



## Brazoria County 4-H May 2015 News

### [Brazoria County 4-H 2014-2015 Calendar](#)

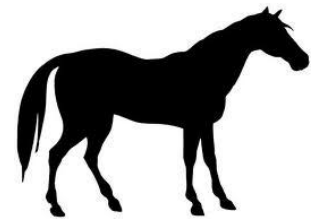
Dates have moved on the Calendar. Be sure to check for updated items!



The [Tractor Supply Store](#) Spring Clover Campaign will be **April 22nd – May 3rd**. Brazoria County 4-H has received over \$500 from the Alvin and Lake Jackson stores for each of the past campaigns. Clubs are needed to set up a promotional table at the stores. Contact the TSC store in Alvin or Lake Jackson to schedule a date and time, and then contact the 4-H office to get banners, brochures, and promotional items.

#### \*\*\*\*Horse Validation\*\*\*\*

Horse Validation is open from March 1st to April 15<sup>th</sup> for \$10.00 per horse!!! For more info click this [link](#). The link has instructions on how to validate a new and an existing horse into the 4-H Connect. If you validate your horse between April 16<sup>th</sup> and **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, it will be \$20.00 per horse. Go to the [Department of Animal Science 2015 State 4-H Horse Show Webpage](#) for more details.



Are you considering showing Turkeys at the fair this year? Orders are due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds office. There have been a few changes in the rules so you may want to pay some attention to the new details. Call Elissa Coronado in the fair office if you have more questions. 979-849-6416 or go to their website [www.bcfa.org](http://www.bcfa.org). Use this [form](#) to turn in your turkey orders.



Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camp: Lamb Camp is **July 17-19**. Goat Camp is **July 24-26**. This 3 day target program is dedicated to education students on the fundamentals of your specific lamb or goat animal project. Aspects of the camp include feeding, nutrition, health, facilities and selection with plenty of showmanship and quality counts information. View their [flyer](#) for more information. Register on their [website](#) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** for a cheaper cost.





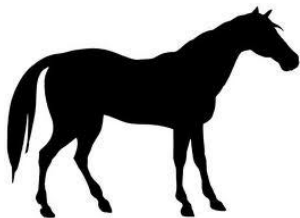
Heifer & Steers Validation date May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. See [BCFA – Important dates Flyer!](#) For more BCFA Validation dates and entry deadlines. Remember club managers will have to sign your validation forms.

**Big Time in D9** will be held right here in Brazoria County this year at Alvin Community College **May 1st and 2nd!** District Round up includes Beef Quiz Bowl, Leaders 4 Life, Educational Presentations, SET Research Poster Contest, Share the Fun, Food Show, Fashion Show, Fashion Story Board, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making, Horse Quiz Bowl, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Wildlife Challenge. For more information go to our district website under [BIG TIME IN D9!!](#) Be sure to check out the latest information. There will be fun activities each afternoon. Join us for a complementary dinner at 5:00 pm in the Brazoria County tent both Friday and Saturday.



## 2015 4-H Roundup

State Roundup Entries Due in [Connect](#) by May 7<sup>th</sup>. You've done county roundup. You've won at district. Lets show them at the state level what Brazoria County 4-H is made of. There's no stopping us now!



**Attention Horse Members:** If you participate in the Brazoria County 4-H Horse shows and have any rule suggestions for the 2015-2016 year, please send them to Jami at [jami.geserick@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jami.geserick@ag.tamu.edu) by May 11th. This will help the Horse Advisory Committee in guiding the program and help us all to “Make the Best Better” as they round out the year!

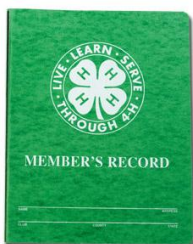
**Horse Advisory Committee meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> show make up events!**

**Just WHO's your leader now? 4-H County Council and Ambassadors** will meet Monday, **May 18th** at 7pm. Council meetings are opportunities to advance your leadership knowledge and skills. Everyone is welcome; club officers are highly encouraged to attend. **Council Elections will be held this meeting so choose wisely on who will be representing you.** Get your patriotic gear on this May to show your support for an equal opportunity to leadership through the voting process. Refreshments will be provided.



**Leadership Lab:** Leadership Lab is scheduled for June 23rd – 25th at The Texas 4-H center in Brownwood!!! You must be 14 years old to attend. **Register on 4-H Connect by May 31st.** For more details go to the [D9 website](#) or view their [brochure](#).

May 25<sup>th</sup> 4-H Office **Closed for Memorial Day.** Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces fighting for our country's freedoms. CELEBRATE and remember our fallen Hero's on May 25<sup>th</sup>!



4-H Record Books are due at the 4-H office by **May 20th!!! ALL** information and forms needed for the record books can be found on the [state website](#). In order to be a 4-H Star Awards candidate, you will need to turn in your Record Books. **You will have to sign up for an interview time when turning in your books.** The [Star Award information](#) can be found out our



website. **Award interviews will be scheduled for June 3rd starting at 4:30 PM at the 4-H office.**



Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program: Every year a new group of 4-H members become the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors. This program is for high school aged children and teaches all facets of the livestock industry. The ambassadors will also be required to help put on clinics and help other youth learn about livestock. The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program is an in-depth learning experience for selected youth to represent the agricultural industry in Texas. Training includes a short course experience on the campus of either Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University. During training, more than 30 hours of rigorous instruction by university faculty, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Specialists, and County Extension Agents cover topics such as animal science principles, leadership, career development, and animal agriculture advocacy. Youth also learn the value of giving back to the community. The 2015 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador short course will be held at Texas A&M University on **July 20-24, 2015**. Applications will be due **June 1, 2015**. Visit the [Texas youth Livestock & Agriculture website](#) form more information and to register.



**Save the Date!** The Gulf Coast Classic and will be held on **August 1st, 2015** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Start looking forward to educational presentations including sessions offered for beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats. The plan is to have three sessions per species and then one general session. Door prizes will be given throughout the sessions as well. The educational sessions will be held from 9-12 and showmanship clinics starting at 2PM. The show will begin promptly at 3PM. We will run separate show rings for the cattle and sheep and goats to save time. The rule book and more specifics are being finalized now so be looking for those items.

Guess what's changing?... We're excited to announce that the Brazoria County Adult leaders are going a whole different direction with raffle tickets sales. This year are going to be selling tickets for a Kawasaki Mule 4x4! There's an upcoming committee meeting set up to establish new rules and guidelines for the club sales. Be on the lookout for more information from your club Managers and leaders. Pure Awesomeness!

**KAWASAKI MULE 4X4**

