



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

March 8-15, **2024**

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

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

Facebook [@4hmontgomerycounty](#)

Important Dates

March

- 3/9 JMG project meeting, 2-4pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 3/15 County Extension scholarship applications due**
- 3/16 Crochet Workday 1-3pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 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**
- 3/20 Validation tag orders due for steer, heifer, sheep, and goat**
- 3/25 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 3/29 Extension office closed for Good Friday

April 2024

- 4/2 District 9 4-H Roundup Entries due**
- 4/11-4/21 Montgomery County Fair

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	\$27	3/20	\$30	6/14	6/24
Heifers	\$27	3/20	\$30	6/14	6/25
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$17	3/20	\$27	6/14	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 3/9 & 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](https://www.mcfa.org)

Rabbit tag-in March 19, 5-8pm, Extension Office. Sign up for a time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A49A8A72FA6F94-48419414-mcfa>

Kids Days 4/15 & 4/16 Sign up to help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAAFB6-47291653-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.agrilife.org/home/scholarships-2023-2024/>

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Capital Farm Credit

Due by March 29

<https://www.capitalfarmercredit.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.

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

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/>



Photography

Judging
contests

Food contests

Talent
showcase

Fashion Contests

Skillathons

Consumer Decision Making

Ag Product ID

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 (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

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>



CONGRATULATIONS



***Lani Duncan of Evening Star 4-H has earned her certification
to be a Junior Master Photographer!***

***Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer program is designed to develop intermediate and senior youth leaders in
the photography project through a series of in-depth workshops and hands-on practice events.***

Way to go Lani! We are proud to have you represent Montgomery County in this program!

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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.)