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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.

## Be Sure To Follow Us On Social Media



Brazoria County 4-H



Enrollment for the 2025 - 2026 year is open on 4-H Online! Use this link to register in your club today!

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Clover Kids \$10 enrollment regular fee.

Adult Volunteer Application Fee \$10

Early enrollment is August 15 - Oct. 31 for \$25

Late Enrollment is Nov. 1 - August 14, 2026 for \$30

### Tips for using 4-H Online

- Use Google Chrome Browser
- If credit card payment is not working, refresh the page, or log out and log back in
- Do not use safari (iPhone web browser)

# 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 – 2	Juniors – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade & 8 yrs. old – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Intermediates – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Seniors – 9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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. Clover Kids have a \$10 enrollment fee in 4-H Online. The six projects that Clover Kids can participate in are: rabbits, food and nutrition, health & personal safety, photography, robotics, horticulture, dog care & training, sport fishing, and fashion & interior design.

## 4-H CALENDAR

The 4-H year starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Enrollment will remain open throughout the year. However, 4-H members must re-enroll each September 1<sup>st</sup>. Member participation fees will be \$25.00 for those enrolling between August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, and for the continuation of the 4-H year, the participation fee will be \$30.00. Clover Kids member fees are \$10.00. Adult volunteer enrollment is \$10.00 per year.

## 4-H INFORMATION & UPDATES

Updates and resources will be emailed and posted to our social media accounts. Information will also be sent to club managers to share 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 EXPERIENCES

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. 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.



# EXPLORE YOUR WAY

Welcome to Brazoria County 4-H! We are excited that you are interested in learning more about 4-H and the clubs that a young person can join in our county. If you have any questions about any of the clubs, please feel free to contact the club manager directly.

## Alvin 4-H

Keila Crews & Britney Campbell  
Keila 713-857-2993  
Britney 713-305-4763  
[keilacrews@gmail.com](mailto:keilacrews@gmail.com)  
[britneywhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:britneywhitehead@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Nolan Ryan Center at Alvin  
Community College (Building R)  
3110 Mustang Rd, Alvin, TX 77511

## Alvin Stock-n-Stuff 4-H

Sandra Sheffield  
281-433-5756  
[stocknstuff4h@gmail.com](mailto:stocknstuff4h@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
6:30 PM  
AYLAA Rodeo Arena Building  
602 CR 351, Alvin, TX 77511

## Angleton Warriors 4-H

Jennifer & Michael Fine  
Jennifer 979-799-6884  
Michael 281-250-0656  
[jfine@acs4me.org](mailto:jfine@acs4me.org)  
[michael.g.fine@gmail.com](mailto:michael.g.fine@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
(No Meetings in June and July)  
4:30 PM  
Angleton Christian School Warrior Room  
976 Anchor Rd, Angleton, TX 77515

## Angleton Willing Worker 4-H

Lari Scott  
979-415-4620  
[triplecrown@texascrewboats.com](mailto:triplecrown@texascrewboats.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Triple Crown Ranch  
2498 CR 220, Angleton, TX 77515

## Bullseye Bandits 4-H

Jennifer Patterson and Kristi  
McIntire  
[bullseyebandits4h@yahoo.com](mailto:bullseyebandits4h@yahoo.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
6:30 PM  
Skeeters Gun Range  
2100 FM 2004, Richwood, TX 77531

## Danbury 4-H

Bebo Lambert  
979-997-8044  
[bebo.lambert79@yahoo.com](mailto:bebo.lambert79@yahoo.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

## Eqwise 4-H Club

Ingrid Griffin  
713-550-3208  
[Ingrid.griffin@gmail.com](mailto:Ingrid.griffin@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month  
6:30 pm  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

## Halfway 4-H

Shae Horak  
979-559-2040  
[shae@discoverydays.biz](mailto:shae@discoverydays.biz)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Live Oak Fish Farm  
2459 County Road 5  
West Columbia, TX 77486

## Lake Jackson 4-H

Manager - Danielle Dutcher  
[danielledutcher86@gmail.com](mailto:danielledutcher86@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
(If it falls on a Holiday, it'll be moved to the 2nd Monday)  
6:00 PM  
St Mark Lutheran Church  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566



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Brazoria County Extension Office  
Cassidy Smolik  
CEA 4-H & Youth Development  
[Cassidy.smolik@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Cassidy.smolik@ag.tamu.edu)  
979-864-1558



## Brazoria County 4-H Club Continued

### Midway 4-H

Jessica Thomas  
[midway4h@hotmail.com](mailto:midway4h@hotmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton TX 77515

### Mutatio 4-H

Ashley Prince  
803-445-5564  
[Ashleympince14@gmail.com](mailto:Ashleympince14@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month  
12:00 PM to 2 PM  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

### On Target 4-H

Trixie McCall  
979-864-9100  
[ontarget4h@yahoo.com](mailto:ontarget4h@yahoo.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
6:30 PM  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton TX 77515

### Pearland 4-H Club

Elesha Alexander  
832-857-8111  
[eleeeeeshaa@hotmail.com](mailto:eleeeeeshaa@hotmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
6:30 PM  
Tom Reid Library,  
3522 Liberty Dr. Pearland, TX 77581

### Runners & Gunners 4-H

Manager - Haley Biggers  
[hbtlonghorns@gmail.com](mailto:hbtlonghorns@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

### Stockyard 4-H

Tanya Barba  
713-530-9360  
[tanranmm@gmail.com](mailto:tanranmm@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Bighorn Barbeque & Burgers  
2300 Smith Ranch Rd,  
Pearland, TX 77584

### Sweeny 4-H

Manager - Jessica Otto  
281-728-4488  
[4hsweeny@gmail.com](mailto:4hsweeny@gmail.com)  
Co-Manager - Aimee  
McBride  
[aimeeh.mcbride@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeh.mcbride@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
6:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
207 E 1<sup>st</sup> St, Sweeny, TX 77480

### Team Xtreme

Natalie Hoelscher  
281-796-2315  
[teamxtreme4h@gmail.com](mailto:teamxtreme4h@gmail.com)  
3rd Thursday of the Month  
Church on MastersRoad  
6911 Masters,  
Manvel, TX 77578



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# *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

**Projects should have a minimum of 6 learning experiences.**



# 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 Citizenship	
Leadership	
Public Speaking	
Theater & Performance Arts	
Workforce Preparation	
Youth Entrepreneurship	

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH	
Energy	
Photography/Videography	
Robotics	
Rocketry	
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)	
Computer Science	

**SELF DIRECTED PROJECTS:** Individualized areas of interest where members can explore appropriate subject matter when no Texas approved 4-H curriculum or named project exists.



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# **How is a 4-H Project Selected?**

Each member chooses a project that fulfills his or her interest, home situation and ability. 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 developed 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 | Awards

## *Available Opportunities to win 4-H Awards*

The 4-H Awards Program is designed to recognize youth for their project work, leadership, and personal growth and development. The Awards Year runs the same as the 4-H year (September 1 through August 31).

### **Project Completion Pin**

Project Completion Pin Forms are due on the Brazoria County 4-H website <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/project-completion-pin-application/> or can be brought to the Brazoria County Extension Office by June 30th, 5 pm.

Members who completed Project Pin applications, and/or competed at county, district, or state 4-H events will be eligible for an end of year gift. End of year gifts will be emailed to family email in 4-H Online.

Clover Kids can only apply for these Project Pins: Dog Care & Training Pin, Food & Nutrition Pin, Clothing & Textiles Pin, Healthy Living Pin, Gardening & Horticulture Pin, Photography Pin, Rabbits/Cavy Pin, Robotics Pin, and Outdoor Education & Recreation Pin

Multiple Project Pins may be applied for. Please see the Project Completion Pin Categories below to decide what pins can be applied for. For descriptions of pin activities, please refer to:

<https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/project-completion-pin-application/>

<u>Agriculture Pin</u>	<u>Beef Pin</u>	<u>Cavy Pin</u>	<u>Citizenship &amp; Civic Pin</u>	<u>Clothing &amp; Textiles Pin</u>
<u>Community Service Pin</u>	<u>Consumer Education Pin</u>	<u>Dog Care &amp; Training Pin</u>	<u>Entomology &amp; Bees Pin</u>	<u>Food &amp; Nutrition Pin</u>
<u>Gardening &amp; Horticulture Pin</u>	<u>Goats Pin</u>	<u>Healthy Living Pin</u>	<u>Horse Pin</u>	<u>Leadership Pin</u>
<u>Outdoor &amp; Recreation Pin</u>	<u>Photography &amp; Video Pin</u>	<u>Plant Science Pin</u>	<u>Poultry Pin</u>	<u>Public Speaking Pin</u>
<u>Rabbit Pin</u>	<u>Robotics Pin</u>	<u>STEM Medal</u>	<u>Sheep Pin</u>	<u>Shooting Sports Pin</u>
<u>Swine Pin</u>	<u>Performing Arts Pin</u>	<u>Veterinary Science Pin</u>		

### **Star Awards**

Star Awards Intent Form & Recordbook Due to 4-H Office – May 18th

Star Awards Interviews – May 27th

The Star Awards are a series of awards showing progression of the 4-H members involvement, including growth and diversification of both the 4-H member and their projects/events. This is achieved by submitting a 4-H Recordbook, which will be evaluated by judges and displays members project work and achievement, leadership, and personal growth and development. The Star Awards series begins with Junior Level Awards the “Green Star” awards (Step 1) and the “Bronze Star” (Step 2). Next is the Intermediate awards: The “Rising Star” (Step 3) – and “Silver Star” (Step 4). Our Senior level awards are the, Danforth “I Dare You” National Award and the “Gold Star” (Steps 5 and 6). Only 3 awards will be given for each Star Award, EXCEPT Gold. Gold Star is dependent on county enrollment numbers for that year.

## **Battle of the Clovers**

Gives 4-H members the opportunity to earn points for their 4-H Club to see who can be the ultimate 4-H Club for the year. 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.

**Deadline:** Battle of the clover points begin the day after the 2025 Awards Program, and ends July 20th, 2026. Points earned between July 20th and the 2026 Awards Program will be added to 2026-2027 year points.

For club and project meeting reports please email them to [cassidy.smolik@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cassidy.smolik@ag.tamu.edu) until 4-H Online allows reports to be turned in online.

Current Standings, Rules, and Point Systems can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/battle-of-the-clover/>

## **Salute to Excellence**

This award was created to recognize two outstanding 4-H adult leaders from the Brazoria County 4-H clubs. Enter below to submit your nomination.

### **Nominations Due to 4-H Office – June 1st**

Salute to Excellence Nomination Form can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/salute-to-excellence/>

## **Club Community Service Award**

Community service gives 4-Hers 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 Due to 4-H Office – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Can be found: <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/club-community-service-award/>

## **Senior Cords and Stoles of Gratitude**

Graduation from high school is a milestone in any youths life. The Parent's Association of Brazoria County 4-H would like to mark the event by giving all active 4-H seniors a token to display all their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program. The Parent's Association ask seniors to select either Cords or Stoles of Gratitude to wear during your graduation ceremony to show your 4-H accomplishments on your special day.

**Deadline is April 3rd on <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/senior-cords-and-stoles-of-gratitude/>**

## **Scholarships**

County 4-H Graduating Senior and Collegiate 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. Please see application for more details on county website.

### **Deadline is April 1st – May 18th**

There are many other scholarships Brazoria County 4-H, and Texas 4-H has to offer. Applications can be found: <https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/scholarships/>

## **Brazoria County 4-H Event Scholarship**

Brazoria County Parents Association offers an Event Scholarship to help pay for District and State 4-H entrees fees. The application for this scholarship can be found:

<https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/scholarships/>

# Star Awards

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

- First year juniors should apply for Green Star
- Second and Third year juniors should apply for Bronze Star
- First year intermediates should apply for Rising Star
- Second and Third year intermediates should apply for Silver Star
- First year seniors should apply for I Dare You
- All age seniors can apply for Gold Star

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT AWARD TO APPLY FOR  
CONTACT [Cassidy.Smolik@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Cassidy.Smolik@ag.tamu.edu) or visit  
<https://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/star-awards-l/>**

# 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 one order this year to turn in for pecan and peanut fundraising sales events
  - November (orders will arrive before Thanksgiving)

### Deadline

- Deadline will be announced via Club Manager

### Delivery

- Before Thanksgiving — Sale order

### Turn in of Sales Orders

- Clubs, please use the Summary Order Sheet supplied via email 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.
- Manager Order Form, club check, and the Club Summary Sheet listing individuals who sold \$1,000.00 or more will be due to the 4-H Office in October.

### Payments

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

**Clubs Sales & 10% Incentive** - There will be no required club minimum to receive 10% of total sales.

**Clubs must follow all rules below to receive 10% club incentive.**

- Turn in one Club Totals Summary Order form and one Jacket Order Form
- One Club Check for total pecans sold (NO Cash)
- Pick up pecans within the three-day period

### Awards for fundraiser

- 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

Raffle Ticket Sales – Each 4-H club sell raffle tickets for firearms

Raffle Tickets will be available for sale starting on **January 29, 2025**  
**(subject to change)**



### Ticket Information

- There will be only 2000 tickets to be sold during the duration of the raffle.
- The price is set at \$20.00 per ticket.
- The purchaser must be at least 18 years of age and does not need to be present to win.
- The drawing will occur at the **Brazoria County Council Meeting held on April 27th, 2026**. Watch the drawing live on the Brazoria County 4-H Facebook page
- Winners will be contacted and will be required to present ID to claim gift certificate for the amount of the listed price of the firearm on the ticket.
- Prizes must be collected within 30 days of drawing or they will be forfeited to Brazoria County 4-H.

**Deadlines** – Club Managers will set deadline for their clubs.

### Distribution & Turn in of Tickets

- The 4-H Office will distribute additional tickets upon request to Club Sales Chair. Please call or email half a day in advance to request more tickets.
- For each distribution a new Distribution Contract will be completed and signed by the Club Sales Chair.
- **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS AND OR MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE 4-H OFFICE.**
  - One Club Check for total tickets sold (No Cash)
  - Turn in all unsold tickets
  - Turn in Club Member sales sheet

### Payments

- All checks for tickets being sold should be made payable to your club. EXAMPLE: On Target 4-H

**Clubs Sales & 10% Incentive** - There will be no required club minimum to receive 10% of total sales.

**Clubs must follow all rules below to receive 10% club incentive.**

- One Club Check for total tickets sold (No Cash)
- *All tickets are required to include the purchaser's full legal name. Nicknames and business names are not acceptable. The name must match the driver's license.*
- Turn in all unsold tickets
- Submit a Club Total Sales sheet at or before each deadline
- Submit a Club Member sale sheet

### Awards

- Top five 4-H sellers will receive a personalized belt buckle at Awards Banquet.
- The Parents Association will recognize clubs who sold tickets at the Awards Banquet.
- Top sellers (both members and clubs) will not be disclosed until the Awards Banquet.

# 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.

## Leadership Opportunities

- District 9 4-H Leadership Lab – June 9 – 11, Galveston, TX

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 – November 7 – 8, Crossroads Retreat Center – Caldwell, TX

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

## 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://agrilife.org/brazoria4h/club-resources/>

- 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

- Copy of Driver License and Vehicle

Insurance

- Speaker System x2 (club use only)

- Sewing Machine X3

Check out available for up to five days

- \$50.00 deposit

# 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:** Hailey Goebel

**1st Vice Chairman:** Crysten Short

**2nd Vice Chairman:** Jillian Gardner

**Council Delegate:** Elizabeth Hamelmann

**Secretary:** Alexis Schwarz

**Reporter:** Bethany Hernandez

**Treasurer:** Scarlett McHam

**Parliamentarian:** Bailey Guntharp



## 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.

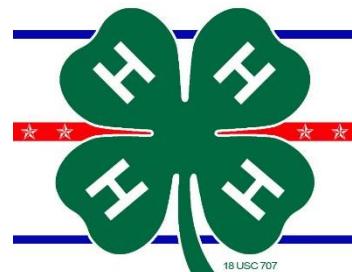
**Chairman:** Britney Campbell

**1st Vice Chairman:** Jessica Thomas

**2nd Vice Chairman:** Michelle Wilson

**Secretary:** Ingrid Griffin

**Treasurer:** Albert Hernandez



## 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:** Grant Coffman

**Vice Chairman:** Natalie Hoelscher

**Secretary:** Tonya Young

**Treasurer:** Katrina Reno

**Speed Chairman:** Haley Biggers

**Performance Chairman:** Lauree Walker & Amber Elliot

**Banquet Chairman:** Tonya Young & Typhany Smithey

**Social Media:** Haley Biggers & Typhany Smithey

**Fundraiser Chairman:** Typhany Smithey



# *Big Time in D9*

**April 23-25, 2026**

Big Time in D9 is a three-day culminating event that typically occurs in late April 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
- 4-H Discover Scientific method (DSM) Research Poster Contest
- Ag Product ID
- Consumer Decision Making (CDM)
- Duds to Dazzle
- Educational Presentations/ Public Speaking
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Food Challenge
- Food Show
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Leaders 4 Life
- Livestock Skillathon
- Photography
- Photography Judging
- Quiz Bowl Contests
  - Horse
  - Livestock
  - Family & Community Health
- Robotics Challenge
- Share the Fun
- Vet Science Skillathon
- Wildlife Challenge

## *District 9 4-H Archery Contest*

TBA

Location: TBA

## *District 9 Rifle, Air Rifle, & Pistol*

April 18, 2026

Rosenberg, TX

## *District 9 Horse Judging*

April 18, 2026

Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan, TX

## *District 9 Judging Contest*

Livestock Judging – Bryan/College Station,  
TX- May 2, 2026

Soil Judging – TAMU – TBA

Meats Judging – Rosenthal Meat Science  
Center - May 2, 2026

## *District 9 Horse Show*

June 22-24, 2026

Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan, TX

# *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**

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

**Record books are due May 18th to the 4-H Office**



# Brazoria County 4-H

## 2025-2026 Calendar

### September

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment
- 6th - D-9 Fall Training and Council Meeting - Coldspring, TX
- 17th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 22nd - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 22nd - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 27th - Gulf Coast 4-H Angler Day
- 28th - Brazoria County 4-H Rabbit Clinic
- Pecan Fundraising Starts
- Pecan - Sale order

### October

- 2nd - Pecan Order Due
- 5th - 11th - National 4-H week
- 11th One Day 4-H Community Service
- 15th D-9 Jr Leadership Lab Registration Due
- 15th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 16th - Heifer Validation (Heifers already at BCF ONLY) - 2026 Spring Major Shows
- 20th - Heifer & Lamb/Goat Validation at Pearland Ag Barn - 2026 Spring Major Shows
- 23rd 4-H Scholarship Training via MS Teams
- 27th - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 27th - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 28th - Heifer & Lamb/Goat Validation at BCF grounds - 2026 Spring Major Shows
- 30th - Major Show Entry Night - 2026 Spring Major Shows

### November

- 3rd - Swine Validation at Pearland Ag Barn - 2026 Spring Major Show
- 7th - 8th - D-9 Jr. Leadership Lab - Caldwell, TX
- 8th - 9th - D-9 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training - Conroe, TX
- 13th - Major Show Entry Night - 2026 Spring Major Shows
- 17th - Swine Validation at Angleton Ag Barn - 2026 Spring Major Shows
- 19th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 24th - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 24th - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Show 1st Point
- Pecans come in before Thanksgiving

### December

- 13th - Food Challenge (Qualifying Contest for Houston)
- 17th - Invitational Quiz Bowl Registration Due
- 17th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Jingle Bell

### January

- 5th - D-9 4-H Winter Council Meeting - Virtual
- 9th - D-9 Invitational Quiz Bowl Contests - Huntsville, TX
- 10th - 4-H Dog Project Validation Due
- 21st - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 26th - BC 4-H Fashion Show
- 26th - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 26th - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 29th - Gun Raffle Sale Starts (subject to change)
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Show 2nd Point
- TBA - D-9 4-H Archery Contest

### February

- 15th - Texas 4-H Scholarship due
- 15th - Brazoria County Extension Education Association Scholarship due
- 18th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 23rd - BC 4-H Food Show
- 23rd - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 23rd - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Show 3rd Point

County - Horse Point Shows, Fashion Show, Food Show, Food Challenge Show, etc. will update when dates are finalized

\*Dates are subject to change\*



# Brazoria County 4-H

## 2025-2026 Calendar

### March

- 1st - 4-H Horse Project Validation Opens
- 18th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 21st - Brazoria County Round Up
- 23rd - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 23rd - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 25th - D-9 4-H Photography Entries Due
- 25th - D-9 4-H Horse Judging Entries & Fees Due
- 25th - D-9 4-H Photography Entries Due
- 25th - D-9 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Entries & Fees Due
- TBA - Texas A&M Judging Clinics - College Station, TX

### April

- 1st - Gun Raffle - 1st deadline
- 1st - Brazoria County 4-H Scholarships open
- 1st - Brazoria County Horse Project Scholarship open
- 3rd - Senior Cords & Stoles of Gratitude Due
- 15th - Gun Raffle - 2nd deadline
- 15th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 18th - D-9 4-H Horse Judging Contest - Bryan, TX
- 18th - D-9 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contests - Rosenberg, TX
- 23rd - 25th - Big Time in D9 - Conroe, TX
- 27th - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 27th - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 27th - Gun Raffle drawing
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Show 4th Point

### May

- 1st - D-9 Robotics Contest - Rosenberg, TX
- 1st - 4-H Horse Project Validation Deadline
- 2nd - D-9 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging Contests - Bryan, TX
- 18th - 4-H County Council Meeting
- 18th - 4-H Parents Association Meeting
- 18th - Star Awards Intent Form & Recordbook are due
- 18th - Brazoria County 4-H Scholarships due
- 18th - Brazoria County Horse Project Scholarship due
- 20th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 27th - Star Awards Interviews
- TBA - BC 4-H Horse Gallopooza

### June

- 1st - Salute to Excellence - Nominations Due
- 1st - 4th - Texas 4-H Roundup & LEAD Academy - College Station, TX
- 9th - 11th - D-9 Leadership Lab - Galveston, TX
- 17th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 22nd - 24th - D-9 4-H Horse Show - Bryan, TX
- 30th - Project Completion Pin Forms are due
- 30th - Community Service Logs & Summations Due
- Steer, Heifer, Lamb/Goat, and Swine Validation - Date TBA

### July

- 7th - 9th - Texas 4-H State Dog Show - Kerrville, TX
- 10th-12th Aggieland Lamb and Goat Camp - Bryan, TX
- 15th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 23rd - 4-H Awards Program

### August

- 15th - 4-H Online Open for 2026-207 4-H Year
- 19th - Horse Advisory Committee Meeting
- 20th - D-9 4-H Club Managers/4-H Leaders Volunteer Training via MS TEAMS
- 4-H Horse Project Banquet - Date TBA

County - Horse Point Shows, Fashion Show, Food Show, Food Challenge Show, etc. will update when dates are finalized

\*Dates are subject to change\*



# MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### 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.
- Heart O' Texas cont.
- Spring Show Major Entry Night

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

### JANUARY

- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo
- HLSR/SALE/Rodeo Austin Broiler Pick-Up

### 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