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District 9 4-H
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[From the FBC 4-H Team]

Happy New Year, 4-H Families! We hope everyone had joyful and safe holidays. We are kicking off the year with a flurry of activity around the County. Agent Damion is adding events and activities starting with a livestock judging clinic on Monday Jan 7th. See Page 6 for this and more livestock events.

Join us for the FREE youth photography workshop on Saturday Jan 12th! After the workshop, the County Photography Contest is coming back with a public photo exhibit for family and friends to enjoy. Full details on Page 11-12.

Eligibility Forms
Request yours online!



FORT BEND 4-H



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Upcoming Events

Jan 1 — Office Closed for New Years Day

Jan 4— FBC Winter Extravaganza Progress Show

Jan 7— Livestock Judging Clinic

Jan 11— 4-H Opportunity Scholarship apps due to office

Jan 12— Fort Bend 4-H Photography Workshop

Jan 14— Ambassadors Meeting

Jan 17— County Council Meeting

Jan 18-Feb 9— Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

Jan 21 — Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 25-26— District 9 4-H Archery Contest

Jan 26— Needville Winter Classic Progress Show

Feb 1-17— San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

Feb 7-24— San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

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4-H Declaration of Eligibility Rules & Guidelines for 2018-2019

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school, must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility.

4-H youth will be required to submit a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” for any extracurricular event or activity in which they will be representing Fort Bend 4-H throughout the academic year **4 days before** the Event or Contest *unless otherwise stated*.

Some of the Extracurricular activities through 4-H that require a Declaration of Eligibility Form include:

- All 4-H Competitive Events (includes weekend events):
 - County Photography Contest
 - Fort Bend County Fair (livestock & arts and crafts department)
 - Any Major Show (HLSR, SALE, FW, RA, SA, HOT, SFT, ect.)
 - Round ups (County, District)
 - Judging Contests
 - Shooting Sports Events & Contests
- Participation in ANY 4-H event or activity that would require them to be absent from school.

4-H youth can come by the Fort Bend County Extension Office or request a Declaration of Eligibility Form from our website and are held responsible to complete the form before their event.

A completed Form includes: Activity Name and Date of Event, Parent/Guardian Signature, County Extension Agent Signature, and Principal or Designee sign off.

A Form will need to be filled out for EACH event you attend/participate. Forms Can combine Events as long as they are within 30 days. This form will not be accepted prior to 4 weeks in advance of the event and will need to be completed and turned in 4 days before the event or contest.

Once completed, the form will need to be taken with you to the Event or Contest AND a copy of the form will need to be sent to the County Extension Office. The completed Form can be emailed or can be dropped by the County Extension Office.

Spring 2019 Eligibility Form Due Dates

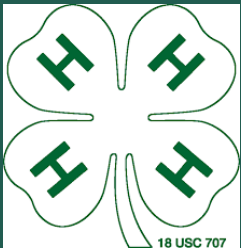
Event Name	Eligibility Form Due Date
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	January 14
District 9 4-H Archery Contest	January 22
San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo	January 28
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	February 1
County Photography Contest	February 12
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo	February 19
Star of Texas Rodeo Austin	March 12
District Photography Contest	March 21
District Horse Judging Contest	April 2
State Photography Contest	April 9
Needville Youth Fair	April 22
District 9 Judging and Shooting Sports Contests	April 23
Eligibility forms for the Big Time in D-9 District Roundup	April 29

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4-H AMBASSADOR MEETING



January 14, 2019 6:30 PM
Fort Bend County Extension Office

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Fort Bend 4-H Clubs 2018-2019

Club Name	Club Type/Interest Area	Meeting Location
4-H Field and Stream	Shooting Sports	Rosenberg
4-H Junior Master Naturalist	Wildlife & Fisheries	Rosenberg
4-H Outdoor Sports Club	Shooting Sports	Rosenberg
4-H Pawsability SPIN Club	Dog Training	Rosenberg
4-H Youth Pork Producers	Swine	Needville
Big Creek 4-H	Community Club	Needville
Blue Baron 4-H	Community Club	Needville
Cinco Robotics	Robotics	Katy
Cottonwood Creek 4-H	Community Club	Beasley
Covington Woods 4-H	Community Club	Sugar Land
EntreProMotion!	Entrepreneurship	Richmond
Fashion Art & Beauty (FAB)	Fashion	Rosenberg
Fort Bend County Fresno 4-H	Community Club	Arcola
Fort Bend Horse Judging Club	Horse Judging	Katy
Guy 4-H	Community Club	Needville
Journey 4-H	Community Club	Richmond
Jr. Veterinary Science	Vet Science	Richmond
Katy 4-H	Community Club	Katy
Kendleton 4-H	Fishing	Kendleton
Lamar 4-H Club	Community Club	Rosenberg
Missouri City 4-H Club	Community Club	Missouri City
Missouri City Shooting Sports	Shooting Sports	Missouri City
Needville 4-H	Community Club	Needville
Orchard 4-H	Community Club	Orchard
The Sharp Minds	Robotics	Katy
Wild West 4-H	Community Club	Richmond
Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA) Vet Science Clubs	Vet Science	Call or Email Us! 281-342-3034

See the full Club Listings on our website:

<https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/clubs/>

Livestock Events and Activities!

Fort Bend County Winter Extravaganza kicking off our New Year at the Needville Youth Fair

Livestock Judging Clinic at the Agrilife Conference Room at 6:30pm with Agent Damion

Calling all horse folks for lend their voices to the Horse Advisory Board (see flyer)

The first major show broilers orders are arriving Jan 10 (San Antonio) and Jan 24 (Houston).

Later this month is the Needville Winter Classic on Jan 26 at the Needville Youth Fair Grounds

Leadership opportunities coming soon for Senior 4-H'ers to serve as Livestock Ambassadors!

Livestock questions or comments? Contact Agent Damion at

Damion.Turner@ag.tamu.edu or call 281-342-3034



2019 Major Show Schedule

[Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo](#)Jan 18-Feb 9

[San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo](#)Feb 1-17

[San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo](#)Feb 7-24

[Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo](#) Feb 25-Mar 17

[Rodeo Austin](#) Mar 16-30



20 Belt Buckles / Prizes Class & Division Winners

WHERE: Needville Youth Fair Grounds
WHEN: January 4, 2019
CHECK IN: 4:30-6:00 pm
SHOWS Begin: 6:30 pm

(HAVE SUBSTITUTES READY FOR ANY LIVESTOCK SHOWING AT THE SAME TIME)

TWO SHOWS AT ONE TIME – RING A (cattle) RING B (sheep, goats, swine)

(\$20 per show/\$10 showmanship must enter by Jan 4th. Showmanship \$20 after Jan.4th)

*must show own animal except for Pee wee (7 and under)

SHOW ORDER IN RING A STARTING 6:30 PM Judge: Robert Hill

Heifers – Classes divided after Check in

(Grand Champion, Showmanship – Jr/Sr, Pee Wee Belt Buckles)

American, British, Exotic, Commercial Divisions in Heifers

STEERS- Classes divided after Check in

American, British, Exotic

(Grand Champion, Showmanship Jr/Sr, PeeWee Belt Buckles)

SHOW ORDER IN RING B STARTING 6:30 PM Judge: Rod Vincent

Sheep – Classes divided after check in

(Grand Champion, Showmanship – Jr/Sr, PeeWee Belt Buckles)

Goats – Classes divided after check in

(Grand Champion, Showmanship – Jr/Sr, PeeWee Belt Buckles)

Swine – Classes divided after Check in

Duroc, Hamp, York, OPB, Cross

(Grand Champion, Showmanship – Jr/Sr, PeeWee Belt Buckles)

Showmanship will be at the beginning of each division, order is Junior, Senior and PeeWee

For more information, please contact:

Michael Cooper at 713-560-8734 or Tricia Kaminski 713-252-0757

Email Entries and Questions: 4hadultleaders@gmail.com

Fort Bend County 4-H Horse Advisory Board

Fort Bend 4-H invites interested volunteers to join us as we work to develop 4-H youth horse programs.

Add your voice to the conversation to help identify needs around the county for youth horse workshops, activities, and events!

Want to know more about it?

Contact Damion Turner, Fort Bend County 4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent

Damion.Turner@ag.tamu.edu

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Needville Winter Classic

Progress Show

January 26, 2019

Needville Youth Fair Grounds

Presented by: Big Creek 4H & 4H Youth Pork Producers

Pigs – Steers – Heifers – Sheep - Goats

Early Registration - \$20 (Postmarked through January 15, 2019) Late Registration - \$25

PRIZES:

BUCKLES!!

GARMENT BAGS!!

BOOT BAGS!!

TACK!

Buckles for Breed/Division and Overall Champions

CHECK IN:

PIGS 5:30-6:30 AM (weight cards due by 6:30 a.m.)

Show starts at 7:30 /Ring B

(Pigs shown by Breed)

Duroc, Hampshire, OPB, Yorkshire, & Cross

CATTLE 5:30-6:30 AM (weight cards due by 7:00 a.m.)

Steers start at 8:30 AM /Ring A

Heifers will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Steer Show

(Cattle shown by Division)

Exotic, American, & English

SHEEP & GOATS 8:00-9:00 AM (weight cards due by 9:00 a.m.)

Lamb show starts tentatively 30 minutes after the conclusion of the pig show /Ring B. Goats to follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Lamb Show

SENIOR, JUNIOR, PEEWEE, & OLD TIMER SHOWMANSHIP - ALL SPECIES!!

For more information: Kristi 713.417.1517 or Tricia 713.252.0757

The event is not responsible for accident, injury or loss!

Follow us on **FACEBOOK!**

Needville Winter Classic Progress Show

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Name: _____

Grade in School: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact: (_____)_____-_____ Alternate Contact: (_____)_____-_____

Species - Circle and indicate number of entries:

Pigs (____) Steers (____) Heifers (____)
Sheep (____) Goats (____) Showmanship (____)

Total number of entries (__) x \$20 Early (or) \$25 Late \$_____

Mail paid entry to: Carol Bishop
10114 Chmelik Rd
Needville, Tx 77461

Follow us on **FACEBOOK!**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECIEVED: _____

CHECK NUMBER: _____

CASH: _____

NOTES:



Fort Bend 4-H Youth Photography Workshop

**Prep for the New & Improved Fort Bend
County Photography Contest.**

Date : Saturday January 12, 2019

Time : 9:00am - 12:00pm

**WHERE : Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Office
1402 Band Rd Ste 100
Rosenberg, TX 77471**

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST : FREE

**For more information & to register click the link
below :**

**[https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/event/4-
h-photography-workshop/](https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/event/4-h-photography-workshop/)**

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Fort Bend 4-H County Photography Contest

Polish up those photography skills and get your photos ready for a public photography exhibition with the Fort Bend 4-H County Photography Contest!

Open to all Fort Bend 4-H divisions including Clover Kids. First Place photos in the Senior Division will qualify to enter the State 4-H Photography Contest.

Entry fee is \$5 per contestant (one photo per category, up to 15 total)

Deadline for submissions is Monday, February 18, 2019 by 5:00 pm.

Entries must be 8 x 10 inches, printed and mounted on a stiff backing with no frame or border. Label on the back with **First and Last Name, 4-H Division, and Category.**

Photo Categories for 2018-2019:

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| • Animals (domestic) | • Elements of Design | • People |
| • Animals (wildlife) | • Enhanced | • Plant/Flora |
| • Catch-all | • Food | • Sports |
| • Details & Macro | • Landscape & Nature | • Theme: Promote 4-H |
| • Dominant Color | • Motion/Action | • Travel |

Read the Full Contest Rules and Category Descriptions at:

<https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/photography-contest/>

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Saturday, January 12, 2019
455 TX-75, Huntsville, TX 77320
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Exact registration and game time slots
announced week of event

INVITATIONAL QUIZ BOWL

- Junior (3rd - 8th graders) and Senior (9th - 12th graders) Divisions
- We will follow the new set of Quiz Bowl Rules (released July 2018)
- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List
- Cost \$40/ team. Register as a team online through 4-H Connect no later than Monday, January 7th. (\$60 on-site). Registration opens December 1st
- FFA Members and Parents: enter online using 4-H Connect (4-H Membership Not Required - Select Custom from the drop down menu)
- 4-H Members and Parents: Enter through 4-H Connect using your 4-H enrollment account (Adult/ Volunteer Leader must submit)



BEEF, HORSE, SWINE, & FOOD AND NUTRITION

Visa Gift Card to the 1st Place winning Jr. & Sr. teams
of each of the four categories.

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D9 WINTER MEETING

JOIN US FOR TONS OF FUN GAMES,
LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AND A PIZZA
DINNER!

\$5 AT THE DOOR FOR PIZZA!

JANUARY 12, 2019 5PM-7:30PM



Walker County Storm Shelter,
455 TX 75, Huntsville, Texas

District 9 Archery Contest

January 25-26, 2019

Somerville, TX

4-H Connect Registration
December 15th - January 9th

\$15.00 per contestant

*Late entries will be accepted through
January 13th - \$40.00/contestant



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Mission Possible Mentors

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June 30-July 3, 2019

Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



Youth who have completed 8th-12th grade in June 2019

Apply online at:

texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

Click on "Camps"

"Mission Possible Mentor Service Learning Project"

Questions?

carl.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Applications will be
accepted thru
March 19, 2019

Mentors will be
notified by April 2nd.

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D-5 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Training

Disciplines: Archery, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun

Dates:	Friday evening, January 25—Saturday, January 26, registration and dinner at 5pm Friday evening with training immediately following. Training will continue Saturday beginning at 8 am.
Location:	First Baptist Church 319 Main St. Newton, TX 75966
Registration:	Opens December 1st on 4-H Connect.. All registrants must be enrolled as 4-H adult volunteers on 4-H Connect and have a current Youth Protection background check. Cost is \$120 which includes meals and 4-H Curriculum.
Registration Deadline:	January 10, 2019
Training:	Training will include classroom education and live firing exercises covering shooting and coaching principles, curriculum training, 4-H basics and more.
Lodging:	Lodging is on your own. Jasper, TX is only 15 miles away and has several hotels. Holiday Inn Express has offered a rate of \$112.95 if you tell them you are with Newton 4-H, but there are other hotels available.

Cathy Pearson
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Newton County
409-379-4831
Cathy.pearson@ag.tamu.edu





National 4-H Conference

*Applications
now open!*



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Registration
opening soon.

Save the Date

2019 4-H Day at the Capitol

March 14, 2019





2019 4-H Outdoor Challenge Save the Date

What: The 4-H Outdoor Challenge is a contest consisting of 10 activities set up for teams of two to compete within their age division. The activities could cover basic skills and knowledge in outdoor safety, outdoor skills, swimming, paddling, shooting, wildlife and habitat, biologist skills, fishing, first aid, outdoor gear consumer education, off road bicycling, and climbing.

When: June 26-28, 2019

Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood

Who: 4-H members of all ages are eligible to prepare and participate. Participants will compete in a team of two within 4-H age divisions. All participants must have training and experience in all activities posted for the current year's event. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.

Registration:

Contest – 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>), April 15-May 19, 2019; Participation is limited to the first 50 full teams that register. Registration will be \$50/participant.

Lodging & Meals – Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> during same timeframe as Contest Registration.

More Details: General information can currently be found in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>. The 2019 Outdoor Challenge specific details such as the 10 activities in the event and registration dates will be posted in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement, also posted on the same webpage in January of 2019.



Interested? Contact our Fort Bend Horticulture Agent
Boone Holladay at Boone.Holladay@ag.tamu.edu

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2019 TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline Sunday, February 3, 2019

Submit Electronically via Texas 4H CONNECT :
Event : State – 2019 Beekeeping Essay Contest



Winners will be announced the week of February 18, 2019

The 2019 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year's topic is **"Honey Varietals, State to State"**

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. **Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.**

In your essay, please **include a photo of the varietal's flower**, an **interview with a local beekeeper** who collects this varietal and a **recipe that highlights the varietal**.

An essential judging criterion is the scope of research you put forth in developing the ideas behind your essay—accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.



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TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AWARDS:

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners from Texas 4-H:

- 1st Place: \$100.00
- 2nd Place: \$75.00
- 3rd Place: \$50.00

Texas 4-H Contest Sponsored by : A complete list of sponsors will be sent to participants for thank you purposes by February 22, 2019.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners for National:

- 1st Place: \$750.00
- 2nd Place: \$500.00
- 3rd Place: \$250.00

National Contest Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

TEXAS CONTEST RULES:

This contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Previous Texas winners are eligible to enter the 2019 contest, as long as they have not placed first, second, or third at the national level in the past.

Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay)

- Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.
- Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words.
- All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a “resources” or “bibliography” list.
- Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.
- On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the author including mailing address, email address and telephone number.
- Essay must be submitted online via Texas 4-H Connect by midnight **Sunday, February 3, 2019**

NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION: <https://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays>

- Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
- Deadline by states for National Submission is **March 1, 2019**.
- National Winners will be announced by the **week of May 6, 2019**.
- All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.
- The National winners' essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation's Newsletter.
- Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.



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