

Wichita County 4-H March 2024 Newsletter

Wichita County 4-H



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Howdy to March!

We are busy busy busy!

4-Hers are everywhere and doing so much! Not only in 4-H but FFA and other school activities plus outside activities. I need some of that energy to keep up!

We are in the midst of gearing up for the spring contests. 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:
TBA 6:30pm
Faith Baptist Church

Burkburnett 4-H Club

Club Meeting: March 18th
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're hosting an open forum to identify and prioritize issues here in Wichita County.

**Any citizen is invited and we hope you can join us!
4-Hers are invited that are Middle School and above.**

**We will have a separate small group for them.
Please share our posts on social media so we have a
great turnout from the community.**

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Scan below
to RSVP!



Texas Community
Futures Forum
You're Invited!

**Join in to help us to
identify critical issues
affecting citizens here in
Wichita County.**

MARCH 21, 2024

6 PM

**DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ROOM 189**

Or RSVP to 940-716-8610 or wichita-tx@tamu.edu

UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP - COLLEGE STATION - MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC - NACOGDOCHES - APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS - LUFKIN - APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHEP) STATE CONTEST - TBD - MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) - COLLEGE STATION - JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE - RICHMOND - JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP - JOHNSON CITY - JULY 15-20

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:


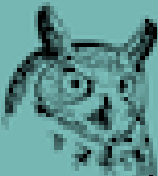
[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:

- [FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES](https://www.facebook.com/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES)

- [INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES](https://www.instagram.com/TX4HNATRES)

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions



TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP

March 23, 2024
9:00am to 4:00pm
Texas A&M University, College Station

Learn:

- Wildlife Species Ecology
- Wildlife Habitat Features
- Wildlife Habitat Management
- 4-H Wildlife Contests Strategies

Sessions will be held indoors and outdoors.
Plan to explore in the field, the woods, and the water.

Open to 4-H Youth and Adults Statewide

Contact:
Larry Hysmith at
lhysmith@tamu.edu
for questions

Register on 4-H Online
February 16 - March 17
\$5 per participant

design by DMC Graphics

Thank you



We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who provided animals for the Home & Garden Show. They are always the highlight of our area!

BC Sheep Company- Mark & Sarah Towery

The Utley Family- Craig, Meredith & Sailor

Harmony Galindo & Barbara Perkins

Alex & Jennifer Mountain

Arianna Claeys & Tisha Owens

B. Rich & Sons Farms- Hatching Eggs



I can't thank you all enough for showing up and helping at the Home & Garden Show and then again at the Ag Days. I appreciate all of you!

Graysen Simpson, Sonny Houston, Amanda Karsbergen, Emily Cheaney, Bradley Cheaney, Kaitlin Geer, Garrisen Simpson, Riggie Kloxin, Natalie Smits, Abigale Smits, Harmony Galindo, Mason Brockriede, Carter Brockriede, Sailor Utley, Arianna Claeys, Cooper Smith, Bristol Smith, Deacon Gann, Danika Simpson, Kaiden Simpson, Cameron Stolper, Alex Mountain, Corena Crawford, Kaisyn Bergin, Hagan Wineinger, Sydney Wineinger, Kallie McCorkle, Graham Fischer, Kolton Scharbrough and all the parents who helped as well!

THANK YOU!!!



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

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 3 4-H Roundup

May 8, 2024

Vernon, TX

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

Practices currently being held on Thursdays at 6pm at the RAC in
Iowa Park.

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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Educational Presentation Categories

Contact the office for more information!
Practices starting soon!

MAXIMUM OF 12
MINUTES
PROPS CAN BE USED
RESEARCH BASED

HORSE

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL
RESOURCES

ANIMAL SCIENCE

BEEF

FAMILY AND CONSUMER
EDUCATION

HEALTH & WELLNESS

OPEN

SHEEP AND GOAT

SWINE

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING,
TECHNOLOGY, AND MATH
(STEM)

SAFETY & INJURY PREVENTION

PROMOTE 4-H

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May 8, 2024
Vernon, TX



4-H Talent Showcase

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HAVE A TALENT?
LET'S SHOWCASE IT AT DISTRICT ROUNDUP
MAY 8!

Categories:

4-H SKIT
VARIETY SHOW
VOCAL
SOLO/BAND
MUSICAL/INSTRUMENTAL
POETRY/PROSE
CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINE



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Contact the office for more information!

District 3 4-H Roundup
May 8, 2024
Vernon, TX

If interested, let me know!

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST



YOU'LL LEARN:

- BUDGETING
- SAVINGS PLANS
- PRICE COMPARISON
- PRODUCT QUALITY
- DECISION MAKING
- CONSUMER FACTS AND RESEARCH

LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOCUS ON:

- MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS
- SAVING MONEY
- SMART PURCHASING SKILLS
- DECISION MAKING
- GOAL SETTING
- PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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.



PRACTICES STARTING SOON!
CONTACT THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP!

District 3 4-H Roundup

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2024 4-H Roundup Science Fair Guidelines

The 4-H Roundup Science Fair provides youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H project work through the application of scientific research, engineering, technology and/or experimentation. Participants will 1) construct a poster, 2) deliver a short oral presentation (7-10 min), and 3) respond to judges' interview questions. 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!

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Rolling Plains District 3 2024 Duds to Dazzle Contest

Awards Program will follow completion of judging

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Fashion Storyboard:

For all our designer and creative 4-Hers!

District Contest will be held in April.

March 17 is the registration deadline

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

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4-H

Fashion Show

April 6, 2024 in Archer City

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

Senior Construction:

Everyday Living
ReFashion
Semiformal to Formal
Theatre/Costume

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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!

March 17 is the registration deadline!

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.



**Rolling Plains District 3
2024
Horse Judging Contest**

Friday, April 12th, 2024

Check-In: Wilbarger County Exhibit Building @ 8:30 a.m.
Judging: Covered Events Center @ 9:30 a.m.

Wilbarger County will be selling meal tickets prior to registration. Tickets are \$12 and will be due to Wilbarger County office by April 5th at 5:00 pm. The lunch meal will include Chicken strips, fries, a drink, and a cookie.

Still trying to coordinate with our volunteer to set up practices.

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!

TEXAS STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW



District: June 19-21 in Decatur
State: July 21-27 in Bryan/College Station

All horses must be validated online at [Texas.4Honline.com](https://texas.4Honline.com)
between March 1- May 1. Validation is done yearly

Major Changes for this year!
Mules & Donkeys are now allowed.
No dogs allowed on show grounds.
White or Buff colored shirts are no longer a requirement in
Stock Horse Showmanship or Horsemanship Classes.
Exhibitors not limited to only 2 horses in Halter Division. Still
one entry per class.

More rule changes are listed in red in the rulebook.
Scan the QR Code or go to the link below.



https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/horse_show_rules_2024.pdf

Horse Validation

Horse Validation opens March 1st!

There is a \$10 fee to submit your validation thru April 15.

April 15-April 30 is \$20.

Validation is done every year on Texas.4Honline.com.

- 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.
- ***NEW IN 2023*** - Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded to 4H Online at the time of validation.
- Image uploads in 4H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- Families should validate each horse only one time. Once the horse is validated, any sibling within that family is eligible to show the horse at their district show and/or the State 4-H Horse Show.
- Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2022) and at least in the 6th grade.

4-H Hippology

The Hippology contest provides youth with the opportunity to blend the knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging, horse bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, showing and practical horse experience into one activity. Encourages a 4-H member to expand their knowledge and comprehension of equine science, comprehensive knowledge of the horse industry and management practices.

Jennifer Mountain has kindly volunteered to help lead this project. If interested, please let us know so we can set up practice times!

High School 4-Hers--this is a contest you can do at 4-H Roundup in June!

Texas A&M Horsemanship School

We will be hosting a 2 day Horsemanship School in June with A&M Students teaching. We are waiting to hear back on definite dates so stay tuned for registration information!

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 10

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/FsRmZykTg5Exr8w77>

District Contests:

Rifle/Pistol April 20

Trap May 4

Archery May 18

Fun fishing Contest Opportunity!



2024
Spring



Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN** 2024 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 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

NEW!

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group



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@tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 15 at 12:00 am thru
May 27 at 11:59 pm

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Upcoming Events Across the State

Dive into Adventure at the Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp! 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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Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

presented by

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors



April 26-28, 2024

Texas 4-H State Conference Center, Lake Brownwood



*** Open to 6th - 8th grade students ***

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Registration open February 5 - April 5 on the Texas 4-H @
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

Check-in: Friday, April 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Pick-up: Sunday, April 28 11:00 am

Cost: \$210 per camper
(includes 2 nights dorm
lodging, meals, t-shirt,
water bottle and
activities)



**Adult Chaperones
Needed.** (Chaperones may
attend free of charge but
must register and be
approved Texas 4-H Adult
Volunteers.)

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CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are led by Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors and Texas 4-H Conference Center staff. Activities will include:

- Water Fair
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Seining
- Water model building
- High ropes course
- Dance & games
- & much more!



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides resources, means and opportunities for youth to learn, lead and teach others about water.
www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com

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2024 Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

Upcoming Events Across the State



**HEALTHY TEXAS
YOUTH
AMBASSADORS**

Become trained and recognized as a student health and wellness leader in your community!

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2023 to May 2024.

WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend a state-wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summit. This Summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.
<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas

Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local

Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth

Development team!

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>. Application deadline is April 1.

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!

Texas 4-H Congress

This is an indepth look at how the Texas Government works. 4-Hers attending will be divided into either the House or Senate and then into committees. Will have to submit a bill to be considered. There will be 4-Hers that are lobbyists, members of the press and in leadership roles. There are tours scheduled and opportunities to meet your representatives.

If interested, let Katrena know ASAP as District 3 can only send so many 4-Hers. We currently have 2 Wichita County 4-Hers interested in attending.

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.rgvs.com/events/>

Monahans Location: March 1-2

Monahans Convention Center
1525 Monahans Parkway
Monahans, TX 79756

Registration via 4-H Connect: January 2-

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

Graham Location: March 15-16

Young County Arena
120 Barclay Blvd
Graham TX 76450

Registration via 4-H Connect: January

Amarillo Location: March 22-23

1111 E. Loop 335
Amarillo, Texas 79118

Registration via 4-H Online: 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!

**Upcoming Shooting Sports
Training in Lubbock:
April 6-7**

**Register on
Texas.4Honline.com**

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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:

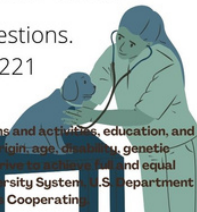
<https://forms.gle/zX2YksZrDsh8YF6w7>

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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We have 1 4-Her
interested in
attending this. I am
going to Vernon that
day so can transport
4-Hers!

ENGAGE

with Texas Farm Bureau's Student Success Series
Program for Graduating Class of 2026 and 2027

- Learn more about Texas Farm Bureau
- Engage with community leaders in agriculture and western industries
- Gain insight into the free enterprise system
- Learn how to navigate and have an engaging presence on social media and in digital environments
- Tour a local agricultural operation

District 3 Engage Event

May 6, 2024
Vernon College – Auditorium
4400 College Drive
Vernon, TX 76384

Contact your TFB Field Representative
Amber West at awest@txfb.org or call
940-613-8209 with questions.

Eligibility

Any high school student entering 10th or 11th
grade in August 2024 is eligible to participate.

Register by April 22

texasfarmbureau.org/student-success-series




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BUREAU

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!



SPRING 2024 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONTESTS

REGISTRATION FOR ALL DISTRICT 3 4-H CONTESTS IS DONE ONLINE AT TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM

 <p>Fashion Show April 6, 2024 Archer City Registration Ends March 17</p>	 <p>Duds to Dazzle April 6, 2024 Archer City Registration Ends March 17</p>
<p>Fashion Storyboard April 6, 2024 Virtual Registration Ends March 15</p>	<p>Meat Judging March 28, 2024 Lubbock Registration Ends March 7</p>
<p>Consumer Decision Making May 8, 2024 Vernon Registration Ends April 19</p>	 <p>Photography May 8, 2024- Virtual Registration Ends April 19</p>
 <p>District Roundup, Talent Show, S.E.T. May 8, 2024 Vernon Registration Ends April 19</p>	<p>Horse Judging April 12, 2024 Vernon Registration Ends March 29</p>
<p>Rifle/Pistol April 20, 2024 Wichita Falls Registration Ends April 5</p>	 <p>FCH, Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowls May 6, 2024 Vernon Registration Ends April 15</p>
<p>Trap Contest May 4, 2024 Iowa Park Registration Ends April 15</p>	<p>Archery May 18, 2024 Archer City Registration Ends April 26</p>
<p>Horse Show June 19-21, 2024- Decatur Registration Ends May 30</p>	 <p>TEAM EVENT</p> <p> MU ST QUALIFY OR PRE-REGISTER AT COUNTY LEVEL TO ADVANCE</p>



Wichita County 4-H
Head Heart Hands Health
940-716-8613

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:



REFASHION RETREAT

Let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat

MARCH 1-3, 2024

TEXAS 4-H CENTER

REGISTRATION
Youth registration - \$170
Every youth needs a to have an adult chaperone attending

Register Now texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

5600 FM 3021,
Brownwood, TX 7681

325-784-5482

The graphic features a young girl in a red dress and cape, a green four-leaf clover logo with '4-H' on each leaf, and decorative orange and red wavy shapes in the corners.

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.

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

County Camp II- August 4-August 8



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/>

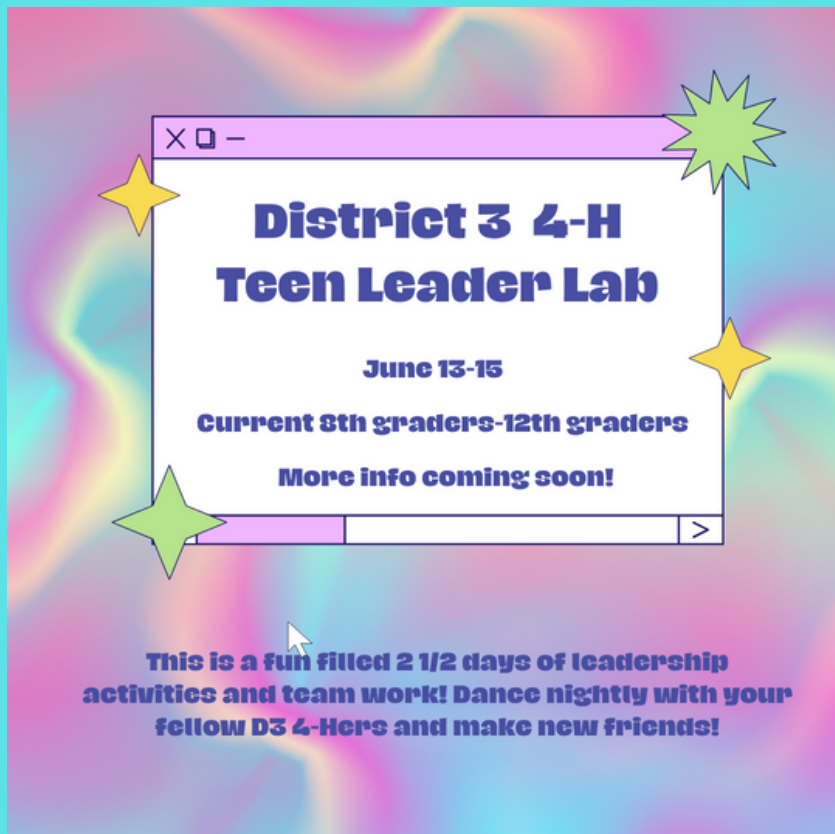
Deadline to register March 1:

<https://forms.gle/d1fpvQdy3aG7DGDA7>

Texas 4-H Congress

This is an indepth look at how the Texas Government works. 4-Hers attending will be divided into either the House or Senate and then into committees. Will have to submit a bill to be considered. There will be 4-Hers that are lobbyists, members of the press and in leadership roles. There are tours scheduled and opportunities to meet your representatives.

If interested, let Katrena know ASAP as District 3 can only send so many 4-Hers. We currently have 2 Wichita County 4-Hers interested in attending.



**District 3 4-H
Teen Leader Lab**

June 13-15

Current 8th graders-12th graders

More info coming soon!

This is a fun filled 2 1/2 days of leadership activities and team work! Dance nightly with your fellow D3 4-Hers and make new friends!

Teen Leader Lab is open to all current 8th graders thru 12th grade. It's a fun filled leadership camp! Come join us! More details soon!

CALLING ALL FUTURE AMBASSADORS!! We have some amazing opportunities coming this summer. Whether you are interested in livestock, equine, or poultry we have a place for everyone to gain extensive knowledge on their industry of choice. Check out these flyers for more information! Applications will close on April 15th. You won't want to miss this!!

TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 10-13, 2024 ~ LUBBOCK, TX

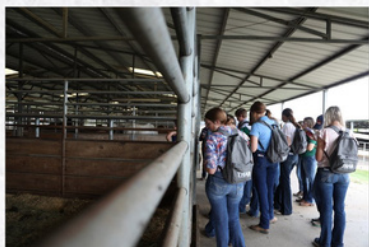
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- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning
- Develop a heightened awareness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



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-Current Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador

TO APPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE, STUDENTS MUST BE:

- Freshman-Senior (2024-2025 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

2024 SHORT COURSE DATE

Texas Tech University: June 10-13

2024 PROGRAM FEES

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

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Applications available under the Equine Ambassador tab on www.texasyouthlivestock.com
Applications open on February 15th
Applications close on April 15th

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TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

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great connections!

"The TYLA program has given me a second family. It has taught me invaluable life lessons while affording me opportunities that would not have been available outside of this program. From Amarillo, to Austin, to Aloha, to Australia, I am beyond grateful for all that this program has given to me." - Current Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador



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2024 SHORT COURSE DATES

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 17-20
- Texas A&M University: July 15-18
- West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University: July 22-25

2024 PROGRAM FEES

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Livestock Ambassador tab on
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TEXAS 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 24-27, 2024 ~ COLLEGE STATION, TX

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This looks great on
scholarship
applications!

"As a Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador, I could never have imagined how much the Ambassador Program would broaden my understanding and appreciation for the poultry industry, and it's made my excitement for it so much greater than ever before"
-Current Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador



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2024 SHORT COURSE DATE

Texas A&M University: June 24-27

2024 PROGRAM FEES

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Our thoughts & prayers go out to the folks in the panhandle. If you want to help, here is a great starting point.

Wildfire Relief for the Texas Panhandle



Thank you for your interest in helping the residents of the Texas Panhandle who sustained losses as a result of the wildfires beginning February 26, 2024. Following is contact information for donating hay, feed, fencing supplies or other livestock or ranch supplies.

SUPPLY POINTS FOR LIVESTOCK FEED AND RANCH SUPPLIES

(Please call for supply point hours of operation prior to delivering supplies)

<u>East Location</u>	<u>North Location</u>	<u>West Location</u>
Clyde Carruth Pavilion 301 Bull Barn Drive Pampa, TX 79065 Contact: Marcus Preuninger Office: 806.669.8033 Cell: 325.728.0477	Canadian AH&N Ranch Supply 100 Hackberry Trail Canadian, TX 79014 Contact: Andy Holloway Office: 806.323.9114 Cell: 325.668.0466	Hutchinson County Airport 1608 Airport Rd Borger, TX 79007 Contact: Hanna Conner Office: 806.878.4026 Cell: 806.395.7005

Thank you to those who are willing and able to donate the following items:

Hay	Feed	Fence Supplies	Cow Feed	Milk Replacer
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General questions about donations or relief efforts
- please call 806.354.5800

WILDFIRE RELIEF MONETARY DONATIONS

<u>Hutchinson County</u> Hutchinson relief fund: Hutchinson County United Way fund at the Amarillo National Bank - or - https://www.hutchinsoncountyunitedway.org/donate	<u>Gray County</u> Mail to: City of Pampa, Attn: Finance PO Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066 First Bank Southwest Ph: 806.669.8007 Reference: City of Pampa for Smokehouse Creek Fire
<u>Hemphill County</u> For people who lost their home http://fbccanadian.org/firehelp/ Hemphill County Agriculture Wildfire Relief, P.O. Box 300, Canadian, Texas 79014	<u>Potter County Agriculture</u> Checks made payable to: Potter Ag. Can be mailed or delivered to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Attn: Potter Ag. 3301 SE 10th Building 1, Amarillo, TX 79104

TDA Star Fund

<https://texasagriculture.gov/Home/Production-Agriculture/Disaster-Assistance/STAR-Fund>