

March 2024



WILSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

At A Glance

Feb. 28-

Mar. 2 La Vernia Jr Livestock Show

Mar. 1 Spring Roundup Registration Opens

Mar. 6 County Council Meeting

Mar. 10 Water Conservation Activity & Hike at Helton

Mar. 19 Spring Roundup Registration Closes

Mar. 22 State Photography interest due

Mar. 27 Adult Booster Meeting

April 2 State Fair Heifer, Lamb & Goat tags due

April 7 County Council Rabies Clinic

April 13 Adult Booster Gala

April 15-20 Spring Roundup

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County Updates

County Council Meeting

When: March 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

Rodeo Austin Leadership Opportunity

Please see [HERE](#) to view all opportunities for youth to sing the National Anthem and recite the American, Texas Pledges, the FFA Motto and the 4-H Pledge at the market shows for Rodeo Austin. For those interested, please sign up [HERE](#)

Adult Booster Meeting

When: March 27, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

Senior Cookie/Snacks

March: Floresville 4-H Club & Clover Kids

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.

State Photography Interest

Senior Age 4-Hers ONLY

If you are interested in entering photos in the state photography contest, email Allison with the categories you have photos for by March 22nd.

allison.drabek@ag.tamu.edu

Each county can only submit one photo per category.

Watershed Presentation, Activity, and Hike

**March 10, 2024
4:30 PM**

Helton Nature Park Pavilion

Floresville, TX 78114

Come join us to learn all about watersheds and their importance to the ecosystem.



Bring a water to drink and comfortable shoes to walk in.

Save the Date

WILSON 4-H ADULT BOOSTER GALA

APRIL 13 2024 SAT 6:30 PM

CONTACT WILSON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE FOR TICKETS 830-393-7357 OR ANY WILSON COUNTY 4-H CLUB

County Updates

VALIDATION TAG ORDERS

Heifers- \$27/tag- due **April 2nd**

Heifers will be validated similar to steers with a tag. Previously validated heifers DO NOT have to be revalidated. **A fall heifer validation will additionally take place in October**

State Fair Lambs/Goats- \$17/tag- due **April 2nd**

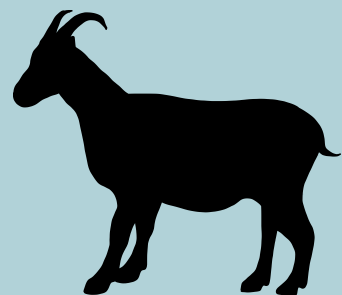
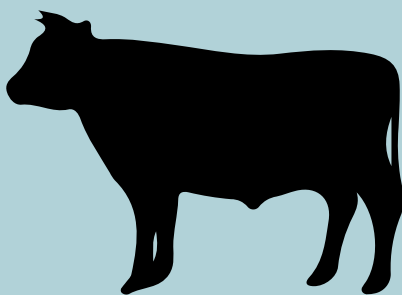
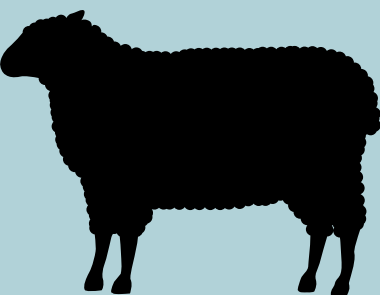
Lambs and goats validated during the 2024 State Fair validation period WILL be eligible for 2025 spring major shows as long as the animal stays in the care of the exhibitor.

Steer tags- Coming Soon

State Fair Swine- Coming Soon

Click [HERE](#) to order tags
or order at the Extension Office

Validations will occur in June!



For more information contact:

Wilson County
AgriLife Extension
(830) 393-7357

Wilson County 4-H

VACCINE CLINIC

April 7, 2024 2-4 p.m.

RABIES VACCINE

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

All Vaccines Available
Upon Request

Deason Animal Hospital

1712 D ST FLORESVILLE, TX 78114



PROCEEDS BENEFIT
WILSON COUNTY
4-H COUNCIL



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.

District Updates

Spring Roundup Registration Deadline is MARCH 19!

Please click County Check for payment!



SAVE THE DATE
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.

CORE Academy Registration Deadline is April 15th!

Click [HERE](#) for the form!

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

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 <i>Results Released</i>

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

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*

State Updates

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

County Camp II- August 4-August 8



Texas 4-H Youth Livestock, Equine, & Poultry Ambassador Program

If you are interested in applying to be a State level ambassador, click the link [HERE](#).

Applications are due April 15th

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program

If you are interested in applying to be a State level ambassador, click the link [HERE](#).

Applications are due April 1st

State 4-H Horse Validation

Due: April 15th

Where: 4-HOnline

ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year for the District 10 and State 4-H horse shows. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. Email Allison with any questions you may have on the validation process!

State Horse show info [HERE](#)



2024 Spring

Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- NEW!** Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

Spring Tournament

Fish at YOUR Location:
March 15 at 12:00 am thru
May 27 at 11:59 pm



The members of Texas A&M AgLife 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 and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgLife.

UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP - COLLEGE STATION - MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC - NACOGDOCHES - APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS - LUFKIN - APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHHP) STATE CONTEST - TBD - MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) - COLLEGE STATION - JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE - RICHMOND - JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP - JOHNSON CITY - JULY 15-20

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:

[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:

- FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES

- INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions

State Updates

2024 Texas 4-H Congress

EVENT NAME: 2024 Texas 4-H Congress (Austin, TX)

EVENT DATE: July 14-17, 2024

What is Congress? Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works.

How to Register:

Registration for this event is very LIMITED. Due to the constraints of the venue itself, registration for this event is not open for first come, first on 4HOnline, instead each County will submit a Nomination List of the members they'd like to send to this event. **Interested participants must email Allison by March 21, 2024 if they would like to be on the nomination list.** Once all nomination lists are compiled, the District 10 Office will select our 20 delegates. Additionally, Natalie will create an alternate list in the event other Districts do not fill their slots. Accepted delegates will be notified by April 1, 2024 to begin registration on 4HOnline.

Press Corps & Lobbyist: Additionally, there are special roles for members to fill during 4-H Congress (*Email Allison if you would like a list of the roles*). Applications for the 2024 Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps and Lobbyist roles will open the week of February 15, 2024, and **are due on 4HOnline on March 14, 2024.** Youth who are applying for one of these roles should also place their names on their County's Nomination List, so that if they are not selected, they are still considered to attend in a different role.

Submitting a Bill: As a reminder, all youth who are planning on attending are required to submit a bill. A guide to assist in writing and developing a bill as well as the link to the submission form can be found at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> under Bill Submissions. There are also three past Bill Books posted so that you can see some of the past Bills submitted.

Texas 4-H Council At Large Delegate

Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events, application deadline is March 28, 2024. Link [HERE](#)



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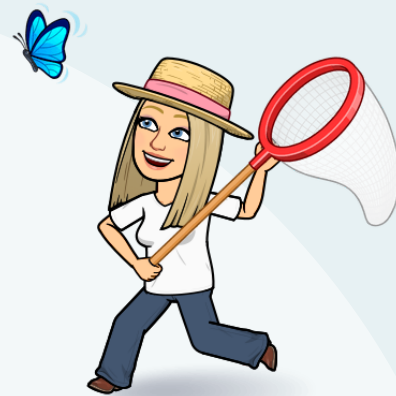
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Helpful Website Links:

[District 10 4-H](#)

[Texas 4-H](#)

[4-HOnline](#)