



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates February 16-23, 2024

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

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Important Dates

February 2024

- 2/17 Crochet Workday 1-3pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 2/19 Extension office closed for President's Day
- 2/22 Due date extended for Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships**
- 2/26 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building, RSVP
- 2/29 STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building, RSVP

March

- 3/1 MCF Broiler pick-up, Thomas LeRoy Education Building
- 3/4 MCF Scholarships due by 5pm to the Fair office**
- 3/9 JMG project meeting, 2-4pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 3/16 Crochet Workday 1-3pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 3/15 County Extension scholarship applications due**
- 3/19 County Roundup, Sign up genius
- 3/19 MCF Rabbit tag-in 5-8pm, Extension office
- 3/19 Colt Project Clinic, 6:30pm, Lone Star Expo Center
- 3/20 D-9 entries due for photography, horse judging, air pistol and rifle**
- 3/25 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 3/29 Extension office closed for Good Friday

Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2024 Major Shows

SAN ANTONIO FEBRUARY 8-25, 2024

SAN ANGELO FEBRUARY 1-18, 2024

HOUSTON FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 17, 2024

RODEO AUSTIN MARCH 8-23, 2024

Good luck to all of our 4-Hers competing in the spring shows!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR APRIL 11-21, 2024



**Ag Prepared Public Speaking
& Discussion Meet registration
now open**

**Broiler order pickup March 1st
1-3pm
Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.**

**CHECK THE
WEBSITE FOR
IMPORTANT
DATES: MCFA.ORG**

**Rabbit tag-in March 19, 5-8pm,
Extension Office**

**National Anthem Contest entries
due by March 15th.**



Scholarship Opportunities



TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Extended to February 22nd, FAFSA no longer required.

For available scholarships and requirements visit
<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

Montgomery County Scholarships

Due March 15th,

To apply go to <https://montgomery.agrilife.org/home/scholarships-2023-2024/>

Montgomery County Fair Scholarship

Due by March 4th at 5pm For more information or to apply online visit:

<https://mcfa.org/scholarships/>



Capital Farm Credit

Due by March 29

<https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/about-us/community-support/youth-scholarships>
*flyer attached

Mo. Co. Soil & Water Conservation District and Lake Creek Greenway Partnership

Due by April 1, award will be announced May 1.

*application and more information attached.



Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s
Youth Preparedness Council Today!



Represent
Your
Community



Learn
&
Grow



Create
Change
Now!

Applications Due March 4, 2024



FEMA

Webinar for potential applicants
on February 27th.

Sign up here:

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcOiprTMrGN-J7qr-oL5lc0NL4Xn1vik#/registration>

Youth Preparedness Council is for kids in 8-11 grades who are interested in disaster preparedness and community service.



STEM Night

February 29, 2024

6:30pm

Thomas LeRoy Education Center

*RSVP on the Hub




**2024
Spring**

Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 5-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

NEW! *Species Divisions*

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 5 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jmcswain@tamu.edu

Official Check-in time to be mailed to first time registrants and participants!

The members of Texas 4-H AgrLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, status as a former foster child, marital status, and sexual orientation. All persons are invited to participate in 4-H and AgrLife programs and activities.

Texas 4-H Virtual Reel 'em in Fishing Skill-a-thon

**Register February 1-March 7 for \$50 on
4honline * Clover kids are free
Late Registration March 8-31 \$100**

HORSE PROJECT



Colt Project Clinics:
March 19, 2024 @6:30pm Lone Star Expo Ctr.
April 29, 2024 @6:30pm Lone Star Expo Ctr.

Horsemanship club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm at the Extension Office

County Roundup



Tuesday March 19, 4-6pm (come and go)
Thomas LeRoy Education Building

Everyone may advance to District 4-H Roundup April 26-27 and May
3rd. This is a practice to get feedback on how to improve before
competing in District Roundup.

Sign up for a time using
the QR code

Natural Resources Program Events

UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP - COLLEGE STATION - MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC - NACOGDOCHES - APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS - LUFKIN - APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHEP) STATE CONTEST - TBD - MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) - COLLEGE STATION - JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE - RICHMOND - JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP - JOHNSON CITY - JULY 15-20

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:
[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/natural/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:
- [FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES](https://www.facebook.com/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES)
- [INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES](https://www.instagram.com/TX4HNATRES)

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions



TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL AT-LARGE DELEGATE



Applications are now open until March 28, 2024

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

AT-Large Delegates serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.



Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors work with Extension agents to help provide leadership with programs. You will become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter. You will also learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

- **High school aged**
- **12 month commitment**
- **Have a passion for health and wellness**
- **40 hours of community service**

Applications open February 1-April 1

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.)