

Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates July 14-July 21, 2023

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm

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Important Dates

July 2023

7/18	Beginners Crochet Class #1
7/18	4-H Club Manager training
7/20	Beginners Crochet Class #2
7/21	Beginners Crochet Class #3

7/27 Turkey orders due for county fair and major shows

August 2023

8/10	Fall Major Show Entry Night 5-7 p.m. at the Extension Office
8/15	2023-24 Enrollment Opens in 4honline
8/15	County Awards Banquet
8/26	County Leadership Training

Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also



The crochet class is now full, but if you are interested, please call the office and we can put you on a wait list if someone cancels. The crochet class series starts July 18th. This series of classes are beginner friendly, even if you don't know how to

crochet. You will be instructed on the basic skills and foundations of crochet, with the goal to make granny squares. Crochet yarn, needles, and patterns will be provided for you. This is a 3-part class.



Turkey Orders for Montgomery County Fair and Major Shows

If you want to show a turkey in 2024, this is the **one** time order for turkeys. The form is available at https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/. We ask members to order in multiples of 5. 10-15 birds is recommended per show you will be enering. The turkeys will be \$4.75 per bird. Delivery will be the first two weeks of November. **TURKEY ORDERS** for major shows and Montgomery County Fair will be due to the County Extension Office on **July 27, 2023.**

Fall Major Show Entry Night

Entry day for State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas, and East Texas State Fair will be **August 10**, **from 5:00-7:00 pm.** Everybody planning to participate at any of the Fall Major Shows livestock or non-livestock events, **MUST submit an entry on this day.** A signup genius will be emailed out. Please sign up for a time.

**Quality Counts must be completed/updated if participating at State Fair of Texas.

*See attached list of Non-Livestock opportunities at the Fall Major Shows.

<u>Fashion and Interior Design Leadership Opportunity</u>

We have fabric to make tablecloths and we need someone to hem them by July 20th. You can schedule a time to come to the office or you may take it home to work on. Email Michelle if you are interested mmmihalek@ag.tamu.edu



ATTENTION: Quality Counts will be undergoing platform maintenance in July. Learners are encouraged to wait until the update is released to enroll to avoid disruption.

If you are currently enrolled, or will be enrolling in June or early July, you MUST complete the course AND exam by July 21.

Learners who do not complete the quiz by this time will be required to re-enroll and retake the course in order to receive their Quality Counts number. After maintenance is complete, a more detailed timeline will be made available.

Exhibitors must be verified once as a junior (grades 3-5), once as an intermediate (grades 6-8) and once as a senior (grades 9-12).



District record book judging was July 13th. Any Senior books advancing to state will be notified this week so that you can make changes before the state record book judging. All books will need to be uploaded by July 31st.



Save the Date

The county awards banquet will be August 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center. The individuals that completed a record book, club books, and award applications will receive an invitation and tickets in the mail. Everyone is invited and tickets will be available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$10 each.

Enrollment



The new 4-H year officially begins on September 1, 2023. Enrollment will open and begin on August 15, 2023.

Each year starts out with zero-enrollment. This means all 4-H members, whether new or returning, must complete their enrollment through 4-H Online to become an active 4-H member.

Returning members do not complete a new profile. You log into your existing profile, update all info, and pay the participation fee. Duplicate profiles will get deleted. Enroll as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any weekly update emails.

If you are 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade, WAIT until September 1st to complete enrollment, so you are not registered as a CLover Kid.

Texas 4-H Connect: https://texas.4honline.com Enrollment will begin on August 15, 2023

Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers or adults who wish to attend District or State trainings will create/update their profile and pay a yearly \$10 fee (this helps cover the cost of background screenings).

If you have volunteered as a club manager, assistant manager, or a project leader you are required to complete the volunteer enrollment. Please be sure to do this as soon as enrollment opens on Aug. 15th. Not doing so could hinder your ability to participate in select trainings or events. Volunteers enroll the same way 4-H members complete their enrollment.

TX 4-H AMBASSADOR Programs

For motivated individuals who seek to become a leader, mentor, and teacher, inspiring positive change in their community. Ambassador programs strive to provide 4-H members the opportunity to develop & practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth.

TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADORS - TEXAS 4-H (TAMU.EDU) Available Ambassador Programs

- Fashion & Interior Design
- Livestock
- Equine
- Healthy TX Youth
- Water
- Photography
- Shooting Sports
- STEM

STEM Ambassador applications

July 1-31st applications accepted

Info video:

https://www.youtube.com/watchv=J_Qpolx2HI4

https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit

STEM Ambassador's mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork.