



Brazoria County 4-H October 2014 News



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

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

2014-15 Enrollment –In order to show at the county fair your status must be “**Active**”. If your status is “**Pending**” that means your club manager needs to approve you. If your status shows “**Inactive**” that means you haven’t started yet. If your status is “**Incomplete**” that means you did not complete the process; be sure you get through submit step on the payment page. If your status is “**Must Resubmit**” there is a problem with your enrollment – first make sure the member’s school information appears on first page, then check your payment page, if all these look good then call Jami. It is possible to go from *Pending* to *Must Resubmit* so check back until you see *Active*. If you need assistance completing the online process, please call Jami at (979) 864-1558 x114.



The BCFA **Youth Horse Show** is this Sunday, October 5 at 9am. Books open at 7am, then the show kicks off at 9am with Halter, Showmanship, Pleasure and Horsemanship events. Speed classes will start about noon. For more information go to: [BCFA Youth Horse Show](#)



Gulf Coast Classic Photo proofs.

If you attended the Gulf Coast Classic, visit this [link](#) to see the candid and backdrop photo proofs and make your orders!

BCFA Livestock Exhibitors: If you need any assistance preparing your animal before or at the Fair, don’t hesitate to contact Shane at 979-864-1558 or ssjennings@ag.tamu.edu.

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Brazoria County Fair October 10th – October 18th.

Good Luck to all our 4-H members. We're so proud of you!

Get BCFA show/class updates sent straight to your phone. The BCFA is using the remind system to send out text messages on show/class updates throughout the fair. Select the code of your preferred show and text is to the 979-314-3362 and you will be getting class calls, show reminders sent straight to your phone.

Subscribing for SMS alerts:

Enter one of these codes:

- Commercial Heifer Show = @comheifer
- Commercial Heifer Sale = @comsale
- Sheep = @bcfasheep
- Open Show = @openshow
- Swine = @bcfahog
- Steer = @bcfasteer
- Goat = @bcfagoat
- JLA Sale = jlasale
- Breeding Beef = @breedbeef



BCFA Junior Creative & Culinary Arts (formerly 4-H Home Ec) contest items check in is Saturday October 4th from 12noon-3pm. **JUDGES NEEDED!** If you or a friend would like to help judge- please call the 4-H office (979) 864-1558 x115 or email Courtney clatour@ag.tamu.edu. The Baked Confections division will be judged Saturday at 4 pm. All other divisions will be judged Monday at 10am.

BCFA Eligibility Remember to get your [eligibility form](#) signed by your school and bring with you to check in your animals.

BCFA Tour Guide Barn If you need something to do at the fair between shows, head on over to the tour guide barn and lend a hand. [Mrs. Amie Osburn](#) will put you to work helping with the visitors at the different stations or leading groups on tours.

BCFA Livestock High point awards BCFA will recognize the Top 10 4-H and FFA exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Show. Complete this [form](#) and turn in to the Livestock Office by 5pm Friday, October 17. Be sure to attend the Livestock Awards on Saturday, October 18 at 10am in the Show Arena. [Awards Program Rules](#)

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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 5th to the 4-H office. We have a wide variety this year. Check out the sales [brochure](#). Can't wait to taste them for myself!



Livestock Judging – If you would like to be a part of the Brazoria County 4-H Livestock Judging Team that will train for the District and State contests, we'll have meetings every Thursday to help guide you along the way. Be part of this growing and successful Brazoria County 4-H program.



TSC Paper Clover Campaign begins October 8 and runs through October 19th. If your club would like to host a promotional table at either store in Brazoria County, please contact the store manager to set a date and time, and then let the 4-H office know so we can provide you with some 4-H promotional items. In this campaign, customers are offered to purchase a clover for \$1 to support the Texas 4-H program. Sixty cents of each dollar will be returned to the county program and the rest goes to the state program.

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Junior Lab Entries due October 12th. District 9 Junior Leadership Lab will be in our backyard this year! Join 4-H members from across the district at Caroline Creek Camp (in Huntsville) on November 14th–15th. Register on [4-H Connect](#) by October 12th. Junior Leadership Lab is for intermediate (11-13 yrs) age 4-H members. Senior 4-H members can apply to be teen leaders. This year’s theme is “Outdoors”. Participants will learn the basics of golf in a kid friendly format. Go to the [District 9 4-H webpage](#) for more information. [BROCHURE](#)



NEW THIS YEAR!!!! Leader College is happening at the SAME TIME, and SAME PLACE, as Junior Leadership Lab. This means you can stay over night if you wish, and attend training while your kids participate in Junior Leadership Lab. Cost will be \$45 for overnight participants and \$20 for day time only participants! [BROCHURE](#) Leader College is open to all 4-H Adult leaders in District 9 and is focused on helping you, help 4-H ers succeed with their projects! Details of the event are being finalized but know that 10 to 12 project areas and 4-H topics will be covered and the event will offer you the opportunity to engage with 4-H professionals and expand your knowledge for support of 4-H Members.



2014-2015 Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program



As many of you may or may not have heard, we will be validating **any** breeding heifers that will be entered or substituted for the Texas Major Shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo, and Houston). We will be collecting the following:

- Hair DNA sample from heifer.
- Signed ethics policy forms.
- Signed and completed Validation forms.
- Scan of the ORIGINAL heifer registration paper.

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We have set two dates to validate heifers, **October 16, 2014** and **November 1, 2014** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. The October 16, 2014 date is during the Brazoria County Fair and will be **ONLY** for cattle that are already on the grounds. Any cattle that are purchased or did not go to the Brazoria County fair will need to come to the November 1st date. **Cost is \$12 per heifer** validated and we will collect that at the validation site. You may bring your heifer papers to the 4-H office to be uploaded prior to the validation date but we will have a scanner onsite at both validations. If parent/guardians cannot make the validation date, please let me know so that I can send you a form to complete.

[Pre-register here to get a jump start!](#)



Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 4PM-6PM at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. 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.



4-H Day at Sam Houston State – Bearkat vs Abilene Christian football game at SHSU on October 25, 2014. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$7 youth for those that use the promo code CLOVER. Participants will

have the opportunity to tailgate in the SHSU Dept. of Ag and Industrial Sciences Tent in Bearkat Alley, receive free T-shirts, be recognized on the video board, march in the game with the band and form the pre-game entrance tunnel for the Bearkat Football Team. Check out their [flyer](#) for more details.

Battle of the High Schools! at the Brazoria County 4-H Council meeting on October 27th at 7pm. October's theme is **BATTLE OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS** – so pull out your favorite shirt representing your school to get your name in the drawing for a door prize. All clubs should send at least 3 representatives. 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. **Refreshments and Drinks will be provided.** The Adult Leaders Association will also meet concurrently in the Conference Room. Any parents or adult leaders are welcome to attend.



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Where is Brazoria County 4-H going?..... Be part of the solution. Every 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, the Adult Leaders of Brazoria County 4-H meets to discuss where we're headed. Be part of this exciting team where the parents and leaders come together from all the various clubs in the county to discuss how best to help out our 4H'ers in our program. All are welcome to come to help lead us into the future. Next meeting: October 27th, 2014.

Looking to November



Calf Scramble forms for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be available online this month.

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo forms can be found at fwssr.com. Brazoria County 4-H is limited to six entries. Fort Worth accepts entries 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 November 6th or when the first six are received. 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 the *Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo* Calf scramble will be posted soon. If Brazoria County 4-H has limited entries then once the number of qualified and complete entries are received in the county office they will be sent on to Houston. Entries will be taken at the Major Show entry nights in November.

Shooting Sports Coaches Training

This is as close to home as you can find a shooting sports coaches training for 4-H: Huntsville, TX. As you know you can't work with 4-H youth and firearms without first being trained. Half the battle is finding a training that doesn't require you to travel across the state. On November 22-23, 2014 District 9 4-H will host a Shooting Sports Coaches training at the Walker County Storm Shelter, in Huntsville, Tx. The registration is \$150 and can be completed on [4-HConnect](#). For interested coaches, you will need to complete your screening and become a 4-H volunteer prior to the training (no exceptions). If becoming a trained shooting sports instructor sounds like "your thing" contact your local county Extension agent for more details and opportunities to contribute in your area. Deadline for registration is: November 9, 2014 [Flyer](#)

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Fort Worth entries are due in the 4-H office by November 6, 2014 by 4PM. The entry application will be posted to our website soon.

One Day A Very Special Fall Festival



What can you do in one day?

4-H members are needed to run the activities and hosts the guests

LOTS of great activities this year!!

Come be a part of this wonderful day ☺.

Dear Brazoria County 4-H Families,

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 106 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.

Saturday, November 8th , Brazoria County 4-H will host it's One Day event - at Westside Elementary in Angleton. For the fifth year we will host "[A Very Special Fall Festival](#)" This will be a free event for children with special needs and their families. Brazoria County 4-H will children host their One Day event on November 8th since fair activities fill the month of October for many members. The event will be held at Westside Elementray in Angleton (1001 West Mulberry), beginning with set up at 11am, followed by an orientation lunch at 12 noon for 4-H members and concluding with clean up at 4pm. Guests will be invited to attend from 1-4pm. Members can be involved in a variety of ways:

1. Members can come out and work one of the activities. For example, supplies needed for face painting will be provided, club would send 5 members to man the booth for the afternoon.
2. Clubs can host an activity. This would be like 4-H Fun Day—club chooses and activity, brings supplies, and mans the booth. **Midway 4-H** is decorating cookies, **On Target 4-H** is hosting their famous shooting game. **Halfway 4-H** members are hosting the 4-H Farm.
3. Clubs/members can invite a community organization to join 4-H in this endeavor. For example, invite a local clown to come share his talent.
4. Members can take copies of the flier to their school's special needs classes or give to friends or neighbors with special needs children. Click on the link above.

Call or email if you have any concerns or questions,

Courtney Latour

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Major Show entry night(s)

Major Show Entry night will be November 18, 2013 from 3-7PM as a come and go. Please remember, tag orders, validation, turkey, and broiler order does not enter you in the show. You must still go through that process. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at (979) 864-1554, ext 114.



Quality Counts verification will still be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. You only need re test if your child has moved into the senior age category (14). If you have never tested before, go to the link below to become verified. 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/>



Save the Dates: 4-H Strong volunteer virtual training November 19 & 20, April 21 & 22, and August 4 & 5. Visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference for the latest information and details.

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Star Awards and Recordbooks 2015 – it’s never too soon to think ahead! Start your record books early and add your Brazoria County Fair information. Start adding information as you go throughout the 2014-2015 year. Keep in mind we have changed the format for Awards. We give the Star award to three recipients in each category except for the I Dare You award. Recordbooks and Star award applications are due to the 4-H Office on May 20, 2015.

We have reconstructed the Star Award program and they are now as follows:

<u>Junior (8-10)</u>	<u>Intermediate (11-13)</u>	<u>Senior (14-18)</u>
Bronze Star Junior of the Year	Rising Star Silver Star	Gold Star Danforth “I Dare You”