



# San Patricio County

## 4-H News

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### December 8

Broilers Arrive

#### December 12

Registration Deadline -  
District 11 4-H Archery Match

#### December 14-16

District 11 4-H Archery Match

#### December 15

Deadline National 4-H  
Conference

#### December 25-26

Extension Office Closed

#### December 29

Rabbit Validation

#### January 1, 2024

Extension Office Closed

#### January 12

Fort Worth Stock Show

#### January 15

Extension Office Closed

#### January 18

Tentative 4-H Council Meeting

#### January 20-27

A&H Show Begins

### December 2023

**ATTENTION!** This is your last newsletter unless you are registered on 4-H Online. Don't risk missing out on important deadlines & 4-H information!



The San Patricio County Extension Office will be closed



December 25 - 26, 2023

### ATTENDANCE

All 4-H members that will be participating in the 2024 A&H Show in any division, including Homemaking, must attend 60% of club meetings. Attendance for the 2024 show started in January 2023. If a 4-H member is unable to meet the attendance requirements they **MUST** call and speak with Cameron Younts for an alternative option.

### 4-H Club Meeting Attendance



### VALIDATION SCHEDULED

#### Market Rabbit

December 29 ~ Time: 5 pm - 8 pm  
San Patricio County Fairgrounds



### ARRIVAL DATE

**Broilers:** December 8, 2023

Time: TBA



More details will be available as the day approaches!

### Major Show Information

#### Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

January 12 - February 3, 2024

Fort Worth, Texas  
www.fwssr.com

#### State Fair of Texas

Sept 27 - Oct 20, 2024

Dallas, Texas www.bigtex.com

#### San Angelo Stock Show

February 1 - 18, 2024

San Angelo, Texas  
www.sanangelorodeo.com

#### Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

March 7 - 17, 2024

Mercedes, Texas  
www.rgvls.com

#### Heart O' Texas

October 3-13, 2024

Waco, Texas www.hotfair.com

#### Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 27 - March 17, 2024

Houston, Texas  
www.rodeohouston.com

#### San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 8 - 25, 2024

San Antonio, Texas  
www.sarodeo.com

#### Texas' Elite Showcase

February 9 - 11, 2024

Kerrville, Texas  
www.texaseliteshowcase.com

#### Star of Texas Rodeo

March 8 - 23, 2024

Austin, Texas  
www.rodeoaustin.com

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## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

December 5  
at 6:00pm

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



### Meeting Schedule

Dec 3 - Rocking O  
Dec 10 - Clover T  
Dec 10 - Ingleside  
Dec 10 - San Pat Horse  
Dec 10 - Taft  
Dec 10 - Wildcat  
Dec 11 - Mathis  
Dec 13 - Gregory-Portland  
Dec 17 - Blue Ribbon  
Dec 17 - West Sinton

### EXTRA SPECIAL SHOW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you are in 7th - 12th grade, "ACTIVE" on 4-H Online and would like to help out with the Extra Special Show in January 2024; you must attend the following training on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:30pm** at the Extension Office.

For questions please contact Shannon O'Brien at [o\\_brienshannon@hotmail.com](mailto:o_brienshannon@hotmail.com) or Lisa Baylor at [lhbaylor@gmail.com](mailto:lhbaylor@gmail.com)

### San Patricio County 4-H Food Show Results

Congratulations to all the County 4-H Food Show participants. This year's theme was "Cooking Through the Decades". The top winners in each category will advance to the District Show December 13 - 14, 2023 in Cuero, Texas.



#### Senior Division

##### Main Dish Category

Kayden Ralls - Clover T 4-H ----- 1st Place

#### Intermediate Division

##### Main Dish Category

Harlan Miller - Wildcat 4-H ----- 1st Place

Payson Brosig - West Sinton 4-H ----- 2nd Place

#### Junior Division

##### Healthy Dessert Category

Bailey Brosig - West Sinton 4-H ----- 1st Place

##### Appetizer Category

Kash Ehrenberger - Taft 4-H ----- 1st Place

##### Main Dish Category

Kenna Miller - Wildcat 4-H ----- 1st Place

**Congratulations & Good Luck at District!**

### *HOMEMAKING ENTRIES*

This is an excellent time to prepare handicrafts, textiles, garments and practice your food entries for the 2024 A&H Show!



For the 2024 Homemaking Division Rules visit the A&H Show's website at: <https://spacahshow.com/>

### 2024 Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Texas 4-H Scholarship opens on November 1st. This scholarship is open to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited Texas college or university.

**Important dates:** November 1, 2023 – Application will be available online

- February 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply

- April 26 – April 27, 2024 – Interviews in College Station; - May 2024 – Award Notifications

- June 4-7, 2024 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station



To Apply go to <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>



## Student Ag Champs & Scholarships

**Deadline: January 15, 2024**

**Ag Champs** - Each Texas Farm Credit branch location will select one local student who will be awarded a \$1,000 academic grant and the title of Ag Champ. There will be 18 Ag Champs in all. In addition, each Ag Champ will also have a \$1,000 contribution made in their honor to their FFA Chapter or 4-H Club.

**Marsha Martin Scholarship** - Texas Farm Credit will present \$5,000 postsecondary scholarships to 10 future ag leaders. Winners will be announced in May, 2024.

**Eligibility** - To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be a high school senior scheduled to graduate in 2024 and a member of 4-H or FFA
- Reside in Texas Farm Credit's 100 - county territory
- Submit a current high school transcript (official or unofficial)
- Submit a 2024 application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted
- Submit a resume and an essay (see application for topic)
- Completed applications must be received by **January 15, 2024**.



**Application** - To apply, students can either use the online application or download the paper application and mail it in. Mailing instructions are included at the bottom of the paper application.

To apply and for more information visit <https://www.texasfcs.com/news/scholarship-programs>



## Texas Corn Producers Scholarship

**Deadline: January 31, 2024**



The Texas Corn Producers will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and two to college undergraduates.

**Requirements:** Must be student members of the Texas Corn Producers Association to apply and must plan to attend a Texas college or university full time. They can also apply for opportunities from the National Corn Growers Association with the same application.

More information along with the application is available at: <https://texascorn.org/education/scholarships/>

## 2023 District 11 4-H Archery Match

December 14 - 16, 2023

Victoria, TX

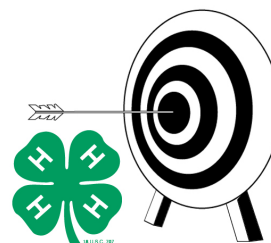
**Deadline:** December 12, 2023; **NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**Registration:** Eyes on Score link: <https://eyescorscore.com/team/victoria-county-4h-archery>

**Entry Fee:** \$25 per participant

For Rules & Guidelines:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-archery/>



## Freestone County 4-H Archery Club 3D Shoot

January 13, 2024

Case Robinson Memorial Range, 442 FM 833 Fairfield, TX

\$40 per bow



**Deadline:** January 9, 2024 via <https://forms.gle/pFLTcG9nwV4H7YCh6>

More information Contact: Jerry Bonds 903-654-2228 or at [freestone4harchery@gmail.com](mailto:freestone4harchery@gmail.com)

### A&H Show ~ Buyer Letter

This is a good time to start identifying potential buyers for the A&H Show. Exhibitors are encouraged to write letters inviting business owners, family and friends to come out and support the San Patricio/Aransas County A&H Show.

### Writing a Buyer Letter

- \* Hand write the letters & tell them about your project.
- \* Describe the work you have done and what you LEARNED by working with the project.
- \* Invite potential buyers-don't demand they come.
- \* Encourage them to come support the entire show-don't just ask them to come to the auction.
- \* Please DO NOT tell them "I want you to buy my project". If you do a good job writing your letter and extending a general invitation to the show, they will remember you & look to support you at the show.



## Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest



### Purpose:

to encourage observation within specific Natural Resources project areas and allow youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography.

### Categories:

Aquatic Science Entomology  
Shooting Sports Forestry  
Sportfishing Range Science  
Hunting Outdoor Education  
Wildlife & Fisheries  
Water Conservation & Education

### REGISTRATION

**\$ 10/photo**

Open to:

Any enrolled 4-H Member (Jr. Int. Sr.)

**\*\*NOT A QUALIFYING CONTEST\*\***

Rules to be posted on Texas 4-H Natural Resources webpages

**\*\*Do not have to be an active in a Natural Resources project area\*\***

Registration through 4HOnline:

Entries Open: December 1, 2023

Entries Close: December 15, 2023

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

Participants will upload photos in a separate system called Submittable. Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.

### TRAVEL ABROAD WITH 4-H 2024

Central European Cities

June 8 - 17, 2024

Visit Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest

Student Travelers: \$4,213 (under the age 23)

Adult Travelers: \$4,698 (age 23 & over)

What's Included:

- Round-Trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-Time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours & city walks
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Tour Diary
- Local Guide & Local Bus Driver tips

**More information Contact:**

Darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu

**Enroll Online or by phone:**

Explorica.com/Locke-7342; Phone: 1-888-310-7121

<https://www.explorica.com/sign-up>

Tour Center ID: Locke-7342



## TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



### National 4-H Conference - April 19-24, 2024

#### WHAT IS NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE?

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. If you want to strengthen your leadership and/or citizenship projects, this is an excellent opportunity.

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) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) --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. Each delegate chooses an important societal topic to discuss in a roundtable situation with other delegates. From the roundtable discussion, the groups prepare a briefing to present to federal stakeholders. This experiential approach ensures that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Social activities in the evening, tours of Monuments and Museums and cultural entertainment round out the conference.

For a true youth view of the National Conference experience, please see the quotes on the next page!

#### LOCATION:

The 2023 National 4-H Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City -- Arlington, VA. It is right by the Ronald Reagan National Airport and approximately 5 miles from the Nation's Capitol, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums.

#### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The Texas delegation will consist of 10-20 youth delegates, who will be required to engage in pre- and post-conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2024). The maximum age for a Texas youth delegate is 18.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will open on December 1, 2023. Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by December 15, 2023. Choose '2024 National 4-H Conference Delegate Application'. A fee is NOT required to complete the application. County Extension Office personnel will certify the application, so please communicate with your Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the online application; you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The final selection of delegates will be announced on, or before, January 17, 2024.

#### COST:

The delegate's share of registration, adult chaperone registration(s), lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs between \$2,000.00-2,500.00. Once we receive the information from Nationals and can look at additional costs, we will let selected participants know the final cost. This registration fee will be due on February 1, 2024 payable through 4-HOnline.

#### TEXAS DELEGATION MEETING LOCATION:

The Texas delegation will travel out of Houston, Austin, San Antonio or Dallas (depending on the cost of airline tickets and the geographical makeup of the delegation). All travel costs to the airport to meet the group is the responsibility of the delegate.

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## 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 2024 Show starts in January, 2023. 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, 2023. Only new 4-H members will be allowed to count January 2024 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.



# December 2023



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## TEXAS 4-H AGE CATEGORIES

(9-1-23 through 8-31-24)

**Clover Kids:** Kinder through 2nd grade

**Juniors:** 3rd - 5th grade as of Sept. 1, 2023

**Intermediates:** 6th - 8th grade as of Sept. 1, 2023

**Seniors:** 9th - 12th grade as of Sept. 1, 2023



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 2024

- 01: Extension Office Closed
- 12: Fort Worth Stock Show Begins
- 15: Extension Office Closed
- 20-27: A&H Show Week

#### February 2024

- 01: San Angelo Stock Show Begins
- 08: San Antonio Stock Show Begins
- 09: Texas Elite Showcase
- 27: Houston Stock Show Begins