

## San Patricio County





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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### March 1

4-H Horse Validation Begins

#### March 8

**Austin Stock Show Begins** 

#### March 21

San Patricio/Aransas County A&H Scholarship Deadline

#### March 28

Steer & Heifer Tag Orders
Due
State Fair Sheep & Goat Tag
Orders Due

#### March 31

Deadline to Register for Multi-District Judging Contest

#### April 1

San Patricio County Area Go Texan Scholarship

2024 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors

#### **April 4 - 5**

District 11 4-H Spring Spectacular

#### April 15

Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassadors

#### April 20

District 11 4-H Multi-District
Judging Contest



#### March 2024



San Patricio County Extension Office will be closed March 29, 2024 & April 1, 2024



#### Texas 4-H Horse Validation

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Process opens on <u>March 1, 2024</u> on 4-H Online and will run through <u>April 15, 2024</u> at a cost of \$10 per horse. From <u>April 16, 2024</u> to <u>May 1, 2024</u> 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 12 - February 3, 2024 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 8 - 25, 2024 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



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



#### **Meeting Schedule**

Mar 3 - Rocking O

Mar 10 - Clover T

Mar 10 - Ingleside

Mar 10 - San Pat Horse

Mar 10 - Taft

Mar 10 - Wildcat

Mar 11 - Mathis

Mar 13 - Gregory-Portland

Mar 17 - Blue Ribbon

Mar 17 - West Sinton

## 4-H CLUB REPORTS

Rocking 'O' ------Brayden Spurlock

Meeting was called to order by President Justin Atkinson at 6:30pm. All stood for the motto, pledge, and prayer. Brayden conducted roll call. Hailee Scull read the financial information. Everyone conducted an exercise of what they showed, what they learned, what they could do better, and what the plan is for next year. Discussion of what the add-on amount will be for members who met all the requirements of the fundraiser and show this year. Justin made a motion to give an add-on to all participants who met eligibility and Brayden 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Sale list is not out yet but good to start writing thank you letters. Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Silas 2nd the motion. All agreed motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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

The regular meeting of the San Patricio 4-H Horse Club was called to order and held at the Grace Lutheran Church February 11, 2024 at 3:15pm. President Andrew Nedbalek called the meeting to order and lead the Motto, Pledge and Prayer. Secretary Piper Pinkston called roll. Treasurer report was given by group leader Sarah Nedbalek. A motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Karleigh Troup and 2nd by Bekah Wilson. An update about Booster Club was given by Sarah Nedbalek and they are looking for a new president. Upcoming fundraisers were discussed and the calendar was passed out. Thank you letters were discussed and members were told to start asap. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm, motion by Karleigh and 2nd by Bekah.

Taft------ Audrey Pullin

Meeting was called to order on February 11. Motto, Pledge and Prayer were said. Roll was called. Treasurer's report was given. Individual reports from club members were given on county show. Council report was given. We discussed buyer letters and thanking our Booster club for their support. Next meeting will be held March 10. Meeting was adjourned.

West Sinton------Gracie Kieschnick

Jolie called meeting at 2:38pm. Payson said motto, pledge, and prayer. Gracie said minutes. Cade motion to accept minutes and Archer 2nd. Motion passed. Rylee said treasures report. Cade motion to accept report and Archer 2nd. Motion passed. Jolie went over old business, thank you letters, and 1099s. Community service project is writing cards for Sandra Knox. Went over our placing and what we did at the A&H Show. Cade went over council meeting information. Next meeting March 17 at 2:30pm. Rylee motion to adjourn meeting and Jace 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.



#### **2024 STEER TAGS**

ALL MAJOR SHOWS AND THE 2025 A&H SHOW

Deadline: March 28, 2024

\$27 per tag

All Late and Replacement tags \$30 per tag

Order forms are available at the Extension Office

#### 2024 REGISTERED HEIFER VALIDATION TAGS

Deadline to order: March 28, 2024

\$27 per heifer

No Late Orders will be accepted

Order forms are available at the Extension Office



#### 2024 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS LAMB & GOAT TAG ORDERS

<u>Deadline</u> to order is <u>March 28, 2024</u>. The cost is \$17 per tag.





The State Fair of Texas is requiring validation for registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial does.

 Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats roll over validation for 3 years, they do not need to be validated every year. <u>IF OWNERSHIP CHANGES, THEN THE ANIMAL MUST BE RE-VALIDATED</u>.

#### Order forms are available at the Extension Office

#### 2024 San Patricio County 4-H Photography Show Participants

Junior Division: Bailey Brosig - West Sinton 4-H

Intermediate Division: Payson Brosig - West Sinton 4-H and Masiela Tijerina - West Sinton 4-H

Senior Division: Bryce Fishbeck - West Sinton 4-H and McKenna Irwin - Taft 4-H

Best Junior Photo: Bailey Brosig - Landscape & Nature (non-animal) Category

Best Intermediate Photo: Masiela Tijerina - Catch All Category

Best Senior Photo: Bryce Fishbeck - Plant / Flora Category

Best in Show Photo: Masiela Tijerina - Catch All Category

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#### CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK AT DISTRICT AND STATE!!



### 2024 4-H County Fashion Show Results Construction Division

Junior - Everyday Living

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



#### **Construction Division**

Intermediate - Everyday Living

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

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK AT DISTRICT

#### 2024 Major Show Results

San Angelo Stock Show: Blaise Decker - Market Goat - 4th Place; Taryn O'Brien - Market Goat - 3rd Place

Fort Worth Stock Show: Kyhran Rodriguez - Steer - 12th Place

San Antonio Stock Show: Mattie Barnick - Barrow - 2nd Place; Braxley Brezina - Gilt - 4th Place; Kaden Dreyer - Sporting Clay Shoot-Out - 5th Place; Layla Mascorro - Steer - 2nd Place; Taryn O'Brien - Market Goat - Division II Reserve Champion; Halle Radford - Lamb - 5th in Class; Kayden Ralls - Steer - 5th Place; Kyhran Rodriguez - Steer - 4th Place; Jace Villarreal - Finewool - 5th Place; Kotton West - Market Goat - 3rd Place; Taylee West - Medium Wool - 4th Place; Taylee West - Market Goat - 7th Place

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

#### Congratulations to All Exhibitors!!



#### 2024 District 11 Spring Spectacular

April 4 - 5, 2024

Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex 7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX

4-H Online Registration Deadline: March 8, 2024



<u>Contest / Events Include</u>: Consumer Decision Making, Duds to Dazzle Clothing & Textile Competition, Educational Presentations, Leaders 4-Life Skill-a-thon (Seniors Only), Public Speaking Contest, Quiz Bowl Contest and 4-H Talent Showcase (choreographed routines variety show, musical/instrumental, vocal, poetry/prose, solo/band performance).

For more information visit: https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-4-h-spring-spectacular/

#### 2024 District 11 Multi-District Judging Contests

April 20, 2024 Pearce Pavilion 555 George Bush Dr. W, College Station, TX

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2024 via 4-H Online

Entry Fee: \$20 per individual

Age Divisions: Junior Division (3rd-5th grade); Intermediate Division (6th-8th grade; Senior Division (9th-12th grade)

More Information visit: https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/judging-contests/



#### San Patricio County Area Go Texan Scholarship

Deadline: April 1, 2024

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- \* Be a citizen of the U.S. and reside in San Patricio County. Be a graduating senior in the 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 school year.
- \* <u>Technical Scholarships Only</u>: 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 <u>MUST</u> be mailed. <u>No exceptions</u>. Please send everything in one envelope postmarked on or before <u>April 1</u>, <u>2024</u> 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.

#### San Patricio/Aransas County A&H Scholarship

<u>Eligibility</u>: Active member of San Patricio or Aransas County 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter who is a current graduating senior, actively participated in the A&H Show for 2 consecutive years. Must also have participated in 2 or more divisions within one year. (ie. Agriculture, Animal project, Homemaking, Woodworking, Horses, Livestock Judging or any other project entered at County A&H Show).

<u>Deadline</u>: **Only completed applications will be accepted on or before <u>March 21</u>**. Please mail to Coastal Bend Community Foundation; 555 N. Carancahua St., Suite 900, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

For Questions Contact: Sandra Knox at sandysue741@yahoo.com or 361-290-6176

For a complete list of Eligibility, Requirements and Application go to https://spacahshow.com/scholarship

#### 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

<u>Selection Criteria</u>: 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.

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



### **2024** Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors Application Deadline: April 1, 2024



What is it all about: This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health & 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.

Why choose us: Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs. Become knowledgeable & skilled in healthy lifestyles.

Who can apply: Open to all youth entering at least 9th grade. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment beginning June 2024 to May 2025.

Where to apply: https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/

When is Training: June 2 - 3, 2024. Ambassadors will attend a state-wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summit. This summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors.

More Information Contact: Kathy Farrow, CEA, Family & Community Health at 361-587-3400

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/



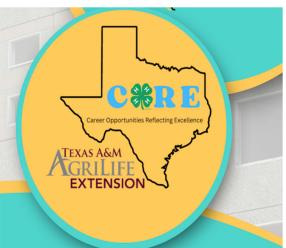


Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors are hosting the first-ever Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp) at the Texas 4-H Center April 26-28. This event is open to 6th-8th grade students.

**Registration** opens <u>February 5</u> 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

<u>Mission</u>: 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)

<u>Goals</u>: 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/1FAlpQLScc9wLe5l-F8exbNW0cWaL-81LDOTGwHMbQoUzZDBZgmlYfuQ/viewform

**Bee Co. Outdoor Invitational** - 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match March 8 - 9, 2024

Bee Co Expo Center 4-H Rifle Range 214 S. FM 351, Beeville, TX

Eligibility: Must be Texas 4-H member

**Cost**: \$10 per competitor, payable upon contest arrival

Classification: Senior - (no older than 18) - Grade 10th - 2th, 1 Prone, 1 Standing, 1 Kneeling

Intermediate: Grade 8th - 9th, 1 Prone, 1 Standing, 1 Kneeling Junior Intermediate: Grade 6th - 7th, 2 Prone, 1 Kneeling Juniors: (no younger than 8) Grade 3rd - 5th, 3 Prone

More Information Contact: Anna Butler at beecountyrifle@gmail.com





### STATE FAIR OF TEXAS LAMB & GOAT TAG ORDER FORM



**Deadline**: March 28, 2024

Please Print Clearly							
Exhibitor Name(s)							
Club / Chapter							
E-mail							
Phone #							
-							
Animal	# of Tags	\$17 each / Total					
Market Lamb							
Market Goat							
Registered Breeding Sheep							
Jr. Wether/Commerical Dam							
Registered Breeding Goat							
Jr. Wether/Commerical Doe							
Total							
NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!  IF PAYING WITH CASH - ONLY EXACT CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED							
Make check or money order payable to							

Mail form with payment to:
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
State Fair Lamb/Goat Tag Orders

San Patricio County 4-H Council

219 N. Vineyard Sinton, TX 78387

\*\*After March 28 all tag orders will be \$30.00 each\*\*



Validation Date: TBA



#### **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 <u>NOT</u> 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 <u>unsealed</u> addressed STAMPED envelope.

#### **SAMPLE LETTER**

Date

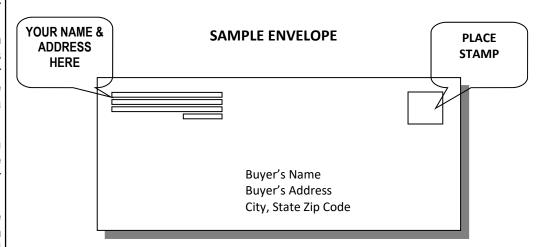
Buyer's Name Address City, State Zip Code

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

#### 2024-2025 STEER VALIDATION TAGS

(FOR ALL MAJOR SHOWS <u>AND</u> THE 2025 A&H SHOW) **Deadline for ordering: March 28, 2024** 

Please Print	
Exhibitor Name(s)	
Club / Chapter	
E-mail	
Phone #	
# of Tags	X \$27.00 each = \$

## All Late & Replacement Tag Orders will be \$30.00 per tag NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

<u>IF PAYING WITH CASH - ONLY EXACT CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED</u>

Please <u>DO NOT</u> mail cash!

Make checks or money orders payable to:
San Patricio County 4-H Council

Mail orders with payment to:
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Attn: Steer Tag Orders
219 North Vineyard

Sinton, TX 78387

**NOTE:** All steers to be shown at <u>any</u> major stock show AND / OR at the San Patricio & Aransas County A&H Show must be validated with a state tag.

\*\*Validation: TBA\*\*

This order does <u>not</u> mean you are entered in any show!

#### **Helpful Links:**

Texas 4-H Website http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/

Register for 4-H http://texas.4honline.com

San Patricio County Website <a href="http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org">http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org</a>

District 11 http://d114-h.tamu.edu/

San Pat/Aransas A&H Show <a href="http://sanpatahshow.com/">http://sanpatahshow.com/</a>

Online 4-H Record book <a href="http://4hreports.com/">http://4hreports.com/</a>

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.



# MARCH 2024



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HAPPY DAY	18	19	20	4-H Council Meeting	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	Steer, Registered Heifer, Sheep & Goat Tag Orders Due	CLOSED	30

UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **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



#### **April 2024**

01: Extension Office Closed

01: San Patricio Area Go Texan Scholarship Due

01: Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Deadline

4-5: District 11 4-H Spring Spectacular

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Ambassador Applications Due

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