



December 2023



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Montgomery County 4-H Focus



The Extension Office will be CLOSED Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and Monday January 1st. The Extension office will have limited hours and staff December 27-29th.

ON THE WEB
County 4-H
agrilife.org/montgomery4h

RSVP hub
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
4-H Volunteer Coordinator



We are sold out of pecans in the office.

Congratulations to our top sellers!

1. Matthew Fagan-Fur & Feathers
2. Brynn Kamman-Champion 4-H
3. Kyndall Wiegat-Champion 4-H
4. Rylee Billingsley-Conroe 4-H
5. Tyler Christiansen-Champion 4-H



**Top Selling Club:
Champion 4-H**

County Council

County Council will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 22nd at 7pm. More information will be available in January's newsletter. Club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend, but are open to everyone!

Gildan 5000 Heavy Cotton T-Shirt



\$15.91

Did you miss out on the county t-shirt order?

If we have enough interest, we will open a second order. Please complete this form and let us know you would like to order:

<https://forms.gle/z7ndrxK4nsz5Eyav5>



Gildan 5000 Heavy Cotton T-Shirt

\$15.91

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/>



For my club, my community, my country, and my world.



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Spring 2024 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 1-Feb. 03, 2024
San Antonio	Feb. 6-26, 2024
San Angelo	Feb 1-18, 2024
Houston	Feb.27-March 17, 2024
Rodeo Austin	March 8-23, 2024



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

Link:

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

If you changed age divisions, you will need to complete the age appropriate testing. (Juniors 3-5 grade, Intermediate 6-8 grade, and Senior 9-12 grade)

Horse Project



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



Colt Project Clinic: December 4, 2023 at 6:30pm
at the Lonestar Expo Center

Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee 2024 Schooling Shows
January 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30pm at the Lone Star Expo Center



WHAT IS SOUTHERN CLASSIC?

Southern Classic is an educational opportunity for new 4-H/FFA families participating in livestock projects to teach the basic principals of livestock management.

Breakout Sessions Include:

- Showmanship
- Feeding
- Animal Health
- Selection
- & MORE



TO REGISTER VISIT:

<https://walker.agrilife.org/4h/southern-classic-registration/>

Early Bird Registration:
\$40/family
 until Dec. 4



December 8-10, 2023

Brazos County Expo Center
 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807

FRIDAY
 4:00-7:00 PM
 Barns Open/
 Check-in

SATURDAY
 7:00 AM
 Check-in
 9:30 AM
 Speed Judging/
 Breakout Sessions

SUNDAY
 Prospect Shows
 (You MUST
 attend Saturday
 to participate)

NO OUTSIDE BEDDING MATERIALS



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Southern Classic December 8-10 Brazos County Expo Center

Invitational Quiz Bowl
 Family/Community Health,
 Horse, and Livestock



Friday, January 12, 2024
 Walker County Storm Shelter
 455 State Highway 75N
 Huntsville, TX 77320

10:30 a.m. to End
 Registrants will be emailed
 week of event with exact
 order of game time slots



Invitational Quiz Bowl competition for Family/ Community Health, Horse, and Livestock

- Team competition for Junior (3rd - 8th grades) and Senior (9th - 12th grades) Divisions
- 4-person teams only, no exceptions
- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List (<https://tex4h.tamu.edu/quiz>)
- 4-H members enter individually through their 4-H Online profile (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
- FFA members enter team by completing form (<https://forms.office.com/r/cd1LVZCax>) and mailing a Chapter Check (Texas A&M AgriLife -D-9 4-H at 1470 William D. Fitch Parkway, College Station, TX 77845)
- Registration Deadlines & Fees
 - December 8 - December 20, \$10/4-H member and \$40/FFA Team
 - December 21 - January 8, \$15/4-H member and \$60/FFA Team
 - NO on-site registrations accepted

Prizes awarded to 1st-place winning Junior & Senior teams of
 Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu

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January 12, 2024
10:30am at the
Walker County
Storm Shelter

Montgomery County Fair

April 11-21, 2024

Fair Rules to make sure you are aware of:

- **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.**

December 5 Market Goat & Lamb Tag-In - Sign up at below links.

Be sure to bring your required pictures.

•Lamb – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A49A8A72FA6F94-46176020-lamb>

•Goat – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A49A8A72FA6F94-46176323-goat>

January 9 Barrow Tag In 2pm at the Fairgrounds

January 16 Breeding beef paper verification 4-7pm at the Fair office



Be Sure to Follow the MCFA Facebook page. They share lots of info there.

www.mcfa.org



NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



December 2, 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



Photography

2023-24 Natural Resources Photography Contest

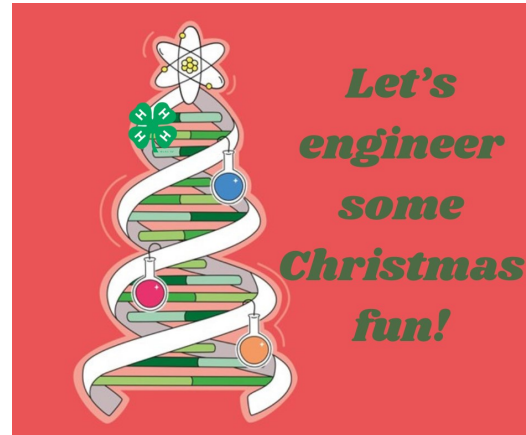
- For Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Hers.
- Entries uploaded through Submittable December 1-15th.
- Categories include Aquatic Science, Entomology, Forestry, Hunting, Outdoor Education, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing, Range Science,
- Water Conservation and Education, and Wildlife and Fisheries
- See the rules here: [photography natural resources rules 24.pdf \(tam.u.edu\)](https://forms.gle/ACEnSNPLAWFbjMrV9)

December STEM night

December 19, 2023

6:30 pm Thomas LeRoy Education Center

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/ACEnSNPLAWFbjMrV9>



TEXAS A&M
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Food Challenge Workshop & HLSR Qualifier

Saturday
Jan. 6th
2024

Montgomery Co.
Extension Office
Tom LeRoy Building

9020 Airport Rd.
Conroe Tx.
77303
**9:00 AM -
12:00 PM**

Are you Interested in the 4-H Food & Nutrition Project?
Come to this Workshop to learn more about all contests & opportunities.

Attendees will participate in a mock Food Challenge Contest. Bring 3-4 team members if interested to compete.

If you entered a team to compete at the Food Challenge Contest at HLSR please bring your team of 3-4 members. The top 2 Junior & Senior teams will advance to Houston.

Everyone is welcome!



Scan QR Code to sign up if Interested. Please do, so we have enough supplies!
Contact the Extension Office with Questions:
(936) 539-7822

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Food Challenge Rules

*Rules are from the State Website

HLSR Qualifying Teams

Teams who are participating in this workshop to qualify for Houston please bring your Supply Box . **Scan the QR Code** to be directed to limitations on your supply box by State 4-H Rules. Qualifying teams will compete in a real contest, being scored on preparation and presentation/ interview.

Workshop Participants

For participants attending the workshop to learn more about food challenge, materials and supplies will be provided for you to use for the Mock Food Challenge Event. Food and Nutrition & Food Challenge Resources, & Hands on experiences will be provided as well to aid in this learning experience. Please Scan the QR Code to gain information about the contest, rules & guidelines to learn more about the contest. This workshop is great practice for those who are interested in competing at the County, District, & State Contest.

State Website
Rules &
Guidelines!





4-H ROUNDUP



What is County, District, & State Roundup???

Competitive events allowing 4-H members the opportunity to develop & practice citizenship and leadership skills. It consists of approximately 50 competitive events.

Each year contests are held throughout the counties, the twelve Texas A&M AgriLife Extension districts, and at the state level hosted in College Station. Contests are held to test a 4-H member's knowledge of the skills they learned.

Check out the State 4-H webpage for more information:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

County Roundup - March 19, 2024

County 4-H members have the opportunity to present their projects, completed or not, to judges to receive constructive guidance to improve or better complete their project.

Entries for Big Time in D-9 are done on 4honline and will be due in early April.



District Roundup/Big Time In D9 – April 25-27, 2024
 Open to all 4-H members in District 9 (18 counties)

Schedule of events can be found here:
<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/bigtime/>

State Roundup/Texas 4-H Roundup – June 3-6, 2024

For Senior (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members only

Qualifying Contest: 4-H members must qualify from District Roundup

Invitational Contest: Any Senior 4-H member can participate



UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
January 2024			
• 1/1		Office Closed	
• 1/2		4honline	
• 1/6	2-4pm	Extension Office	D-9 4-H Archery Contest Entries due
• 1/6	9am-12pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	JMG project meeting
• 1/9	2:00pm	Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Food Challenge Workshop & HLSR qualifier
• 1/10		4honline	MCF Barrow tag-in
• 1/12		Huntsville	State 4-H dog validation closes
• 1/15		Office Closed	D-9 Invitational Quiz Bowl Contests
• 1/16	4-7pm	Fair Office	MLK Day
• 1/16	6:30pm	Lone Star Expo Center	Breeding Beef Paper Verification
• 1/19-20		Bryan, TX	Horse Schooling Show #1
• 1/22	7pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	D-9 4-H Archery Contest
• 1/23	6:30pm	Lone Star Expo Center	County Council Meeting
• 1/30	6:30pm	Lone Star Expo Center	Horse Schooling Show #2
• 1/30	6:30pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Horse Schooling Show #3
			Stem Night

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Eligibility forms 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.)

4-H Member Yard Signs \$5

Buy and pick up at the Extension Office



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.

DECEMBER



Montgomery County



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Colt project clinic 6:30pm Lonestar Expo Center	MCF lamb and goat tag-in 4pm at the Fairgrounds *signup genius	Walker County Invitational Quiz Bowl registration opens			Southern Classic Brazos County Expo Center
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Southern Classic Brazos County Expo Center			D-9 Archery registration opens			New Years Buckle Bash prospect show Montgomery County Fair- grounds
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
New Years Buckle Bash prospect show Montgomery Co. County Fair- grounds		STEM night 6:30 pm Thomas LeRoy Education Center	Walker County Invitational Quiz Bowl registration closes			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Extension Office Closed				
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JANUARY

Montgomery County 4-H 2023-2024



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				
	Extension Office CEOGSED	MCF Barrow tag-in 2pm Fairgrounds	State 4-H Dog Validation due 4honline		D-9 Invitational Quiz Bowl Contests Huntsville		JMG meeting 2-4pm Ex. Office Food Challenge Workshop 9-12pm TL Ed. Bldg.
	Extension Office CEOGSED	MCF Breeding Beef Paper Verification 4-7pm Fair Office Horse School 6:30 LS Expo Center			D-9 Archery Contest Bryan, TX		
	County Council Meeting 7pm	Horse School 6:30pm Lonestar Expo Center					
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