



# Brazoria County 4-H News

OCTOBER 2016

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Yep... We're awesome. Happy National 4-H week everyone!



The Brazoria County 4-H Ambassadors pictured above went and represented us at Brazoria County Commissioners' Court on September 27, 2016 where the Brazoria County Judge and Commissioners voted all in favor for the proclamation of National 4-H Week. Great Job Ambassadors!

## 2016 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 first sale guarantees the pecans come in before

Thanksgiving, and the club sales are due to the 4-H office on

**October 12th.** Second Sale gets them in before Christmas, due

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** to the 4-H office. We have a wide variety this year.

Check out the [sales brochure](#).



Keep up the  
HARDWORK!



BCFA Office: 979-849-6416

Or email  
contactus@bcfa.org

## Brazoria County Fair October 14th through October 22nd

Good Luck to all our 4-H Members!

### Aggiefest



**Livestock Judging Contest** will be held **November 5, 2016**. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



**A Horse Judging Workshop** will be held the same day in College Station on November 5, 2016. More information is available at the following [website](#).

**BCFA Youth Horse Show** October 9th at 8:00 am. Books open at 7:00 am, then the show kicks off with Halter/Performance events. Speed classes will start after Performance events but not before noon. For more information, go to: the BCFA Website for registration entry forms and rules.

Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee meeting at the 4-H Office on November 1st at 6:00 pm



[Validate your Horse Rider Project Here!](#)

[First Point Show November 5th and 6th Register Now!](#)

Register by October 30th or be charged a late fee of \$15.00

[Click Here to see the 2016-2017 Rules](#)

## BCFA Junior Creative and Culinary Arts October 8th Check in



Visit the Brazoria County 4-H Website and go to the JCCA webpage to see all the information regarding this exciting competition. Clover members are welcome to participate.



- Both 4-H and FFA members can enter up to 30 items in the county fair Junior Creative & Culinary Arts Contest.
- The grand prize cookie and cake in each age group is sold in the live auction during the junior livestock auction.
  - Top five high point contestants receive trophies
  - Only \$5.00 to enter all items, up to 30 items

*What's changed in 2016? This year there will not be pre-registration. All contestants will register the day of the contest. Just fill out the forms on our [website](#) ahead of time and we will give you an exhibitor number on the day of the show.*

- JCCA Check-In October 8th 12pm-3pm
- JCCA Awards October 15th at 4 pm
- JCCA Check Out October 23rd 8-11 am

# Calf Scramble Applications

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](http://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 2nd 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.

**Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo** Calf Scramble forms will be available 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.



## 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 2nd from 4:00-6:00pm**

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00pm**

The entry applications are posted on each of the shows websites for you to print fill out and bring with you! (Houston's information is to be updated in the month of October. So keep on the lookout for that updated information. **Please remember, tag orders, validation, turkey, and broiler order does not enter you in the Major Shows.** You must still go through the entry process.



## MYOB Entrepreneur Program

Minding Your Own Business Workshops will be held on the following dates this year for \$25 a participant for all of the Fall & Spring workshops. MYOB will be working on creating items to sell at the Clover Corner booth in November and March. We are always looking for new things to create or learn about, join MYOB to develop new skills! RSVP to Cameron at your earliest convenience.

**October 5th  
4:30 pm**

**October 12th  
4:30 pm**

**October 26th  
4:30 pm**

# 2017 Major Show Validations



It's validation time again. You've already got your tags. Here's when we'll be validating for 2017 Major Shows. Heifer validation if it is already at the Fairgrounds, we will be validating **Thursday October 20th from 2-5pm**



If your heifer is not at the fair, an additional validation will be held on

**Saturday October 29th from 8am-12noon.** Major Show Sheep and

Goat Validation will be **October 27th from 4-7 pm** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds.

Swine Validation will be held at the closest FFA Barn on **November 21st.**



All exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified. 4-H members that turned 14 years old before September 1, 2016 will now need to take the senior test. Go to [Quality Counts website](#) - click on *Texas Trail* for the tutorial then *Verification* to take the test.

## Parents Association

**Parents Association Meeting  
October 24th at 7:00pm**  
everyone welcome to join.


Apply today for Committee updates and reminders by clicking this link.

<http://agrillife.org/brazoria4h/parent-association-committees/>


Thank you for always being there to support our vast program! Volunteers are the backbone of Brazoria County 4-H and we appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the program.

## District 9 Jr Leadership Lab

District 9 Jr Leadership lab registration is due in Connect by October 16th. The festivities will be held November 11th and November 12th. Let's lead Brazoria County 4-H into the right direction!



**JUNIOR LEADER LAB!  
THE ULTIMATE 4-H  
GAME SHOW!**

Games!  Dance!

**Prizes!**

**CONTESTANTS:** 4-H INTERMEDIATES (GRADE 6-8)  
**SHOW SITE:** Cooper Farm  
2001 Waldeck Road  
Ledbetter, Texas 78946  
**SCHEDULE:** November 11-12, 2016 Fee: \$75  
4-H Connect Deadline: **OCT. 16**

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your County Extension office. Requests for accommodation should be made through the Extension Office at the time of registration or at least 2 weeks prior to the event.



# Robotics Project

Design, Build, & Program your way  
in 4-H Robotics!

The Robotics project will meet  
from 4pm-6pm

Please let Courtney know you are  
interested [clatour@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:clatour@ag.tamu.edu) or  
call 979-864-1558 to reserve your  
spot for this extraordinary building  
adventure!



**Our office will be closed  
November 11th for Veterans Day.  
Thank all who have selflessly  
served our country!**



**EXPLORE**  
**4-H**

Texas 4-H Virtual Summit

## BRAZORIA COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

### Where is your 4-H road leading you?

Join Brazoria County 4-H at our County Council Meetings. Each  
4-H Club should send their President, 1st Vice President and  
Council Delegate. ALL 4-H members are welcomed!

November 28th at  
6pm, Ugly  
Christmas Sweater  
Party at the 4-H  
Office

January 7th at  
5pm, Campfire  
& Contest  
Advice,  
Location TBD

April 29th at 1pm,  
Beach Bash &  
Officer Elections at  
Surfside Beach



\*Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this event and who may need accommodations are required to contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 979.864.1238 five working days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

**Have a Safe and  
Happy Halloween!**



Missed the Virtual Summit? It's okay just follow  
the link for instructions on how to view  
recordings. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/AccessingTrainings.pdf>.

Knowledge is power!

# Brazoria County 4-H Battle of the Clovers

## Objective:

4-H members earn points for their 4-H Club to see who can be the ultimate 4-H Club for the 2016-2017 year!

## Rules:

- \* Must be an active 4-H member in 4-HConnect, Clovers—12th grade to earn points.
- \* Points will be awarded to your Primary Club in 4-HCONNECT
- \* Points will be tracked by the County 4-H Office
- \* Verification of participation in 4-H events will come from 4-HCONNECT. Always take a picture of you at the event just in case.
- \* Battle of the Clovers runs with the 4-H year, September 1st through August 31st of the next year.

*See other side for point system*



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.



<b>Points</b>	<b>Task</b>
<b>5</b>	For each 4-H parent who attends the Brazoria County 4-H Parents Association meetings.
<b>5</b>	For each 4-H member that attends a District 9 Council Meeting
<b>5</b>	For each 4-H member that competes at a District 9 4-H event
<b>10</b>	For every 4-H Club monthly summary turned into the 4-H office within one week of your monthly 4-H Club meeting.
<b>10</b>	For each month your 4-H Club posts a Facebook picture from that month's 4-H Club meeting, must post on Brazoria County 4-H Facebook page.
<b>10</b>	For each Brazoria County 4-H Council meeting that a club sends three 4-H members to represent the club. Representatives cannot include County Council officers.
<b>10</b>	For each 4-H member who competes in 4-H Recordbook at the county level
<b>10</b>	For each 4-H member that attends Jr. Leadership Lab
<b>10</b>	For each 4-H member that attends Leadership Lab
<b>10</b>	For each 4-H member that competes at a state level Texas 4-H event
<b>15</b>	For each 4-H Club submitting an annual 4-H Club Community Service Log by the due date.
<b>20</b>	For each Quiz Bowl team your club has competing at Big Time in D9 (Nutrition, Beef, Horse and/or Swine)
<b>25</b>	For each Tractor Supply Company 4-H promotional booth your 4-H Club hosts, minimum of three hours. Must take picture and post on Brazoria County 4-H Facebook page.
<b>25</b>	For each club that sells \$500 in the 4-H Pecan Fundraiser
<b>25</b>	For each club that sells \$500 in 4-H Raffle Tickets



**Brazoria County Fair Association, Inc.**  
"Family, Friends, & Community... Building the Future"  
October 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
P. O. Box 818 • Angleton, Texas 77516-0818  
Office 979-849-6416 • Fax 979-849-6985  
[www.bcfa.org](http://www.bcfa.org)

October 3, 2016

**Fair Manager**  
Shane Jennings

Dear Exhibitors and Parents,

**Officers**  
Greg Kresta  
President

Richard Foreman  
President Elect

Jim Weaver  
First Vice President

T.R. Williams  
Second Vice  
President

Theresa Theriot  
Treasurer

Clint McGough  
Assistant Treasurer

JoAnn Griggs  
Secretary

**Executive Board**

Johnny Armstrong  
Darrel Bagley  
Debbie Bingham  
Matt Burke  
Kay Cole  
Joe Geer  
J.T. McCracken  
Randy Harang  
Darla Helm  
David Hines  
Richard Larson  
Alex Martinez  
Michael Matz  
Kerry Moore  
Andrea Morrison  
Bruno Reich  
Randy Viktorin  
Stacy Smith

The General Sales will continue the procedure put in place last year to make the bidding, buyer-exhibitor photo, and paying processes easier on our buyers. Auction invitations are available at the fair office to give to potential auction buyers.

- ★ All buyers that have purchased in the student art, junior livestock, commercial heifer, or ag mechanics auctions in either 2014 or 2015 will not need to pre-qualify.
- ★ Buyers will be asked to complete a pre-qualification form and make a down payment of \$25. This amount will be credited toward the purchase. Pre-qualification forms are available at [www.brazoriacountyfair.com](http://www.brazoriacountyfair.com)
- ★ Buyers will be given wristbands to designate their status. The wristband entitles buyers to the JLA and CHA meals, bidding area, and auction refreshments.
- ★ **The pre-auction meals and auction refreshments are for the buyers only, therefore, only buyers should be in the auditorium during the meals (Thursday 5pm-6pm / Saturday 12noon-1pm).**
- ★ **At auction time the auditorium will be divided into a bidder area and a spectator area. The bidding area will be exclusively for buyers. Spectators and family members will be able to watch their exhibitor proceed through the sale through a live feed projection in the dining area.**

These policies are intended to create a more hospitable atmosphere for our buyers; after all, without buyers there would not be an auction. It is our hope that by making special accommodations for our buyers, they will be more comfortable and can move around easily and quickly between their seats, the auction photo area, and the check-out area. Remember happy buyers – spend more money – and that makes a happy exhibitor.

There will be a exhibitor- seller meeting for Junior Livestock Auction at 7pm on Wednesday, October 19 in the auditorium. Back numbers will be distributed and auction procedures will be reviewed during this meeting. All sellers should make plans to attend, a parent or family member can attend on the exhibitor-seller's behalf.

The General Sales office has been relocated to the offices opposite the fair office at the front entrance to the fairgrounds. Feel free to stop buy or call if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
General Sales Committee

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# THE HIT LIST

October 5th MYOB Workshop 4:30 pm  
October 8th One Day 4-H  
October 8th JCCA Check in at BCFA from 12-3 pm  
October 12th First Pecan Order Due to the 4-H Office  
October 12th MYOB Workshop 4:30 pm  
October 14th BCFA Begins  
October 15th JCCA Awards 4:00 pm  
October 16th District 9 Jr. Leadership Lab Registration due in Connect  
October 20th Major Show Heifer Validation at BCFA 2-5 pm  
October 22nd BCFA Ends  
October 23rd JCCA Check out 8-11 am  
October 24th Parents Association meeting 7:00 pm  
October 26th MYOB Workshop 4:30 pm  
October 27th Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation at BCFA 4-7pm  
October 29th Major Show Heifer Validation BCFA 8-12 noon



Take a Look Ahead to November ....

November 1st Horse Advisory Committee Meeting 6pm  
November 2nd MYOB Workshop 4:00 pm  
November 2nd Major Show Entry Night—Fort Worth Mandatory to attend 4-6pm  
November 5th 1st Horse Show—Day 1  
November 5th Aggie Fest Livestock Judging Contest  
November 5th Aggie Fest Horse Judging Workshop  
November 6th 1st Horse Show—Day 2  
November 10th Second Pecan Order Due to the 4-H Office  
November 11th Holiday—Office will be closed  
November 11th District 9 4-H Jr. Leadership Lab Day 1  
November 12th District 9 4-H Jr. Leadership Lab Day 2  
November 15th Major Show Entry Night 3-7 pm  
November 16th MYOB Workshop 4:30 pm  
November 18th Clover Corner Booth Setup for Market Days  
November 19th Market Days Clover Corner Booth 9-5 pm  
November 20th Market Days Clover Corner Booth 11-4 pm  
November 21st Swine Validation at the FFA Barns. Pearland, Alvin and Angleton  
November 24th Holiday—Office will be closed  
November 25th Holiday—Office will be closed  
November 28th Horse Advisory Meeting 6 pm  
November 28th Second County Council Meeting 6pm  
November 30th MYOB Workshop 4:30 pm



# October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 4:30pm MYOB	6	7	8 One Day 4-H JCCA Check In 12pm-3pm
9	10	11	12 1st Pecan Order Due to 4-H Office 4:30pm MYOB	13	14 BCFA Begins	15 JCCA Awards 4pm
16 District 9 Jr Leadership Lab Registration Due on 4-HConnect	17	18	19	20 Major Show Heifer Validation at BCFA 2-5pm	21	22 BCFA Ends
23 JCCA Check Out 8am-11am	24 4-H Parents Association Meeting 7pm	25	26 4:30pm MYOB	27 Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation 4- 7pm	28	29 Major Show Heifer Validation 8-12noon
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