

Liberty County 4-H Membership Handbook 2016-2017



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We are pleased your family has decided to join the fun and exciting 4-H program in Liberty County. As County Extension Agents working within the 4-H program, we want to welcome you and let you know what our program is all about. First of all Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

4-H is a youth development program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Texas 4-H has a mission to develop youth and adults, utilizing research-based information in creative, diverse, hands-on educational environments. 4-H maximizes each individual's potential through unique partnerships of youth, volunteers, and university faculty and community supporters, resulting in exciting and innovative experiences which produce capable citizens to lead us into tomorrow. To accomplish these goals, 4-H members are offered many different chances during the year to participate in a variety of projects and activities. Many of these will be explained in this handbook.

Another vital portion of the 4-H program is volunteer leaders. Without these individuals the program would not be possible. Volunteers deliver the 4-H program directly to the youth, and guide them through the learning experiences and project work. We encourage all parents and guardians to become actively involved as a volunteer leader.

After reviewing this handbook, please feel free to contact the AgriLife Extension Office, your local club manager, or project leader if you have any further questions. Many questions will be answered as you complete your first year of 4-H and become actively involved.

Sincerely,

Liberty County AgriLife Extension Staff



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LIBERTY COUNTY 4-H FACTS!!

- ** 10 organized 4-H groups throughout the county
- ** Over 300 4-H members in these groups
- ** Over 100 Volunteers involved
- ** Continuous recognition of members and leaders
- ** Traditional and Non-traditional projects offered



County Sponsored 4-H Programs & Activities

Record Book Workshops	Round-up (Educational Presentations)	Public Speaking
I Dare You Award	Gold, Silver, & Bronze Star Awards	4-H County Council
Parliamentary Procedure	Clinics, Trainings, Etc.	4-H Newsletter
Food Show	County-Wide Project Workshops	Fashion Show
Volunteer Leader Trainings	Consumer Decision-Making Workshop	Shooting Sports
Share the Fun (Talent Contest)	Judging Teams – Livestock & Horse	Scholarship
4-H Mounted Drill Team	3 County Fairs and Major Shows	Officer Training

*District Level Events & Programs

Round-up	Food Show	Food Challenge	Horse Show
Fashion Show	Record Books	Sr. Leadership Lab	Judging Contests
Quiz Bowls	Leaders for Life	Jr. Leadership Lab	Shooting Sports Adult
Leader Trainings	Wildlife Skill-a-Thon		

*State Level Events & Programs

Round-up	Youth Pork Institute	Record Books	Food Show
Roping School	Fashion Show	Summer Camps	Food Challenge
Judging Contests	Horse Show	Scholarships	Youth Range Camp
Fashion Show	State Games	Quiz Bowls	Forestry Invitational

*All Events and Projects are subject to change. More 4-H opportunities available at the County,

4-H EMBLEM, MOTTO, PLEDGE AND SLOGAN

The 4-H club emblem is a four leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four "H's" stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Leaves of the clover are green and the "H's" are white. The white is for purity. Green is nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life, and growth. The four H's represent the 4-square development of:



HEAD - To help you learn new and better ways of doing things

HEART - To help you develop ideals and standards for living in society

HANDS - To give you the opportunity to develop useful skills and to apply them

HEALTH - To help you develop habits of good health

4-H MOTTO

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H PLEDGE

"In support of the 4-H Club Motto "To Make the Best Better"
I pledge-My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, My Health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **HEAD** for the power it will give me to think, to plan, and to reason.

I believe in the training of my **HEART** for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my **HANDS** for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my **HEALTH** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

4-H Member Bill of Rights

All 4-H members have these rights:

- To participate in 4-H programs and events
- To learn through experience (hands on learning)
- To use 4-H educational materials for their intended use
- To choose their own projects and interests
- To feel respected
- To feel safe physically and emotionally
- To privacy
- To voice opinions and make decisions and participate in a democratic process.

4-H PROJECTS

4-H projects are specific areas of study, such as training pets, learning to take photographs, growing plants or making clothing. The project consists of at least six hours of learning time, and provides in-depth learning experiences for the member. About 40 projects are available with written project materials from Texas A&M University. However, there are unlimited self directed projects we can help you develop.

A member may participate in one or more projects each year. The 4-H leader should help the member choose projects carefully and realistically, so that the member is setting reachable goals. Here is a partial list of projects from which to choose.

For a complete list of projects, go to http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/index_projects_programs.php

PROJECT	PROJECT	
DESCRIPTION	Animals	
Companion Animals		
Dairy Cattle		
Dog Care/Training		
Goats - Dairy		
Goats - Hair		
Goats - Meat		
Horse		
Poultry		
Rabbits		
Sheep Swine		
Veterinary Science		
Beef		
Environment Education & Earth Sciences		
Field & Stream		
Forestry		
Natural Resources		
Outdoor Education		
Range Science/Management		
Shooting Sports		
Sport fishing		
Water)		
Wildlife & Fisheries		
Healthy Lifestyles		
Food & Nutrition		
Health Safety		
Citizenship and Civic Education		
Citizenship		
Communications and Expressive Arts		
Photography		
Public Speaking		
Theater and Performance Arts		
Consumer and Family Sciences		
Clothing & Textiles		
Consumer Education		
Family Life		
Housing & Home Environment		
Personal Development and Leadership		
Youth Entrepreneurship		
Leadership		
Recreation		
Workplace Preparation/Careers		
Global Education and Awareness		
Plants		
Horticulture		
Soil & Crop Science		
Science, Engineering, & Technology		
Biological Science		
Computer Science		
Entomology		
Meat Science		

What does a project cost?

The costs vary depending upon the project chosen. A member enrolled in the foods and nutrition project might use supplies from around the home to practice the skills being learned. A member who buys and raises a horse can expect to invest thousands of dollars. Keep costs in mind as you select your projects. The project must be realistic to your family's situation.

Are 4-Her's expected to do their own project work?

Yes, with the guidance of an adult. 4-H is a "learning by doing" program. Adults may show the member how, but members are expected to learn how to do things themselves. 4-H members may also conduct some project work in groups. Working in groups can be fun, and the members get the experience of helping each other. But most projects call for some work to be done by the individual member, and each member should be learning to do things for themselves.

Self determined projects-

Projects are not limited by the materials available from 4-H. For example, a member may be interested in model airplanes. Members should discuss such projects with their leaders or the County Extension Agent. Together you can create a program with steps and goals that will make learning about the project fun. The 4-H member must be prepared to report on the progress and to record his or her accomplishments.

**Make
It
Yours!**



MEMBERSHIP AND ENROLLMENT

It is the policy of the Texas A&M University System to extend equal opportunities for membership and participation in 4-H activities to all Texas youth according to all applicable state and federal laws. Discrimination in the 4-H Youth Development Program because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status is contrary to the purposes and policies of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

4-H Members

1. Age Requirements

- Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:
- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2016)
- Special education youth who are older than 19 and have not graduated from high school may participate in 4-H Youth Development programs as members, with approval by the county Extension agent. Participation is limited to the club or county level. County Extension staff have the option, on a case-by-case basis, to allow Special Education youth older than 19 to participate in competitive events at the club or county level.

2. Texas 4-H Member Categories

- Junior Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

3. Other Membership Requirements

- A youth applies for 4-H membership when he/she either completes an individual paper enrollment form, or individual on-line registration via 4-H CONNECT. Membership is not active until an applicant's registration is entered into 4-H CONNECT and approved by the County Office. A youth participates in 4-H by belonging to a chartered 4-H club or county program or any recognized unit of membership in the county where he/she resides.* Membership cannot be held simultaneously in more than one county or state, but membership may change with residence, as long as the member participates in a given project in only one county or state.
 - *Exception - If a 4-H member lives near a county line or if a specific project is not offered in his/her home county and it is more convenient, desirable, and logical to belong to 4-H in another county, he/she may request permission to join 4-H in that county if the county Extension staff in both counties approve. Approval must be in writing. request to change counties should be based on concerns that affect the youth member developmentally (i.e.: requesting to change counties because the adjoining county's livestock show sale is better will not be approved). If a specific project is not offered in the county of residence, and the 4-H member wants to participate in 4-H project work in an adjoining county, they may; however, they must enter competitive activities through the county in which they have their membership. This agreement of cross-county membership must be renewed annually between the involved 4-H member/family, the county Extension staff and the District Extension Administrator. See Section 3 of the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines for participation in specific events and activities, which have additional entry requirements beyond being a member.
- Once a membership is approved in a county it cannot be moved or transferred to another county until the following year unless approval is given by the State Leader of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and there is an agreement among both County Extension Agents.
- Each young person wishing to be part of a 4-H club is required to pay a participation fee before being granted membership status. Participation fees will be assessed at \$20.00 for those enrolling between September 1, 2016 (or when the new enrollment period begins) to October 31, 2016. Beginning on November 1, 2016 and for the continuation of the 4-H year, the participation fee will be \$25.00.
- Each member is enrolled in at least one 4-H project.
- Marriage and parenthood are not barriers to 4-H membership, provided other requirements are met.
- A youth who is accepted as a 4-H member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in connection with 4-H.
- Specific events and activities may require that rules be established beyond being a 4-H member.
- When this is the case, the responsibility for establishing and monitoring such rules rests with the organizational leadership in charge of the event or activity. Such rules, once made, should be made known to all 4-H members and their families. The rules must not violate the rights, or discriminate against any protected class of individuals and should be so stated as to be inclusive in nature.
- If a 4-H member becomes an active member in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program then they cannot hold and/or participate in another state's 4-H Program

4-H TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

What does a 4-H Club Do?

4-H members join together in an organization called a 4-H club. It elects its own officers and conducts its own business. The club group usually has a president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, and reporter and may have a historian or parliamentarian.

The club has a business meeting on a regular basis (Exp: every 1st Monday of the month) with an annual plan for their programs. Club meetings are set the same day of the week each month, unless changes are required due to holidays or facilities. (Exp. Third Monday, second Thursday, etc.) At this meeting, the group discusses business and makes plans for activities. In addition, each meeting should include some kind of special educational program. The program can be demonstrations by members, talks by members, parents or resource persons, or anything else which interests the group.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

Good youth development programs do not just happen. It takes the combined effort of parents and volunteers along with the guidance of Extension youth development professionals to establish a good 4-H program.

In 4-H we have a team...a 4-H team which contributes to the ultimate development of boys and girls. On this team are the parents who become partners of the team. If this 4-H team is to be successful, then the parents must become "regular players," not "bench warmers."

How Can Parents Accomplish This?

1. Learn what 4-H is about (purposes, objectives, etc.)
2. Exhibit a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in your child.
3. Encourage participation in 4-H activities.
Participation stimulates interest and enthusiasm.
4. Assist your child in selecting a project they like, a project that they have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish facilities, financing, needed materials and guidance.
5. Provide encouragement and help in their project work with record keeping, demonstrations, judging and completion of attempted work and leadership responsibilities.
6. Provide transportation for members to local club meetings and to county events and activities
7. Attend club meetings with your child. Some clubs require that at least one parent attend.
8. Get informed about "what's going on" and continue to keep informed. This can be accomplished by reading the 4-H newsletter thoroughly.
9. Provide a meeting place for a project group. Assist leaders and club by providing refreshments or other help.



SCHOOL ABSENCES AND PARTICIPATION IN 4-H COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

4-H has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a legitimate school-related extracurricular organization. 4-H members may apply for excused absences in order to participate in 4-H activities. It is the responsibility of the local school district to determine whether or not any student is eligible and may be excused from classes to participate in any extracurricular event or activity. 4-H members are not automatically excused upon request, but are subject to all regulations of the Texas Education Agency and their local school district as they may apply to extracurricular participation.

Additionally, specific events and activities may require that rules be established beyond being a 4-H member. When this is the case, the responsibility for establishing and monitoring such rules rests with the organizational group in charge of the event or activity. Such rules, once made, should be made known to all 4-H members and their families. The rules must not violate the rights, or discriminate against the rights, of any person and should be so stated as to be inclusive in nature.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding competitive activities:

- A. Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee. Recommended procedures to obtain this list are:
 - At least thirty (30) days in advance of each 4-H event, agents should submit a written request to the appropriate school administrator providing the following information:
 - i. Name(s) of 4-H member(s) involved
 - ii. School they attend
 - iii. Date(s) of extracurricular activity
 - iv. Name and time of event in which 4-H member(s) will participate
 - v. The educational significance of the event
 - vi. Name of adult chaperone(s)

Consistent with University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) rules, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted a three (3) school-week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (i.e. from public to private or private to home or home to public or home to private, or public to public) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity.

ROLES OF THE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS OF MEMBERS IN THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Role of a County Extension Agent

County Extension agents have the responsibility for oversight of the 4-H Youth Development Program in their assigned counties. This includes the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate the chartering of 4-H membership units (clubs, groups, programs). Chartering includes permission to use the 4-H name and emblem.
- Coordinate the chartering of county 4-H organizations (i.e. 4-H Council, volunteer/parent groups, committees, etc.). Chartering includes use of the 4-H name and emblem.
- Provide opportunities for all youth who have reached the appropriate age to be participants and/or members in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Plan and coordinate the county 4-H program.
- Staff the 4-H clubs/units utilizing volunteers with the assistance of the volunteer/parent leadership and youth leadership.
- Assist the volunteer/parent leadership and youth leadership by providing in-service education and resources for all 4-H volunteers in the county.
- Explain and enforce 4-H policies and procedures.
- Train and supervise 4-H volunteers, as needed, in conducting the county 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Ensure that a quality 4-H educational program is conducted in the county.
- Inform 4-H volunteers and members about opportunities at county, district, regional, state, national and international levels.
- Appoint or dismiss 4-H members, 4-H volunteers and 4-H parents.
- Ensure all volunteers who are fully supervising chaperones have completed Child Protection Management training and certification.
- Provide volunteers with necessary training and resources to promote inclusion of all youth and adults in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Role of a 4-H Volunteer

- 4-H is a non-formal educational program delivered by volunteers who are managed by county Extension agents. A 4-H volunteer leader is a person who is responsible for a group, activity or event, and the members and/or other volunteers involved.
- Volunteerism is critical to the success of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's 4-H program. The criteria set forth for becoming a direct, indirect, or episodic volunteer to 4-H is designed to ensure volunteers that maintain a continuing relationship with 4-H are appropriately assigned duties in the best interest of program success. Texas 4-H is very fortunate to have individuals across the state interested in volunteering to make the program more efficient and effective in accomplishing its goals.
- From time-to-time individuals are unexpectedly placed into volunteer roles by emergency, necessity, or just plain good Samaritan.
- Due to the unexpected nature of their service to Extension it is impossible to complete the formal volunteer applicant process. Despite the absence of a formal designation as volunteers, Extension still considers these individuals an important part of the program and considers these individuals, while lending a hand to the program and performing duties to assist in delivery of program content, of the same status, pursuant to Texas law, as volunteers that have completed the application process.
- There are three major roles adults may assume in 4-H:

Direct Volunteer

- Volunteers who support the 4-H program through face-to-face contact with youth, by a youth or adult, e.g.: project leader, club leader, camp counselor, and teacher.

Indirect Volunteer

Volunteers who work on behalf of the 4-H Program but do not have face-to-face contact with youth.

- Episodic Volunteer

An individual who volunteers for a single or limited activity, event or program. Examples include: fair judges, workshop presenters, special committee members, and assistants or helpers at events.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service considers all three of these classes of volunteers to be “direct service volunteers” as that term is used in section 51.937 of the Texas Education Code.

- To be accepted as a Direct 4-H Volunteer, an adult must: Be at least 18 years of age. (Overnight chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.)
- Complete a Texas 4-H Adult Volunteer Application annually or on-line registration.
- Be subject to a criminal background check and screening process
- Submit payment for Volunteer Application Fee annually.

DEFINITIONS

County Extension Agent - An employee of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service who specializes in either agriculture, family and consumer economics, 4-H and youth development, natural resources or horticulture.

Club Manager - Gives leadership to the overall organization and management of the 4-H club.

Project Leaders - Provide learning experiences, personal guidance and counseling for members enrolled in their project by conducting project meetings.

Task Forces - Groups of 4 to 6 members, parents, leaders, or community leaders organized for the purpose of dealing with area of concern -- finance, expansion and review, character development. Meets twice annually.

Community Service Projects - Activities conducted by individual 4-H'ers, project groups or an entire club that help the community.

Fundraising - Each year the Liberty County 4-H Office conducts a 4-H Pecan Sale for the raising of funds to provide programs, events, and activities for all 4-H members. All 4-H families are encouraged to participate in this countywide effort. In addition, each 4-H club raises its own money by having car washes, bake sales, product and candy sales, etc.

Mentor Training - a 4-H leader who completed 20 hours of training in a subject matter and commits to return at least 50 hours of service to that county. There are currently state trainings available in Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goat and Clothing.

Leader Training - An event conducted by the county agent, specialist, or other resource person for the purpose of providing leaders with research-based subject matters.

County Council - A County 4-H group made of at least two delegates from each club. Council meets monthly on the 4th Monday and plans county wide events, community service projects and educational activities.

District 4-H Leadership Labs - District Leadership Labs are held each year - in November for intermediate age members and in June for Seniors. Both labs have educational sessions which focus on leadership skills, team building, group leadership and recreation. Lots of fun is built into these days too. County 4-H Program pays for at least half of the registration.

SpecTra - Senior 4-H members receive 20 hours of intensive training in one of eight project areas. Participants enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen self-image. They also have recreation and leisure time during the evening to visit with old friends and make new ones. Held at Texas 4-H Center.

PrimeTime This camp is designed especially for 4-H'ers ages 9-13 with opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others. Two sessions are held in July one for 12-13 and one for 9-11 year olds. Held at Texas 4-H Center

Ambassador Training - best spokespersons for the 4-H program are capable, older 4-H members. Nothing sells the program better than 4-H members doing excellent work where the public and key people can see, hear and examine what they are doing. Ambassador Training formalizes this concept and teaches senior 4-H members the skills they need to promote the 4H program in a positive manner. Held at Texas 4-H Center.

Texas 4-H Congress -A 4 day mock legislative session for 4-H members ages 15 to 18. Members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills written and sponsored by 4-H member's focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. Bills that are signed into law during the Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the office of the Governor for review. There have been bills that have passed the Texas Legislature!

Foods & Nutrition Project -Begins in the fall with a leader training. After 4-H'ers complete 6 project lessons and decide on a tasty dish to make, the final test occurs in November at the County Food Show. (See contests)

Clothing Projects -Begins in the late Fall and ends in January with the County 4-H Fashion Show. Project meetings may focus on construction of garments or on the purchasing of quality items. Types of fabric and care of items is usually included. (See contests) First Place members advance to District.

4-H Awards Program -Each 4-H club is responsible for conducting its own recognition event for the award winners. A county 4-H awards program is held in August to recognize record book completion and top award winners including: U Gold Star U Unsung Hero U I Dare You U Agriculture Awards U Bronze Star U Home Economics Awards U Silver Star U Non-Traditional Awards U Secretary Award U Outstanding 4-H Leader. Most of these awards are based on information from record books.

National 4-H Week - Held the first week in October to officially recognize 4-H members, leaders and donors across the U.S. 4-H clubs in Liberty Co. plan special events and activities to celebrate this special time.

Record Books -4-H'ers learn to keep good records for all of their 4-H projects by completing a record book. Training is given to all parents, leaders, and 4-H'ers in April. County competition begins in June. Winners advance on to district and state competition.

County 4-H Roundup - At this time 4-H'ers compete in Educational Presentation (20 categories), Share-the-Fun (5 categories) and/or Public Speaking. Winners advance to district and possibly to State 4-H Roundup for the senior 4-H members.

Educational Presentation - (expansion of the old method demonstration/illustrated talk) A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills in a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be just speaking and

convincing, or simply educating with only words (public speaking). Up to five members on the team and 12 minutes to talk.

Share-the-Fun -This 4-H "talent show" provides a chance to develop talent, leadership and confidence, as well as wholesome recreation. 4-H members compete as groups or individuals in a variety of categories. 4-H'ers also serve as stage hands, crew, etc. A fun activity for both the performers and audience. Up to 9 members.

Public Speaking - Individual presents a 5 to 7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentations. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet specific to the Public Speaking Contest.

Consumer Decision Making - Judging contest where members study classes such as Credit cards, IRA's cars, light bulbs, tooth paste, etc. Based on what they learn about these classes, they place a class of 4 brands of the item using a given situation. A contest usually consists of 8 classes and one or two sets of oral reasons.

County 4-H Food Show After your project activities, you will complete paperwork to enter the 4-H Food Show. Here your entry, your paperwork and your interview are judged. The winners advance to further competition at the district level and senior winners to the State 4-H Food Show. Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals, Main Dish and Nutritious Snack. Not related to Liberty County Fair non-livestock shows.

County 4-H Fashion Show 4-H'ers may sew a garment (construction) or they may model ready-to-wear clothing (buying contest). Fashion Show judges select winners based on garment, interview, paperwork, project activities and modeling. Winners advance to district competition and seniors may advance to the State 4-H Fashion Show. There are separate contests related to Fashion Show including Narrator contest and Stage Design contest. Casual, Specialty, Dressy, Formal Not related to Liberty County Fair non-livestock shows.

Liberty County 4-H

Awards Criteria

Liberty County 4-H members, who are interested in earning an award at the county awards banquet, will be responsible for documenting and submitting attached “Point Log” to the County Extension Office with points earned according to the awards criteria below.

Goal:

The Awards Criteria will award 4-H members in a positive manner that is fair and consistent.

Description:

Each member will have access to the “Point Log” to log their points.

- “Point Logs” will be available on the county website, at the Extension Office, or with your Club Managers.
- It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to ensure “Point Logs” are signed by the club manager or assistant, parent/guardian, and child and submitted to the Extension Office.
- “Point Logs” must be complete with manager signature and/or project leader, parent signature, and 4-H member signature. (The signature by the club manager will be to signify that the club manager/project leader is aware and in agreement with the member about the said event.)
- Points will be verified according to the Awards Criteria and all points are subject to approval. Points are tallied by the Extension Office
- Any points not addressed in the “Awards Criteria” or in question will be submitted to the Liberty County Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas (VLAT) for approval. Liberty County VLAT is open to any 4-H adult leader that wants to volunteer their time to help in the decision making process for the Liberty County 4-H Program.

How to Earn Points?

Members will receive one point for each of these areas in which they participate.

One Point

- Attend a monthly chartered 4-H club meeting. A maximum of 9 points per 4-H year can be accumulated per chartered club enrolled.
- Prepare and present an educational program at a 4-H club meeting or local organization for at least 10 minutes.
- Participate in Community Service Project (organized by Club, County, and/or District)
Examples: (not limited to)
 - One Day 4-H – state community project recognized in October
 - Club Food, Clothes, or School Supplies Drive
 - Collect “Coins for Kids” to provide gifts for families at Christmas
 - Toy Drive “Brown Bag Buddies”
 - “Adopt a Soldier”
 - Christmas/Valentines Cards for soldiers
- Assistance with community events (i.e. health fair, educational events conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, banquet set-up/clean-up)
- Participate in a county-wide approved fundraisers
Example:
Pecan Sales - One point will be awarded for every 10 bags sold. Each 4-H member will have to turn in separate order forms and points will be awarded individually.

- Attend 4-H sponsored Workshop/Camp with Club, County or District: (one point will be awarded for each event.)
Examples: Field Trips, Leader College, County-wide Project Clinics, Multi-County Project, Senior Leader Lab, Junior Leader Lab, Livestock Ambassador Camp, 4-H Congress, 4-H Prime Time, etc.
- 4-H Promotional Service Events -
 - Radio Broadcast
 - Represent 4-H in a promotional way (ie. parade, festival, booth, health fair, school events, livestock show booth)
 - Speaking/Performing/Presenting a program for a local event or another 4-H club meeting.
 - Baskin Day - Concession stand outside of Liberty Baskin Dept. store.
 - December County Commissioners Court Breakfast
- 4-H members who serve as an Ambassador and complete the annual requirements.
- 4-H sponsored shows/contests – One point per project area.
 - 4-H County Contests: Food Show, Food Challenge, Fashion Show, Consumer Decision Making Contest, Round Up, Judging Contest, Quiz Bowl, etc.)
 - 4-H District & State Contests – 4-H sponsored only.
 - Shooting Sports – 4-H sponsored shoots only.
 - Horse Show – 4-H sponsored only.
 - Livestock Judging Contest – 4-H sponsored only unless approved below or by VLAT.
- Non-4-H sponsored shows/contests approved: One point per project area. Must be entered under 4-H. (Example Record book project areas: Beef, Swine, Rabbit, Photography, Food & Nutrition, Horticulture, Horse, Shooting Sports..)
 - Trinity Valley Exposition (TVE)
 - Cleveland Livestock Show
 - Dayton FFA Livestock Show
 - Fall and Spring Major Livestock Show: (Junior show only) State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show, South Texas State Fair, Star of Texas, Texas Rice Festival, San Angelo, National Super Ride 4-H division.
 - *All other events in question need to be submitted to VLAT in the manner stated below.*

Complete 4-H Record book

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| • Submitted to County by deadline | 10 pts. |
| • Submitted to County by deadline and advance to District | 1 pts. |
| • Submitted to County by deadline and advance to District and State | 1 pts. |

Approval of various events not listed or addressed:

4-H members need to seek Event Approval with the VLAT.

1. To seek approval a written request needs to be submitted to the VLAT.
Liberty County 4-H VLAT
c/o: Texas AgriLife Extension Service
501 Palmer Ave.
Liberty, TX 77575
2. VLAT will vote on approval and event will be added to Awards Criteria.
3. A member of VLAT will notify member requesting approval in a timely manner not to exceed 60 days.

Prize Level

The points accumulated throughout the year that are submitted on “Point Logs” by the designated deadline and approved by the VLAT will determine Prize Level for 4-H members at Awards Banquet.

15 points will earn a Bronze level prize valued under \$20.00

16-25 points will earn a Silver level prize valued at \$20.00 - \$30.00.

26-35 points will earn a Gold level prize valued at \$30.00 - \$40.00

36 and above will earn a Platinum level prize valued at \$40.00 - \$50.00

In the past awards have been:

Buckles

Duffle Bags

Garment Bags

Knives

4-H Pendants

Chair

Personalized Hoodies

Knife Sharpeners

Hat Boxes

Tumblers

Wind Breakers

COUNTY 4-H POINT LOG

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

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Point Criteria Highlights:

1 point per club meeting (9 per year)
ready for Judging – 10 points.

Community Service Event

Completed Record Book submitted on time and

Non-4-H sponsored shows/contest. Must be entered under 4-H. One point per project area. (Example Record book project areas: Beef, Swine, Rabbit, Horticulture, Home Economics etc.)

For complete criteria refer to Liberty County 4-H Award Criteria guidelines. Found on line or in the handbook.

Livestock Shows Held In Liberty County

TVE-Trinity Valley Exposition

Trinity Valley Exposition is held in October of every year. Go to <http://www.tvefair.com> for further information



Cleveland Livestock Show



Website: <http://www.clevelandlivestockshowdairyday.com/>

From here you can link to pages with the Rules and Regulations, Important Deadlines, Schedules and Entry Forms.

Dayton FFA Livestock Show

For information on the Dayton FFA Livestock Show, contact Ag Sciences Instructors at Dayton High School.





Liberty County 4-H Calendar 2016-2017



September, 2016

- 5 - Labor Day – Office Closed
- San Antonio and Star of Texas Livestock show Calf Scramble Nomination due
- 17 - District 4-H Leader Boot Camp
- Fall/Spring Major Show Swine Tag order due into Extension Office
- 26 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting (Ice Cream Kick-off!)
- 25 – Oct 18 State Fair of Texas
- 28-Oct 3 Texas Rice Festival

October, 2016

- 6-15 - Heart of Texas – Waco
- 8 - One Day 4-H
- National 4-H Week
- 17-22 - Trinity Valley Exposition – Liberty
- 22 - District 4-H Council Meeting and Fun Day - Conroe
- 24 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council
- 27 - Fall/Spring Major Show Sheep ,Goat and Heifer Validation – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

November, 2016

- 3 - Fort Worth Show Entry Night –Extension Office - 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 5 - Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop; Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest
- 8 - CLSDD – Large Animal Tag-in
- 11-12 - District 4-H Junior Leadership Lab
- 11 - Veterans Day – Office Closed
- 15 - San Antonio, Houston, Rode Austin and San Angelo – Extension Office – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 23-25 - Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 28 - Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting
- 29 - Fall/Spring Major Show Swine Tag-in
- Consumer Decision Making Contest Workshop – Dayton, TX

December, 2017

- 3 - Livestock Extravaganza
- 23-26 - Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

January, 2017

- 10 - CLSDD – Small Animal Tag-in
- 14 - District 4-H Council Meeting
- 15-Feb 6 Fort Worth Stock show and Rodeo
- 16 - Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
- 27-28 - District 4-H Archery Contest
- 27 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting
- 27-28 - District 4-H Archery Contest (Tentative)

February, 2017

- 8 - Texas 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 11-28 - San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- 15-21 - San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo
- 20 - President's Day – Office Closed
- 27 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting

March, 2017

- 4 - Texas A&M Judging Contest
- 1-20 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- 12-26 - Star of Texas – Rodeo Austin
- 24-April 3 - South Texas State Fair – Beaumont
- 26 - District 4-H Photography Entries Due
- 27 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting

April, 2017

- 1 - Multi District 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- 3-8 - Cleveland Livestock Show and Dairy Day
- 9 - District 4-H Judging Contest Entries and Fee due.
- 16 - Entries due for Big Time in D9
- 22 - District 4-H Judging Contest (Livestock, Meats, and Soils)
- 24 - VLAT & Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting
- 29 - Multi District Judging Contest (Livestock, Soil, Meats ID)
- 30 - District 4-H Rifle and Air Rifle Contest

May, 2017

- 1 - Horse Validation due on 4-H Connect and Fees Paid
- Dayton FFA Livestock Show – TBD
- 11-13 - Big Time in D9 Roundup
- 12-13 - District 4-H Barbeque Cook-off and Hamburger Bonanza
- 14 - Mother's Day

June, 2017

- 6 - Liberty County 4-H Council Meeting – Officer Elections
- 6-8 - Texas 4-H Roundup
- 15 - All Record Books and Point Logs due into County Extension Office
- 20-21 - District 4-H Horse Show
- 18 - Father's Day
- 27-29 - District 9 4-H Leadership Lab

July, 2017

- 5 - District Record Book Judging
- 9-10 - District 4-H Dog Horse
- 31 - Awards "Point Keeper" Forms due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.

August, 2011

4-H Awards Banquet *Annual 4-H Banquet Date will be announced!

Liberty County Volunteer Leader Association of Texas (VLAT) will meet the fourth Monday of every month, except for the months of November, December, which will be announced and June and July meetings will be called as needed. VLAT is open to all 4-H leaders, parents or guardians who are interested in providing leadership to the Liberty County 4-H Program.

All dates listed are subject to change. 4-H'ers will be notified by newsletter or emails.