



Brazoria County 4-H August 2015 News



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

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

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the awards program on August 8th, we felt it was a great success! We are very excited we have joined the 4-H and Horse awards together. We raised \$17,000 with our raffle ticket fundraiser!!!

As we begin the new 4-H year we want to start collecting pictures early. So anytime your club has a show or you are at a contest, take some pictures and email them to Cameron.arias@ag.tamu.edu That way we can use them in the slideshow for the awards program next year!



CLOVER NOTICE!

TEXAS 4-H MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Effective with the new 4-H Year signup (August 15, 2015 to September 30, 2016) Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The new eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 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, 2015)

4-H Member Categories

- Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

A 4-H member's category for the entire 4-H year will be determined as of September 1 of the 4-H year. Youth advancing grades mid-year will not be allowed to change membership categories during that 4-H year.

[Welcome to the new 2015-2016 4-H year!](#) Re-enrollment will begin **August 15, 2015** for the 2015-2016 4-H year. Each member will need to update their information on 4-H Connect and pay the enrollment fee. The fee is \$20 until October 31, 2015. The fee will increase to \$25 November 1st.



ENROLLMENT HINT: For any youth who is joining 4-H in 15-16 for the first time as a 3rd grader please NOT ENROLL until September 1st. September 1st is actual first day of the new 4-H year and what is used to calculate grade/age. If a 2nd grader moving into 3rd grader enrolls before September 1st it will “tag” them as a Clover Kid, and lock them in as a Clover Kid for the year. Please hold off 16 days!



The **Junior Creative & Culinary Arts** Department entries are due September 11, 2015. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members in Brazoria County. In addition, a Horticulture division has been created. The Horticulture Division includes the traditional classes of potted plants, cactus, terrariums, seedlings, and lawn/garden decorations along with new class “Miniscapes”. Miniscapes can be designed and planted by individuals or teams. At the designated time, teams/individuals will bring their plants and equipment and create a miniscape that will be displayed on the grounds during the fair. Additional details for the Miniscape class 108 can be found in the Divisions and Class Descriptions document.

Entry forms are online with a deadline of September 11, 2015. Complete rules and forms are available at the 4-H office or on our [website](#). **Online registration is now available!!**

Brazoria County Fair entries are turned in *by club* September 5th – **contact your club manager for club deadlines and more information.** Rabbit validation is September 12, 2014 8am-10am. The Brazoria County Fair will be held October 9-17, 2015.



2015 Club Officer Training will be here at the 4-H office on **August 19th** from 1-5pm. All club officers are encouraged to attend!



Entries are due to the 4-H office by **August 21, 2015**. Forms are available at bigtex.com or the 4-H office. Contact Courtney to make an appointment to complete your paperwork 979-864-1558 x115 or clatour@ag.tamu.edu. Forms that will need signatures to complete the registration process can be found at <http://bigtex.com/livestock/register/>



Major Show Lamb, Goat & Breeding Sheep validation tag orders are due **August 21, 2015**. Complete this form and return with payment to the 4-H office. Validation will be held Tuesday October 27th at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds.



Pecan Sales Fundraiser.... Be ready to roll out your order forms for the fall campaign of pecan sales in early September. Midway 4-H topped the sales chart last year. Dog Project 4-H sold the most per club member Who's going to be the winner for 2015-2016 year? Remember that the first sale guarantees the pecans come in before Thanksgiving., due to the 4-H office on October 1st. Second Sale gets them in before Christmas, due November 5th.



Brazoria County 4-H will host our One Day event on Saturday, **September 12th** at Hood-Case Elementary School in Alvin. We will give the Science Learning Center a makeover. They have a facility that has not been in use for a number of years. Our plan is to help them clean it up and provide a setting for the students to learn about agriculture. On this day we will install raised garden beds, organize the green house, prepare chicken coops, clean up walk ways, and more. We will start at 9am and work till 2pm. Drinks and lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars today.

One Day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say "thank you" by giving back for them more than 105 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is whatever each 4-H members, club, or county 4-H Program wants it to be. It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to elaborate as hosting a 5K Walk/Run and raising money for a cause.

HOUSTON★ASTROS™
4-H NIGHT AT MINUTE MAID PARK
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6:10 P.M.



CHEER ON THE ASTROS AS THEY TAKE ON STATE RIVALS, THE TEXAS RANGERS!

All 4-H Clubs are invited out to 4-H night at the ballpark! There will be a pre-game educational seminar presented by the Houston Astros Front office staff.

A portion from every ticket your county sells will go directly back to your county.

Please see the order form to order your tickets today!

For more details or questions, contact Haleigh Sanders.

Save the date; September 19, 2015 for District 9 4-H Adult Leader Boot Camp! This event was formerly known as Leader College but this year's theme is "Back to the Basics" and Boot Camp is a more appropriate title. The event will take place at the United Methodist Church in Crosby Tx. 1334 Runneburg Road.

We will kick things off at 9:00 am and be done by 3:00 in the afternoon. In the past there has been a youth component at this event. There will **not** be a youth program this year. All training will be geared toward adults. We will not prohibit youth from coming or registering, but the presentations will be targeted toward the newer adult volunteer.

Here is a hit list of the topics participants can expect:

- Project Experience
 - Livestock Projects
 - FCS Projects
 - Science Engineering and Technology
 - Natural Resources: Shooting Sports and Sport Fishing
 - Expressive Arts: Public Speaking and Share the Fun
- Club Experience
 - Club Officer Team
 - Club Manager Roles and Responsibilities
 - Engaging 4-H Parents
 - Planning and Visioning for 4-H Clubs
 - Fun 4-H Meetings
- Youth X-Ray
 - Ages and Stages of Youth
 - Engagement of Youth and Exploration of Youth Trends
 - Youth Protection
 - Recognition Models and 4-H Awards
- Reaching and Leading
 - Community Service and Service Learning
 - Leadership as a Subject

Early bird registration is due September 13, 2015 at \$20. Late and on-site registration is \$30. All pre-registration will occur via 4-Hconnect.

2015 DISTRICT 9 4-H LEADER BOOT CAMP

"Back to the Basics"

September 13th
Early Bird Registration: \$20
Late Registration: \$30

Basics to be Presented!!

- Project Experiences
- Club Experiences
- Youth X-ray
- Reaching & Leading

September 19th, 2015
 9:00 am—3:00 pm
 Crosby United Methodist Church
 1334 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, TX

SAVE THE DATE
Register on 4-H Connect!

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Educational programs of the Texas A&M Agr. & Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.