



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates August 11-18, 2023

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

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Important Dates

August 2023

- 8/15 2023-24 Enrollment Opens in 4h online
- 8/15 County Awards Banquet 6:30
- 8/19 Crochet Workshop 10am-12pm and/or 1-3pm (see below)
- 8/26 County Leadership Training 8:30-2
- 8/28 Horse Judging meet and greet 6:30 at the Extension Office

September 2023

- 9/1 Enrollment opens for 3rd graders on 4-H online
- 9/2 Junior Master Gardener informational meeting
- 9/4 Office closed for Labor Day
- 9/19 Lego Robotics Intro Meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Building
- 9/23 Project Linus workday 9-11am at the Extension Office
- 9/25 Donations for Commissioner's Court Appreciation due
County Council meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Building
- 9/26 4-H101 6-7 pm/Intro to STEM 7-8pm

*Pecan sales start. Pick up information from your club's pecan leader at your September club meeting.



Awards Banquet

The county awards banquet will be August 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center. Invitations have gone out to the individuals that completed a record book, a club book, and anyone who applied for an award.

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 \$12 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.

County Leadership Training

WHO?

- ✓ Club officers and their parents
- ✓ Club managers and assistant managers
- ✓ Project leaders
- AND-
- ✓ Any interested 4-H'er or volunteer

WHY?
LEADERSHIP
FUN
TEAM BUILDING

WHAT & WHEN?
LEADERSHIP
TEAM TRAINING
Saturday, August 26
8:30 am
County Fairgrounds
Call the office for more info.
(936)539-7823

Please RSVP by August 24th for leadership training.

<https://forms.gle/dRHRT8uxbdKRRrKS7>

Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2024 Major Show Validation Orders

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>

	Price	Due Date	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
Heifers	\$27	8/22	\$30	10/10	10/24
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$17	8/22	\$27	10/10	10/30
Swine	\$17	8/22	\$20	10/10	11/28

Actual validations are held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Each date will have a Sign Up Genius for selecting a time. Please see link above for further species specific details and use the linked Google forms there to order tags. Again, these are NOT for county fair, but major shows only.



HORSE JUDGING

The Montgomery County Horse Judging team will be hosting a meet and greet on August 28, 2023 at 6:30 in the Extension office. Come and see what horse judging is all about and the competitions you can participate in.

*Flyer attached

Crochet Workday



Date: August 19th

Time: 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Location: Extension Office

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/1iptBD58ah1pauuo8>

We will be having another crochet class on Saturday, August 19th. There will be two sessions. You are welcome to sign up for either one or both. We will break for lunch so if you are staying for both sessions, you may bring a sack lunch. Some crochet experience is preferred for these classes, but if you are interested and you are a beginner, please contact the office before signing up.





Youth Gardening Program 101

Join us for this project information meeting.

When: Saturday September 2nd

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Where: 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 required by 8/31/23

<https://forms.gle/ZM62jmnswX565Dpe9>



Quilts of Valor Sew Day Kick Off

Saturday, September 9th from 1-4 p.m. in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center we will be hosting sew day for Quilts of Valor. Teams of 1-3 Adult Leaders, County Agents, and Youth are invited. \$50 Supply fee covers instruction, fabric for 20 blocks, use of sewing machines, sewing tools, and refreshments.

Montgomery County 4-H Robotics Informational Meeting

September 19, 2023

7:00 pm in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center

RSVP required

<https://forms.gle/qmjyXwgQayn5aiSA6>

*Flyer attached



Project Linus Work Day

September 23, 2023

9-11 am

Montgomery County Extension Office

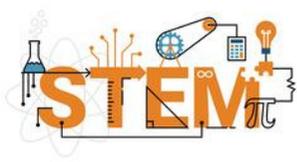
Please come and help us make blankets for Project Linus.

*If you have fabric scissors, please bring them.
Flyer attached.



4-H 101

New to 4-H? Starting a new 4-H club? What does 4-H have to offer? Where do I start? Come and get all of your questions answered September 26, 2023 from 6-7 pm in the Thomas LeRoy Education Building.



Interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math? Join us on September 26, 2023 from 7-8 pm to learn more about the 4-H STEM project.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 14th from 9:30-12:30 at the Extension office Connor Haines of the Montgomery County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will host a Solar Eclipse Viewing Event. Come learn about solar eclipses and how to safely view them.

*More information on attached flyer.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Eligibility forms, which you may have called tan forms or No Pass No Play, are **REQUIRED** for every event that mandates 4-H membership. This is true whether or not an excused absence is necessary = also true for weekend events. A separate form is needed for each event, but you can make a list and submit at once for all those which fall within a single grading period. If you have entered a major stock show or, later in the year, the county fair, you will not need to make this request. We automatically generate those.

We are switching over to an easier process for the 2023-24 year. Instead of phone calls or emails, place your request online at <https://forms.gle/LadR3ohSycgNs3Gx7>. If you are able to provide an email address for the individual who will be responsible for these on your campus and willing/able to send us a copy of your own signature, we will get this completed digitally. Given enough time, we can mail a hard copy to you or you may come by the office to physically pick it up. Before carrying these to campus, parents must sign the form. Upon

completion, those physical copies are returned to students, and you as a family are responsible for returning it to us. Our standard timeline is to have it on file a week before the event or competition. If you are in a time crunch, send a digital copy and follow that with the original. Forms will be generated on Mondays and Thursdays. (There is not an acceptable version of the eligibility form for Montgomery County 4-H'ers posted online anywhere.)

The first grading periods close for our public ISDs:

October 5 in Conroe, New Caney and Montgomery

October 6 in Magnolia and Splendora

October 20 in Willis