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Dear Families,

Welcome to the Brazoria County 4-H Program. 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Our purpose is to provide members the opportunities to learn, develop life skills, and form attitudes enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The 4-H Program has opportunities for both rural and urban youth. Our program provides opportunities and personal development of all the young people involved. Additional project education is available from 4-H Leaders and Extension Agents throughout the 4-H year.

4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR. A member selects various 4-H projects with the help of their parents. Parents then advise, counsel and assist their member in taking care of, constructing, or being involved in the project.

A brief overview of many the opportunities are provided in this handbook, additional information can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website.

We look forward to your participation in the Brazoria County 4-H Program.

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Commitment to Excellence

I will exhibit traits of a person with character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It is my attitude at the beginning of any project that will affect its successful outcome.

It is impossible to succeed without others, and it is my attitude toward other individuals that will determine their specific attitudes toward me.

Nothing can be gained by thinking negatively; therefore, I will think positively. We become what we think. I will not talk about negative ideas or gossip.

I must develop personal pride in what I am, what I do, what I say, how I act; and I must remember the destructive function of false pride.

Nothing of consequence was ever accomplished without cooperation, optimism, perseverance and enthusiasm. It is contagious when it is real, urgent, honest, human, and my own!

4-H Motto and Pledge

In support of the 4-H Club Motto,
To Make the Best Better,

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living

For my club, my community, my country, and
my world.

4-H Prayer

“Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better
because Thou didst make me.” ...Amen

4-H Colors

Green – Nature’s most common color is emblematic of
springtime. Life and Youth.

White – Symbolic of purity and high ideals



4-H Emblem

The four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaflet, meaning foursquare development of HEAD, HEART, HANDS, and HEALTH, is the accepted emblem.

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Brazoria County 4-H Story

The 4-H program in Brazoria County is an active and growing organization. The first recorded 4-H enrollment in Brazoria County was in 1930 when J.H. Sandlin was County Agricultural Agent with twenty-eight boys were enrolled. Due to there not being a home economics program available at that time no girls were able to enroll. In 1931, forty-seven boys were enrolled in the Brazoria County 4-H Program. The program continued to grow with the first girl focused clubs being organized in 1933, when the first Home Demonstration Agent, Edith Giles, was hired. There were three clubs with an enrollment of seventy-nine 4-H members. Moving forward to the next year, there were five girl focused clubs in 1934 with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-three members. The primary projects of boys in those early years were livestock and row crops, and the primary projects for girls were in gardening and bedroom improvement. It is interesting to note that there were no competitions at that time! The program has now grown and prospered over the years to include over five hundred members. These members belong to over twenty different clubs and are advised by one hundred plus club managers, project leaders, and adult volunteers. Club managers, with the assistance of the county extension staff, instruct and guide members as they learn by participating in approximately forty-two different leadership and domestic projects.

Brazoria County offers 4-H members unlimited natural resources to explore and learn from. A combination of urban and rural areas, woodland and coastal topography and industry mixing with agriculture give youth excellent opportunities in any area of interest, but perhaps the most favorable resource Brazoria County has to offer is its people. They are the ones that support, guide, and shape the 4-H program and the youth involved in 4-H. Their examples and expert guidance have enabled youth to grow within 4-H, and 4-H grow from them.

Planting the Seeds for Greatness
Brazoria County 4-H



4-H Membership

AGE DIVISIONS

Clover Kids – Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
Intermediates – 6th grade – 8th grade

Juniors – 3rd grade – 5th grade
Seniors – 9th grade – 12th grade

In some contests, Juniors and Intermediates are combined into one group and referred to as Juniors. Example, Major Show Livestock Judging, most horse events, etc.

Clover Kids do not compete. They are allowed to participate in age appropriate learning experiences but not competitions. There is no enrollment fee for Clover Kids, but they should still register in 4-H Connect. The six projects that Clover Kids can participate in are: dog, interior design, photography, horticulture, rabbits, health and safety, and robotics.

4-H CALENDER

The 4-H year starts September 1st and goes through August 31st. Enrollment will remain open throughout the year. However, 4-H members must re-enroll each September 1st. Member participation fees will be \$25.00 for those enrolling between September 1st and October 31st. Beginning November 1st, and for the continuation of the 4-H year, the participation fee will be \$30.00. Adult volunteer enrollment is \$10.00 per year.

4-H INFORMATION & UPDATES

Updates and resources will be posted to our social media accounts. Information will also be sent to club managers and club managers can share the information with their club members.

4-H ONLINE

In order to be a member in Brazoria County 4-H, youth and adults must register in 4-H Online and join at least one local 4-H club. Any adult should that would like to help the 4-H program in any capacity should register in 4-H Online. Enrollment must be repeated at the beginning of each new 4-H year.

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

4-H members are expected to attend scheduled monthly club meetings. If unable to attend, please let your club manager know.

PROJECT EXPEIENCES

4-H members participate in planned 4-H project learning experiences under the guidance of a 4-H certified project leader or trained teacher.

NO PASS-NO PLAY

4-H is recognized by the Texas Education Agency and each local school district as an extracurricular activity. All 4-H members participating in any 4-H competitive event must be passing all classes in order to compete, whether or not the competitive event is during school time. Prior to each competitive event, each school will be notified and asked to identify 4-H members who are not academically eligible as of the most recent grade reporting period. If 4-H members are not passing, they will be notified by the Extension Agent.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

4-H members participating in an activity which is approved by the local school board, under the direction of the Extension Agent(s) will be considered in attendance and will be reported present at the school's discretion. Students are responsible for and MUST stay within the allotted number of days allowed by their school which is typically 17 days. Schools will be notified (by letter) from the Extension Office as to what members will be participating, as well as dates and times that they are to miss classes.

4-H Clubs

CLUB NAME	MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	CLUB MANAGERS	MANAGERS CONTACT INFORMATION
Alvin 4-H	1 st Monday	7:00 PM	AYLAA Rodeo Building	Britney Campbell Keila Crews	britneywhitehead@gmail.com 713-305-4763 keilacrews@gmail.com 713-857-2993
Alvin Stock-N-Stuff 4-H	1st Tuesday	6:30 PM	AYLAA Rodeo Building	Sandra Sheffield	alvinstock-n-stuff@hotmail.com 281-433-5756
Angleton Warriors 4-H	2nd Monday	4:00 PM	Angleton Christian School	Jennifer Winans	jwynonwinans@gmail.com 979-481-1802
Angleton Willing Workers 4-H	3rd Monday	7:00 PM	Triple Crown Ranch	Lari Scott	triplecrown@texascrowboats.com 979-415-4620
Bailey's Prairie 4-H	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	White's Multicultural Center	Glynis Ann Jackson	glynisjackson5069@yahoo.com 979-997-2424
Chenango Stellar 4-H	4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Brazoria County Extension Office	Janet Rossow	showincattle2019@gmail.com 979-292-5622
Danbury 4-H	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Brazoria County Extension Office	Kimberly Damron	damrondc@yahoo.com 832-573-5830
Halfway 4-H	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Live Oak Haven	Jennifer Kincannon Kyle Kincannon	jennifer.kincannon@gmail.com 979-373-1835
Jones Creek 4-H	1st Monday	6:00 PM	Stephen F. Austin Elementary	Danielle McDonald Nicole Hardesty	Danni_christine84@yahoo.com 979-236-1961 sthwndbuls@aol.com 979-665-2328
Lake Jackson 4-H	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM	Brazosport Christian School – Activity Center	Tova Heimeyer	theimeyer@comcast.net 979-236-7511
Midway 4-H	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brazoria County Extension Office	Jessica Thomas	midway4h@hotmail.com 979-864-6745
On Target 4-H	1st Tuesday	6:30 PM	Brazoria County Extension Office	Trixie McCall	ontarget4h@yahoo.com 979-864-9100
Runners & Gunners 4-H	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	D-TALK Ranch	Susan Pitts	sepitts1019@gmail.com 832-647-7189
Spirit Riders 4-H	3rd Thursday	6:30 PM	Horsefeathers Ranch	Melissa Swanson	mswanson11@comcast.net 832-618-8322
Stockyard 4-H	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Big Horn BBQ & Burgers – Meeting Room	Tanya Barba	tanramm@gmail.com 713-530-9360
Sweeny 4-H	1st Tuesday	6:30 PM	First United Methodist Church in Sweeny	Jessica Otto	Jotto1410@gmail.com 281-728-4488

The 4-H Project

The project is the heart of the 4-H program. A wide variety of projects are available for members. Project opportunities vary depending upon the county and club. A member or group can also select an area of interest that is not officially listed as a 4-H project and plan and conduct a self-directed project in that area of interest.

Through carefully selected projects, members learn to manage their resources, assume responsibility and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living.

A project may extend over a short period of time or for several years. “Learn-by-doing” is the most important aspect of a project, not time. Making, growing, caring for, observing and participating—are all active learning processes involved in 4-H projects.

From a member’s viewpoint, projects may be fun, help develop skills, offer an opportunity to assume responsibility, to make a profit, save money or explore interests and careers. Projects also offer a chance to do things with friends.

Leaders and parents may see the project as a means to create more interest in daily tasks, strengthen family and community ties, develop knowledge and skills of members, explore possible career opportunities, enhance positive self-concept, develop the ability to organize, plan and make decisions.

The Project Group

Members have the opportunity to participate in group learning and peer teaching since sharing skills and experiences often provides them with greater learning opportunities. Group participation can also motivate members to follow through with commitments. Members are usually involved in group learning through their participation in a project group.

Project group meetings (4-H classroom setting) are designed so members acquire subject-matter, knowledge and skills, and general life skills.

How are projects conducted?

Projects are conducted through various activities and events such as:

1. 4-H community club meetings
2. Project group workshops
3. Field trips to tour local businesses, various agencies, as well as other members projects
4. Family activity at home
5. Individual work toward project goals
6. Online Learning
7. Community Service
8. Competition

Project learning experiences should be 20-30 minutes in length and have a minimum of 6 learning experiences.

Texas 4-H Project Areas



TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LIST



AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle
Dog Care & Training
Goats (Dairy & Mohair)
Goats (Meat)
Horse
Horticulture
Junior Master Gardener
Livestock Judging
Meat Science
Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)
Rabbits
Sheep
Soil & Crop Science
Swine
Veterinary Science



FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Consumer Education
Fashion & Interior Design
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Personal Safety



NATURAL RESOURCES

Aquatic Science
Entomology
Forestry
Outdoor Education & Living Skills
Range Science
Shooting Sports
Sportfishing
Water Conservation & Education
Wildlife & Fisheries



LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship
Community Service
Global Education & Awareness
Leadership
Public Speaking
Theater & Performance Arts
Workforce Preparation
Youth Entrepreneurship



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Energy
Photography/Videography
Robotics
Rocketry
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)



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Cooperative Extension Program

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Top Projects in Brazoria County 4-H

**Livestock
Shooting Sports
Youth Entrepreneurship
Consumer Education
Leadership
Robotics
Foods & Nutrition
Fashion & Interior Design
Photography/Videography
Horse
Outdoor / Wildlife**

Online Learning

Project experiences can also be obtained through interaction via 4-H Facebook Groups. Agents and volunteers facilitate the project groups from across the district and post assignments for members to complete independently.

Groups include:

- Southeast D9 4-H Clothing & Textiles Group
- Southeast D9 4-H Consumer Education Group
- Southeast D9 4-H Food & Nutrition Group
- Southeast D9 4-H Entomology Project
- Southeast D9 4-H Photography Group
- Southeast D9 4-H livestock Project

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| ❖ Clothing & Textiles |
| ❖ Consumer Education |
| ❖ Entomology |
| ❖ Food & Nutrition |
| ❖ Livestock |
| ❖ Photography |

In general, livestock projects are supported at the club level, ask your club manager for their recommendation. The county extension office also has resources.

**FOR THE LATEST AND GREAT NEWS ABOUT PROJECTS CHECK
OUT THE WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

How is a 4-H Project Selected?

Each member chooses a project that fulfills his or her interest, home situation and ability. Projects vary in difficulty. Younger members should choose those with less difficult requirements. All projects provide useful experiences.

It is suggested that first year 4-H members select one project their first year, additional projects should be added each year of the 4-H career to show growth. For example, broilers or rabbits make a great project for beginning a livestock project. After a couple of years, the member can advance to a larger animal such as a goat or lamb.

If members talk with their parents about projects, their choices will have meaning and importance to the entire family. Factors to consider when selecting a project include:

The Member

What are the members interests? Many times, a member doesn't know if he or she would like a project without first researching and inquiring about a project from other members.

Is the member exploring projects that will offer new areas of interest?

What are the members' ages and abilities (physical and mental)?

What new abilities can the member develop by choosing a specific project?

How much time does the member have? How much time does the project require? What season of the year does most of the activity occur?

If the member chooses an animal project, is the space required and equipment needed adequately available?

Approximately how much will the project cost?

The Family

Does the project fit into the home situation?

Does the family have an interest in the project selected?

The Club or Group

How many members of the group wish to try similar projects?

Is Leadership available for each member to have a successful experience?

The Neighborhood or Community

Does the project fulfill a community interest or need?

Can the neighborhood, community or county provide additional support or resources on this project?

Members are more likely to have success with a project(s) suited to their needs, abilities, interest, and family situations. A positive experience can help members develop their sense of self-worth, a willingness to share their experiences with others, and their willingness to try more things.

Success builds success.

Parents: Partners on The 4-H Team

Good youth development programs do not just happen. It takes a team with the combined effort of parents and volunteers along with the guidance of Extension youth development professionals to establish a good 4-H program which contributes to the ultimate development of our youth. If this team is to be successful, then the parents must become “regular players” not “bench riders.”

Why parent participation?

Through research and experience, a number of positive efforts on 4-H, 4-H clubs and 4-H members can be attributed to active parent participation.

- Active parent participation can strengthen and broaden the 4-H program in local unit or in any county.
- 4-H work would be totally impossible without the active support of interested parents.
- It has been found that youth do better club work when parents show interest, not only by work but also by deeds.
- Extending a helping or encouraging hand to a boy or girl is one of the finest ways you can express affection to your children and other youth.
- 4-H is a family affair offering parents many opportunities to participate in a program with their child and build family unity.
- When parental support is positive, the chances are good for the club to become stronger, larger and more active.
- In clubs where parental support is good, individual club members receive more personal attention and guidance from leaders and parents.
- Club activities and events will develop and expand with the added support of parents.
- 4-H has a positive influence on the lives of thousands of boys and girls. This happens only when parents care enough to share their time, efforts and talents.

4-H brings the Family Together

Family unity increases from planning, sharing and working together. When a family works together as a team it strengthens the talents, skills, and worth of each family member so they can be develop and be appreciated. With love and understanding, patience and counsel a parent can offer their child a solid start in a pleasant and beneficial experience. The family then becomes a team.

What can parents do to support and/or help in the 4-H program?

- Learn what 4-H is all about (purposes, objective, etc.)
- Exhibit a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in your child.
- Encourage participation in 4-H activities. Participation stimulates interest and enthusiasm.
- Assist your child in selecting a project they will enjoy, a project they have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish facilities, financing, needed materials, and guidance.
- Provide encouragement. Help in project work with recordkeeping, demonstrations, judging, and completion of attempted work and leadership responsibilities.
- Provide transportation for members to local club meetings, county events and various activities.
- Attend at least half of the club meetings each year with your child.
- Get informed about “what’s going on” and continue to keep informed.
- Provide a meeting place for the project group. When possible, assist leaders and club by providing refreshments or other help.
- Volunteer to be a project leader. All adults have abilities that would greatly assist the 4-H program.
- Serve on a committee to help plan and conduct special club activities and events.

Recognition

Available Opportunities to win 4-H Awards

- Project Pins: After a member (including Clover Kids) has completed a minimum of **six** learning experiences they are eligible to apply for a project pin. Members can also apply for Cloverbud (Clover Kid), 5 year, and 10 year membership pins. The application can be found on the Brazoria County 4-H website. The pin(s) will be awarded at the annual 4-H Awards Program. **The application due date will be posted on the 4-H website.** A discretionary monetary scholarship amount will be associated with each pin. *Clover Kids are not able to receive monetary scholarships.*
- County 4-H Recognition Scholarships: After a member has competed at the county, district and/or state level they can apply for an annual 4-H Scholarship and will receive a monetary award honoring their achievements at the 4-H Awards Program. The application is available on the 4-H website under Awards.
- 4-H Record books: Members can highlight their project experiences with a 4-H record book. Record books include a story, pictures and data about the members 4-H career.
- Battle of the Clovers: Gives 4-H members the opportunity to earn points for their 4-H Club to see who the ultimate 4-H Club for the year can be. Opportunities include attendance at county meetings, representing your club at district and state events, fundraising and much more. Each year the Battle of the Clover list and points will be evaluated and decided on by the 4-H Agent and updated for the new year. Points will be maintained by the 4-H Office and will be posted to the Google Sheet on the 4-H website along with the rules.
- Star Awards: These are awards for 4-H members that have gone above and beyond and are recognized at the annual 4-H awards program. Awards can only be received one time. See chart for details.

Star Awards

Juniors	Intermediates	Seniors
Green Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Cannot have previously received Bronze Star ♦ The 4-H member must be considered a Junior 4-H member as of September 1st of the current 4-H year and have completed at least one year in 4-H including the current year. ♦ The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-H member is to be considered for the Green Star Award. ♦ Complete at least one project with six different experiences ♦ Participate in a 4-H community service project ♦ In good standing with a 4-H Club ♦ Interview 	Rising Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Cannot have previously received silver star ♦ Complete at least two projects; each with six different experiences ♦ Project experience must include minimum of one contest or competition ♦ Attend at least one county or district level leadership experience such as: club officer workshop, Jr. leader lab, County or District Council Meeting. ♦ Participate in a 4-H community service project ♦ Interview 	Gold Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Complete at least four different projects; each with six experiences. ♦ Serve as an officer, committee chair, or Ambassador at Club, County, District, or State level. ♦ Serve as a teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. ♦ Participate in at least 5 county, district, or state events. ♦ Organize and lead a club or county service project. ♦ Interview
Bronze Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do not have to have previously received Green Star ♦ The 4-H member must be considered a Junior 4-H member as of September 1st of the current 4-H year and have completed at least one year in 4-H including the current year. ♦ The 4-H member must submit a 4-H Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-H member is to be considered for the Bronze Star Award. ♦ Complete at least two projects; each with six different experiences ♦ Participate in a 4-H community service project ♦ Demonstrates emerging leadership skills ♦ In good standing with a 4-H Club ♦ Interview 	Silver Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do not have to have previously received Rising Star ♦ Complete at least three different projects; each with six experiences. ♦ Your project experiences must include a minimum of three contests or competitions. ♦ Held leadership officer position or committee leadership position in your club ♦ Participate at three county/district events repeat what is in rising star ♦ Participate in 4-H service projects in primary leadership and independent roles. ♦ Interview 	I Dare You <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Must have completed your freshman year of high school and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership. ♦ Provide a narrative about your Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service experiences as well as a written piece about your 4-H Story ♦ Letter of Recommendation ♦ Interview

- First year juniors should apply for Green Star
- Second year juniors should apply to either depending on experience and involvement
- Second and Third year juniors should apply for Bronze Star
- First year intermediates should apply for Rising Star
- Second year intermediates should apply to either depending on experience and involvement
- Second and Third year intermediates should apply for Silver Star
- First year seniors can not apply for I Dare You
- All age seniors should apply for Gold Star

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT AWARD TO APPLY FOR
CONTACT YOUR 4-H AGENT**

Fundraising

Brazoria County 4-H holds fundraisers each year. These fundraisers are very important because they fund the entire 4-H program. It provides the registration fees for members to attend leadership camps and events, put on project workshops, have resources and equipment for 4-H families to check out, and much more! We ask our members to participate in fundraisers because it helps give even more opportunities to our 4-H youth by supporting the county program.

Fall Fundraising

Pecan Sales – Each 4-H club sells Durhams pecans and other items
Pecans will be available for sale starting in September



Pecan Sale Information

- Twenty-seven items from Durhams are sold including but not limited to pecans, peanuts, and gift baskets.
- There will be two orders to turn in for pecan and peanut fundraising sales events
 - November (orders will arrive before Thanksgiving)
 - December sales (orders will arrive before Christmas)

Deadlines

- Beginning of October — First sale order
- Beginning of November — Second sale order

Delivery

- Before Thanksgiving — First sale order
- Before Christmas — Second sale order

Turn in of Sales Orders

- Clubs, please use the Summary Order Sheet supplied when turning in your orders to ensure your order and a dollar amount are correct.
- They must be turned to the 4-H Office in person by the pecan chairman from each club.
- No phone in orders will be accepted.
- Late sales will be taken, but they will be placed with the next sale. If it is the final sale, late sales may be taken from the office overstock, this is first come first serve basis. These sales will not be credited toward your 10%.
- Manager Order Form and club check from the first sale will be due to the 4-H Office in the beginning of October.
- Manager Order Form and club check for the second sale will be due to the 4-H Office in the beginning of November.
- Additionally, the Club Summary Sheet listing individuals who sold \$1,000.00 or more will need to be turned in at time of the 2nd order being turned in.

Payments

- All checks should be made payable to selling 4-H Club. EXAMPLE: On Target 4-H

Clubs Sales & 10% Incentive


- Clubs will receive 10% of pecan sales from their club members sales.
- There will be no required club minimum to receive 10% of total sales.
- Turn in one Sale Summary Sheet per club at each order
- Pay for pecans with 1 club check when order is placed
- Pick up pecans within the three-day period

Awards

- 4-H members who sells \$1,000.00 or more will receive a Brazoria County 4-H Jacket.
- The Parents Association will recognize clubs who sold pecans at the Awards Banquet.
- An additional monetary incentive will be earned by the top three selling clubs.
 - Top Club will receive \$150.00 and the traveling trophy at the awards program
 - Second will receive \$100.00
 - Third will receive \$50.00

Spring Fundraising

More details to come on the spring fundraiser. If you have a fundraising idea get in touch with the 4-H Parents Association.



**"If your actions inspire
others to dream more, learn
more, do more, and become
more, you are a leader."**

- John Quincy Adams

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County Leadership

4-H County Council

All club presidents and council delegates should attend the County Council meetings. However, everyone is welcome!! The voting members of the council include the current officers and three voting delegates from each club. It is at these meetings that we discuss and plan upcoming county events. We like to have the local clubs' input and help.

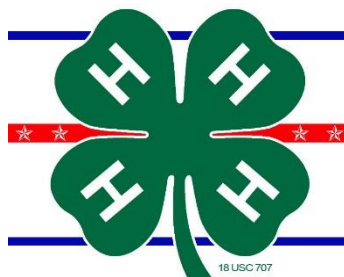
Chairman: Brianna Medina
1st Vice Chairman: Edward Klein
2nd Vice Chairman: Olivia Fine
Council Delegate: Wyatt McHam
Secretary: Kara Hernandez
Reporter: Keira Short
Treasurer: Miriam Hargrove



4-H Parent Volunteers

The Brazoria County Adult Leaders and Parents Association is open to all 4-H Leaders and Parents. Club managers are asked to attend to keep their club updated on activities and opportunities as well as plan activities and events.

Chairman: Sandra Sheffield
1st Vice Chairman: Jonai Thomas
2nd Vice Chairman: Judy Hamelmann
Treasurer: Leslie Hargrove
Secretary: Phillis Hanchey



4-H Horse Advisory Committee

The Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee creates the rules for the county horse program and coordinates the county shows and fun days.

Chairman: Michelle Hildebrandt
Speed Class Chair: Margaret Ray & Brooke Pennington
Performance Class Chair: Margaret Ray & Jennifer Kelly
Treasurer: Tova Heimeyer
Show Secretary: Lissa Hebert
Awards Chair: Susan Pitts
Drill/Quad Teams: Missy Roberts & Katy Goodwin



Big Time in D9

Big Time in D9 is a three-day culminating event that typically occurs in early May with a plethora of 4-H Contests. District 9 4-H is made of 18 counties. 4-H members from all 18 counties come together to compete.

- Juniors, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members compete individually and on teams.
 - Entries must contact the 4-H office to qualify for district competition.
 - Senior level winners of BTD9 advance to Texas 4-H Round Up in June
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| • 4-H Discover Scientific method (DSM) Research Poster Contest | • Horse |
| • Ag Product ID | • Leaders 4 Life |
| • Consumer Decision Making (CDM) | • Livestock, Meats, & Soil Judging Contest |
| • Duds to Dazzle | • Livestock Skillathon |
| • Educational Presentations/ Public Speaking | • Photography |
| • Fashion Show | • Photography Judging |
| • Fashion Storyboard | • Quiz Bowl Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Horse○ Livestock○ Family & Community Health |
| • Food Challenge | • Robotics Challenge |
| • Food Show | • Share the Fun |
| • Healthy Lifestyles | • Shooting Sports |
| | • Vet Science Skillathon |
| | • Wildlife Challenge |

The 4-H Record Book

Record keeping is a vital life skill taught through 4-H. It helps 4-H members develop goals and then see if those goals were met at the end of the year. It also helps record your history with 4-H, such as your leadership, the cool community service projects you assisted with, the workshops you participated in and those that you taught.

Record keeping can be fun, because it is something that you can create that works best for you. It can be a calendar on the wall, a notebook, or you can use your computer. Any way is great, as you start recording your experiences.

Why keep records? 4-H records help you when you go to develop a record book, as well as when you go to apply for awards, scholarships and even college. The record book is the complete record of a member's 4-H activities. Winners in each age division advance to district. Senior 4-Hers who place first in district advance to the state record book judging.

The 4-H record book is an organized presentation of what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H. When accurately kept and carefully assembled, it is a useful tool for determining your own progress and personal growth. The record books document knowledge, attitudes and skills that have been learned. They relate the experiences in leadership, citizenship and community service that have been shared.

Guidelines for the record book plus all the required forms are available at the County Extension Office. Forms and guidelines are also available on <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Record Book Categories

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| ➤ Agricultural Sciences | ➤ Natural Resources |
| ➤ Beef | ➤ Photography |
| ➤ Citizenship & Civic Education | ➤ Plant & Soil Science |
| ➤ Dog Care & Training | ➤ Poultry |
| ➤ Consumer Education | ➤ Public Speaking |
| ➤ Entomology | ➤ Rabbit |
| ➤ Fashion & Interior Design | ➤ Science, Technology,
Engineering & Math (STEM) |
| ➤ Food & Nutrition | ➤ Sheep |
| ➤ Gardening & Horticulture | ➤ Shooting Sports |
| ➤ Goat | ➤ Swine |
| ➤ Health and Personal Safety | ➤ Theatre & Performance Arts |
| ➤ Horse | ➤ Veterinary |
| ➤ Leadership | |

Record books are due early part of June to the 4-H Office

Other Opportunities

Community Service

- One Day 4-H/Community Service

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 to 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.

- Club Community Service Award

Community service gives 4-H members the opportunity to give back to their community and grow and develop leadership skills. The Club Community Service Award was created to acknowledge the club who has grown and developed from community service. Community Service Logs and Summations are due to 4-H Office by July 1st.

Leadership Opportunities

- District 9 4-H Leadership Lab

Leadership Lab takes place each Summer and is for senior leaders entering high school to gain leadership skills with other 4-H members from around the district.

- District 9 Junior Leadership Lab

Each Fall intermediate age leaders can gain leadership skills with other 4-H members from around the district.

- Volunteer Salute to Excellence

This award was created to recognize two Outstanding 4-H Adult Leaders (one male & one female) in Brazoria County. Nominations are due to 4-H Office by the middle of July.

Opportunity & Local Scholarships

There are several scholarship opportunities available through 4-H. To find out more information about any one of these opportunities visit the Brazoria County 4-H website.

<https://agrillife.org/brazoria4h/above-beyond-the-project/scholarships/>

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| -Texas 4-H Scholarships | -Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Award |
| -Brazoria County 4-H Scholarship | -San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc Rural Youth Award |
| -Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship | -State Fair of Texas Scholarship |
| -Brazoria County Extension Education Association Scholarship | -Brazoria County Fair Association Scholarships |
| -Brazoria County Shooting Sports Scholarship | -Brazoria County Cattlemen’s Association Scholarship |
| -Texas A&M University Soil & Crop Sciences Department Scholarships | -Capital Farm Credit Video Contest |

Available Resources

The Brazoria County 4-H Office has many items available to rent on a short-term basis for its 4-H Leaders, Parents, and Members. These items are limited to 4-H functions, project meetings, and training sessions. To reserve these items, visit <https://agrillife.org/brazoria4h/available-4-h-equipment/>

- Aluminum Stock Trailer

Check out available for up to five days maximum.

If exceeded daily rate increases.

- \$50.00 Deposit
- \$10.00 rental fee per day for first five days
- \$20.00 rental fee per day after first five days

- Steer/ Heifer Electric Scale (assembly required)

- Aluminum Market Small Animal Electric Scale

- Speaker System x2 (club use only)

- Clippers

- Sewing Machine X3

Check out available for up to five days

- \$50.00 deposit

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CALENDAR OF MAJOR 4-H EVENTS AND REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER

- 4-H Year Starts
- 4-H County Council Meeting
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- Pecan Fundraising Starts

OCTOBER

- 4-H County Council Meeting
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- TX 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application released
- Jingle Bell Horse Fun Run

JANUARY

- 4-H County Council Meeting
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- County Horse Show

FEBRUARY

- 4-H County Council Meeting
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- County Horse Show
- TX 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Due

MARCH

- 4-H County Council Meeting
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- County Horse Show
- BT9 entries due in 4-HOnline

APRIL

- 4-H County Council Meeting - Elections
- 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- County Horse Show
- 4-H Graduating Senior cords and stole application due

MAY

- Big Time In District 9
- Gallapalooza Horse Playday

JUNE

- County Recordbooks & Star Award applications Due
- Salute to Excellence
- TX 4-H Round-Up
- District 9 Leadership Lab
- County 4-H College Scholarships Due
- District 9 Horse Show
- Project Pin Applications Due

JULY

- County 4-H Awards Program
- Community Service Log Due
- County 4-H Recognition Scholarships Due
- State 4-H Horse Show
- Shooting Sports State Games

AUGUST

- New Year, Enrollment Starts

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CALENDAR OF LIVESTOCK MAJOR EVENTS AND REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER

- Order Tags for Spring Major Shows Validations
- Brazoria County Fair Livestock Entries Due
- Validation for Brazoria County Fair - Rabbit
- State Fair of Texas starts

OCTOBER

- Validation for Spring Major Shows - Lamb, Goat, & Heifer
- Brazoria County Fair
- State Fair of Texas cont.

NOVEMBER

- Validation for Spring Major Shows - Swine
- Spring Show Major Entry Appointments
- HLSR/SALE/Rodeo Austin Turkey/Broiler Pick-Up

DECEMBER

JANUARY

- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

FEBRUARY

- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo cont.
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo cont.
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

MARCH

- Order Tags for all State Fair species, Major Show Steers, & Fall Major Show Heifers Validations
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Rodeo Austin

APRIL

- Order Tags for all State Fair species, Major Show Steers, & Fall Major Show Heifers Validations
- Brazoria County Fair Turkey Orders Due

MAY

- Order Tags for all State Fair species, Major Show Steers, & Fall Major Show Heifers Validations
- Validation for Brazoria County Fair - Steer & Heifer

JUNE

- Validation for all State Fair species - Major Show Steers, & Fall Major Show Heifers
- State Fair Broiler Order Due
- Brazoria County Fair Turkey Pick-Up
- Brazoria County Fair Broiler Order Due

JULY

- Validation for Brazoria County Fair - Lamb, Goat, & Swine

AUGUST

- Order Tags for Spring Major Shows Validations
- State Fair Entry Appointments
- State Fair Broiler Pick-Up
- Brazoria County Fair Broiler Pick-Up
- HLSR/SALE/Rodeo Austin Turkey/Broiler Order Due