosely based on the TV show "Flea Market" Flip. 4-Hers thrift an item and turn it into something new to be shown at the County Project Show in January and sold. 4-Hers learn about budgeting, comparison shopping, business procedures, marketing and more!

SHOOTING SPORTS IN WICHITA COUNTY

All of our Shooting Sports Instruction is led by Texas 4-H Certified Coaches. Most of our coaches have decades of experience teaching 4-H youth how to safely handle and shoot with firearms. We are always searching for more adult volunteers to go thru the training and become 4-H Coaches. If you are willing to help, please let us know!

We are lucky enough that both options for Shooting Sports projects allow for any youth to participate without the added expense of purchasing all the equipment. This is a definite bonus to learn and make sure you enjoy the project before making the investment.

Cowpoke City 4-H with Club Manager Danelle Ivey: Focuses on Shooting Sports projects. Coach Danelle offers Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Muzzleloading at her location near Punkin Center. Her phone # is 915-433-5431. She also maintains a REMIND system about practices and shooting sports opportunities across the State.

Northwest Texas Field & Streams partners with Wichita County 4-H and hosts classes throughout the year. They offer rifle and pistol in the Fall & Spring. Trap begins in February and goes thru April and muzzleloading when participation requirements are met. Registration for Field & Stream Classes are done thru the Extension Office and have a \$25 registration fee.

Contests!

Our District 3 4-H Shooting Sports Contests are held in the Spring in April and May. Rifle and Pistol is held at the NWTFS gun range. Trap is held at the Iowa Park Range and Archery is held in Archer City.

There are also extra opportunities held throughout the year and can be found in your Friday emails and social media posts.

4-H LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS

This mock legislative educational event is held in Austin in even-numbered years. During the four day program, senior 4-H youth experience the legislative process first hand. By role-playing as senators, representatives, lobbyists and press corps members, youth are exposed to the full political scene. Activities range from debating bills in the actual Texas Legislature chambers to socializing with advocates and opponents at evening receptions. Youth return to their communities with a better understanding of how our state government works. Information is sent to County Extension offices in the Winter preceding the event year.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. Youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. The Congress provides youth, ages 14-19, a quality, educational, and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent, and caring citizens. The program is built upon the Cooperative Extension System's belief that young people can be significant partners in addressing the issues that face our nation especially those affecting youth. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines plenary sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, ensuring that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. More information including application deadlines and important dates can be found at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_national_conference.

4-H LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & CAMPS

HORIZONS

This five day, four night camp focuses around project enhancement, career exploration, and personal/professional development. Participants choose their focus area where they will receive approximately 16 hours of instruction and introduction to careers in the field. Each workshop is limited to 20 youth and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Evening activities are geared towards professional development and workforce preparation, and of course, camp recreation and games! Dances each night! Early registration begins in March.

PRIME TIME

Prime Time is an age-specific, four day three night residential camp experience. Session I is for youth who have completed grades 5-8, while Session II is for youth who have completed grades 2-5. Yes, those youth completing grade 5 can choose which session to participate in. Camp activities include swimming, kayaking, challenge course, rifle, archery, arts & crafts, dancing, games and lots more. Evening activities involve all youth in team building, dorm challenges, and the nightly dance. Alternative activities are available during the dance.

COUNTY CAMP

County Camp programs at the Texas 4-H Conference Center are designed to provide an opportunity for youth to experience summer camp while enjoying the advantage of meeting youth from across the state. Participants will enjoy kayaking, swimming, the climbing wall, environmental education, drama, riflery, archery, arts and crafts, games, dancing and special events! County camp is offered as a three day, two night or four day, three night experience. Youth who have completed second through eleventh grade are eligible. County groups are housed together, by gender, in the dormitories with their Adult Chaperones. Youth are assigned to co-ed groups based on their age, for the daily educational activities

Teen Leader Lab

District Teen Leader Lab is held in June each year for incoming Freshman through High School 4-Hers. This 2 1/2 day camp provides leadership workshops, team building skills and more.

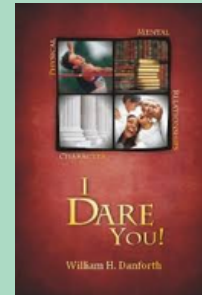


WICHITA COUNTY 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



DANFORTH I DARE YOU

See page 30.



BRONZE STAR AWARD

Requirements

- Grade 3-5
- Complete a Record book for the current year.
- Oral interview with a panel

SILVER STAR AWARD

Requirements

- Grade 6-8
- Complete a Record Book for the current year
- Oral interview with a panel

GOLD STAR AWARD

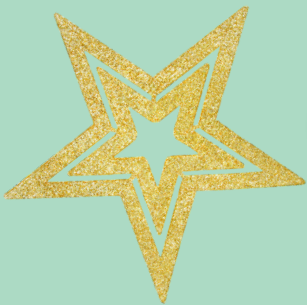
See next page for requirements.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Chosen by the Club Managers & Extension Staff. This is for the first year member of each club that has exhibited great participation in club meetings and projects. Can only be received once.

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Chosen by Extension Staff. This is for the County Ambassador who has exhibited exemplary behavior while being an Ambassador. This means participating in Ambassador activities and representing Wichita County 4-H in the best light.



GOLD STAR AWARD



The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and intended to be received only once in a member's 4-H career. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following requirements must be met:

The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1st of the 4-H year in which he or she is to be considered for the award and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.

The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the awards.

The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

- Educational Presentations
- Projects
- Camps
- Citizenship Activities
- Project Exhibits
- Leadership Labs
- Public Relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.)
- Other (exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

Note: It is not expected that the requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-Her has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working or counseling with junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in educational presentations, project and/or exhibits.

DANFORTH I DARE YOU AWARD

History of the Danforth- “I Dare You” Award
Mr. William H. Danforth’s book, “I Dare You” was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. Now in it’s 28th printing, the book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You Committee. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced development as well as demonstrated leadership.

Minimum Criteria

The Danforth – “I Dare You” is a National 4-H award, a maximum of two (2) are presented at the county level therefore, recipients will meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The following criteria will be considered the minimum. Any 4-H member not meeting these criteria will not be considered for the award. The organization may choose not to award the Danforth – “I Dare You” if there are not 4-H members in the county who actually exceed the minimum criteria. The maximum number of Danforth – “I Dare You” recipients in Parker County will not exceed two (2). The Danforth – “I Dare You” can be won only one time.

Criteria for Selection:

A. The 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.

B. The 4-H member must submit a Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-Her is to be considered for the Danforth – “I Dare You” showing at least three (3) years of 4-H experience.

C. Project Activities during the 4-Hers’ years in 4-H, the member must have:

1. Completed projects in three (3) different project areas that are detailed in the Record Book.
2. Participated in and completed one or more activities in at least three (3) of the following areas in the current year.
 - Educational Presentation
 - Contests
 - Project Exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership Lab
 - Citizenship Activities
 - Public Relations-Examples: demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, club exhibits, project shows, radio, TV, newspapers, special projects
 - Other (may include fund raising, State and National Congress, etc.)
 - Project activities

D. Leadership – During the applicant’s years in 4-H, the 4-H member must have done the following:

- Served as an officer or committee chairman at some level of the 4-H organization club, county, district, state and/or
- Served as teen leader in an activity or project with, or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

E. Community Service, Citizenship, Character
The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities such as: Working or counseling with 4-H members. Communities Service projects, either individual, group or club type projects, contributions to school, church and community.

- Must have motivated other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.
- Character should include attitude and personal growth in accepting responsibilities and serving others.

4-H TERMINOLOGY

Volunteer Leader – An adult who works closely with club managers to provide leadership and assistance for specific projects. Volunteer leaders are a great asset to helping 4-Hers achieve their goals.

4-H Age – 3rd grade through 12th grade, August 31st of the 4-H year.

Age Divisions – (Ages are based on August 31st of the previous 4-H year.)

- Clover Kid – 5 years of age to 8 years (and not in the 3rd grade).
- Junior – 3rd grade - 5th grade
- Intermediate – 6th grade - 8th grade
- Senior – 9th - 12th grade

4-H Ambassador – 4-H members who have been selected and trained to represent 4-H before civic and community groups to promote 4-H.

4-H Club – a group of boys and girls, 3rd grade through 12th grade, who are advised by club managers and volunteer leaders. Each elects their own officers, who preside at club meetings.

Club Manager - Volunteer leaders who provide guidance and management to a 4-H Club. Serves as the contact person between the club and the County Extension Office.

Club Meeting – 4-H members meet, generally on a monthly basis, to handle the business of the club. Generally one hour in length. Follows a four part agenda including inspiration, business, program and recreation.

Club Officers – Elected by the club members each year. Officers are responsible for conducting 4-H club meetings and planning with club managers.

4-H Committee – Committees can serve many functions within a club or on the county level. They offer members extra involvement and leadership opportunities. A Committee Chairman (ex. Refreshment Chairman) leads an individual committee.

Community Service Project – An activity conducted by 4-Hers for the benefit of the community. Collecting food or clothing for the needy, Christmas caroling, and Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean-ups are examples of community service projects.

District 3 – Texas 4-H is organized geographically into districts. There are 24 counties in District 3, and 12 Districts in the State of Texas. Wichita County is in District 3, the “Rolling Plains” District.

Enrollment – 4-H membership begins with choosing a 4-H club to join and completing a 4-H enrollment form. Re-enrollment begins in September, and every 4-H member and adult leader must re-enroll each year to continue their membership

4-H TERMINOLOGY

4-H Leader – An adult volunteer who works with 4-H club members.

4-H Year – September 1st to August 31st of the following year.

National 4-H Week – Held the first full week of October. Provides an opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding of the 4-H program.

4-H Prayer – “Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better because Thou didst make me....Amen.”

4-H Project – An area of study in which 4-H members participate. A project consists of at least six hours of learning time. Members may choose from over 40 projects.

Project Group Meeting – Meetings where 4-H members learn about their specific project area. Coordinated by adult project leaders.

Project Leader – An adult volunteer who helps 4-H members learn through involvement in a specific 4-H project.

4-H Scholarship – Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 are available to graduating 4-H members who meet application criteria. The State Scholarship program is administered by the Texas 4-H Foundation.

State 4-H Roundup – State event in which qualifying Senior 4-H members compete in various contests. Held on the campus of Texas A&M University each year in June.

Teen Leader – Teen members who accept leadership responsibilities in 4-H project meetings, workshops, trainings, or special activities.

Texas 4-H Center – a camp facility operated by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on the shores of Lake Brownwood. Extension training programs and 4-H camps and retreats are conducted throughout the year.

Texas 4-H Congress – An educational event for 4-H members, ages 15 through 18. Held in Austin, Texas in even-numbered years. Participants study and learn about state government by participating in a “mock congress.”

Texas 4-H Council – Consists of two 4-H delegates from each of the twelve Extension Districts. State Council plans and carries out many statewide events, including 4-H Roundup and Texas 4-H Congress.



DO I HAVE TO SHOW AN ANIMAL TO BE IN 4-H?

4-H offers many projects including animals, but a member does not have to own an animal to be in 4-H.

WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CCJLA COUNTY SHOW?



To participate in the County Show in January, a member must live in Wichita County or attend a school in Wichita County.

HOW CAN I JOIN 4-H?

Anyone, regardless of race, gender, religion or socioeconomic status may join 4-H.

All 4-H enrollment is done online at:
TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM

WHAT ARE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H?

Anyone in third grade through twelfth grade, as of August 31 of the current year, may be enrolled as a “traditional” 4-H member. 4-H Clover Kids are young people from Kindergarten through second grade. Please keep in mind that there are specific age requirements for participating in the County Livestock Show. Just because you're able to enroll in 4-H doesn't automatically make you eligible.

WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H?

A member can only be enrolled in one county. A member may participate in a regular project in a county they are not a member of if their “home” county does not offer that project.



WHY SHOULD I JOIN 4-H?

A. 4-H is an organization that provides projects that interest nearly every young person. Your amount of involvement is your decision. 4-H has something for everyone.

DO I HAVE TO “GET OUT” OF 4-H WHEN I BECOME A FFA MEMBER ?

No, you can be enrolled and involved in both 4-H and FFA. Extension and FFA Advisors encourage joint participation.

4-H'ers are...

4X more likely to give back to their communities

2X more likely to make healthier choices

2X more likely to participate in STEM activities

WHAT ABOUT LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND VALIDATION?

Livestock projects are a serious undertaking. Much money and time is spent choosing animals, working them at home, and showing at livestock shows. You can view a calendar in the back to review what shows are held during the year.

All market animals that will be exhibited at major livestock shows must have state validation tags. Species committees are formed in each county that include County Extension Agents and Agriculture Science Teachers from schools located in the county. Validation is a very serious matter. If your animal is not validated and the proper paperwork is not filled out correctly, you may not exhibit your animal(s). It is your responsibility as the exhibitor, to know times and locations of validation. Emails, with those details will be sent.

For Parents: Why 4-H?

Benefits are endless Learn new skills

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SUPPORT
Achievement Motivation
Respect
Service to Others
School Engagement

POSITIVE VALUES
To Work with Adults
Planning & Decision Making Skills
Honesty
Sense of Purpose

4-H'ers Learn.....


LEADERSHIP
Responsibility
Integrity
Personal Power
Peaceful Conflict Resolution Skills

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES
High Expectations
Resistance Skills

Join the 4-H club today.

How to obtain these skills? Be involved in 4-H, not just a member. Become a part of the parish program as a Jr. Leader, mentor, or ambassador. You get what you put into the experience.

Frequently Asked Questions



HOW ARE SCHOOL ABSENCES FOR 4-H FUNCTIONS HANDLED?

Wichita County Extension Agents have the opportunity to become adjunct faculty members of each school district in Wichita County. This means that agents are considered “off-campus teachers” by school district boards who vote to pass a resolution, each year, allowing students to attend various 4-H events under the supervision of Wichita County agents and still be counted as present for school attendance purposes. Therefore, if you are competing in any event that requires you to miss school (examples: Junior Livestock Shows, District Consumer Decision Making Contest, District Horse Judging), you are required to have the appropriate prior approval forms submitted to the school and then back to the Extension Office.

4-H is an extra-curricular activity and therefore must follow the Texas Education Agency rules for “No Pass - No Play” guidelines. You must be academically eligible to complete in any event whether it is during the school week or on a weekend. The same form that is used for approval for missing school also serves as an academic eligibility form and must be submitted to the Extension office, prior to the event, as proof of eligibility. Forms are available from the Extension office.

These procedures are mandatory on any and all events that are entered or registered through the Extension office (the entry requires an agent’s signature to be accepted). Open shows (open to the general public) are not under the 4-H domain and therefore do not usually qualify for approval of missing school under 4-H but some schools have agreed to give excused absences if the event directly relates to the 4-Her's established project. An example would be a 4-Her showing at their association’s State Rabbit show (not considered a Junior show). This type of situation will be at the discretion of each individual school.

HELPFUL WEBSITES



Major Stock Shows

[San Angelo Livestock Show](#)

[Fort Worth Livestock Show](#)

[Houston Livestock Show](#)

[San Antonio Livestock Show](#)

[Rodeo Austin](#)

[State Fair of Texas](#)

Some helpful websites to look up!

[District 3 4-H and Youth Development](#)

[Texas A&M Agrilife Extension- Wichita County](#)

[Texas A&M AgriLife Extension](#)

[Texas 4-H](#)

[Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood](#)

[Texas 4-H Record Book Information](#)

[National 4-H](#)

[National 4-H Curriculum Center](#)

[4-H Parliamentary Procedure](#)

[Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni](#)

MORE INFORMATION



PROJECTS



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROJECTS,
GO TO: [HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/)**

Please note...we do not have project leaders for every project listed. If you are interested in a project without a project leader, you may still participate in the project independently.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care & Training
- Goats
- Horse
- Horticulture
- Meat Science
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP

- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Global Citizenship
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Theater & Performance Arts
- Workforce and Career Prep
- Youth Entrepreneurship

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Consumer Education
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Food And Nutrition
- Health and Personal Safety

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Entomology
- Forestry
- Outdoor Education & Living Skills
- Range Science
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Water Conservation
- Wildlife & Fisheries

STEM

- Photography & Video
- Robotics
- Rocketry & Aerospace
- Science, Technology, Engineer & Math

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**IT'S IMPORTANT TO READ YOUR
EMAILS AND ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS
TO STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR 4-H
ACTIVITIES, TIMELINES AND
DEADLINES!**

*****Dates are subject to change*****



If you are planning on showing in a 2024 major stock show junior show and have not completed a validation order, contact the Extension Office by Sept. 30.

This EXCLUDES major stock show steers. Steers had to be validated in June.

Time to get started on Quality Counts! (See page 51)

September 1: 4-H YEAR begins

September 4: Extension Office closed for Labor Day

September TBD: County Food & Nutrition Workshop

TBD: Time to contact Rabbit Breeders and get on their lists!



If you are planning on showing at the Majors you need to review the premium book and entry forms for each show you plan to enter and make sure you understand the rules/forms prior to entry in November.

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

Oct1: deadline to order Spring Major sheep/goat/heifer Tags and County Stock Show tags

October 7: One Day 4-H

October 8: Field & Streams Rifle/Pistol Class Starts

TBA: County Food Show

TBA: Food Challenge Practices Begin

Oct 1: Broiler orders due for County Show

October 31: Last day to enroll in 4-H before price increase

November



If you are planning on showing at the Majors you need to review the premium book and entry forms for each show you plan to enter and make sure you understand the rules/forms prior to entry.

- November 8: District 3 Livestock Judging - Vernon
- November 10: Extension Office closed for Veteran's Day
- November 13: District 3 Leaders for Life Contest- Decatur
- TBA: Major Show Entry Night
- November 23-24: Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
- November 29: District 3 Food Challenge - Jacksboro
- November 29: District 3 Food Show- Jacksboro
- TBA: 4-H Flip Project Kickoff
- TBA: Photography Workshop



If you are showing in the Wichita County Junior Livestock Show, you need to be reviewing your rule book again to have all rules fresh in your mind prior to arrival at the show. **REMEMBER** all shows are different.

December 1: Wichita County Jr Livestock Show Entries Due
December 7: District 3 Ag Product ID- Graham
December 7: Livestock Skill-a-thon- Graham
December 25 & 26: Extension Office Closed for Christmas Holiday



If you are showing in the Wichita County Junior Livestock Show, you need to be reviewing your rule book again to have all rules fresh in your mind prior to arrival at the show. REMEMBER all shows are different.

If you are showing at any of the Spring majors--read your rule books! Check tattoos for visibility!

If you are interested in participating in Spring District contests including Meats, Horse, Dairy, Range ID, and Consumer Decision Making and more you need to contact the office.

January 1: Extension Office closed for New Year's Holiday

January 10-13 Wichita County Jr Livestock Show & Sale

January 15: Extension Office Closed for MLK Day



If you are showing at the Major Shows you need to be reviewing your premium book again to have all rules fresh in your mind prior to arrival at the show. REMEMBER all shows are different.

If you are planning to exhibit a steer for 2024-25 Show Season, you have until mid-June to find prospects, however now is the time to begin looking and you will need to order tags in April.

February 19: Extension Office Closed- President's Day
TBA: Sewing Workshop
TBA: Public Speaking Workshop



If you are planning on exhibiting a market lamb, goat or barrow at the State Fair of Texas you need to begin looking for animals. Order tags in April and validation is in June.

TBA: County Fashion Show

TBA: County Roundup/Share the Fun/Public Speaking

March 29: Extension Office closed: Good Friday



April 6: District 3 Duds to Dazzle & Fashion Show - Archer City

April 20: District 3 Rifle/Pistol - Wichita Falls

TBA: District 3 Horse Judging - Vernon

TBA: Horse, Livestock and FCH Quiz Bowls

TBA: Meat Judging



If you are interested in attending camps at the 4-H Youth Center in Brownwood, please watch your emails for camp registration deadlines.

May 4: District 3 Trap Contest- Iowa Park

May 8th: District 3 Roundup, Consumer Judging, Photography- Vernon

May 18: District 3 Archery Contest - Archer City

May 27: Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



June 3-6 - State 4-H Roundup - College Station
June 13-15: District 3 Teen Leader Lab - Leuders
June 7: Record books & Project forms due
June 24-26 or TBA: Awards & Ambassador Interviews
June 19-21: District 3 Horse Show- NRS Decatur



July 04: Extension Office closed for the 4th of July

July 11-13: State 4-H Dog Show

July TBA: District Record Book Judging - Archer City



August TBA: Wichita County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet

August 15: Registration opens for the new 4-H Year

Quality Counts

Quality Counts is required for every 4-H or FFA member exhibiting livestock at the County or State level. You must do this the first year you show and then when you move Age Divisions. Ex 5th to 6th grade and then 8th to 9th grade. Quality Counts numbers are required for entry forms so please put them somewhere safe!



Quality Counts Enrollment Instructions

1. To begin, go to: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>

Helpful Hint: We recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your internet source.

2. Click "Create an account" underneath the blue Log In button if you do not already have an account with AgriLife Learn. If you do have an AgriLife Learn account, log in at this time.

Helpful Hint: You must create or have an account on AgriLife Learn, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!

3. After logging into your account, type "Quality Counts" into the search bar to find the course.

4. On the Quality Counts page, under "Quality Counts Level" click on the drop-down menu to select your grade level: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), or Senior (Grades 9-12).

Helpful Hint: For grade level, please enter the grade you will be entering (if between May- August) or enter your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.

5. Once you've selected your grade level, click the blue "Add to Cart" button. The course is free, but you must go through the checkout process to enroll.

6. Click "View Cart" and then click "Proceed to Checkout".

7. Check the box next to "I agree with the Terms of Use," then click Next.

8. To access your course, click the "View my Order" button and then click on the link next to "Access Course:"

9. At the bottom of the Welcome page, click on "Course Materials"

10. Take the Exhibitor Survey to begin the course.

Helpful Hint: It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!

11. Once you have completed the survey, copy the access code provided to you.

Helpful Hint: This is NOT your QC number that verifies your course completion. This is a one-time code to open up the learning materials. You will also be emailed this code from surveys@ag.tamu.edu.

12. Click the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen to move forward.

13. Click the blue "Start Quiz" button and then enter the access code.

14. After submitting the access code, move through the course content by clicking on the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen.

Helpful Hint: The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete. You may leave and come back to the course at any time by logging into your AgriLife Learn account.

15. Once you complete the course materials, click "Final Exam" to take the exam.

Helpful Hint: You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve 80% or higher.

16. Once you pass the exam, you will receive an email from texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu with your VERIFIED Quality Counts NUMBER. It is important you check for and keep this message. You may also contact your CEA/AST to obtain your number if you did not receive the email.

17. Congratulations! You have completed the Quality Counts Journey and your Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

Helpful Hint: For questions related to content, scores, and verification, please contact texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu

Helpful Hint: For questions related to technical issues or AgriLife Learn, please contact learnonline@ag.tamu.edu

Wichita County 4-H



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