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Montgomery County 4-H Focus

Hello! 4-H Families

2023-2024 4-H YEAR

[4-H Online \(4honline.com\)](http://4honline.com)

We hope that your 4-H year has gotten off to a good start.

At this point every club has hosted their September club meeting, the 1st official club meeting of the 2022-2023 4-H year. We know lots of questions come up after this meeting and throughout the year regarding general 4-H info., project information, etc. 4-H is full of information and it can get confusing, whether you do or don't know exactly what to ask. Here are some **FAQ'S** that may help:

What is a 4-H club?

This is your group that you join and attend monthly 4-H business meetings with. You can join any club located in the county.

How do I choose a project?

Members can participate in any 4-H project with any club. The club does not have to already have participation in the specific project. Sometimes all it takes is 1 interested person to spark the interest of others.

Group project?

Team or Group projects can be made up of members throughout the county not just members of your club.

How many projects can I do?

Members are required to participate in at least 1 project, but there is no maximum number of projects they can do. If you don't like a project, you can change it any time.

Most importantly, have FUN in 4-H!!!

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

Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers are always needed to help grow our 4-H program. Sign up on 4honline to be an approved volunteer and find out how you can help your club.

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/>

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

ON THE WEB
County 4-H

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

RSVP hub
[agrilife.org/
montgomery4/rsvp/](http://agrilife.org/montgomery4/rsvp/)

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

Jo Picken
4-H Program Assistant

Tami Ward

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.



Pecans



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

****Members should have picked up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader. ALL orders due back to your club's pecan leader at your October 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 1 lb pkgs. halves or pieces
Post Pre-Sale: \$12.50/lb 1 lb pkgs. halves or pieces



Record Keeping Training

October 3, 2023 6:30pm at the Extension Office

In the next 5 to 10 years will you be applying for a job, a scholarship, trade school or college? All applications request information about extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. Whether you are in elementary or high school a 4-H Record Book will be a great resource for you. Learning how to keep records is the 1st step and starting now will make it easier in the future. Join us for Record Keeping Training to find out what kind of information you need to be keeping, how to keep up with it and why.

Please RSVP at <https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/events/record-keeping-training/> by October 2, 2023 so we have enough copies and seats for everyone.

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:
 October 23, 2023

Program Activity/Topic:
 Seat Belt Safety

Community Service Project:
 Operation Christmas Child boxes

Please RSVP here:
<https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>


<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/national-4-h-week/>

The week designated for 4-H members to SHINE! This is the week when 4-H'ers across the nation work extra hard to promote and showcase what they have gained from their 4-H involvement.

4-H'ers are encouraged to:

- *wear a 4-H shirt
- *pass out 4-H brochures
- *just talk about 4-H

The 4-H office can provide promotional materials if needed.



One Day 4-H is one day for all of the members, parents, leaders, & volunteers to step out into their communities and say "thank you" by giving back to them for over 105 years of support of 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is whatever each 4-H member, club, or county program decides to make it.

How to Participate

- 4-H members and their clubs/county programs should start now on identifying and planning a community service project.
- Advertise/market your project to local media and others in the community so they will know the difference you, and 4-H, are making.
- Sign your project up at the one day 4-H website
- Conduct your project and then report your successes at the one day 4-H website.



**Tractor Supply
 Clover Campaign
 October 4-15**



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:
<https://agrillife.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

LAMB & GOAT Validation

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

Cost: \$27 per tag LATE orders due by 10/10/2023

VALIDATION

Date: October 30, 2023 **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: \$30 per tag LATE Orders Due by: 10/10/2023

VALIDATION

Date: October 24, 2023 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Cost: \$20 per tag LATE Orders due by: 10/10/2023

VALIDATION

Date: November 28, 2023 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

***Sign up genius will be sent prior to each validation date to schedule your time**

Spring 2023 Major Show Entries

Entry Day: November 5th from 3-5PM or November 6th from 5-7PM

Location: The Extension Office

Sign up for a time on the Sign-Up Genius link that will be emailed.

Breeding and Market Animals must be validated to be eligible.

If you plan on competing in any of the above listed shows you must complete an entry.

What to bring to entry night to complete & submit an entry:

- Parent
- Method of payment (cash or check)
- Heifer entries must bring registration papers
- Pure bred Gilts must bring papers
- 4-H Member
- 4-H Member's Social Security Number
- Quality Counts Verification number

Livestock & Non-Livestock participants must submit an entry at this entry night

****If you cannot make this entry day, you must make arrangements with the 4-H office to get your entries completed.**

**Fort Worth Stock Show,
Houston Livestock Show
and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin,
San Angelo, San Antonio**



Horse Project

Horse Judging Meeting dates:
10/2, 10/30, 11-6, 12/4, 1/29, 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6
from 7-8pm at the Extension Office

Horse Project Clinic: October 14, 2023 with Stephanie Pullin
focused on English at the Lone Star Expo Center from 9-11am.

Reining Clinic: November 11, 2023 from 9-11am at Troy Koehl's Performance Horses
22348 Sharp Rd. Montgomery, TX 77356 *RSVP for each clinic on the RSVP hub



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. Exhibitors must be verified once as Junior (grades 3-5), once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a Senior (grades 9-12). Don't know your QC#, call the 4-H office.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 11- April 21, 2024
www.mcfa.org

- Make sure you have reviewed the rule book for any projects you plan to participate in at 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 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.

***Fair Queen Applications due 10/6 Replacement Heifer tag-in 10/10 Filly & Gelding tag-in 10/17**
Turkey and Rabbit intent to show forms due 11/17 Broiler Order forms due 11/17

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

October 7, 2023



RSVP on the 4-H website's hub.
 Questions:
michele.scaife@ag.tamu.edu

Who? any 4-H member
What? Come join the fun!
When? 1st Saturday, 2 to 4
Where? Montgomery Co AgriLife Extension Office
 9020 Airport Road
 Conroe, TX 77303
Why? "hands-on" group experiences that promote a love of gardening and an appreciation for the environment, plus cultivate the mind

Gildan 5000 Heavy Cotton T-Shirt



\$15.91

Montgomery County
 4-H T-shirts

Scan the QR code or go to



<https://montgomery4store2023.itemorder.com/>

The online store will be open through October 12th. Shirts will be shipped October 30th.



TENTATIVE AGENDA & SUMMARY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
5:00-7:30 PM - Arrival and Check in (no check in Saturday)
6:00 PM - Dinner (if arriving after 6 PM, please eat dinner prior to check in)
6:45 PM - Carnival games begin

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:30 AM - Morning Energizer
8:00 AM - Breakfast
8:45 AM - Sessions begin
2:45 PM - Wrap up / Evaluations
3:00 PM - Pick up

SUMMARY OF SESSIONS

Jr. Leadership Lab is for intermediate 4-H'ers where they will have the opportunity to rotate through sessions related to the Big 5 project areas. Each rotation will have hands on experience to help broaden their 4-H project knowledge. These will include:

FOOD & NUTRITION

STEM

PUBLIC SPEAKING

WILDLIFE

LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE



BRING 1 COPY OF THESE FORMS!!!

- Authorization for Medical Care
- Health Statement

These forms are available on the District 9 4-H website: <https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/junior-leadership-lab/>

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- All bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, sheets)
- Personal toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Shower shoes and bath towel
- Warm clothes and tennis shoes
- Flash light

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME:

- Expensive jewelry, electronics, extra cash, or any other items you would not like to replace
- Noisemakers
- Inappropriate clothing not suitable for 4-H events
- Any other disruptive or distracting items; items may be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of camp




4-H IS Sweet

DISTRICT 9
JR LEADERSHIP LAB

NOVEMBER 10th - 11th

CROSSROADS RETREAT CENTER
 255 CROSS RD,
 CALDWELL TX 77836
 (979) 567-7974

Registration Deadline: September 27th-October 11th
 Registration Fee: \$100
 Late Registration Deadline: October 12th-16th
 Late Registration Fee: \$125

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If you need any type of accommodations to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the District 9 Office at (979) 845-6800 by October 27

Register on 4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com/>






October STEM Activity

Solar Eclipse Viewing

October 14, 2023 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm
At the Extension Office

Join us to learn about solar eclipses and how to safely view them. Solar eclipse glasses will be available for the first 50 people who RSVP. Sign up here: www.mc4hss.com

*Donations of canned beans, canned meats, green vegetables, fruit, crackers, granola bars, cereal, protein snacks, and canned soup will be collected for to the Houston Food Bank



Fashion WORKSHOP


MONTGOMERY CO. EXTENSION OFFICE
 9020 AIRPORT RD
 CONROE, TX 77303

October 21st
9 AM-12 PM

Tom LeRoy Bldg

Come explore the Fashion and Interior Design world of 4-H! Our goal is to teach you the key to success in a fashion contest, so come and have some fun!

For More Info: 936-539-7823
 RSVP required. Find the link on the hub.



Photography

2023-24 Natural Resources Photography Contest

For Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Hers
 Entries uploaded through Submittable December 1-15th
 Categories include Aquatic Science, Entomology, Forestry, Hunting, Outdoor Education, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing, Range Science, Water Conservation and Education, and Wildlife and Fisheries
 See the rules here:
[photography_natural_resources_rules_24.pdf\(tamu.edu\)](http://photography_natural_resources_rules_24.pdf(tamu.edu))



NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023
 TEXAS 4-H CENTER

RED CARPET RODEO

Join us in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat) which is the premiere youth teaching youth statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by our Texas 4-H Council!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!!



UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
November 2023			
• 11/5	3-5 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Major Show entries *sign-up genius will be sent
• 11-6	5-7 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Major Show entries *sign-up genius will be sent
• 11/10		Extension Office	Closed for Veteran's Day
• 11/10-11		Crossroads Retreat Center	District 9 Jr. Leadership Lab
• 11/10-12		Texas 4-H Center	Red Carpet Rodeo/Jr. Leadership Retreat
• 11/17		Fair Office	Turkey and Rabbit Intent to Show Forms due
• 11/17		Fair Office	Broiler Orders due for county fair
• 11/18		TAMU	4-H Day in Aggieland
• 11/23-24		Extension Office	Closed for Thanksgiving
• 11/27	7 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Council Meeting



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 "thanks."

4-H Member Yard Signs \$5

Buy and pick up at the Extension Office

**Proud 4-H
Member
Lives
Here**



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.

OCTOBER

Montgomery County 4-H 2023-2024



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Ends		MCPFA Filly & Gelding tag-in 4-7pm Fairgrounds		Pecan leaders turn in orders to Extension office		Fashion and Interior Design Workshop 9-12pm Extension Office
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		All Validation Late Orders Due MCPFA Replacement Heifer tag-in 4-7pm Fairgrounds	Jr. Leadership Lab Registration Due			Solar Eclipse Viewing 9:30-12:30pm Extension Office
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	County Council Meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	Major Show Heifer Validation 4-7pm Fairgrounds * sign-up genius will be sent				Aggiefest Judging Contests & Clinics
29	30	31				
	Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation 4-7pm Fairgrounds * sign-up genius will be sent					



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Major Show Entry day/night 3-5 pm Sign-up genius will be sent to schedule your time	5-7 pm				11 Office closed  Jr. Leadership Lab	Reining horse clinic 9-11 am Performance Horses
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					MCEFA Broiler Orders due MCEFA Intent to show forms for rabbits and turkeys due	4-H day in Aggieland
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pecan pickup this week				 Extension Office CLOSED		
26	27	28	29	30		
	County Council meeting	Swine Validation *sign-up genius				