



February 2024



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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

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Montgomery County 4-H Focus



**The Extension Office will be
CLOSED Monday, February 19th for
President's Day.**

Scholarship Opportunities



Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Due February 15th. For available sholarships
and requirements visit:



Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation
(texas4hfoundation.org)

Texas Agrilife Extension Service County Scholarships

Scholarships 2023-2024 - Montgomery (agrilife.org)

5 different scholarships from \$500-\$2000

Due 3/15 except for TEEA scholarship which is due 2/15

Montgomery County Fair Scholarship

Due 3/4 by 5pm

Scholarships - Montgomery County Fair Association (mcfa.org)

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: February 26, 2024

Program Activity/Topic:

Ambassadors

Community Service Project:

Angels Rodeo

Please RSVP here for if you will be joining us for the dinner at 6:30pm:
<https://forms.gle/36WcqxpnJEoKA5HH6>

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.



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:

[Meeting Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)



Texas 4-H At-Large Council Delegate

applications now being accepted through March 28, 2024

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

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



**LET'S GO
CAMPING**

**TEXAS 4-H CENTER
REGISTER NOW!**



**Summer Camp Registration is
now open!**

For more information go to:

[Youth Camps & Retreats - Texas 4-H Center - Lake Brownwood \(tamu.edu\)](#)

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.**

February 2 Online entries due

AG Mechanics entries due by February 2

Robotics entries due by February 2

Broiler pickup March 1

Re-tag dates 3/9 and 3/23 at 9am

Rabbit tag-in March 19

Barn set up 3/23

[Kids days 4/15 and 16](#)

Volunteers needed to be tour guides

Sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAAFB6-47291653-kids>

Must be 13-18 years of age

Must be 4-H or FFA member

*Be sure to follow the MCFA Facebook page for important information and reminders.



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Spring 2024 Major Shows:

Fort Worth Jan. 1-Feb. 3

San Antonio Feb. 6-26

San Angelo Feb 1-18

Houston Feb.27-March 17

Rodeo Austin March 8-23

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



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. (Juniors 3-5 grade, Intermediate 6-8 grade, and Senior 9-12 grade)

Don't know your QC#?, call the 4-H office.

**9th Annual Angel's Rodeo
February 11, 2024
Montgomery County Fairgrounds
Equestrian Center**



**2-4:30pm
Volunteers needed.
Please sign up here:
[https://
forms.gle/4BefWpuyTobcFEmg9](https://forms.gle/4BefWpuyTobcFEmg9)**



Horse Project

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

**Montgomery County Adult Horse
Committee 2024 Schooling Show**

**February 6th at 6:30pm in the
Lone Star Expo Center**

**4-H Practice Horse Show
February 4,**

**Lone Star Expo Center
beginning at 1:00pm**

**4-H Practice Show Entry Form
([google.com](https://www.google.com))**

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



NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



February 3, 2024



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

Sewing Classes

Did you miss our beginner sewing class last month? You can still join our sewing group on February 11th.

2-3:30pm Beginner sewing
 Sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/c81RUTu2axreEyog9>

If you attended January's class or have some sewing experience this class is for you:
3:30-5pm Project work time
 Sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/aLANiao9rhQVvYdFA>





Crochet Class

February 17th
1-3 pm
Extension Office

RSVP:
<https://forms.gle/RotafTMfrGy4U5V6>



February STEM Night



February 29 6:30-8pm
 See the *RSVP* hub.

HEALTHY TEXAS Y · O · U · T · H AMBASSADORS

applications open from February 1-April 1
 For more information, visit:
<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

- High school age students
- 12 month commitment June 24-May 25
- Have a passion for health and wellness

2024 TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST


SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS
15 CATEGORIES
4HONLINE ENTRY: APRIL 1-15, 2024
\$250 PER BEST OF SHOW



See website for complete rules and eligibility:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>



TEXAS 4-H



APERTURE ACADEMY

LEARN PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

JULY 7-10
 TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER
 Brownwood, TX
 Grades 6-8

Join us this summer for a fun and exciting camp where youth will learn the basics of photography. This camp is geared for beginners and promises hands-on learning in an engaging camp atmosphere.

\$300 EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 15

Register online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
 All camera equipment and supplies provided during camp.

Individuals who require any type of accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas 4-H Center at (325) 784-5482 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, The United States Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



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
Registration link coming soon.

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:
March 2024			
• 3/1		Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	MCF Broiler pick-up
• 3/2	2-4pm	Extension Office	JMG project meeting
• 3/4	by 5:00pm	Mo. Co. Fair Office	MCF scholarship applications due
• 3/15		online	Co. Extension scholarship apps. Due
• 3/16	1-3pm	Extension Office	Crochet Class
• 3/19	4-6pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Roundup RSVP
• 3/19	5-8pm	Extension Office	MCF rabbit tag-in
• 3/20		4honline	D-9 entries due for photography, horse judging, air pistol and rifle due
• 3/25	7:00pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Council Meeting

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.

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Montgomery County 4-H 2023-2024



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Gulf Coast BB/ Archery Match						Online fair entries close Ag. Mechanics and Robotics entries due	County 4-H Dog Show
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Special Angels Rodeo 2-4:30pm Beginner sewing 2-3:30pm Sewing project work 3:30-5pm				Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship apps. due County TEEA scholarship apps. due		Crochet Class 1-3pm, Extension Office	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	Extension Office CLOSED						
25	26	27	28	29			
	County Council meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.			STEM night 6:30pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.			



Montgomery County



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 MCF Broiler pickup Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	2 JMG project meeting 2-4pm Extension Office
3	4 MCF scholarship applications due	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 County Extension scholarship applications due	16 Crochet Class 1-3pm Extension Office
17	18	19 County Roundup	20 D-9 horse judging, photography, rifle, air rifle, & air pistol entries due	21	22	23 TAMU judging clinics
24	25 County Council meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	26	27	28	29 Extension Office CLOSED for Good Friday	30
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