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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We are pleased your family has decided to join the fun and exciting 4-H program in Montgomery County. As County Extension Agents working within the 4-H program, we want to welcome you and let you know what our program is all about. First of all, Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

4-H is the youth development arm of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Texas 4-H has a mission to develop youth and adults, utilizing research-based information in creative, diverse, hands-on educational environments. 4-H maximizes each individual's potential through unique partnerships of youth, volunteers, university faculty and community supporters, resulting in exciting and innovative experiences which produce capable citizens to lead us into tomorrow. To accomplish these goals, 4-H members are offered many different chances during the year to participate in a variety of projects and activities. Many of these will be explained in this handbook.

Another vital portion of the 4-H program are volunteer leaders. Without these individuals the program would not be possible. Volunteers deliver the 4-H program directly to the youth and guide them through project work. We encourage all parents to become actively involved as a volunteer leader.

After reviewing this handbook, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office, your local club manager, or project leader if you have any further questions. Many questions will be answered as you complete your first year of 4-H and become actively involved.

Sincerely,

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H FACTS!!**

\*\* 20 organized 4-H groups throughout the county

\*\* About 700 4-H members in these groups

\*\* Around 200 Volunteers involved

\*\* Continuous recognition of members and leaders

\*\* Traditional and Non-traditional projects offered

**County sponsored 4-H programs & activities**

\* Roundup (event with multiple contests)

\* Share the Fun (Talent Contest)

\* Public Speaking

\* Fashion Story Board, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle

\* Food Show, Food Challenge

\* Horse Show

\* Judging Teams - Livestock, and Horse

\* 4-H Record Book Evaluations

\* Gold Star, I Dare You, Silver Star, and Bronze Star Awards

\* Robotics

\* County wide Project Workshops, Clinics, Training, Etc.

\* County 4-H Council

\* Volunteer Leader Trainings

\* Monthly 4-H FOCUS Newsletter

\* Shooting Sports

\* County Fair and Major Show Involvement

\* Scholarships

\* Summer Activities

\* Officer Training

\* Science Research Poster Contest

\* Dog Care and Training and Show

**District Level Events & Programs**

\* Big Time D9 Roundup (a roundup of contests)

\* Horse Show

\* 4-H Record Books

\* Fashion Story Board, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle

\* Food Show, Food Challenge

\* Leadership Lab

\* Robotics

\* Shooting Sports Contests

\* District 4-H Council

\* Food Show

\* Fashion Show

\* Adult Leader Trainings

\* Judging Contests

\* Jr. Leadership Lab

**State Level Events & Programs**

\* State 4-H Roundup

\* Robotics

\* 4-H Record Books

\* Fashion Story Board, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle

\* Food Show, Food Challenge

\* Judging Contests

\* Horse Show

\* Dog Show

\* Youth Range Camp

\* Roping School

\* Summer Camps

\* Forestry Invitational

\* Scholarships

These are only a few of the many opportunities offered to 4-H members.

Call and find out about the 4-H club nearest you.

**4-H EMBLEM, MOTTO, PLEDGE, AND SLOGAN**

The 4-H club emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four "H's" stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Leaves of the clover are green and the "H's" are white. The white is for purity. Green is nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life, and growth.

**The four H's represent the 4-square development of:**

**HEAD** - To help you learn new and better ways of doing things

**HEART** - To help you develop ideals and standards for living in society

**HANDS** - To give you the opportunity to develop useful skills and to apply them

**HEALTH** - To help you develop habits of good health

**4-H MOTTO**

"To Make the Best Better"



**4-H 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,

My Health to better living,

for my club, my community,

my country, and my world.”

**4-H Creed**

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **HEAD** for the power it will give me to think, to plan, and to reason.

I believe in the training of my **HEART** for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my **HANDS** for the ability it will give me to helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my **HEALTH** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

**4-H Member Bill of Rights**

All 4-H members have these rights:

☞ To participated in 4-H programs and events

☞ To learn through experience (hands on learning)

☞ To use 4-H educational materials for their intended use

☞ To choose their own projects and interests

☞ To feel respected

☞ To Feel safe physically and emotionally

☞ To privacy

☞ To voice opinions and make decisions and participate in a democratic process.

**4-H PROJECTS**

4-H projects are specific areas of study, such as training pets, learning to take photographs, growing plants or making clothing. The project consists of at least six hours of learning time and provides in-depth learning experiences for the member. About 40 projects are available with written project materials from Texas A&M University. However, there are unlimited self-directed projects we can help you develop.

A member may participate in one or more projects each year. The 4-H leader should help the member choose projects carefully and realistically, so that the member is setting reachable goals. Here is a partial list of projects from which to choose.

Consumer Education Leadership

Horse

Health and Personal Safety

Natural Resources

Wildlife and Fisheries

Fashion and Interior Design

Photography & Videography

Public Speaking

Veterinary Science

Dog Care & Training

Junior Master Gardener

Horticulture

Livestock

Community Service

Robotics

Entomology

Foods & Nutrition

Shooting Sports

Citizenship

Science, Engineering, Technology & Math

Sportfishing

**What does 4-H cost?**

There is a $25 annual enrollment fee if enrollment is completed prior to October 31. It is $30 after this date. This is done on-line on 4-H ONLINE. 4-H Focus Newsletter will be available on the 4-H web page with notice emailed to enrolled families. The project costs vary depending upon the project chosen. A member enrolled in the foods and nutrition project might use supplies from around the home to practice the skills being learned. A member who buys and raises a horse can expect to invest thousands of dollars. Keep costs in mind as you select your projects. The project must be realistic to your family's situation.

**Are 4-Hers expected to do their own project work?**

Yes, with the guidance of an adult. 4-H is a "learning by doing"" program. Adults may show the member how, but members are expected to learn how to do things themselves. 4-H members may also conduct some project work in groups. Working in groups can be fun, and the members get the experience of helping each other. But most projects call for some work to be done by the individual member, and each member should be learning to do things for themselves.

**Self-determined projects-**

Projects are not limited by the materials available from 4-H. For example, a member may be interested in model airplanes. Members should discuss such projects with their leaders or the County Extension Agent. Together you can create a program with steps and goals that will make learning about the project fun. The 4-H member must be prepared to report on the progress and to record

his or her accomplishments.

**ALL ABOUT 4-H**

**TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

**What Is 4-H?**

4-H is a youth program that helps young people learn new things through learning-to-do projects. Did you know that 4-H is the youth phase of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service? Most 4-H competition is divided into 3 age divisions based on their grade for the current year:

Start at 8 years old by August 31st and in 3rd Grade.

l. Junior - Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th

2. Intermediate - Grades 6th, 7th, 8th

3. Senior - Grades 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th

Finish at graduation or 18 years old

**What does a 4-H Club Do?**

4-H members join together in an organization called a 4-H club. It elects its own officers and conducts its own business. The club group usually has a president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, reporter and may have a historian or parliamentarian.

The club has a business meeting on a regular basis with an annual plan for their programs. Club meetings are set the same day of the week each month unless changes are required due to holidays or facilities. (Exp. Third Monday, second Thursday, etc.) At this meeting, the group discusses business and makes plans for activities, fund raisers, community service, etc.. In addition, each meeting should include some kind of educational program. The program can be demonstrations or talks by members, parents or resource persons, or anything else which interests the group. There should also be some recreation.

**What Can Parents Do To Help?**

Good youth development programs do not just happen. It takes the combined effort of parents and volunteers along with the guidance of Extension Youth Development professionals to establish a good 4-H program.

In 4-H we have a team...a 4-H team which contributes to the ultimate development 4-H members. On this team are the parents who become partners of the team. If this 4-H team is to be successful, then the parents must become "regular players," not "bench warmers."



**How Can Parents Accomplish This?**

1. Learn what 4-H is all about (purposes, objectives, etc.).

2. Exhibit a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in

your child.

3. Encourage participation in 4-H activities. Participation stimulates interest and enthusiasm.

4. Assist your child in selecting a project they like, a project that they have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish facilities, financing, needed materials and guidance.

5. Provide encouragement and help in their project work with record keeping, demonstrations, judging and completion of attempted work and leadership responsibilities.

6. Provide transportation for members to local club meetings and to county events and activities.

7. Attend club meetings with your child. Some clubs require that at least one parent attend.

8. Get informed about "what's going on" and continue to stay informed. This can be accomplished by reading the 4-H Focus newsletter thoroughly.

 9. Provide a meeting place for a project group. Assist leaders and club by providing refreshments or other help.

**How Do You Learn New Things?**

4-H'ers learn new things by taking an **active** part in 4-H. There are many projects and activities in which 4-H'ers can participate. Here is a list of just a few of them, along with some words you need to know.

**ORGANIZATIONAL TERMS**

**Community 4-H Club** - One delivery method of the 4-H program, a Community 4-H Club is focused on a geographic area and offers multiple project based on the interests of the 4-H members in the club. While there are not boundaries set for individual club, most members live close to the meeting location.

**Project 4-H Club** - One delivery method of the 4-H program, a Project 4-H Club is focused on a specific project.

**Community Service Projects -** Activities conducted by individual 4-H'ers, project groups or an entire 4-H club that help the community. Service is done for an organization outside of 4-H.

**County Extension Agent -** An employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service who specializes in either Agriculture, Family Community Health, 4-H Youth Development, Natural Resources or Horticulture.

**Club Manager -** An adult volunteer who gives leadership to the overall organization and management of the local 4-H club.

**Eligibility-** Because Texas Education Agency recognizes 4-H as a legitimate extracurricular organization, 4-H must abide by all of the rules of Texas Education Code. This means that a 4-H member must be passing all subjects in order to participate in competitive 4-H events. This rule applies even if the event is on a weekend or holiday and does not require an absence from school. "Eligibility Forms" must be obtained from the 4-H Office, completed by the school, and returned to the 4-H Office one week prior to the event. One Eligibility Form is required for each event. If the event occurs over multiple days it is considered one event. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to complete an Eligibility Form.

**Fundraising -** Each year the Montgomery County 4-H Office conducts a 4-H Pecan Sale for the raising of funds to provide programs, events, and activities for all 4-H members. All 4-H families are encouraged to participate in this countywide effort. In addition, each 4-H club raises its own money by having car washes, bake sales, product and candy sales, etc.

**Project Leaders -** An adult volunteer who provides learning experiences, personal guidance and counseling for members enrolled in their project by conducting project meetings.

**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**COUNTY LEVEL**

**County Council** - A County 4-H group made of at least two delegates from each club. Any 4-H member is welcome to attend. Council meets monthly on the 4th Monday and plans county wide events, community service projects and educational activities.

**Foods & Nutrition Project -** Begins in the Fall with a leader training. After 4-H'ers complete 6 project lessons and decide on a tasty dish to make, the final test occurs in March at County 4-H Food Show during Roundup or put a team together for Food Challenge. (See contests) First through third place advance to District.

**Fashion and Interior Design Projects -** Begin in the late Fall and ends in March with the County 4-H Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle and Fashion Storyboard at Roundup. Project meetings may focus on construction of garments or on the purchasing of quality items. Types of fabric and care of items is usually included. (See contests) First Place though third place members advance to District.

**Leader Training -** An event conducted by the county agent, specialist, or other resource person for the purpose of providing volunteer leaders with research-based subject matters.

**Leadership Team Training** - Training offered in August designed for 4-H Club Officers and Managers to learn responsibilities of their office along with recreation ideas for club meetings, parliamentary procedure and what a 4-H club meeting should look like.

**National 4-H Week -** Held the first week in October to officially recognize 4-H members, leaders and donors across the U.S. 4-H clubs in Montgomery Co. plan special events and activities to celebrate this special time.

**Record Books -** 4-H'ers learn to keep good records for all of their 4-H projects and their leadership and community service by completing a record book. Completing a record book annually helps the 4-H member build a resume for future college, scholarship and job applications. Training is given to all parents, leaders, and 4-H'ers in April. County competition begins in June. Winners advance on to district and state competition.

**4-H Focus -** the Montgomery County 4-H newsletter published every other month including information about events and activities available to members. It is available on the web site <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> under “Newsletters”. Families with current e-mail addresses receive notification of a new issue.

**4-H Awards Program -** Each 4-H club is responsible for conducting its own recognition event for the award winners. A county 4-H awards program is held in August to recognize record book completion and top award winners including, but not limited to:

✔ Gold Star

✔ I Dare You

✔ Bronze Star

✔ Silver Star

✔ Secretary Award

✔ Unsung Hero

✔ Agriculture Awards

✔ Family & Consumer Sciences Awards

✔ Non-Traditional Awards

✔ Outstanding 4-H Leader

Most of these awards are based on information from record books.

**DISTRICT LEVEL**

**District 4-H Leadership Labs-** District Leadership Labs are held each year - in the Fall for intermediate age members (6th - 8th grades) and in June for Seniors (9th - 12th grades). Both labs have educational sessions which focus on leadership skills, team building, group leadership and recreation. Lots of fun is built into these days too. County 4-H Program pays for at least half of the registration.

**STATE LEVEL**

**Ambassador Training** - best spokespersons for the 4-H program are capable, older 4-H members. Nothing sells the program better than 4-H members doing excellent work where the public and key people can see, hear and examine what they are doing. Ambassador Training formalizes this concept and teaches senior 4-H members the skills they need to promote the 4-H program in a positive manner. Held at Texas 4-H Center.

**Texas 4-H Center Camps** – The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood hosts a wide variety of camps for youth of all ages. For a detailed list go to <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

**Texas 4-H Congress -** A 4 day mock legislative session for 4-H members ages 15 to 18. Members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. Bills that are signed into law during the Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the office of the Governor for review. There have been Texas 4-H Congress bills that have passed the Texas Legislature!

**CONTESTS**

(See State 4-H Roundup Guide for a complete list)

**Consumer Decision Making** - CDM is a judging contest where members study classes such as blue jeans, IRAs, cars, light bulbs, toothpaste, etc. Based on what they learn about these classes, they place a class of 4 brands/types of the item using a given scenario. A contest usually consists of 8 classes and one or two sets of oral reasons.

**County 4-H Roundup -** This event is a “Roundup” of contests where you perform your Educational Presentation, Share-The-Fun, Public Speaking presentation among numerous others. You can also investigate a variety of contests like Consumer Decision Making, Wildlife Challenge, Agriculture Product Identification just to name a few. County Roundup is a review to participate at Big Time D9 District Roundup where Senior members can qualify for State 4-H Roundup.

**Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Contest** - While following and learning the scientific method, 4-H members can develop another life skill in the field of science. The set up of the contest is very similar to a school science fair. This contest is designed to help youth identify a question or problem, then focus learning and solving the problem using the scientific method in several project areas: The daily 4-H Project work can be used to inspire independent discovery on a topic of interest to the member. Topics can cover any field as long as it is research oriented and may include humanities or social sciences that meet the research criteria. The County Extension Agent or their designee will document and certify all projects.

**Duds to Dazzle** - 4-H members demonstrate their ability to create a new product out of an existing item using only their sewing kit, the supply closet and their previous sewing and design skills. Teams of 3-5 members complete the task and make a presentation to a judging panel including project description, construction of item, knowledge and general care of fabric used, safety, intended buyer and possible selling price of new item.

**Educational Presentation** - A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills in a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be just speaking and convincing, or simply educating with only words (public speaking). Up to five members on the team and 12 minutes to talk.

**Fashion Show** 4-H'ers may sew a garment (construction) or they may model ready-to-wear clothing (buying contest). Fashion Show judges select winners based on garment, interview, paperwork, project activities and modeling. First through third place advance to district. Seniors may advance to the State 4-H Fashion Show. Not related to Montgomery County Fair non-livestock shows.

**Fashion Storyboard** - The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as, additional materials that have influenced the unique design. There is no interview or other entry paperwork associated with this contest. Submitting your digital storyboard is your entry.

**Food Challenge** - 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills. From a set of predetermined ingredients provided, teams of 3 to 5 4-H members must develop a recipe, prepare the dish, and clean their station within 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel explaining the preparation steps, serving size, food safety concerns, nutrition value and cost of the dish. There is no entry paperwork associated with this contest.

**Food Show** - After your project activities, you will complete paperwork to enter the 4-H Food Show. Here your entry, your paperwork and your interview are judged. The first through third place winners advance to further competition at the district level and senior winners to the State 4-H Food Show. This contest is NOT related to Montgomery County Fair non-livestock shows.

**Leaders 4 Life** – The Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-Thon is a competition to challenge teams in their leadership skills, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and service learning activities. County 4-H Councils, 4-H Club officers, or any leadership team will be trained on a variety of leadership topics and in-depth parliamentary procedure. The contest involves 4 components: a Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration, a Question-and-Answer Session, and a Community Service Interpretation Piece. Leaders 4 Life is also designed as a program that can be used at 4-H Club Meetings and at County Council to teach parliamentary procedure in a fun and easy to understand way. Clubs are encouraged to utilize Leaders 4 Life as an active learning tool.

**Public Speaking** - a member presents a 5 to 7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentations. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet specific to the Public Speaking Contest.

**Share-the-Fun -** This 4-H "talent show" provides a chance to develop talent, leadership and confidence, as well as wholesome recreation. 4-H members compete as groups or individuals in a variety of categories. 4-H'ers also serve as stage hands, crew, etc. A fun activity for both the performers and audience. Up to 9 members.

**Montgomery County Fair Projects -** Animal projects include steers, barrows, lambs, rabbits, broilers, turkeys, colts and replacement heifers. The non-livestock divisions include homemaking, (cakes, decorated cakes, cookies, candies, pies, breads, etc.) handicrafts, needlecrafts, fine arts, horticulture, photography & Special Education Shows.

**4-H PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR**

In order to process orders, entries, etc. and to best serve our membership, the Montgomery County 4-H Office has set forth the following guidelines related to the Montgomery County Fair. These guidelines are eligibility guidelines of Montgomery County 4-H and are not rules administered by the Montgomery County Fair Association. Additional guidelines are found in the "General Rules and Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows," and "General Rules for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows" sections of the current Montgomery County Fair catalog.

Complete rules can be found at [www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org) under rules and regulations.

**Failure to adhere to 4-H Office deadlines and requirements will result in order, entry, etc. not being processed. All Fair entries are submitted online. Confirm entry dates with your club manager.**

**1.** **4-H Membership:** Have completed the 4-H enrollment online through Texas 4-H Connect and be an approved, active 4-H member. The official 4-H year begins September 1, however youth may join at a 4-H club meeting to compete in one of the shows at the county fair NO LATER than November.

**EXCEPTION:** **Montgomery County Fair Rule: “Enrolled 4-H members must attend a minimum of 50% of the local 4-H Club Meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.”** Regular 4-H club meetings are held on a monthly basis. This means if you wait until December to enroll, you MUST attend December, January and February meetings or you are ineligible.

**2.** **Entry Deadline**: Fair entries are submitted online through their entry system during their designated entry dates. Deadlines are necessary in order to allow time to properly process and verify for accuracy the large number of orders, entries, etc. received.

**All livestock exhibitors must have Quality Counts Verification for livestock projects.**

**See 4-H Focus and Weekly 4-H Update email for details. You must get 80% to pass and print a Certificate with a number. This number will need to be put on your entry card at the time of entry. After you have taken it for the first time, you will need to retake it when you become an Intermediate member (enter 6th grade) and again when you become a Senior member (enter 9th grade).**

**3.** **4-H Entry procedure** shall consist of the following:

Montgomery County Fair sets entry dates. All entries, with the exception of Ag Mechanics, are done through the Fairs online entry system. (www.mcfa.org)

Managers shall inform members of these dates. They do not submit entries for members.

The Fair provides an online step-by-step entry guide to help with the process.

Everyone registers as a new exhibitor.

Finalized entries cannot be edited once submitted, nor can they be canceled!

Late entries will not be accepted.

Once all entries are confirmed by the Fair Office, Exhibitors submit an Indemnity Form to their 4-H Club Manager. These forms are delivered to the Fair Office when Exhibitor Packets are picked up by your Club Manager to distribute to participants. Exhibitor packets will include, but not limited to, Fair passes, parking pass, required drug form, and required indemnity form.

Drug forms are collected on the day the project is checked in by the Montgomery County Fair Association division chairmen. They ARE NOT sent to the 4-H Office in advance.

Drug Forms require signatures and notarization, be sure to have form completed prior to show day check-in.

**4.** 4-H is considered by the Texas Education Agency as an extra-curricular approved organization. Therefore, academic eligibility and/or authorization to receive an excused absence from school are checked and members are expected to comply with state law and school policy in regards to Texas Education Code.

**Academic Eligibility : It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to complete a Declaration of School Eligibility Form** and submit it to the 4-H Office prior to the fair, by the designated deadline set by the 4-H Office. Forms should be completed by the 4-H member, parents, and 4-H Office before being submitted to the school for approval. Those who do not complete and return a Declaration of Eligibility form to the 4-H Office will be reported to the Montgomery County Fair Association as ineligible to show.

It is the exhibitor's (livestock & non-livestock) responsibility to check with his/her own school officials to determine that school's policies and procedures regarding when academic eligibility and/or authorization to receive an excused absence from school is checked and to adhere to their school's policies as well. Each school has its own guidelines.

**5. 4-H Calf Scramble** Applicants: Submit 4-H scramble applications by February to 4-H Office along with a detailed map to their home. Declaration of School Eligibility forms will be due for all applicants. A personal interview may be required.

**4-H MEMBERSHIP**

Is open to all youth in Montgomery County ages 8 years old (as of September 1st of the current year) and in third grade through 18 years of age and in the 12th grade.

See County 4-H Calendar and 4-H Focus Newsletter

for specific dates of contests, activities, events and deadlines.

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