Wichita County 4-H Feburary 2024 Newsletter



Howdy to February!

We are starting our 4th month of the 4-H year out strong and there are lots of things coming up to become involved in!

Congratulations to all that competed in the Wichita County Jr Livestock show!

Stock Show season has kicked off with Ft Worth Stock Show followed by all the other Spring Majors. Lots of 4-H families will be hitting the road to show. Good luck and safe travels to them!

But there's still more! Read thru the newsletter to read more about all the Spring 4-H projects you can get involved in. There is something for everyone! If interested in any of these projects, let us know!

Want to help lead these projects? Raise your hand high! We can only offer projects when we have great volunteers. Otherwise, projects can be self-led at home.

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

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.

Valley View 4-H Club

Club Meeting:
February 5 6:30pm
Faith Baptist Church
Community Service Project:
Warm Items to be donated to the Homeless

Burkburnett 4-H Club

Club Meeting: Feb 19th

6pm Central Baptist Church

Explorers 4-H Club

Check their Facebook Page for the latest updates.! Robotics Wednesday 9:30am Crashworks

If you're looking for information on any District 3 4-H Contest, information is updated here: https://d34-h.tamu.edu/d-3-4-h-programs/

For State Level projects and contests, go to: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ or Google "Texas 4-H whatever project you're looking for"





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

If you'd like tickets to sell to your friends, family, church or would like to set up to sell them somewhere, let us know!

Home & Garden Show & Texas Farm Bureau Ag Day

Home & Garden Show on Feb 24 & 25.

We will be bringing animals and also helping to plant strawberries with kids who stop by.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044EACAD23A6FD0-47034441-home

Parents-- we will need your help too!

Supervision in general as well as helping with the strawberry planting. We'll do a briefing with every shift as it's not a difficult task.

We'll also need help with setting up pens the Day before. There's a lot of pre-work to get done!

Farm Bureau Ag Day

Feb 26 & 27

Monday & Tuesday following the Home & Garden Show from 9-3:30pm

Farm Bureau is inviting 5th graders from 7 surrounding counties. We will have a few animals there as well as again, planting strawberries. All help is appreciated then too!

Excused school absences provided!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044EACAD23A6FD0-47654047-texas

4-H DOG TRAINING PROJECT

Starting Next Week!

- Saturday, Feb 10 @ 10am
 Pace Park 601 W. Clara, Iowa Park
- Wed, Feb 7 @ 2pm
 Park Place Church
- What to Bring:
 6 ft leash
 flat buckle or martingale collar
 treats- soft, non-crumbly bite size
 Poop bags
 Positive attitude!

Email Katrena.mitchell@ag.tamu.edu or call 940-716-8610 to register. Class size is limited!





Any dog of any age can benefit from training. Must be current on vaccinations and not human or dog aggressive.

Still spots available at each time.



Jr and Intermediate Category winners at County will advance to the District Contest.

Do you know a photographer or even a photography enthusiast? Looking for someone to do a workshop AND a couple to help judge our county contest at the end of March!

Senior 4-Hers must compete photos and win their category to advance to the State Contest.





County Photography Show rules linked in the QR Code or this website: https://wichita.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/projects/

District Roundup is a full day of contests for our 4-Hers!

First Practice will be held on Feb 15 at the RAC in Iowa Park at 6pm.

Bring written lyrics to your favorite song. (Must be 4-H appropriate!)

We will discuss the project and categories.

RSVP by Feb 12.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

OBJECTIVES

4-H public speaking is a program and activity within the 4-H youth development organization that focuses on helping young people develop their communication and public speaking skills.

BENEFITS

Builds Confidence Encourages Critical Thinking Personal Growth Develops Communication Skills Leadership Development

CONTEST RULES

Speeches should be between 5 - 8 minutes. Point deductions will be taken for those under/over.

The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern. It should also be appropriate for the member's age and experience. Appropriate credit must be given for references used.

Visual aids and props may not be used.

Speeches MUST be the original work of the 4-H member. .

Practices to start soon!

Contact the office to sign up!



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We have a Coach willing to lead this project if anyone is interested! RSVP to the office by Feb 12 so we can schedule practices.

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST



YOU'LL LEARN:

- · BUDGETING
- · SAVINGS PLANS
- · PRICE COMPARISON
- · PRODUCT QUALITY
- · Decision Making
- · CONSUMER FACTS AND RESEARCH

JUDGE CLASSES OF 4 ITEMS AND PLACE THEM BASED ON A SCENARIO YOU ARE GIVEN.
REASONS WILL BE GIVEN TO JUDGES.
JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES WILL GIVE 1 SET OF REASONS AND SENIORS GIVE 2 SETS.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOCUS ON:

- MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS
- · SAVING MONEY
- · SMART PURCHASING SKILLS
- Decision making
- · GOAL SETTING
- PIANNING FOR THE FUTURE



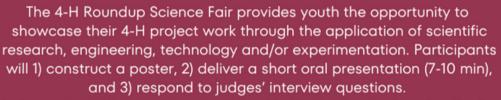
PRACTICES STARTING SOON!

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP!





2024 4-H Roundup Science Fair Guidelines



Projects should follow either the Scientific Method or Engineering Design Process and the poster formatted accordingly.



Complete a Science Fair Project based on one of the Big 5 4-H Project Areas:

- 1. Agriculture & Livestock
- 2. Family & Community Health
- 3. Leadership & Citizenship
- 4. Natural Resources
- 5. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Contact the office for more details!



Fashion & Design Contests



April 6th, 2024 Archer County Activity Center, 512 W. Cottonwood, Archer City, TX

Schedule

9:00 a.m. Agents, Leaders and Judges Arrive

Duds to Dazzle Clothing & Textile Competition Teams Check In

9:10 a.m. Leader Orientation, Judge Orientation

9:30 a.m. Team Orientation

10:00 p.m. Duds to Dazzle Clothing & Textile Competition Begins

11:15 p.m. Presentations and Judging Begins

Awards Program will follow completion of judging

Duds to Dazzle

District Contest: April 6, 2024 in Archer City

Teams of 3-4 4-Hers will have 60 minutes to construct an item, plan a presentation and clean up their station while utilizing their Duds to Dazzle Sewing Kit brought by each team.

Teams will be assigned a category on the

day of contest.

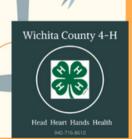
Categories include:

Wearables

Accessory/Jewelry
Non-wearables

If interested, recruit your teammates!

Contact the office for more information!



Fashion Storyboard: For all our designer and creative 4-Hers! District Contest will be held in April.

Do you DREAM about being a fashion designer? This is a great project for you!

Create your own fashion and tell the story behind your design. Whether it's a wearable item, an accessory, jewelry, pet/livestock clothing, home decor or home furnishings, there's a category for you to show off all your creativity. This project is done all online thru a variety of programs such as Canva, Adobe, Illustrator or more.

FASHION STORYBOARD

This year's theme is DREAM! "Dream" serves as the ultimate source of inspiration for this fashion concept. The concept revolves around the multifaceted nature of dreams, whether they are the surreal visions that captivate a sleeping mind or the vivid aspirations that fuel the conscious soul. The fashion narrative will blur the lines between reality and reverie, creating a visual story that celebrates the ethereal and the tangible. This concept invites designers to translate the essence of dreams into fashion, evoking a sense of wonder, mystery, and endless possibility.



REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE FOR THE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Wichita County 4-H 940-716-8610 Katrena.mitchell@ag.tamu.edu



Categories:

Juniors/Intermediates Buying:

Everyday Living

Fantastic Fashions Under \$25

Dressy to Semi-Formal

Special Interest

Sew or purchase an outfit for the Fashion Show.

Juniors/Intermediate

Construction:

Everyday Living

ReFashion

Dressy to Semiformal

Special Interest

Categories:

Senior Buying:

Business/Interview Attire
Fantastic Fashions Under \$25

Semi-Formal to Formal

Special Interest



Everyday Living

Semiformal to Formal

Theatre/Costume





Wichita County 4-H



If interested, please reach out! We're looking for leaders to help with sewing projects. If you're wanting to shop/recycle, we can set up a day to go shopping!

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, and determine how to score horses in competition. You will also explain how you decided on your scores. You will learn decision-making and public speaking skills.



We do have an adult volunteer to help with this project this year. If your 4-Her is interested, please let the office know!

District & State Horse Shows

Some big changes for the Horse Show this year! Be sure to read thru the rulebook and make sure you know the rules!

Horse Validation will start in March. You'll need good clear photos of your horse from the front and each side. If your horse is registered, it must be in your immediate family's name. If not, you may have time to get that done or enter them as a grade horse.

Leased horses are also able to be used and there is a form for that.



Shooting Sports Projects

Two opportunities to get involved!

Cowpoke City 4-H Club:

Offers all the disciplines including Archery at the range in Punkin Center.

Danelle Ivey is the Club Manager and her phone is: 915-433-5431

Field & Streams Partnership:

Blackpowder starting March 3. Trap Classes starting Feb 13.

District Contests:

Rifle/Pistol April 20 Trap May 4 Archery May 18

Shooting Sports Projects

Northwest Texas Field & Streams Youth Trap Class



Location: NWTFS Gun Range 4472 Old Friberg Rd.

First Year Participant Mandatory Meeting on Feb 13 6-8:30pm

All following classes held on Tuesdays from 4-6pm under the instruction of Northwest Texas Field & Streams Instructors and Certified Texas 4-H Coaches.

Graduation to be held April 23.

District 3 4-H Trap Contest is May 4 for all enrolled 4-Hers.



For youth ages 8-18



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Fun fishing Contest Opportunity!



Upcoming Events Across the State

<u>Dive into Adventure at the Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp!</u> Join the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors from April 26-28 at the Texas 4-H Center. Open to 6th-8th graders, this water camp promises project-based learning, exciting water activities, and unforgettable memories! Registration opens on February 5th at the Texas 4-H Conference Center website. Don't miss the splash—mark your calendars and secure your spot! #4HSplashCamp #WaterAdventures #YouthLeadership

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Veterinary Science Summer Camp Applications are OPEN!

Deadline to apply is March 1st, 2024.

You can find more information about camps and the application for each camp at the link below! https://aevm.tamu.edu/summer-camp/

We can't wait to host some amazing kids this summer!



2024 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match

Mercedes Location: March 7

Rio Grande Valley Rodeo Arena 1000 North Texas Mercedes TX 78570

Registration via 4-H Connect AND through the RGV website: https://www.rgvls.com/events/

Bay City Location: April 12-13

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association 4511 FM 2668 (Nichols Road) Bay City TX 77414 (3 ½ miles south of Highway 35 on FM 2668) Registration via 4-H Connect: January

Amarillo Location: March 22-23

1111 E. Loop 335 Amarillo, Texas 79118

Registration via 4-H Online: January

Monahans Location: March 1-2

Monahans Convention Center 1525 Monahans Parkway Monahans, TX 79756

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 2-

Graham Location: March 15-16

Young County Arena 120 Barclay Blvd Graham TX 76450

Registration via 4-H Connect: January

Carthage Location: March 22-23

Carthage EXPO Center # 2 Ballpark Road Carthage, TX 75633

Registration via 4-H Connect: January

Indoor Archery
Contest--Available to
4-Hers who have been
coached by a 4-H
Coach.

Danelle Ivey is our Coach. Contact her at 915-433-5431 to start if you're not already there!

We are always in need of willing Shooting Sports Coaches in all disciplines!





Save The Date

Keller 4-H Vet. Science Project is hosting a 4-H Veterinary Science



Skills Camp



April 20, 2024

Springtown, TX

Open to 4-H members in 5th - 11th graders. Youth will be grouped by age as they rotate through the stations.

Veterinarians: Dr. Gursky and Dr. Doering

Sign up to get updates:

https://forms.gle/zX2YksZrDsh8YF6w7

More details will be coming soon.

VSCP and CVA skills and hours will be earned

Contact Sanci Hall if you have any questions. sanci.hall@gmail.com, 757-254-4221

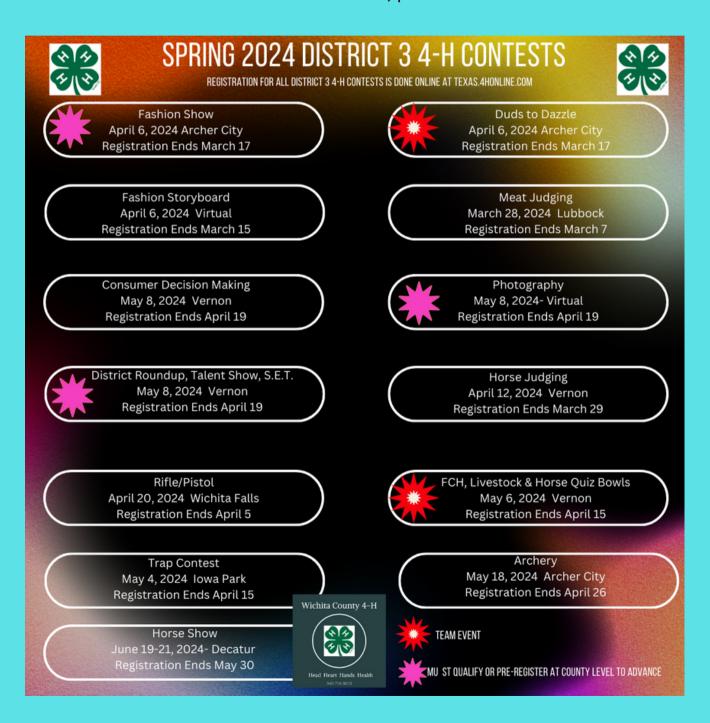
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Volunteers Needed!

Hey Parents & Volunteers!

There are many District Contests coming up where we need volunteers to act as judges or group leaders. Even if your 4-Her isn't involved, this is a great way to learn about a contest.

Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, Roundup are the big contests where we need volunteers. If interested, please let us know!



Open Your Home to the World! Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2024 with States' 4-H International. Hosting period: July 24 - August 17. Youth ages 12-18. Submit your application here:





Summer Camp Dates!

These are the summer camp dates at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.
You'll register at Texas4HCenter.tamu.edu
We do have limited 4-H scholarships this year to help with costs. It is
reimbursed after camp.



4-H Flip!

This project will help teach business skills, record keeping, marketing and hopefully some life long DIY skills!

Rules & Registration Information: https://wichita.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/projects/

4-H Flip



ANOTHER MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE

Based loosely on the popular TV Show "Flea Market Flip", the purpose of this project is to purchase an item and then "flip" it into something upcycled, recycled or redone! All projects will be made for sale at the April 4, 2024, Downtown Art Walk.

Project Start: Saturday, Feb 17, 2024 1:00 pm Emmalee's Antique Mall 301 E. Scott

RSVP by Feb 15, 2024 to Katrena if attending.

Projects must be secured by: March 1, 2024
Before Photos emailed in by this date and Google Form Registration to be completed.

Market Day: April 4, 2024 Downtown Art Walk