



September 2022

Montgomery County 4-H Focus

2022-2023 4-H YEAR

[4-H Online \(4honline.com\)](http://4honline.com)**WELCOME****NEW MEMBERS**

4-H enrollment officially starts August 15th. If you will be going into the 3rd grade, please wait until after Sept. 1 to enroll so the system doesn't consider you a Clover Kid.

Aug. 15-Oct. 31 yearly enrollment fee is \$30. Nov. 1st it will increase to \$35

WELCOME BACK!**RETURNING MEMBERS**

Each year starts with zero-enrollment so all returning member must reenroll; youth and adult members.

DO NOT create a new member profile. Log into your existing profile, update information, and pay the membership fee.

Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers are always needed.

**VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR
A LIFETIME.**

Adult volunteers are always needed to help grow our 4-H program. You can participate in a variety of ways.

Get enrolled as an approved Volunteer &
Find out now how you can help your club!

EXTRA, EXTRA ...READ ALL ABOUT IT**HOW DOES THE 4-H OFFICE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?**

weekly update emails, monthly 4-H Focus, County 4-H webpage & Facebook.

WEEKLY EMAILS: 4-H Weekly Update

these are sent weekly, typically every Friday, to the primary and secondary emails on the 4-H Connect account

4-H FOCUS:

multi-page newsletter that will be published on the county 4-H webpage and emailed the last week of each month.

Be sure to keep your 4-H Connect profile up-to-date so that you don't miss any important news!!!

**PHONE:** 936-539-7823**FAX:** 936-788-8394**ON THE WEB
County 4-H**

[agrilife.org/
montgomery4h](http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h)

Facebook:

[@4HMontgomeryCounty](https://www.facebook.com/4HMontgomeryCounty)

Twitter:

[@MontgomeryCo4H](https://twitter.com/MontgomeryCo4H)

Instagram:

[@Montcotx4H](https://www.instagram.com/Montcotx4H)

**County Extension
Service**

montgomery.agrilife.org

District

d94-h.tamu.edu

State

texas4-h.tamu.edu

Office Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 5:00pm

M. Michelle Mihalek
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Justin Saenz
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Jo Picken
4-H Program Assistant

Jennifer Derks
4-H Coordinator

TEXAS 4-H ONLINE: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE: <http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/>
DISTRICT 9 4-H: <http://d94-h.tamu.edu/>

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.

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council meetings are held the
4th Monday of the Month
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
(unless noted otherwise)

Club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend,
but are open to everyone!

Meeting Date:
September 26, 2022

Program Activity/Topic:
Safety Affecting youth w/
Constable Rowdy Hayden

Community Service Project:
Breakfast Bags for Meals on Wheels



Pecans

It's that time of year again.

This is the major source of income for the Montgomery County 4-H program. These funds go directly back to you in the form of educational programs, registration fees, and equipment and curriculum.

THE MORE YOU SALE, THE MORE YOU HAVE!!

****Members need to pick up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader.**

September - October is your time to sale pecans. ALL orders will be due back to your club's pecan leader at your October monthly club meeting unless your pecan leader has set up an alternate date/time.

****NO orders are to be turned directly in to the 4-H office.**

ALL orders must be given to the club's pecan leader!!

Once your club's order is turned into the 4-H Office, pre-sale orders cannot be added. Any orders after this will be late pre-sale at the increased price and turned in at pecan pickup.

Pre-Sale: \$12.00/lb 1lb packages halves or pieces

Post Pre-Sale: \$12.50/lb 1lb packages halves or pieces



COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPRECIATION (date change)

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

*thank
you*

The purpose of this event is to show our Commissioners & County Judge how much we appreciate their support of 4-H in Texas, and to showcase the highlights of the 4-H program in Montgomery County.

We will attend Commissioner's Court and present each Commissioner and the County Judge with a specially prepared basket filled with items donated by our clubs.

Each club is encouraged to contribute and donate 5 identical gift items for the baskets. Ideas include treats baked by the club's food & nutrition project members, mugs, candles, etc.

Please keep in mind our Commissioners' Court is made up of all male representatives.

These items need to be to the 4-H office by **Friday, September 16th.**

Volunteers—we also need volunteers (members & adults) to help present the baskets. If you would like to help out, please call the 4-H office to sign-up by **Friday, September 16th.**



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>



Livestock Validation refers to the multi-step process including ordering tags, attending validation, and submitting a show entry if you intend to show at any of the Major shows.

LAMB & GOAT Validation

TLBA tags must be in lambs Ears before it can be marked on the validation form.

Cost: \$25 per tag LATE orders due by 10/04/2022

VALIDATION

Date: October 24, 2022 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

HEIFER Validation

If you have not validated your heifer before, or if the heifer has been validated but has changed ownership, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name. 4-H members should bring the papers to the 4-H Office prior to validation so that they can be scanned.

Cost: \$17 per tag Orders Due by: 9/14/2022

VALIDATION

Date: October 25, 2022 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Cost: \$17 per tag Orders due by: 9/14/2022

Cost: \$20 per tag Orders due by: 10/04/2022

VALIDATION

Date: November 29, 2022 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

**Major Show Entry Day/Night for Spring 2023 Shows
 November 6 & 7, 2022
 Sign-up Genius link will be sent**

Spring 2023 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 13-Feb. 04, 2023
San Antonio	Feb. 9-26, 2023
San Angelo	to be confirmed
Houston	Feb.28-March 19, 2023
Rodeo Austin	March 3-25, 2023



All Livestock exhibitors are required to complete the education module and test.

Link:

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

If you changed age divisions, you will need to complete the age appropriate testing.

Don't know your QC#, call the 4-H office.



POULTRY

San Antonio - Houston - Rodeo Austin

BROILER orders

Orders will be due September 15, 2022

Each show will have a separate order. You will be ordering birds for each show and not birds for all 3 shows. Please contact the 4-H office if you need more clarification.

Order forms can be obtained from the 4-H office or online at:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/major-shows/>

Major Show Calf Scramble

If you would like to participate in a Calf Scramble at one of the major livestock shows this Spring, please complete and submit the Major Show Calf Scramble Application.

Applications DUE to the 4-H office by September 15, 2022

This application will allow us to contact interested parties when the registration forms for each of the shows becomes available.

The application form can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/major-shows/>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

March 24 - April 2, 2023

www.mcfa.org

- Make sure you have reviewed the rule book for any projects you plan to participate in the Fair.
- 4-H members are required to attend 50% of their monthly club meetings between September and February. Meeting attendance is required to be from your primary club community meetings. Not from project meetings or a combination of primary and secondary club meetings.
- Academic eligibility will be required to participate. Substitute showmen are not allowed if an exhibitor is ineligible to participate due to grades.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Youth Gardening Program 101

What is it?

How do I get started?

Join us for this project information meeting.

When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Where: The Extension Office

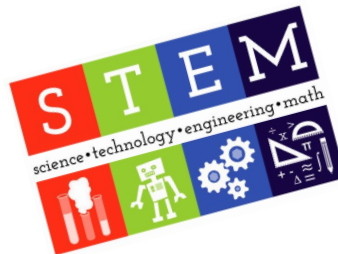
Growing kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through gardening education

Bring A Friend

Anyone can participate in the 101 meeting

RSVP by 9/28/22 required:

<https://forms.gle/euMCvxsdAGvNqDTL8>



STEM & Robotics Info. Meeting

When: Sept. 22, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Where: The Extension Ofc.

robotics, computers, alternative energy, engineering, and agri-science

- What are these projects?
- How do I participate?

If you have these questions mark your calendar & join us to have all your questions answered.

RSVP by 9/20/22 required:

<https://forms.gle/wsFiNRiY9xsxwLkU9>

Robotics



Project Highlight

Horse project

Horse Judging

No horse, No problem!! Learn to be the judge of a horse show. You will learn horse anatomy, characteristics, and understanding of scoring a horse in competition.

If you are interested, contact: Judy Skelton -- jjskelton@yahoo.com

Horse Shows

To qualify for the **County 4-H Horse Show** you must participate in at least 2 County 4-H practice shows and one other event; either another Montgomery County 4-H practice show or a Montgomery County 4-H Horseman-ship clinic.

Negative Coggins is required.

Practice Shows - TBA



You can participate in any 4-H project by being a part of any of our County Community 4-H clubs.

Just because a club does not currently have active members in a specific project area; it doesn't mean that no one will get interested in it.



4-H Explore Guides

Each guide has been developed to support volunteers, Agents, and even 4-H members in leading project experiences.

Check out the available project guides to get a better understanding of what a specific project is.
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/>

UPcoming EVENTS

DATE: TIME: LOCATION: EVENT:

OCTOBER 2022

- 10/02-10/08



- 10/08



- 10/04 <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/4-h-validation/> VALIDATION - late orders DUE
- 10/04 4-7pm Mont. Co. Fairgrounds Mont. Co. Fair replacement heifer tag-in
- 10/07 by 3pm Fair Office Mont. Co. Fair Queen applications DUE
- 10/11 4-7PM Mont. Co. Fairgrounds Mont. Co. Filly & Gelding tag-in
- 10/16 TBA TBA Horse Project clinic/practice show
- 10/20 CLUB PECAN ORDERS DUE
- 10/24 Major Show Heifer Validation
- 10/25 *must have ordered UIN's and signed up on the sign up genius link Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation
- 10/27 TBA The Extension Office Record Keeping Training

THANK YOU!

In case you didn't know or just need a reminder:
ALL of our club managers and assistant managers are volunteers.
They volunteer their personal time to help the 4-H program. Without our
volunteers, our program would not be what it is.
Take a moment to say

4-H Member Yard Signs \$5

If you have special needs for any of the programs offered at the County or District level, please give us a least five days' notice.
We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.