



## Brazoria County 4-H November 2015 News

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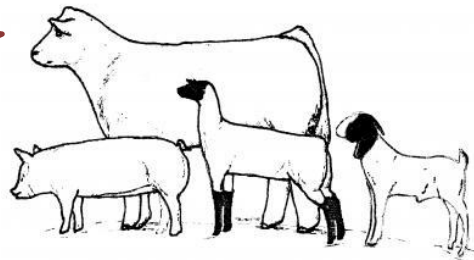


Texas Quality counts is an online training test that members must complete before entering to show at any major shows. There are two versions, one for Juniors and one for Seniors, so you may have to re-take yours. If you turned 14 before August 31, 2015, you will need to take the Senior test. You may take the exam as many times as necessary to obtain an 80% grade. To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit:

<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>

Major Show entry night is  
different this year!!!

Read about it on the next  
page!



### Major Show Calf Scrambles



Forms for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo can be found on our [website](#).

Almost all of the shows operate on a first come first serve basis so in order to insure spots for our members' entries will be due to the 4-H office by Major Show Entry night on **November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Review the rules before making the decision to enter. When signing read General rule #2 carefully – both parents must sign form.

Information and forms for all of the major shows can be found on our [website](#). If Brazoria County 4-H has limited entries for the calf scramble, once the number of qualified and complete entries are received in the county office they will be sent on to the Major Shows. Entries for these shows will be taken at the Major Show entry night **November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a notary available at the 4-H office for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Release form as it needs to be notarized.

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## Major Show Entry Night

Major Show Entry night will be for the spring Major Shows: Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, and Austin. This year major show entry night will be set up differently than in the past. This year you will sit down with an Extension Agent who will directly enter you into the online system that night! This process will take a little longer than previous years, so please plan accordingly. We will have two entry nights. ***If you plan on showing at***

***Fort Worth you need to come to the first night!*** You will not be able to enter FWSSR on the second date.

**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00pm**

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00pm**

The entry applications are posted to our [website](#) for you to fill out and bring with you! All Major Shows have current and correct applications. Please remember, tag orders, validation, turkey, and broiler order does not enter you in the shows. You must still go through the show registration process. This registration night is not only for the Livestock shows, if you want to compete in any contests you need to come too! Check out the last page of the newsletter for a list of contests available! If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at (979) 864-1554 ext. 114 or visit our [Major Show webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information.

**[The Major Show Livestock Show Guide is available online!](#)**

### Check list for Major Show Entry Night

- Entry forms complete- filled out with signatures & social security numbers
- Quality Counts evaluation complete (see information on page 1)
- Beef heifers need to bring registration papers and must have validated their heifers.
- Bring cash, check, or credit card

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2015 Junior Leadership Retreat is November 13-15 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. This year's dance theme is "Welcome to the Jungle". Our 4-H state Council members will be leading the workshops for 4-H members ages 9-14. Cost is \$115.00 for youth and \$80.00 for adults. Register at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>.

### 2015 Junior Leadership Retreat

November 13-15

Dance Theme: Welcome to the Jungle

Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood



- 4-H State Council Members led workshops
- 4-H members age 9-14
- Dancing, games & lots of FUN!
- Register : [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)
- \$115 for youth & \$80 for adults
- Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones



**"A LOT OF GROUPS GO OUT THERE AND TALK ABOUT IT—WE GO OUT THERE AND **ACTUALLY DO IT.**"**

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## [Pecan Sales Fundraiser](#)

Pecan sales are under way! Get with your Club manager or Sales Committee Chair to get all the latest information. Remember that the second sale gets them in before Christmas, due November 12<sup>th</sup> to the 4-H office. We have a wide variety this year. Check out our new [webpage!](#)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** is Veterans Day. The 4-H Office will be closed. On this day, remember to thank a Veteran for the sacrifices her or she has made to preserve our countries freedoms.



Last year, we started registering online for the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Shows. It was so successful that this year we're going to expand and use an [online validating system](#) for the horses and electronic acknowledgement for the forms you've typically had to get notarized and sign. [Use this link to validate your horse.](#) Once this process is complete you will get emailed the forms for [Sponsorship](#) and [Eligibility](#) that will still need to be turned in as a hard copy. It's a work in progress so it's something new for us all. You will need to have this process complete before the first point show begins.

The first point Horse Show for the 2015-2016 year will be on **November 21-22, 2015** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds Arena. Be sure to [enter online](#) by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** or a late fee will be assessed. **The Horse Advisory Committee will meet Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at the 4-H office. [Rules & Validation forms](#) are on the [website](#). You will need to register your horse before you can enter for the first point horse show.



Midway 4-H is hosting a heifer show on November 14 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. There will be 4 sanctioned rings and multiple prizes to win! [See flyer for more info.](#)

ETGRA Scholarship Fund Youth Market Goat Show November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at White's Memorial park in Anahuac Texas. See the [flyer](#), [rules](#) and [entry form](#) for more details.



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## Market Days November 21 & 22, 2015

4-H members bring your hand sewn blankets, home decor, craft items, extra canned pickles and jelly. It can be anything made by the 4-H member. We will sell it in the Clover Corner Booth during Angleton Market Days. Bring all those extra Junior Creative and Culinary Art projects and we will sell them for you. Anything that does not sell will be returned to the 4-H member.



Members can sign up to work a 3 hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday and receive 100% of their sales OR Brazoria County 4-H will take 10% of the sale price, and the 4-H member keeps the rest. Please bring all labeled and priced items by the 4-H office during the week of November 16- and complete your [inventory log](#). Visit the City of Angleton [Market Days Upcoming Events](#) to see flyer and more details on this event.

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## Major Show Swine Validation

Will be held Monday, **November 23, 2015**. Validation will be held at your closest FFA School barn. This will be for the Spring Major Shows such as, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Austin. You must have already ordered your tags to validate an animal.

*More information on times and barns will be sent out by November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

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## November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

The 4-H Office will be closed to celebrate  
Thanksgiving.

Did you know... **Thanksgiving Day** became an official Federal holiday in 1863, when, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens".

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## Is your club ready for a new community service project?

It's that time of year again and The Salvation Army is kicking off the Christmas season. They are looking for volunteers to help with their bell ringing program. This year they are using online website to schedule volunteers. If you or your club would like to volunteer please visit [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) for a list of locations and available dates. For more information or help with the website please call the Brazoria County office at 979-233-5420 or email Lieutenant Juan Gomez at [juan.gomez@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:juan.gomez@uss.salvationarmy.org). We look forward to seeing you with a bell in hand and a smile on your face.

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## Are you looking to help your club evolve in shooting sports project?

District 9 Shooting Sports Coach Leader Training will be held **December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Caldwell Texas**. 4-H Connect has registrations open until November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is **\$120.00** for the following shooting sports disciplines: Shotgun, Archery, Rifle and Pistol. Several of our clubs have trainings. We'd love to see more involvement and help for the current shooting sports coaches. The kids love it, and so do we! Let's "Learn by Doing" together. [See flyer](#) for more details.



Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee presents...

### Jingle Bell Playday

It will be held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds - December 5, 2015. Now is the perfect opportunity for you to show your stuff. This playday is open to anyone who wants to attend, including adults. 4-H or non-4-H members are welcome to join the fun. This is not part of the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Show Point Series so there are not the same rules and guidelines. Ride any horse you like, and play around with us for the day. Books open at 8:00 am, playday begins at 11:00. For more information, [view the flyer](#) or contact Dona Spillars 979-319-0585. [Registration form](#) and fees will be due day of the show.

## Kick off the holidays at the County Council Winter carnival!

The Brazoria County 4-H Council will meet on **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Club officers and leaders bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift if you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange. All clubs should send at least 2 officers/representatives to each meeting. Any 4-H member that has a desire to improve and their leadership skills and expand their 4-H experience can attend. The knowledge you gain at this meeting will not only help you more effectively serve your club, but also develop your communication and leadership skills.



What in the world is Brazoria County 4-H up to now? Well let me tell you how excited we are to start revving up your skills in all components of competition. This weekly dinner meeting will begin on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> and meet every Tuesday until May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be a variety of topics, focusing your skills on competitions like Consumer Decision Making, Ag Product ID, Photography Judging, all the Quiz Bowls, Educational Presentations, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Story Board, Leaders 4 Life, Food Challenge, Food Show, Healthy Lifestyles, 4-H SET: Research Poster Contest, Wildlife Skillathon, and Share the Fun! Dinner will be provided, there is no cost.

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# WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA



Brazoria County 4-H is starting an Entrepreneur Group called *Minding Your Own Business* that will create products and sell them in the Clover Corner Booth at Angleton Market Days in March 2016 and November 2016. All profits earned by each 4-H member will go back into their pocket. Parents are welcome to join the class as well!

Investment is \$15 and includes:

- ☑ *Minding Your Own Business* workshops for the 2016 4-H year
- ☑ Supplies for products
- ☑ Light refreshments at each workshop

#### Objectives:

- ☑ Learn the basics of starting and growing your own business
- ☑ Learn to price and market products
- ☑ Learn to manage the financials of a business and what to do with the profits
- ☑ Learn to make a profit from minimal supplies



**Pssst Seniors,.... here is 2016 Scholarship Information, documents and important dates for applicant submission you've been waiting for! Achieve your next level in education by securing your funding today.**

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. This year Texas 4-H members can apply for scholarships in three areas, baccalaureate, courageous heart, and technical. Former Texas 4-H members will be able to apply for scholarships through the collegiate scholarship program. All applications and support materials are attached to this email. Additionally, all information can be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website at: [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu)

Due to a continued increase in incomplete and the incorrect completion of the scholarship applications from applicants, any incomplete or incorrect application submitted will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parent/guardian to ensure all information is correct and complete prior to submitting. Absolutely no follow up or updates will be allowed once submitted.



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All applications MUST meet the minimum requirements/criteria to even be considered for judging (see guidelines for complete details). Those applications not meeting the requirements should not be submitted to the county Extension Office and/or Agent.

### Trainings

Check with your District 9 4-H Specialist to see about any district based training(s) might be held in your area.

Due dates and deadlines for 2016 Scholarship process are as follows:

September, 2015	Release of 2016 Application
November – January	Scholarship Trainings
November – December	Applicant complete FAFSA and receive report
<b>Set by County Office</b>	Application due to County Office
February 5, 2016	Applications due to District Office
February 19, 2016	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 12, 2016	Interview selection notification
April 29-May 1, 2016	Interviews (Austin, TX)
June 7, 8, &/or 9, 2016	Awards Assemblies/Banquets (College Station, TX)

Here are important links to documents you will need to get you started and apply for scholarships:

[FAFSA Instructions and Examples](#)  
[2016 Opportunity Scholarship Application Examples](#)  
[Rules and Guidelines](#)  
[Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application](#)  
[Texas 4-H Collegiate Scholarship Application](#)



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Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00-5:00pm

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## Non-Livestock Contests at Major Shows

\*Please register for these at the major show entry nights\*

Event	Fort Worth	San Angelo	San Antonio	Rodeo Austin	Houston
Ag Mechanics	X	X	X		X
Ag Product ID					X
Beef Skillathon			X		
Beef Quiz Bowl					X
Consumer Decision Making		X	X		
Dairy Judging	X		X		X
Floriculture					X
Food Challenge		X	X		X
Horse Judging	X	X	X		X
Horse Quiz Bowl			X		
Horticulture					X
Livestock Judging		X	X	X	X
Meat Judging	X		X		X
Nursery Landscape					X
Poultry Judging			X		X
Public Speaking		X	X		X
Ranch Poster Contest					X
Range and Pasture ID	X				X
Science Fair (Ag)	X	X	X		X
Vet Skillathon					X
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation					X
Wildlife Judging/Contest	X	X	X		
Wool and Mohair Judging		X	X		X
Youth Western Art				X	
Shotgun			X		X

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