



San Patricio County

4-H News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3

San Patricio Area Go Texan Scholarship Due

April 7

Extension Office Closed

State Fair & HOT Swine Tag Orders Due

April 10

A&H Show Auction Thank You Letters Due

April 12

Livestock Judging Parent Meeting

April 13-14

District 11 Spring Spectacular

April 15

Texas 4-H Horse Validation Deadline

Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassador Applications Due

April 17

San Patricio EEA Scholarship Due

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EXTENSION

April 2023



Texas 4-H Horse Validation

2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Process opens on **March 1, 2023** on 4-H Online and will run through **April 15, 2023** at a cost of \$10 per horse. From **April 16, 2023** to **May 1, 2023** the cost increases to \$20 per horse. All horses must be validated or re-validated with payment each year, to be eligible to show at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. Horses validated last year on 4-H Online, you will need to re-activate on 4-H Online and pay for validation. Each validation must include front, right side, 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, parent, sibling, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list "pending" in the registration number area. Uploads must be images.

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 4-H Online at the time of validation.

For more information and to download instructions for validating horse, go to <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Ranly at Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu or by phone 979-321-5327.

Major Show Information

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

January 13 - February 4, 2023
Fort Worth, Texas
www.fwssr.com

State Fair of Texas

Sept 29 - Oct 22, 2023
Dallas, Texas www.bigtex.com

San Angelo Stock Show

February 2 - 19, 2023
San Angelo, Texas
www.sanangelorodeo.com

Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

March 9 - 19, 2023
Mercedes, Texas
www.rgvls.com

Heart O' Texas

October 5-15, 2023
Waco, Texas www.hotfair.com

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 28 - March 19, 2023
Houston, Texas
www.rodeohouston.com

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 8 - 25, 2024
San Antonio, Texas
www.sarodeo.com

Texas' Elite Showcase

February 10 - 12, 2023
Kerrville, Texas
www.texaseliteshowcase.com

Star of Texas Rodeo

March 10 - 25, 2023
Austin, Texas
www.rodeoaustin.com

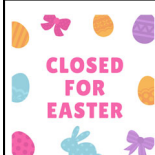


4-H COUNCIL

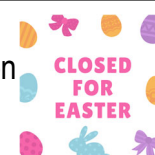
MEETING

**April 20
at 6:00pm**

It is very important that all club presidents and council delegates attend meeting!



The San Patricio County Extension Office will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023.



2023 STATE FAIR & HEART OF TEXAS SWINE TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 7, 2023

\$17 per swine



Tags are for State Fair & Heart Of Texas ONLY!

Late & Replacement tags \$20 per tag

Other Major Show Tag Orders will be at a later date

No phone or fax orders will be accepted!

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PARENT MEETING

April 12, 2023

6:00 pm

Extension Office

Hope to see all the parents at the meeting.



2023 District 11 Spring Spectacular

April 13-14, 2023

Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex

7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

4-H Online Registration Deadline: March 17, 2023

For more information visit:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-4-h-spring-spectacular/>



Save the Date

4-H Achievement Night is Thursday, August 3, 2023



Meeting Schedule

- April 2 - Rocking O
- April 2 - Taft
- April 10 - Mathis
- April 10 - Wildcat
- April 12 - Gregory-Portland
- April 16 - Blue Ribbon
- April 16 - Clover T
- April 16 - Ingleside
- April 16 - San Pat Horse
- April 16 - West Sinton

2023 County 4-H Fashion Show Results

Buying Division

Junior - Special Interest

Mikayla Castellano, Clover T 4-H----- 1st Place

Bailey Brosig, West Sinton 4-H -----2nd Place

Construction Division

Junior - Everyday Living

Payson Brosig, West Sinton 4-H----- 1st Place



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK AT DISTRICT

LETTER GUIDELINES

- ◆ All thank you letters **MUST be handwritten**. Use stationary paper or cardstock (no notebook paper).
- ◆ All letters must be original, handwritten by the exhibitor to each donor and contain a **minimum of 5 sentences**. Letters that are similar to another exhibitor's will be returned for revision.
- ◆ The letter can be a bi-fold card, tri-fold card, one-sided stationary or one-sided card.
- ◆ Exhibitors must provide their letter(s) in **unsealed addressed stamped envelopes**. All envelopes must have exhibitor's name that was used to enter the show and return address on them.
- ◆ Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to include a photo or use a photo thank you card. The photo can be from the show, auction, or with your exhibit at home or school.
- ◆ If an exhibitor has more than one letter, the set of letters must be fastened together by rubber band, large paperclip, or placed in a Ziploc bag.
- ◆ Letters **NOT** complying with the guidelines will be returned to the exhibitor for revision.
- ◆ Exhibitors will not be eligible to receive any auction proceeds until receipt of all acceptable thank you letters are complete.
- ◆ Thank you letters will be approved by a committee who has complete discretion to return any thank you letters.



2023 Auction Thank You Letters

Deadline: Monday, April 10, 2023 by 5pm

Thank You Letter - After receiving the list of buyers and contributors from the Auction Committee, exhibitors are

REQUIRED to turn in their original thank you letter in an **unsealed addressed STAMPED envelope to the San Patricio County**

Extension Office or A&H Show Board Office, 219 West Fifth Street, Sinton, TX.



SAMPLE LETTER

Date

Buyer's Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

Dear Buyer's Name (Dear Mr. Smith or Dear Smith Corporation)

Paragraph (**Contain a minimum of 5 Sentences**) You are encouraged to personalize your letters as much as possible.

Closing (Sincerely, With appreciation, Respectfully, With sincere thanks)

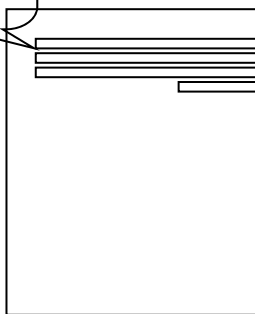
Sign Your Name

Print Your Name

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS HERE

SAMPLE ENVELOPE

PLACE STAMP



Buyer's Name
Buyer's Address
City, State Zip Code

REASONS FOR RETURN

- Non compliance with guidelines, excessive grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors
- Messiness, illegibility
- Incorrect buyer name or address
- Submitting a form letter (i.e. saying exactly the same thing on every letter)
- Any other reason the committee deems appropriate

San Patricio County Area Go Texan Scholarship

Deadline: April 3, 2023



Eligibility Requirements

- * Be a citizen of the U.S. and reside in San Patricio County. Be a graduating senior in the 2022-2023 school year.
- * Be ranked in the top third (1/3) of the graduating class at the completion of the first semester of the senior year. Ranking is to be verified on official transcript.
- * Have made formal application to enroll or be planning to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges). Must intend to attend school in the 2023-2024 school year.
- * **Technical Scholarships Only:** Be ranked in the top (1/2) of the graduating class at the completion of the first semester of the senior year.
- * One letter of recommendation (from employers, teachers, school administrators, or volunteer community or school activity coordinator - must be from someone other than family).
- * A resume of applicants' activities from his/her high school years (school & community related clubs, activities, achievements, employment, etc.)
- * **NEW:** The essay section of the application **Must be typed!**
- * San Patricio County Area Go Texan Committee has the right to refuse and/or retract any scholarship application or scholarship awards during judging, awarding or post awarding process.
- * All applications **MUST** be mailed. No exceptions. Please send everything in one envelope postmarked on or before April 3, 2023 to San Patricio County Area Go Texan Scholarship Committee, PO Box 633, Sinton, TX 78387.
- * Incomplete or late applications will **not** be accepted! There are **no** changes to submitted applications.

A complete list of eligibility requirements and applications are available at the Extension Office.

June 26, 2023

- DEPART FROM FREDERICKSBURG
- UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN BAYLOR
- TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN WACO

June 27, 2023

- WESTERN HORSEMAN MAGAZINE
- AG WORKERS INSURANCE
- GREAT WOLF LODGE

Experience

Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to a variety of career paths in the areas of:

- Job Readiness
- Business and International Relations
- Architecture
- Aerospace
- Corporate Careers

ALL TOURS ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

June 28, 2023

- SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
- M-GRAY ARCHITECTURE FIRM
- MONIN - FOOD MIXOLOGIST

June 29, 2023

- ISN NETWORK
- QARBON AEROSPACE
- SCOTT AND WHITE MEDICAL
- BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

June 30, 2023

- TRUE HARVEST FARMS
- TRAVEL TO FREDERICKSBURG



\$250

With Application
Participants

that are not selected for the 2023 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250.

Objectives

ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE CORE ACADEMY IS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A TOUR OF SOME OF THE PREMIER UNIVERSITIES AND BUSINESSES IN THE DALLAS FORT WORTH AREA.

- 5-Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to a variety of career paths.

DEADLINE April 15th

Applicants

4-H MEMBERS THAT HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN THIS DIVERSE TOUR WHO ARE OUTGOING HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN THROUGH INCOMING SENIORS ARE INVITED TO APPLY.

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 1, 2023 OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2023 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES REFLECTING EXCELLENCE ACADEMY.

*NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER APPLICANTS RECEIVE THEIR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2023 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES REFLECTING EXCELLENCE ACADEMY MAY 1, 2023.

2023 San Patricio Extension Education Association Scholarship

Deadline to Apply: April 17, 2023

Eligibility & Requirements:

1. Any active member of a San Patricio County 4-H Club, FFA, or FCCLA chapter who is a current graduating senior
2. High School Transcript request - signed by school official (principal or counselor) with school seal
3. ACT / SAT scores: SAT and/or ACT scores must be included with the application & transcript
4. Only completed applications will be accepted on or before **April 17, 2023**
5. One (1) wallet size, photo (head & shoulders with name & club on back) photo will **not** be returned
6. Attach letters of recommendation from the following individuals
 - ⇒ A prominent person in the community; and
 - ⇒ Your Organization leader; and
 - ⇒ Your High School Principal or Counselor



Applications and complete list of eligibility and requirements are available at the Extension Office



The Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship Deadline:

Deadline: April 20, 2023



Requirements: Must be an active 4-H or FFA member. Must be a SENIOR in High School. Must have exhibited a steer in Texas Steer Shows.

For Application to be considered, the following must be submitted:

1. Completed General Information sheet. (Available at the Extension Office). Resume or Student Biography (note high school achievements, honors, awards, activities, extra-curricular, community service, and 4-H / FFA involvements).
2. An essay from the applicant telling about him / herself which includes wishes, dreams, ambitions, and future educational goals. **Not to exceed 300 words.** Two (2) letters of recommendation (not from a family member).

Application, Deadlines & Announcement of Winners

1. Applications must be received no later than April 20, 2023.
2. Amount & number of scholarships may vary depending on number of applicants.
3. Scholarship award notice will be sent to the High School Counselor and / or 4-H / FFA Chapter advisor in May 2023.
4. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the recipient upon receipt of the following: Proof of enrollment for Summer / Fall 2023.
5. Mail completed application and if awarded, final requested documents to: Leroy Krueger, 2195 West County Road 326, Jourdanton, TX 78026.



2023 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Deadline: Monday, April 3, 2023

Submission is online through 4-H Online

2023 Essay Topic: **The Importance of Beeswax**



Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. announced their 2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic. 4-H members do not have to have a bee project to participate in the essay contest. For this essay, a 4-H student should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps, or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'er's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions. Winners will be announced the week of April 24th.

For more information visit the following website and click "Beekeeping Essay" under Contest tab
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

2023 Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassadors

Application Deadline: April 15, 2023

Short Course Offering:

- Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - June 22-25, 2023; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - June 19-22, 2023; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University Kingsville - June 26-29, 2023; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - July 17-20, 2023; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University - July 24-27, 2023; Cost \$350

Selection Criteria: Sr level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding livestock/equine/poultry projects. Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production & advocacy, and have shown advanced leadership qualities & willingness to help others. Top 25% class rank.

Application Process: Visit www.texasyouthlivestock.com. Complete the application. A selection committee will review the applications & accept up to 25 participants per short course.



Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program

Application Deadline: May 1, 2023



The role of 4-H Water Ambassador requires youth who are dedicated, mature, dependable and have a genuine interest in water and natural resources. To be considered for selection, youth must:

- Be in high school or entering high school in the 2023/2024 academic year
- Be 14 years of age or older by September 1, 2023
- Be a current 4-H member, or be willing to join a local 4-H club if selected

Expectations:

4-H Water Ambassadors accept the responsibility of educating youth & adults in their communities & beyond. They commit to advancing their water knowledge throughout a 12-month term of service. Those selected are expected to:

- Participate in the summer Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy
- Commit to a minimum of 40 hours of education and service annually
- Notify and meet with his/her county extension agent regarding the new leadership role
- Report activities regularly and maintain contact with the 4-H2O Program Coordinator
- Pay the \$250 program participation fee

More Information: www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application

How to Apply:

Online Application - https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eDna7849kqElhAy

Helpful Links:

Texas 4-H Website

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

Register for 4-H

<http://texas.4honline.com>

San Patricio County Website

<http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org>

District 11

<http://d114-h.tamu.edu/>

San Pat/Aransas A&H Show

<http://sanpatahshow.com/>

Online 4-H Record book

<http://4hreports.com/>

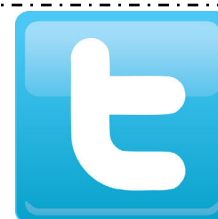
4-H Mall

<http://4-Hmall.org/>



To be eligible to compete in the A&H Show in any division, (including Homemaking) you must attend at least 60% of club meetings. Attendance for the 2023 Show starts in January, 2022. You must also meet **UIL academic eligibility requirements** by passing all of your classes. Start out the 4-H year right by attending club meetings and keeping your grades up!

New 4-H members must also attend 60% of their club meeting, however, their club attendance begins on Sept. 1, 2022. Only new 4-H members will be allowed to count January 2023 attendance.



Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! Feel free to share any pictures you have of you or your fellow 4-Hers in action!



If your address changes,
PLEASE correct it on 4-H Online:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>



The address needs to be corrected on the family profile AND in each individual's profile. The labels for the newsletter and other miscellaneous mailings are generated by the information entered by you or your family. Don't risk missing out on the monthly 4-H newsletter or other important mailings!



Reminder:

If your animal loses its validation tag, call the Extension Office ASAP with the tag number so that a replacement can be ordered.

ADULT VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK

To protect our 4-H members, the Texas 4-H Program administers an adult screening program. This screening is conducted every 3 years. All adults who will be working directly with youth (other than their own children) must complete the adult registration form on 4-H Online to be screened. Once their registration has been approved from the State office, then we can certify those adults as San Patricio County volunteers. Only those adults who have been screened and cleared through YPS will have the privilege of working with 4-H members. There is a \$10 annual fee for each adult who will be a Volunteer. This fee is paid on 4-H Online.



April 2023



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TEXAS 4-H AGE CATEGORIES (9-1-22 through 8-31-23)

Clover Kids: Kinder through 2nd grade

Juniors: 3rd - 5th grade as of Sept. 1, 2022

Intermediates: 6th - 8th grade as of Sept. 1, 2022

Seniors: 9th - 12th grade as of Sept. 1, 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2023

- 1: Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Application Due
- 19: Deadline to register for Leadership Lab
- 31: District 4-H Horse Show - Edna

June 2023

- TBA: Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 5-8: Texas 4-H Round-up
- 14-16: District Leadership Lab