

December 2023



WILSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Attention: Livestock Exhibitors

Make sure you are enrolled to be able to participate at local and major livestock shows!

New 4-H Year Enrollments!

Time to Enroll

You must enroll online on our new system 4-H Online.

[Sign up here!](#)

How to Enroll- Returning Members

If you are a returning member, **DO NOT** create a new profile.

Duplicate profiles will not be accepted! Use the same email and password you used last year.

For **detailed instructions** visit [HERE](#).

How to Enroll- New Members

you must create a new profile. For detailed instructions visit [HERE](#).

For training and details about 4-H Online visit [HERE](#).

Be sure to triple check all your information!

Enter an email you check regularly! This is the email the Extension Office will use to send newsletters, upcoming events and all other important information.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at (830)393-7357.

Kash for Kids Scholarship

Due: December 15, 2023

Any graduating senior wishing to apply for the Kash For Kids Scholarship must do so by December 15 by 5:00 PM. Click for application [HERE](#)

Wilson County Junior Livestock Show

When: January 13-27

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

All participants **MUST** attend at least one setup or clean-up event! If you do not, a \$100 fee will be withheld from your premium check. A member may attend any set-up or clean-up event. Click [HERE](#) for the schedule.

County Updates

2023-2024 Eligibility Guidelines

We advise all Wilson County 4-H members to inquire with their school on 4-H events and activities eligibility requirements.

No Pass, No Play

As always, 4-H events will follow the No Pass No Play guidelines. Keep your grades up!

TEA-UIL Side by Side Rules

Texas 4-H follows the UIL Side by Side guidelines. You can review this document [here](#).

Open Shows

Open shows do not require 4-H membership, therefore, the Extension Office is not able to request eligibility and/or an excused absence for these events. A letter may be sent on behalf of the member demonstrating that these events support the 4-H members project work, however, the decision will remain up to the school (as with all requests).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school first, as the school has final say on eligibility. Once you have contacted the school, please contact the Extension Office.

County Updates

County Council Meeting

When: January 3, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

Wilson County Judge Whitman will be speaking!

WCJLS Broiler Pick Up!

When: December 15th
Where: Extension classrooms

If you ordered broilers, pick up will be this day around 11-12 pm. Be on the lookout for emails regarding pick up!

WCJLS Rabbit Validation

When: December 20, 2023 from 6-8 pm
Where: Wilson County Expo Center

All members showing rabbits at WCJLS must validate their rabbits for show. Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear chosen by breeder, a missing breeder tattoo will result in receiving one at validation.

WCJLS Commercial Heifer Recordbooks

Due: January 8, 2024
Where: Extension Office

All Commercial Heifer Exhibitors must turn in a record book.

Senior Cookie/Snacks

December: Bentwood 4-H & Clover Kids
December: Wilson County Archery Project

Cookies may be donated directly to the Wilson County Expo Center between 11-2 p.m. or you can bring them by the Extension Office. Place two cookies per baggies.

Water is welcome if your club would rather donate water and/or snacks (Chex mix, crackers or pretzels, fruit snacks etc.) can be large bags or individual snack package.

Adult Booster Meeting

When: January 10, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Due: January 30, 2024 to Extension Office

Any graduating senior wishing to apply for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship, submission deadline is February 15, 2024. Link [HERE](#)

SALE Broiler Pick Up!

When: December 22nd
Where: Extension classrooms

If you ordered broilers, pick up will be this day around 11-12 pm. Be on the lookout for emails regarding pick up!

County Updates

WCJLS Rabbit Validation

When: December 20, 2023 from 6-8 pm

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

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La Vernia Rabbit Validation

When: January 28, 2024 @ 12-2 pm

Where: La Vernia Chamber of Commerce

All members showing rabbits at La Vernia must validate their rabbits for show. Rabbits must have a breeder tattoo prior to validation. If tattoo is missing at validation, a breeder tattoo will be given and charged a fee of \$3 per rabbit.

Wilson County Baked Food Show

Due: December 4, 2023

Entries are due December 4. Late entries will be accepted until December 28, 2023 with a late entry of \$30.

Interested in GPS, GIS, or RS?

Used in everything from growing crops to tracking down elephants, geospatial technology is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. Geospatial technology is used to analyze the earth's features and visualize measurements. It generally involves global positioning systems (GPS), geographical information systems (GIS), and remote sensing (RS).

GPS can tell us where we are on Earth by connecting to satellites. GIS uses computers to layer maps to help us learn more about our world. These layers can include transportation, natural resources, businesses, and people.

- Learn the basics of GPS and GIS.
- Gain practice using GPS devices.
- Learn to read and create maps.

If interested in geospatial technology as a STEM project, contact the Extension office or Jennifer Vaughan-Gibson (JVaughan-Gibson@esri.com).

District Updates

District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR

****All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.**

DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024

DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 6, 2024

DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024

Mar. 4, 2024 • Horse Judging @ HLSR

District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest

REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024

Feb. 23, 2024 4HOnline Registration **CLOSES**

Mar. 29, 2024 Photography Results Released

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM

Nov. 1, 2023 Scholarship Guidelines Released

Feb. 15, 2024 Scholarship Applications Close

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024

Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES

April 9, 2024	• Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	• Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	• Consumer Decision Making • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	• Share the Fun • Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	• Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	• 4-H Storyboard Results Released

District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Tues. May 14, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024

EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024

District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024

LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024

EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024

District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg

REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. June 26-28, 2024

EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024

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EXPLORE

Stephenville,
Abilene, and
San Angelo



**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**
April 15th

One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

**JUNE
17th - 21st
2024**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

State Updates

SALE School Tour Guides

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo School Tours Program offers students a wonderful opportunity to practice the leadership skills that 4-H strives to develop in our youth. SALE is looking for enthusiastic, responsible students in grades 9 -12 to take part in this unique leadership opportunity. The students will grow by being tour guides to younger children and by educating them on agriculture and its' importance to our daily lives.

The days available are:
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Thursday, February 22, 2024

The tour day will start at 7:45 am and end at 2:30 pm on the day selected.

If you are interested in being a school tour guide for any of these dates, please email me (Allison.drabek@ag.tamu.edu) know by December 8th with which day you can attend.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. Delegates across the country work together in the four weeks prior to the conference to prepare briefings on important topics. During the conference, delegates will virtually present their prepared briefings to federal officials in Washington, D.C. 4-H youth also have the opportunity to engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while discussing topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Application due December 15th.

[Link HERE](#)

ON SALE NOW!



2023 Christmas Card Contest Winners

State Updates

FLOYD 4-H
County



\$50 each

Shipping not included

100% Polyester

Colors Available: Black, Charcoal Gray & Blue
Orders Due November 27, 2023

<https://nutthousedesigns.square.site/4h-order-page>

Nutthouse Designs: 806-402-2036



CALLING ALL TEXAS FOURTH GRADERS!

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Trailblazer Committee is proud to announce its 4th annual writing competition!

The theme is "My Magical Rodeo Garden," and you may enter an essay or a poem.

For contest details, rules and regulations and entry submission visit rodeohouston.com/writing

Entry deadline is Dec. 5, 2023

There is no entry fee.

Questions? Email: writingcompetition@hlsr.com



Help Texas 4-H Fight Hunger

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2024 Texas 4-H Record Book Information Released

Click [HERE](#) for the updated guide for 2023-2024 record books!



2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

JUNE	3-7	NORTH DAKOTA WATERFOWL BRIGADE 4-H CENTER	WASHBURN, ND
	9-13	SOUTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE CHAPARROSA RANCH	LA PRYOR, TX
	10-14	ROLLING PLAINS BOBWHITE BRIGADE THE 1687 FOUNDATION	RISING STAR, TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS BOBWHITE BRIGADE BUCK HORN CREEK RANCH	MCCOY, TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS RANCH BRIGADE DUVAL COUNTY RANCH	FREER, TX
JULY	9-13	BASS BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	15-19	RANCH BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	17-21	WATERFOWL BRIGADE PINTAIL HUNTING CLUB	GARWOOD, TX
	21-25	NORTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	23-27	COASTAL BRIGADE PRIVATE PROPERTY IN GALVESTON	GALVESTON, TX

APPLY NOVEMBER 1 – MARCH 15 • TEXASBRIGADES.ORG/APPLICATIONS



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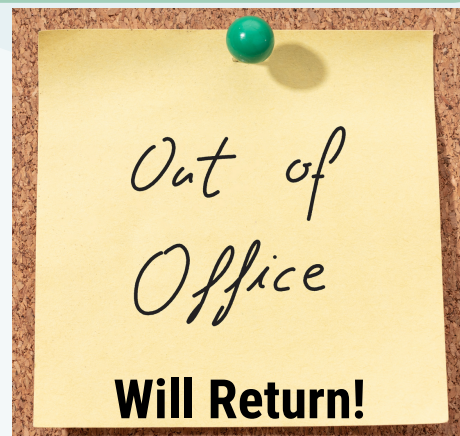
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[Texas 4-H](#)

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