

Wichita County 4-H

December 2023

Newsletter

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Looking Forward to 2024

What a great year Wichita County 4-H had in 2023!

As we close out this year, we look forward to 2024 with stock show season, clothing & textiles, 4-H Flip, photography, Interior Design, Public Speaking, more shooting sports practices, dog training and many more projects to come!

If you haven't gotten involved yet, let's find you a project to explore! If you see or hear of a project, speak up! We always need good volunteers to help out too. Parents-- your knowledge and skills are an important resource for us!

We wish you the very Merriest of Christmases and a very Happy New Year!

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Always call the office before coming by to ensure someone is there!

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.



Christmas Parades

All parades are light up so we will need lights/decoration and a truck/trailer with a generator or ability to power the lights. If one or 2 families would like to step up and help coordinate each parade, that'd be fabulous!! Let me know!

City Lights Parade- Wichita Falls

Dec 16 7pm Lineup at 5pm

Theme: Dr Seuss

“If I Ran the Zoo” is the theme.

We are still searching for a generator for this parade! Plus riders/walkers and decorators!

If you'd like to join in and celebrate with us, let us know!





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CITY LIGHTS PARADE

SATURDAY, DEC 16
DOWNTOWN WICHITA FALLS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RIDE ON OUR
FLOAT!

DECORATIONS & A GENERATOR ALSO
NEEDED!

RSVP TO KATRENA BY DEC 11



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Iowa Park

Dec 8 7pm Lineup 6:30pm

Theme: Christmas Through the Years

Valley View 4-H is leading up this one! They welcome all 4-Hers to ride along! Reach out on their Facebook or to Angie Adams!


Burkburnett

Dec 9 6pm Line up at 5

Theme: Christmas Vacation

We've been invited and they take horseback entries!

****Need a Lead for this as I'm out of pocket that evening.**





Valley View 4-H Club

Club Meeting and club Christmas
party December 11th 6:30

Faith Baptist Church in Iowa Park.

Community service: Bring an
unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

For the christmas party be sure to
bring a Wrapped gift that cost no
more than \$20





Burkburnett 4-H Club

No meeting in December.

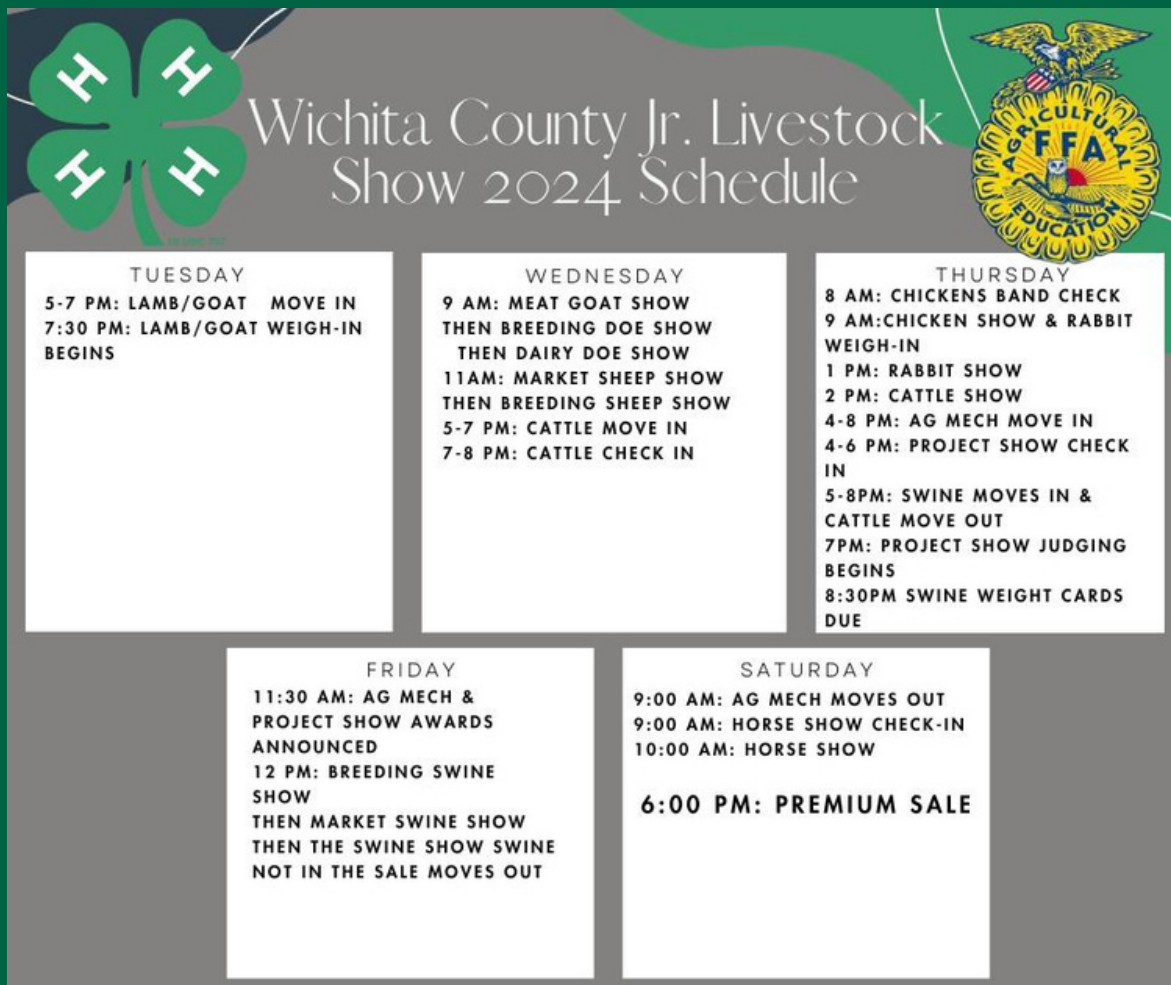
Next Meeting will be Jan 22.





Explorers 4-H Club

Check their Facebook Page for the latest updates!



The poster features a green background with a grey wavy line. On the left is a green four-leaf clover with white 'H' symbols. On the right is a yellow FFA seal with an eagle and the text 'FFA AGRICULTURE EDUCATION'. The title 'Wichita County Jr. Livestock Show 2024 Schedule' is in white serif font.

TUESDAY
 5-7 PM: LAMB/GOAT MOVE IN
 7:30 PM: LAMB/GOAT WEIGH-IN BEGINS

WEDNESDAY
 9 AM: MEAT GOAT SHOW
 THEN BREEDING DOE SHOW
 THEN DAIRY DOE SHOW
 11AM: MARKET SHEEP SHOW
 THEN BREEDING SHEEP SHOW
 5-7 PM: CATTLE MOVE IN
 7-8 PM: CATTLE CHECK IN

THURSDAY
 8 AM: CHICKENS BAND CHECK
 9 AM: CHICKEN SHOW & RABBIT WEIGH-IN
 1 PM: RABBIT SHOW
 2 PM: CATTLE SHOW
 4-8 PM: AG MECH MOVE IN
 4-6 PM: PROJECT SHOW CHECK IN
 5-8PM: SWINE MOVES IN & CATTLE MOVE OUT
 7PM: PROJECT SHOW JUDGING BEGINS
 8:30PM SWINE WEIGHT CARDS DUE

FRIDAY
 11:30 AM: AG MECH & PROJECT SHOW AWARDS ANNOUNCED
 12 PM: BREEDING SWINE SHOW
 THEN MARKET SWINE SHOW
 THEN THE SWINE SHOW SWINE NOT IN THE SALE MOVES OUT

SATURDAY
 9:00 AM: AG MECH MOVES OUT
 9:00 AM: HORSE SHOW CHECK-IN
 10:00 AM: HORSE SHOW
 6:00 PM: PREMIUM SALE

Wichita Co Jr Livestock Show
Entries now closed!
The show is Jan 10-13, 2024.

**If you need help with last minute advice, clipping or more-
 please let us know!**

**To read the rulebook or to submit a school note for an
 excused absence, go here:**

<https://wichita.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/4-h-resource-center/>



School Notes & Eligibility Forms

We are adjunct faculty at each public school district in the county. This means we can provide an excused absence school note when your 4-Her is out for a 4-H sponsored activity. This is shows, contests, field trips, etc that are 4-H sponsored. This is not for jackpots, vet visits, etc.

We need to submit paperwork at least 2 weeks in advance so that the school staff has time to verify grades and state that your 4-Her is eligible as we are like any other activity at the school and follow UIL Rules.

Unless it is somehow missed on our end, we will not submit notes the day of or after the fact.

When you register for an event or activity, please submit those dates to us so we can fill out the forms for the school. If we don't have a signed copy of the form for your 4-Her, we will need to collect that.

This all needs to happen when you sign up to show at County or the majors or any District event.

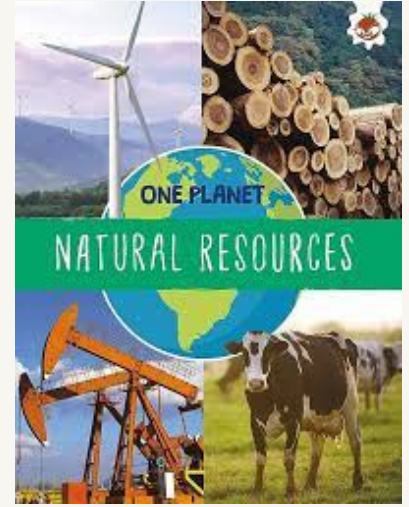
Even if the event occurs over a holiday or a weekend, we still have to confirm your 4-Her's eligibility.

****County Show notes are due to the office by Dec 8 so that we have time to submit to the schools before Christmas break.**

Photography Opportunity

Grab your cameras and get ready to capture the world around you! The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest Is now open for entries: December 1-15, 2023 on 4HOnline. 4-H members of any age can participate! Click for more details:

: <https://ow.ly/M4zm50Q17hY>



Examples of
Natural Resources:

Sun

Minerals

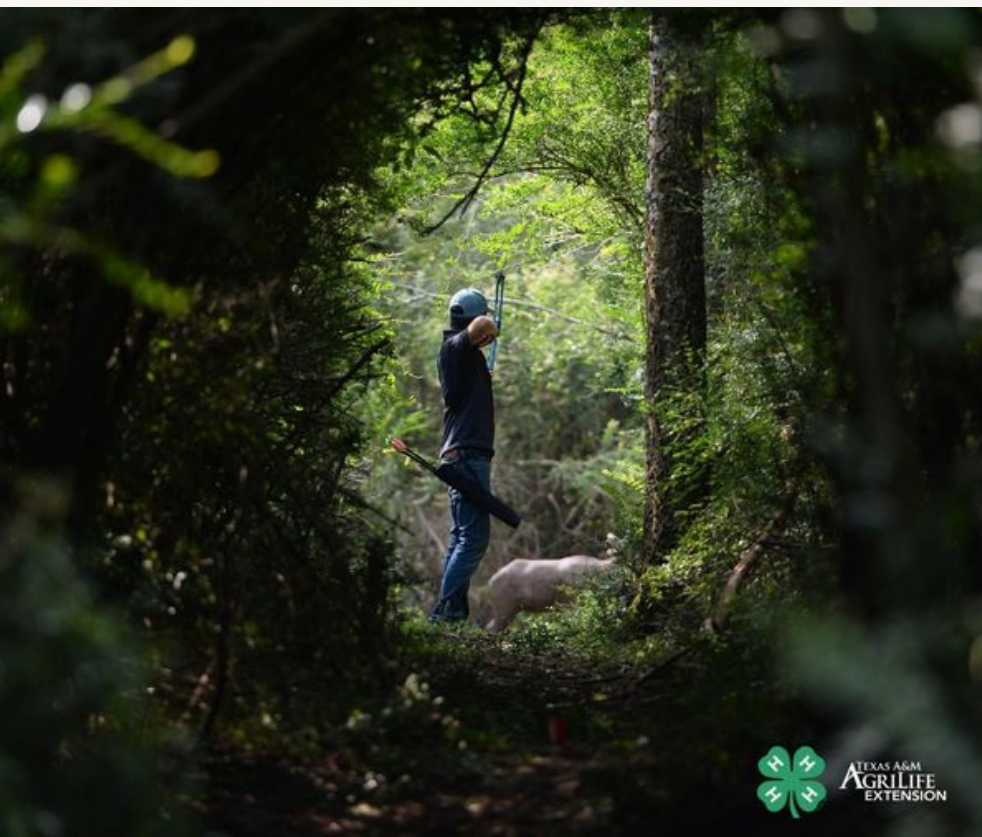
Plants & Soil

Animals

Coal

Water

Natural Gases





Stock Show Safety

In lieu of events that happened at the State Fair of Texas, I reached out to Melvin Joyner of the Wichita County Sheriffs Department for some safety tips as we head into the Spring Show Season:

- *Always be aware of your surroundings
- *Always know where exits are
- *Look for “safe zones” or areas where you could possibly seek cover
- *Getting to safety is always priority #1. However, in large crowds, panic happens. Don’t get caught in a running crowd in case you fall or get knocked down. You could end up trampled or injured that way.
- *Always use the buddy system. Go nowhere alone!
- *Keep phones charged as a form of communication.
- *Look at apps such as Life 360 for location sharing.
- *Designate a location to meet back at if your group gets separated.

This isn’t meant to instill fear in anyone or discourage anyone from going and enjoying the shows. Just be safe!

Meeting & Practice Etiquette

At your next Club Meeting or Project Meeting...

Be respectful when others are talking!

Listen and pay attention to your club officers.

Keep side conversations to a minimum. Talk to each other before/after meetings.

Stay off your phones!

Parents-- your input is appreciated and greatly needed.

Help your 4-Hers make informed decisions. Guide them with wise advice and guidance. It is ultimately their club and their decisions.

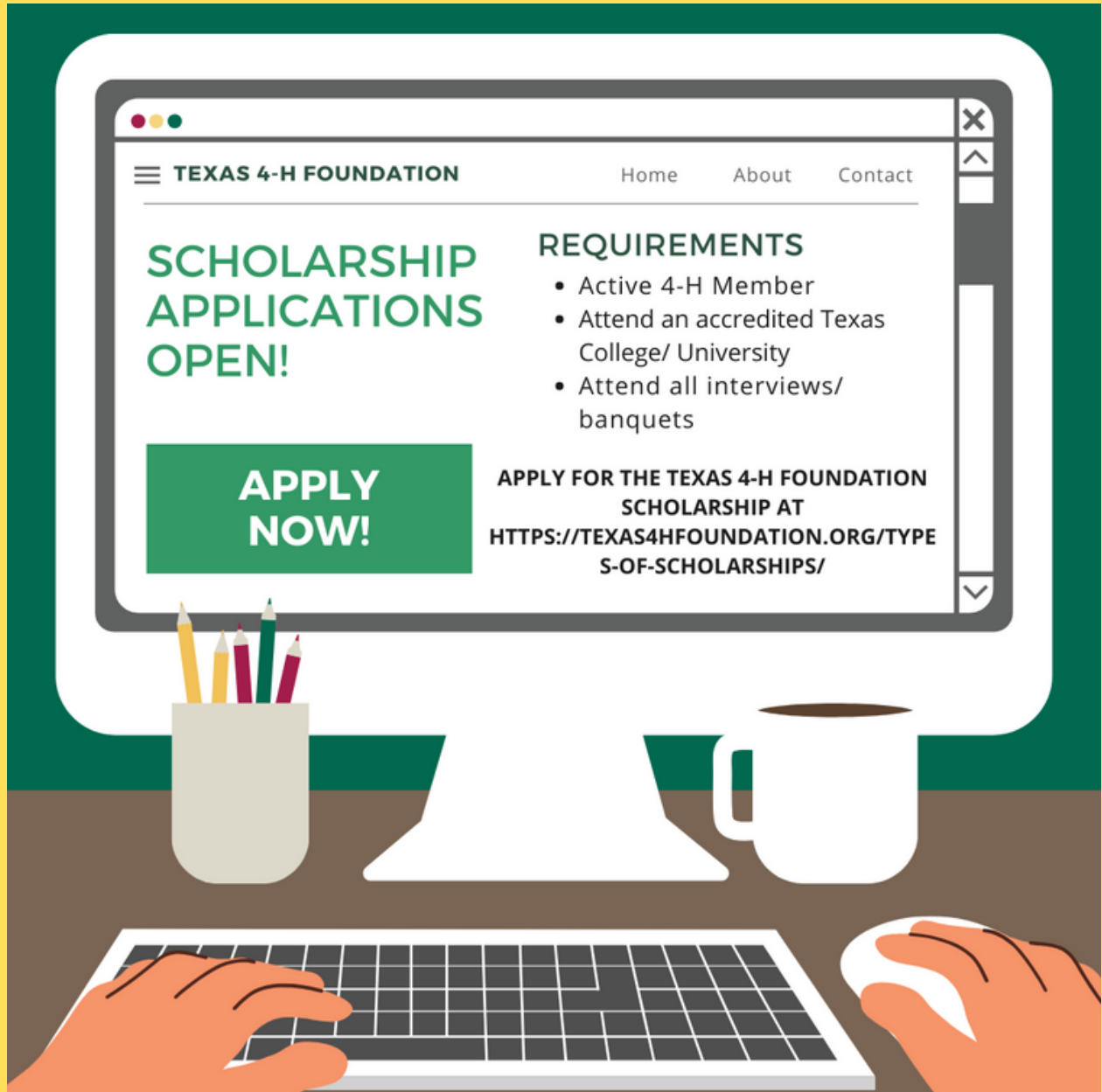


2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Trailblazer Committee 4th Grade Student Writing Competition. The theme this year is “My Magical Rodeo Garden.”

The entry deadline is Dec. 5th. The forms plus updates can also be found on the Rodeo’s website at www.rodeohouston.com/writing.

Graduating Seniors!

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships





Wichita County 4-H Fundraiser

Arts Alive Home & Garden Show

Tickets February 24 & 25, 2024

Purchase tickets now at the Extension office for
\$8!

Call 940-716-8610 or email:
morgan.adams@ag.tamu.edu
for pickup arrangements.

Thank you for supporting Wichita County 4-H!



**We will make \$6 off each ticket sold
ahead of time!**

**If you'd like tickets to sell to your friends,
family, church or give as Christmas gifts,
let us know!**



Texas 4-H Dog Project

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ALL DOGS MUST
BE VALIDATED
BY:
JANUARY 10,
2024

STATE 4-H
DOG SHOW:
JULY 11-13,
2024 IN
HUNTSVILLE

VALIDATION IS
DONE ONLINE
AT:
TEXAS.4HONLINE
.COM

VALIDATION IS
FREE!!



Go here or click on the QR Code for all the
information:

<https://wichita.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/projects/>



Interested in the 4-H Dog Training
Project?
Dogs must be validated online at
Texas.4Honline.com by January 10!