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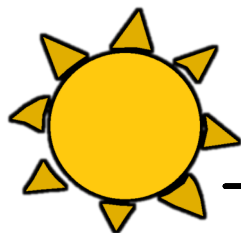
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From the FBC 4-H Team

Congratulations to the youth participating at upcoming District 9 4-H and Texas 4-H contests, and to all Fort Bend 4-H'ers for the awesome ways they've been active this year! Don't forget to reflect on your year through the 4-H Recordbook, THE place to include all your learning, leading and serving endeavors.

Kudos as well to all our graduating seniors—we hope that 4-H has equipped you with essential life skills to make your future bright. Best wishes as you continue to make the world better.

A bright summer is also in store for 4-H'ers old and new, with activities galore to have fun, learn and make friends in a safe space. Read on to see how 4-H and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension family supports Fort Bend County families year round!



"Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world...
Try adding some bright colors to the picture..." (Allen Klein)
- Your FBC 4-H Team

Program Ideas

Plan the Upcoming Year

Have members evaluate this past year - their likes and dislikes - and have a different group plan a month for next year. This will give members ownership and get them excited about the upcoming 4-H Year.



Be Kind to Your Meeting Room

You've been using the same room all year for your 4-H Meetings. Look around....what is needed to be repaired, built, supplied, or just spruced up? Have members improve their meeting room (approved by management of wherever you meet) to give back to the community that has helped the club.

Recognize Greatness

Looking for some creative recognition ideas? Use the Six Pillars of Character to recognize 4-H'ers who have excelled as Children of Character!

• Terrific Team Player Award (Teamwork) • Champion of Caring Award (Caring) • Model Citizen Award (Citizenship) • Rockin' Responsibility Award (Responsibility) • Ultimate Respect Award (Respect) • Fabulous Fairness Award (Fairness).



Adapted from Texas 4-H "Club Ed", a resource for meeting inspiration. Available at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer/>



Inspiration: Winners are people like YOU

Winners take chances.

Like everyone else, they fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners don't give up.

When life gets rough, they hang in until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.

They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect.

They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall but they don't stay down.

They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.



Winners don't blame fate for their failures, nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers

who see good in all things. From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path

they have chosen even when it is hard, even when others can't see where they are going.

Winners are patient.

They know a goal is only worthy as the effort that is required to achieve it.

Winners are people that believe in themselves.

They make this world a better place to be.

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Fair & Livestock Corner

• Livestock Validation

Be sure to order your tags for State Fair Lambs & Goats, Fall Major Show Heifers, and all Major Show Steers! Forms available at <http://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/validation/>

- **LATE ORDERS:** April 21 - June 1 (\$27/tag)
For orders to be complete, forms AND payment must be received by the appropriate deadline.
- **HEIFERS:** No upfront cost. Submit survey ONLY by June 1; this just helps us prepare for validation. Payment will be made at validation.

• Fort Bend County Fair

Preparations for FBC Fair have begun and continue into the summer. Don't be late to the game! Check out all you need to know at fortbendcountyfair.com



Important FBC Fair details:

- Fort Bend 4-H **DOES NOT** validate animals for the Fair; that's known as "Tag-In" and dates vary
- While youth must generally be in 4-H (or FFA) to participate in the Fair, rules, entries and all other pertinent details are managed through the **Fort Bend County Fair Office.**

Upcoming FBC Fair Dates (May-June)

- May 6 Commercial Heifer Online Entry
- May 11 Scramble Heifer Certificate Due
- May 13 Commercial Heifer Pen of Two/Halter Tag-In
Bucket Calf Mock Tag-In
- June 1 Broiler & Roaster Order Deadline
- June 12 Scramble Heifer Show Entry Form Due
- June 14 Turkey Order Pick up
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TX A&M AgriLife Extension Fort Bend County Camps



Pantry2Plate Cooking Camp

Date:	June 13-15, 2017
Time:	9:30am – 12pm
Location:	FBC Extension
Age Group:	8-12 years old
Cost:	\$30 per camper

Registration ends June 7.
Max 15 participants.



Earth Kind Kids Camp

Date:	June 19-23, 2017
Time:	9am – 3pm
Location:	FBC Fairgrounds
Age Group:	Entering 3-5th grade
Cost:	\$75 per camper

Registration ends June 12.



Teen Chef Cooking Camp

Date:	June 20-21, 2017
Time:	9:30am – 2pm
Location:	FBC Extension
Age Group:	13-16 years old
Cost:	\$35 per camper

Registration ends June 14.
Max 10 participants.



Clover Kids Camp

Date:	July 14, 2017
Time:	9am-12pm
Location:	FBC Fairgrounds
Age Group:	Entering K-2nd grade
Cost:	FREE!

Registration ends July 10.
Max 30 participants.



Youth Fashion Week

Date:	July 18-21, 2017
Time:	8am – 3:30pm
Location:	FBC Extension
Age Group:	10-16 years old
Cost:	\$95 per camper



4-H Summer Music Camp with Sound Foundation Academy

Date:	July 24-27, 2017
Time:	9am-12pm (Entering 1st-4th grade) 1-4pm (Entering 5-8th grade)
Location:	FBC Fairgrounds
Cost:	\$85 per camper

Registration ends July 18.

For more info visit
<https://fortbend.agrilife.org/youthcamps/>



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Texas 4-H Center Camps



CAMP (Grade completed)	ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE	REGISTRATION (Youth/Adult)
Horizons (grades 4-8)	June 25, 2 pm - June 29, 11 am	\$280/\$140
County Camp I	June 26, 2 pm—June 28, 11 am	\$180/\$90
County Camp II	June 28, 2 pm - June 30, 11 am	\$180/\$90
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 5, 2 pm - July 6, 2 pm	\$125
Mission Possible	July 6, 2 pm - July 8, 3 pm	\$175/\$100
County Camp III	July 5, 2 pm - July 7, 11 am	\$180/\$90
County Camp IV Outdoor Adventure	July 10, 2 pm - July 12, 11 am	\$180/\$90
Prime Time Xtreme (grades 8-11)	July 11, 2 pm - July 14, 11 am	\$230/\$115
Prime Time I (grades 5-8)	July 16, 2 pm - July 19, 10 am	\$230/\$115
Prime Time II (grades 2-5)	July 19, 2 pm - July 22, 10 am	\$230/\$115
Fishing Camp	July 24, 2 pm - July 26, 2 pm	\$220/\$110

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in spring 2017
- 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp
- Pay a deposit by June 14 or pay full amount
- Discount for registering by June 14
- All adults must enroll as a 4H volunteer, have a verified background check and complete child protection training in 4H Connect prior to camp.

More info at
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



Fort Bend 4-H Rocks



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**Subscribe and Follow Fort Bend 4-H
Adventures Online!**



Fort Bend County 4-H



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4-H Growth Opportunities

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Texas 4-H Roundup Alternative Opportunities **Deadline to register on 4-H Connect is May 16!!!**

- **ATV Safety Training Course:**
Taught by certified ASI Instructors. Provides half-day of riding lessons and safety/regulation info. Open to youth age 12 and older. \$20 in addition to Roundup Registration. Must complete ASI's online E-Course at [http:// www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)
- **Youth Health Summit:** "Building Health Leaders" summit, open to intermediate and senior age 4-H members. Each participant will receive toolkit for leading educational programs and activities that promote overall health and wellness.
June 5th (12:30-6PM) - June 6th (8AM-12PM).
\$25 in addition to Roundup Registration
- **Daily Workshops include:**
Ag Product ID for BEGINNERS • Leadership in a Box • Discover Computer Science & Programming • Developing Relationships for a Successful Veterinary Tech Program • Scholarships & Financial Aid • Grilling
- **Invitational Contests**
Open to Intermediate and Senior level 4-H members **DO NOT** require individuals to qualify at district level contests! Contests include:
Ag Product ID • Archery Scientific Method Research Poster • Healthy Lifestyles • Photography Judging • Wildlife Challenge • ...and more!
For more information, visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

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- **USDA/FSA MicroLoan Info Meeting**
Microloans aim to assist small and family operations, beginning and socially disadvantaged producers. Eligible applicants may obtain a microloan for up to \$50,000!
Join our Ag & Natural Resources Dpt. For an info meeting on Wednesday, May 31 from 9AM-12PM at the Extension Office. RSVP with Brandy Rader at 281-342-3034 by May 26.
- **Recordbook Revision Night**
4-H agents & staff will be available to review completed recordbook drafts on Thursday, May 25th from 6-8PM. Kindly RSVP by May 22 at <https://goo.gl/forms/Jhu0YgtyBa2IGxP2>



★ LEAD

- **FBC 4-H Council**
Come share what your club is doing and get involved in county-wide programs! Meet 4-H'ers from across the county, have fun, and even learn something new. 3rd Thursday of every month, 7-8PM at FBC Extension Conference Room.



- **County Council Popcorn Fundraiser**
Support local youth leadership through the Fort Bend 4-H County Council's annual popcorn fundraiser, powered by POParazzi.
Return completed order forms and monies to the Extension Office by Thursday, May 18, 2017. Your last chance will be at the May County Council Meeting at 7PM!



4-H Growth Opportunities



LEAD (continued)

- **District 9 Leadership Lab**
June 27-29th, 2017 at TAMU Galveston. Register by May 28 on 4-H Connect for \$255 (includes lodging and meals). Open to youth who've completed 8th-12th grade.

2017 Lab Activities: Schlitterbahn Adventure
• Resume Building • Etiquette Banquet • Community Service • Interviewing Skills • Dance
- **TEEA Mini grant for D9 Leadership Lab**
The Extension Education Association of Fort Bend is offering (3) Leadership Lab Mini Grants of \$150. Email Jennifer.Mendez@ag.tamu.edu for an application, due to the FBC Extension Office by May 15th at 5PM.

Winners will be notified by May 19th and will have until May 22nd to register for the Leadership Lab in 4-H Connect.
- **Texas 4-H Water Ambassador**
Develop leadership skills related to science, tech, engineering, and management of water in Texas. Open to entering 9-11th graders. Apply by May 15. 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy runs July 8-16 (tentative) and 40 Hours of service are expected over the next 12 months. More info: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/water/>



SERVE

- **County Council to Participate in TX 4-H Roundup Community Service**
Bring plastic shopping bags to the Extension Office to make sleeping mats for the homeless (500 bags makes a 3'X6" mat) by June 2. "Come And Go" Workshop will be available at Texas 4-H Roundup, June 7-8, 10am-3pm to make the mats.
- **District 9 Books & Blankets Service Project**
D9 is collecting new/used books and new blankets for the Smart Family Literacy Foundation. Deadline to submit is at Big Time in D9 on 5/13/17 by 2pm.
- **Texas 4-H Council Service Project**
Support Firemen, Policemen, EMTs and Paramedics through the "First Responders Fund" and through care packages.


Report service activity by May 31st at <https://goo.gl/forms/HoQrJMfhHfmPrMRU2> to be included in TX 4-H Roundup results. Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> under "Community Service" for more info.



Adult Volunteer Opportunities

- **4-H Connect Trainings**
Please note that there are many adult volunteers with pending profiles on 4-H Connect because of incomplete online trainings. These trainings are required of adult volunteers for the protection of youth and the integrity of the 4-H program.

These trainings are best completed on a desktop and must be done in one sitting, as you cannot save your place once you've started a module. We apologize for any inconvenience but strongly encourage you to complete them.


VOLUNTEER
Thank for all you do!
- **4-H Adult Leaders, Parents & Friends Meeting**
Have some ideas for the 4-H program? Want to help fundraise and plan events? Join us on May 18, 2017 at 7PM in the Extension Annex.
- **Texas 4-H International Exchange Program**
Become a Host Family! Youth ages 11-15 from Japan visit the United States for a 4-week immersion.

Host must have youth of the same gender and similar age; if no children/youth at home, can host an adult Chaperone. The family is only asked to provide a bed and three meals a day. There are no expectations for 'entertaining the guest.' Apply now at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/hostfamily/index.html>



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Fort Bend 4-H Star Awards

Fort Bend County 4-H has a great group of kids doing even greater things in their clubs, communities and beyond. To recognize their growth, the Fort Bend 4-H Adult Leaders, Parents and Friends organization grants a series of awards at the annual 4-H banquet.

The Star Awards is designed to show a progression in the youth's 4-H involvement. As a result, you can only receive each award once, and cannot apply to a lower step award. For example, if you win the "I Dare You" awards, you cannot apply for the Silver Star.

For each award, youth must submit a copy of their recordbook and attach an application which covers the following:

- Project work
- Awards
- 4-H Leadership
- Community service
- Future Plans and Goals
- 4-H Relevance in Your Life

Step 1: Rising Star

- Juniors (8-10 years old)
- At least 1 year in 4-H
- Complete 1 project

Step 2: Bronze Star

- Intermediates (11-13 years old)
- At least 2 years in 4-H
- Complete 2 projects

Step 3: Silver Star

- Seniors (14-19 years old)
- At least 3 years in 4-H
- Complete 3 projects

Step 4 & 5: "I Dare You" & Gold Star

- Seniors (15-19 years old)
- At least 3 years in 4-H
- Complete 3 projects



Applications are due with recordbooks on June 13!!! Complete Star Award guidelines are available at <http://agrillife.org/ftbend4h/awards-scholarships/>

Walk Across Texas Fun Run

May 20, 2017



Age divisions will be: 5-9, 10-13, 14-18, 19-30, 31-54, 55+

This will be a non timed event.



On-Site Registration/Check-in starts at 7 am. | Fun Run/Walk will start at 8 am. | Warm-up begins at 7:45 am.

Location: Seabourne Creek Park at 4145 TX-36, Rosenberg, Texas 77469

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Pre Entry Donation April 29 to May 15: ages 5-13: \$15.00

ages 14 and up: \$20.00

Entry Donation ON-SITE: \$25.00

For more info email: Victoria Zwahr at victoria.zwahr@ag.tamu.edu or call 281-342-3034.

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Meetings & Reminders

May

May 2	District Rifle, Air Rifle & Pistol Contest Eligibility Form Due to Office
May 6	FBCF Commercial Heifer Online Entry
May 8	Eligibility form for D9 Roundup Due to Office
May 11	FBCF Scramble Heifer Certificate Due
May 11-13	Big Time in D9 (District 9 Roundup)
May 13	FBCF Commercial Heifer Pen of Two/Halter Tag-In & Bucket Calf Mock Tag-In
May 16	Deadline to register for Texas 4-H Roundup
May 18	Adult Leaders, Parent & Friends Mtg – 7PM County Council Meeting—7PM
May 25	Recordbook Revision Night—6-8PM
May 28	Deadline to register for D9 Leadership Lab
May 29	Office Closed (Memorial Day)

June

June 1	FBCF Broiler & Roaster Order Deadline
June 2	Deadline to drop off plastic bags for Comm. Service Project
June 6-9	Texas 4-H Roundup
June 12	FBCF Scramble Heifer Show Entry Form Due
June 13	4-H Recordbooks, Star Award App & Ambassador App due to Office by 5PM
June 14	FBCF Turkey Order Pick up
June 15	STATE FAIR Lamb/Goat Validation (by appt) County Council Meeting—7PM County Recordbook Judging—7PM
June 16	FBCF Suggested Rabbit Breed Date
June 22	Major Show Steer & FALL Major Show Heifer Validation—5:30-7:30PM—FBC Fairgrounds
June 27-29	D9 Leadership Lab—TAMU Galveston

County Council Meetings

Want to make a difference in your county 4-H program? Let your voice be heard! County Council meetings been scheduled for the 2016—2017 year as follows:

September 15	January 19	May 18
October 20	February 16	June 15
November 17	March 16	July 20
December 15	April 20	August 17

Every chartered 4-H Club is encouraged to identify and send at least one delegate to every 4-H County Council meeting. Meetings are held at the Extension Office in the Conference Room starting at 7:00pm.

Adult Leader Meetings

All parents of 4-H members are invited to attend the Adult Leader meetings throughout the year. The 2016—2017 meetings will be held:


October 20	May 18
January 19	July 20
March 16	August 17

Meetings begin at 7:00pm and take place at the Extension Office in the Annex Meeting Room.



May 2017 - 4-H Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	2 Eligibility Form for Rifle Contest due to Extension Office Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	3 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	4 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	5 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	6 District 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contest Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
7 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	8 Eligibility Form for District Roundup due to office	9	10	11 *IMPORTANT CHANGE* D9 Quiz Bowls Walker County Storm Shelter	12	13
District 4-H Roundup— Big Time in D9						
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 Deadline to register for Texas 4-H Roundup on 4-H Connect	17	18 7pm—Adult Leader Mtg 7pm—Co. Council Mtg	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Recordbook Revision Night—6-8pm—Extension Office	26	27
28 District 4-H Horse Show & District 4-H Leadership Lab Registration due via 4-H Connect	29 <i>Office Closed for Memorial Day</i> 	30	31			



June 2017 - 4-H Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Deadline to drop off plastic bags for Council Community Service	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Texas 4-H Roundup				
11	12	13 Due to Extension Office by 5pm: -County Recordbook -Star Award Application -Ambassador Application	14	15 STATE FAIR Lamb & Goat Validation 7pm—Co. Council Mtg 7pm—Recordbook Judging	16 District 4-H Pre-Leadership Adventure Officer/ Candidate Training	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19	20	21	22 Major Show Steer & FALL Heifer Validation 5:30-7:30 PM	23	24
		District 4-H Horse Show (tentative)				
25	26 Recordbooks eligible for District competition due to Office	27	28	29	30	
		District 4-H Leadership Adventure				