



San Patricio County



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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15

Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassadors

April 15

San Patricio Extension Education Association Scholarship Due

April 19

State Fair & Heart of Texas Swine Tags Due

April 20

District 11 4-H Multi-District Judging Contest

April 21

Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

May 1

Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program Deadline

Texas 4-H Roundup Registration Opens

May 4

4-H Sports Fishing & Wildlife Fisheries Career Day

May 11

Buc Days Food Challenge

May 15

San Patricio Crops Scholarship Due

April 2024

Save
the
Date

*4-H Achievement Night is
Thursday, August 15, 2024*



Texas 4-H Horse Validation

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Process opens on **March 1, 2024** on 4-H Online and will run through **April 15, 2024** at a cost of \$10 per horse. From **April 16, 2024** to **May 1, 2024** 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.

Lease Horses : Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and county extension agent. Lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4HOnline at validation.

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

Major Show Information

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

January 17 - February 8, 2025
Fort Worth, Texas
www.fwssr.com

Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

March 7 - 17, 2024
Mercedes, Texas
www.rgvls.com

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 6 - 23, 2025
San Antonio, Texas
www.sarodeo.com

State Fair of Texas

Sept 27 - Oct 20, 2024
Dallas, Texas www.bigtex.com

Heart O' Texas

October 3-13, 2024
Waco, Texas www.hotfair.com

Texas' Elite Showcase

February 9 - 11, 2024
Kerrville, Texas
www.texaseliteshowcase.com

San Angelo Stock Show

February 1 - 18, 2024
San Angelo, Texas
www.sanangelorodeo.com

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 27 - March 17, 2024
Houston, Texas
www.rodeohouston.com

Star of Texas Rodeo

March 8 - 23, 2024
Austin, Texas
www.rodeoaustin.com





4-H COUNCIL MEETING

April 18
at 6:00pm

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

4-H
MEETING
REMINDER



Meeting Schedule

Apr 7 - Rocking O
Apr 8 - Mathis
Apr 10 - Gregory-Portland
Apr 14 - Clover T
Apr 14 - Ingleside
Apr 14 - San Pat Horse
Apr 14 - Taft
Apr 14 - Wildcat
Apr 21 - Blue Ribbon
Apr 21 - West Sinton

4-H CLUB REPORTS

San Patricio 4-H Horse-----Piper Pinkston

The regular meeting of the San Patricio 4-H Horse Club was called to order and held at the Grace Lutheran Church March 3, 2024 at 3:00pm. President Andrew Nedbalek called the meeting to order and lead the Motto, Pledge and Prayer. Council delegate Harlee Conley called roll. Treasurer report was given by club leader Sarah Nedbalek. A motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Masen Miller and seconded by Harlee Conley. We discussed the San Pat A&H Show auction buyers letters and club leader Sarah Nedbalek advised everyone to start writing them early. They are due April 8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm, motioned by Mason Miller and seconded by Karleigh Troup.

Taft-----Audrey Pullin

On March 17, 2024 we met at the Portland Nursing Home. Meeting was called to order and attendance was taken. We were updated on possible homemaking rule changes. For our activity we planted the front flowerbeds with flowers. Then went to the center pavilion area and planted veggies such as tomatoes, peppers, herbs, blackberry bush, and a lemon tree. These will be used in the kitchen once they start to produce. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 3pm location will be 215 McIntyre, Taft.

West Sinton-----Gracie Kieschnick

Bryce Fishbeck called the meeting to order at 2:47pm. Rylee Paine said the motto, pledge and prayer. Gracie Kieschnick said minutes. Payson Brosig motion to accept minutes and Jace Villarreal second. Motion passed. Rylee said the treasurers report. Cade Lankford motion to accept and Jace second. Motion passed. Bryce went over scholarship, fundraiser and tag order deadlines. Bryce also went over newsletter information. Community service project is flower beds at the County Extension Office. Next meeting is April 21st at 3pm. Payson made motion to adjourn meeting and Samantha Perez second. Motion passed, Bryce adjourned meeting at 3:18pm.

2024 STATE FAIR & HEART OF TEXAS SWINE TAGS



Deadline: April 19, 2024

\$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

2024 Major Show Results

Rodeo Austin: Braxley Berzina - Duroc 2nd Place; Kyhran Rodriguez - Steer - 1st Place British Class; Kotton West - Market Goat 5th Place, Fine Wool 6th Place, Hampshire 1st Place, Lamb 6th Place, Market Goat 5th Place; Taylee West - Commercial Ewe 4th Place, Swine - 1st Place; Livestock Judging Team 5th Place

Houston Livestock Show: Braxley Brezina Swine 7th Place; Blaise Decker - Market Goat 18th Place; Layla Mascorro - Steer 6th Place; Taryn O'Brien - Market Lamb 9th Place; Kayden Ralls - Swine 8th Place; Kyhran Rodriguez - Swine 9th Place; Kotton West - Swine 3rd Place; Senior Livestock Judging Team 7th Place

If we missed anyone please email Cameron Younts at cameron.younts@ag.tamu.edu

Congratulations to All Exhibitors!!

2024 San Patricio Extension Education Association Scholarship

Deadline to Apply: April 15, 2024

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 15, 2024**
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



2024 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Deadline: April 21, 2024

Submission is online through 4-H Online

2024 Essay Topic: **Varietal Honeys**



Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. announced their 2024 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 answer these questions: What makes a varietal honey? What are some unique varieties? How are some of the valuable varieties confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)? What are some culturally or economically important varieties and why are they important? Winners will be announced the week of April 29th.

For more information visit the following website and click "Beekeeping Essay" under Contest tab

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

2024 San Patricio County \$1,000 Crops Committee Scholarship

Deadline: May 15, 2024

The San Patricio County Crops Committee is an organization of row crop producers and affiliated agricultural professionals.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- * Applicants should be from San Patricio County and have a desire to work in agriculture following graduation
- * Applicants must be a 2023-2024 graduating high school senior or currently enrolled and attending a University, College, or Technical school
- * Applicants must include an official high school or college transcript
- * Recipient will be expected to attend the San Patricio County Crop Tour on **June 4, 2024**, to receive the award and must be willing to introduce themselves to the group.
- * Scholarship recipient will be decided and informed on the 4th week of May.
- * Submit applications to San Patricio County AgriLife Extension Office, 219 N. Vineyard, Sinton

Applications are available at the Extension Office

2024 Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassadors

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

Short Course Offering:

- Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas Tech University - June 10-13, 2024; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - June 24-27, 2024; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University Kingsville - June 17-20, 2024; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - July 15-18, 2024; Cost \$350
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University - July 22-25, 2024; Cost \$350

Selection Criteria: Sr level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her 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.

4-H RECORDBOOKS

Due to the Extension Office on June 10, 2024 by **5:00pm**
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Recordbook covers are available for purchase at the County Extension Office.

Cost is \$3 each.

Recordbook Categories

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| • Animal Agricultural | • Goat | • STEM |
| • Beef | • Health & Personal Safety | • Sheep |
| • Citizenship, Civic Education & Community Service | • Horse | • Shooting Sports |
| • Dog Care & Training | • Leadership | • Swine |
| • Consumer Education | • Natural Resources | • Visual & Performance Arts |
| • Entomology | • Photography | • Veterinary |
| • Fashion & Interior Design | • Plant & Soil Science | |
| • Food & Nutrition | • Poultry | |
| • Gardening & Horticulture | • Public Speaking | |
| | • Rabbit | |

Recordbook forms are available at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

The Buccaneer Commission in Corpus Christi, Texas, will be hosting an invitational Food Challenge May 11, 2024. The event will be hosted on Buc Days Festival grounds in the American Bank Center Exhibit Hall where \$7,500 will be awarded in prize money.

More information and to register go to:

<https://bucdays.com/buc-days-food-challenge/>

NEW BUC DAYS EVENT!

BUC DAYS

FOOD

Challenge



May 11, 2024
Buc Days Festival Grounds // Corpus Christi, TX
 Open to 4-H, FFA and FCCLA
 Register at BucDays.com



\$7,500
 IN PRIZE MONEY
 AWARDED AT EVENT

2024 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BROILER ORDERS

Deadline: May 24, 2024

\$1.50 per bird

BIRDS ARE FOR STATE FAIR ONLY!

A minimum of 25 & maximum of 75 per exhibitor

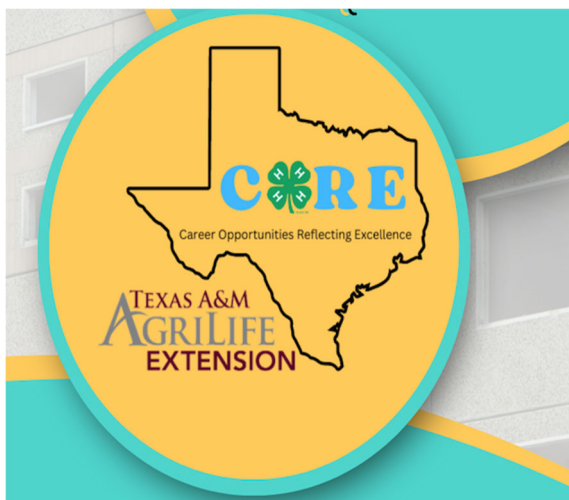
****If less than 10 families order, pick up will be the families responsibility****

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors are hosting the first-ever Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp) at the Texas 4-H Center April 26-28. This event is open to 6th-8th grade students.

Registration opens February 5 on the Texas 4-H Conference Center website.

Fee: \$210 per student, which includes 2 nights lodging, meals, camp t-shirt, camp water bottle, all workshops and programming.

Youth will be involved in project-based learning and lots of fun water activities!

**June 17-21, 2024**

Stephenville & San Angelo Areas

Mission: Provide high school youth an opportunity to explore career & leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about postsecondary degree institutions across Texas

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2024

Application Fee: \$250 (Participants will get a refund if not selected)

Goals: 5 Day exploration program, experience high education & career choices, and meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to variety of career paths.

To register go to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9wLe5l-F8exbNW0cWaL-81LDOTGwHMbQoUzZDBZgmIYfuQ/viewform>

District 11 Horse Show

May 29 - 30, 2024

Brackenridge Event Center, Edna, Texas

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules can be found at
<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/horse-show/>

**2024 State 4-H Horse Show**

July 21 - 27, 2024

Bryan, Texas



Registration for the State Horse Show must be completed at the District Horse Show!

More information available at: <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/>



2024 TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP

June 3 - 6, 2024

Texas A&M University, College Station

Registration: May 1 - 13 via 4-H Online



What is Texas 4-H Roundup: It is designed to supplement to the county 4-H program and provide learning opportunities in the areas of Ag & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources and STEM. Each year contests are held at the county, District then State levels to test a 4-H member's knowledge of the skills they learned.

Invitational Contests: Agricultural Product Identification, Archery, 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Method), Entomology Identification, Healthy Lifestyles, Hippology, Invitational Livestock Judging, Invitational Meat Judging & Identification, Livestock Skill-a-thon, Photography Judging, Poultry Judging, Range Evaluation, Range & Pasture Grass Identification, Soil Judging, Robotics Challenge, Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon, Wildlife Challenge, Wool & Mohair Judging & Evaluation

Roundup rules and guidelines available: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

San Patricio County 4-H members are being asked to donate Dawn Dish Soap. You can bring your donations to the Extension Office during business hours. ~ Thank you

IGNITE YOUR SERVICE

Our mission is to provide love, care, and support to animals in shelters by delivering essential supplies and goodies that bring them comfort and happiness.

We need YOUR help: We need the following districts to gather supplies !

IGNITE
TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP 2024

District 1-2 : Bowls

District 3-8: Dry food

District 6-7: Cleaning supplies

District 4-5: Toys

District 9-11: Dawn Dish Soap

District 10-12: Treats



DATES

Tuesday: Tie blankets

Wednesday: Dog treats

Thursday: Care package



**BEE & SAN PATRICIO
COUNTY 4-H
SPORTS FISHING &
WILDLIFE FISHERIES
CAREER DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
8:00AM-12:00PM**

LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI STATE
PARK- MESQUITE PAVILLION

**OPEN TO 4H
MEMBERS FROM BEE
& SAN PATRICIO**

HOSTED BY TPWD INLAND
FISHERIES - CORPUS CHRISTI
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

**Bring a friend and learn
about fishing! Meet a
biologist or game warden
to learn about careers in
Wildlife and Fisheries.**



FREE!

- Bring a rod and reel along with fishing line and hooks
- Parking is limited, carpooling is encouraged

*Information & Registration
Randi Schauer 361-621-1552
Cameron Younts 361-587-3400*



Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024



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 2024/2025 academic year
- Be 14 years of age or older by September 1, 2024
- 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 \$300 program participation fee

More Information: www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application

How to Apply:

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

2024 States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting

HOST a Japanese youth in Summer 2024 & bring the richness of the world to your home!

Hosting Period: July 24 - August 17
Scan the QR code for host family guidelines and application information:

SCAN

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.

2024 Auction Thank You Letters

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.**

SAMPLE LETTER

Date

Buyer's Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

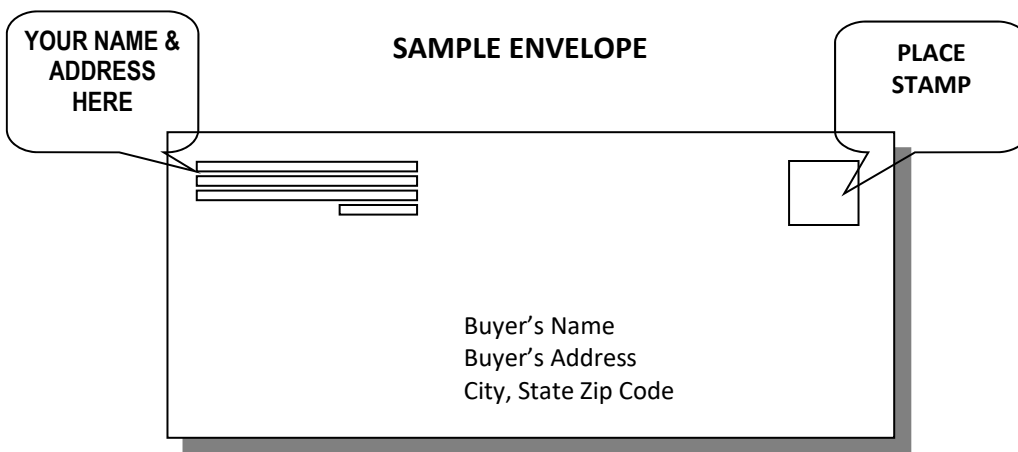
Dear Buyer's Name (Dear Mr. Smith or Dear Smith Corporation)

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



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

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 2025 Show starts in January, 2024. 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, 2024. 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.



APRIL 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1  April Fool's day CLOSED	2	3	4	5 District 11 Spring Spectacular	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 A&H Auction Thank you Letters Due	16	17	18 4-H Council Meeting	19 State Fair & HOT Swine Tags Due	20 Multi-District Judging Contest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

May 2024

- 01: Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Deadline
- 01: Registration for Texas 4-H Roundup Opens
- 04: 4-H Sports Fishing & Wildlife Fisheries Day
- 11: Buc Days Food Challenge
- 15: San Patricio Crops Scholarship Due
- 24: State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders Due
- 29: District 11 Horse Show