



## Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

March 15-22, 2024

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

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

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## Important Dates

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### March

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- 3/15** County Extension scholarship applications due
- 3/19 County Roundup, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., 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
- 3/20** Validation tag orders due for steer, heifer, sheep, and goat
- 3/20** Texas 4-H Congress Delegate Applications due to the Extension Office
- 3/25 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 3/29 Extension office closed for Good Friday

### April 2024

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- 4/2** District 9 4-H Roundup Entries due
- 4/11-4/21 Montgomery County Fair
- 4/12** Swine validation tag orders due
- 4/25-4/27 Big Time in D-9 4-H Roundup

## Project Information

\*Be sure to check out any attachments also

## **Spring 2024 Major Show**

**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!**

# Fall 2024 Major Show Validation Orders

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

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


	Price	Due Date	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
Steer (All Major Shows)	\$27	3/20	\$30	6/7	6/24
Heifers	\$27	3/20	\$30	6/7	6/25
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$17	3/20	\$27	6/7	6/20
Swine	\$17	4/12	\$20	5/24	6/24

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.

Re-tag dates  
3/23 at 9am.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

### APRIL 11-21, 2024



Ag Prepared Public Speaking  
& Discussion Meet registration  
now open

For the most updated  
information  
visit [MCFA.org](http://MCFA.org)

Rabbit tag-in March 19, 5-8pm,  
Extension Office. Sign up for a time:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/7OAOA49A8A72FA6F94-48419414-mcfa>

Kids Days 4/15 & 4/16  
Sign up to help here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAA6B6-47291653-kids>

National Anthem Contest entries due  
by March 15th.

**\*Eligibility forms for the fair will be distributed at your March club meeting and will be due back at least a week before your event. You will need to get these forms from your club manager not the Extension office.**



## Scholarship Opportunities

**Montgomery County Scholarships**  
Due March 15th,  
To apply go to <https://montgomery.agrillife.org/home/scholarships-2023-2024/>

**Capital Farm Credit**  
Due by March 29  
<https://www.capitalfarmercredit.com/about-us/community-support/youth-scholarships>

**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.




## HORSE PROJECT

**Horse validation open in 4-H online March 1-April 15**



### 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**

### Texas 4-H Congress Delegate Applications due March 20 to the Extension Office



This is a 4 day mock legislative experience that will take place  
July 14-17 at the Texas State Capitol.

Seniors going in to 9th grade-just graduated 12th grade are eligible to apply.  
All participants must submit a bill for consideration. Bills must be submitted  
by March 25th. Submit bills here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/>

\*Application attached



# County Roundup



Sign up for a time using  
the QR code

**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.

Quiz bowls

Science Fair

Wildlife Contest

Educational Presentation/  
Public Speaking

**\*Horse judging, photography,  
and air rifle/pistol entries  
due 3/20**



## District 9 4-H Roundup

### April 25-27 at Lonestar College Campus

**\*Entries open 3/20-4/2**

For more information visit:  
<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/bigtime/>



Food contests  
Fashion Contests

Consumer Decision Making

Ag Product ID

Photography

Judging  
contests

Talent  
showcase

Skillathons

# COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2024

Come for dinner at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7

Program: 4-H Congress  
Community Service Project: Birthday Boxes  
\*flyer attached

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/97WGBCE8gw5CoeQC7>

## 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 (MHEP) 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  
- INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto: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.



## 2024 Ambassador Applications are Open

Open to Senior 4-H members (9th-12th grade)

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

Equine  
Livestock  
Poultry  
Fashion & Interior Design  
Healthy Texas Youth  
Water

February 15-April 15  
February 15-April 5  
February 15-April 15  
March 1-31  
February 1-April 1  
March 15-May 1



# 2024 Texas 4-H Photography Contest

Senior 4-H members  
15 categories  
4honline entry April 1-15, 2024  
\$250 per Best of Show

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video>

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**TEXANS  
HELP  
TEXANS**

To find out how you can help those affected by the Texas Panhandle wildfires visit:

<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/2024-panhandle-wildfires/>

## 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.)