



May 2024



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Montgomery County 4-H Focus

The office will be closed on May 27, 2024 for Memorial Day.



We wish you the very best in your future endeavors. It is our hope that some of the lessons and skills you have learned through the 4-H program will be useful to you throughout your life. If you have shared your excitement, knowledge and enthusiasm with younger 4-H members, know that you have left a legacy in the Montgomery County 4-H program and we thank you.

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

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County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development


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County Extension Agent
Urban Youth Development

Jo Picken
4-H Program Assistant

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4-H Volunteer Coordinator



to each of you that participated in the Montgomery County Fair this year. Whether you brought home a banner or not, you are a winner. You had the courage to compete and you learned something new to improve your project next year.



County 4-H Record Books
DUE: June 10, 2024
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

If you have not started already, now that the fair is over, it is time to record your experiences. Award applications, college and job applications and much more start with a 4-H Record Book.

Award applications will also be due June 10, 2024. For more information visit:
[Awards Handbook 4.2022.pub \(agrilife.org\)](http://awards.handbook.4.2022.pub.agrilife.org)

County Council End of Year Party

Meeting Date:
May 21, 2024

RSVP buy May 14, 2024 here:
<https://forms.gle/CpPbMYThMCokk3qj8>

If we do not receive enough RSVPs by May 14th, party may be cancelled.

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/>



I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
my Heart to greater loyalty,
my Hands to larger service,
my Health to better living.

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

4-H ROUNDUP



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/>

67 members participated in Big Time in D-9 4-H Roundup!



Members competed in talent competitions, fashion shows, public speaking, science fair, educational presentations, food show, food challenge, consumer decision making, wildlife challenge, livestock skillathon, photography, fashion storyboard and more.

Congratulations to the seniors advancing to state! Registration will be open for State Roundup from May 1-13th on 4honline.



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.

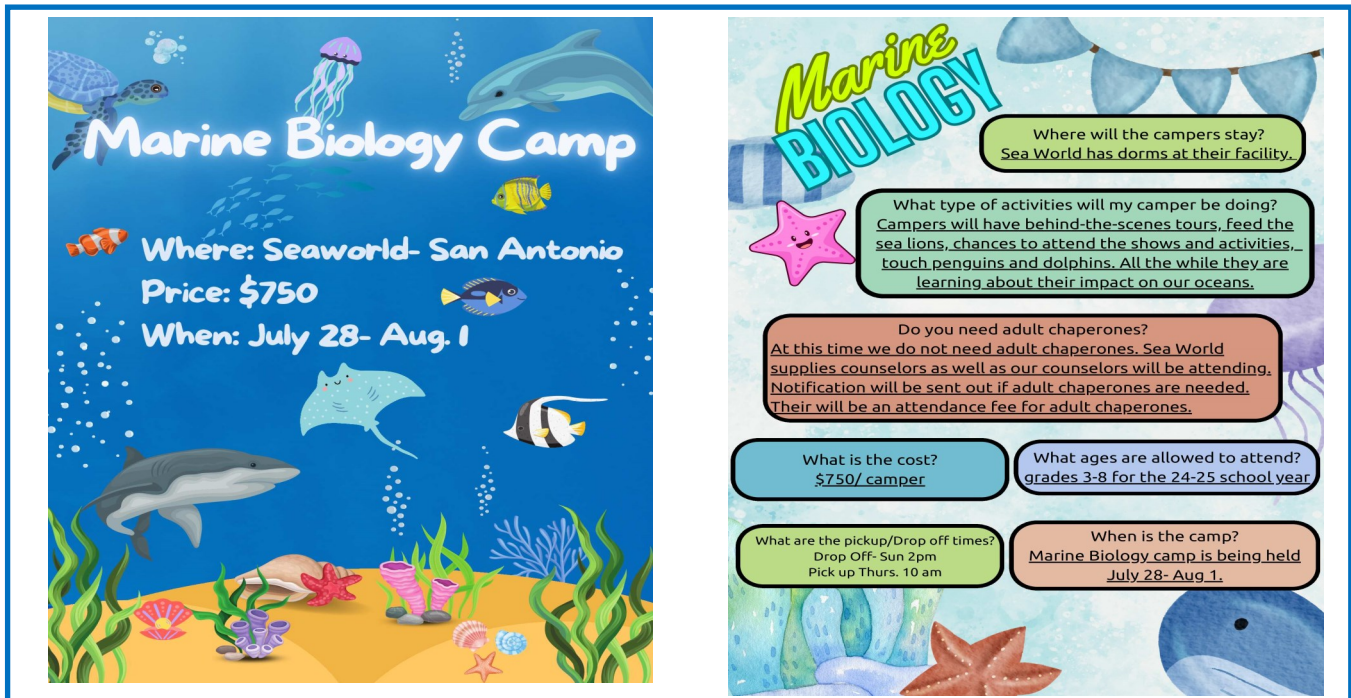


NEW

Have you ever wanted to try Duds to Dazzle but you haven't been able to get a team together? State 4-H Roundup will have a solo showcase this year. This is your chance to show your talents!

Veterinary Skillathon Contest is offering a tour of the vet school after the contest is finished.

Registration open May 1-15 on 4honline



Marine Biology Camp

Where: Seaworld- San Antonio
Price: \$750
When: July 28- Aug. 1

Marine BIOLOGY

Where will the campers stay?
Sea World has dorms at their facility.

What type of activities will my camper be doing?
Campers will have behind-the-scenes tours, feed the sea lions, chances to attend the shows and activities, touch penguins and dolphins. All the while they are learning about their impact on our oceans.

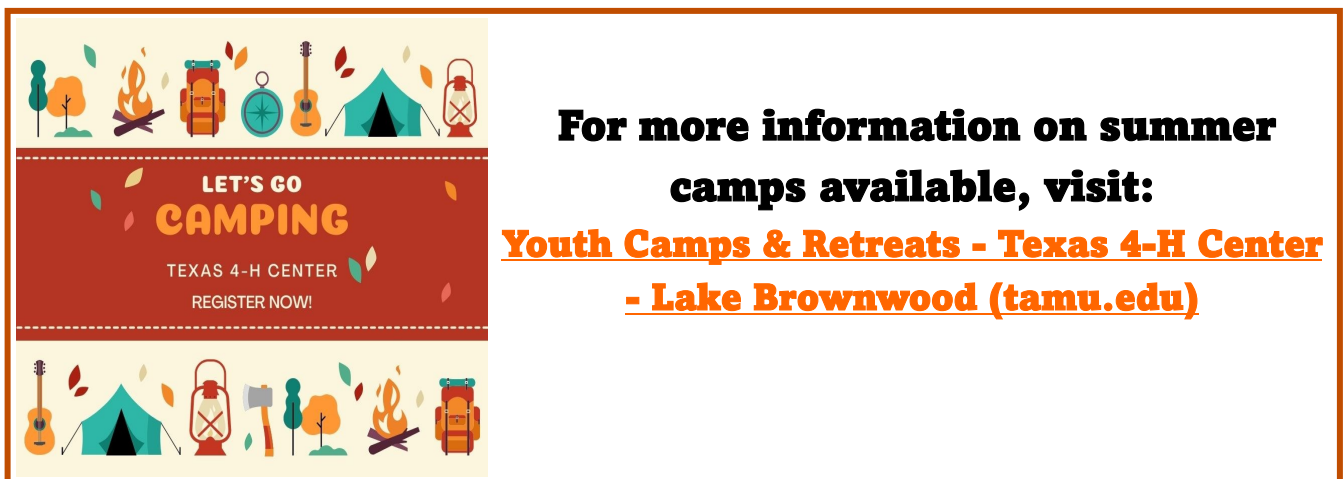
Do you need adult chaperones?
At this time we do not need adult chaperones. Sea World supplies counselors as well as our counselors will be attending. Notification will be sent out if adult chaperones are needed. There will be an attendance fee for adult chaperones.

What is the cost?
\$750/ camper

What ages are allowed to attend?
grades 3-8 for the 24-25 school year

What are the pickup/Drop off times?
Drop Off- Sun 2pm
Pick up Thurs. 10 am

When is the camp?
Marine Biology camp is being held July 28- Aug 1.



LET'S GO CAMPING

TEXAS 4-H CENTER
REGISTER NOW!

For more information on summer camps available, visit:
Youth Camps & Retreats - Texas 4-H Center - Lake Brownwood (tamu.edu)

TX 4-H AMBASSADORS Program

This program is for motivated individuals who seek to become a leader, mentor, and teacher, inspiring positive change in their community. Ambassador programs strive to provide 4-H members the opportunity to develop & practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth. Montgomery County 4-H has funds to assist with these registration fees

Shooting Sports 6/1-September

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

Photography applications open in Spring to those who have completed the two-part Junior Master Photographer trainings.

STEM applications open 7/1-7/31

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



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



FALL MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

Heart of Texas - State Fair of Texas - East Texas State Fair

Steers (ALL major shows), Heifers, Lambs, Goats, & Swine

Livestock Validation refers to the multi-step process including ordering tags, attending validation, and submitting a show entry if you intend to show at any of the Major shows.

This is not for County Fair animals

ALL orders must be placed through the online link using the correct species form.

<https://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/4-h-validation/>

ALL Late Orders DUE: June 14, 2024 (except Swine)

***Late orders will have a price increase.**

Sign-Up Genius Link will be sent to the email of all purchased tags to schedule a validation time. The Link will be sent closer to the actual validation date.

⇒ STEERS

Steer validation is for **FALL 2024 & SPRING 2025 MAJOR SHOWS**

Late orders received by June 14: \$30/tag

Validation:

Date: June 24, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒ HEIFERS

Late orders received by June 14: \$30/tag

If you have not validated your heifer before, or if the heifer has been validated but has changed ownership, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name. 4-H members should bring the papers to the 4-H Office prior to validation so that they can be scanned. Heifers will be validated and tagged similar to steers. UIN's will no longer be used.

*If you're not going to State Fair there will be another Heifer Validation in October 2024.

Validation:

Date: June 25, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒ LAMBS & GOATS

Late Orders received by June 14: \$27/tag

TLBA tags must be in lambs Ears before it can be marked on the validation form.

Validation:

Date: June 20, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒ SWINE

Late orders received by May 24 \$20/tag

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Validation

Date: June 24, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BROILER ORDER



To show broilers at the State Fair of Texas, you must turn in your orders to the Extension Office by **May 22, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. The form is available at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/> Members must order between 25 and 75. It can be one family order of 75 that all the siblings can pull from or a maximum of 75 per sibling. Chicks will be \$1.50 each and will be straight run.

TURKEY ORDERS for major shows and Montgomery County Fair will be due to the County Extension Office on **July 26, 2024**.

FALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRY DAY

Ordering Turkeys or Broilers, ordering tags and validating your animal only makes your project ELIGIBLE to be entered into one or more of the major livestock shows held in the September/October time frame. The next step is to complete entry forms to determine what animal you are taking to which show and pay those entry fees. Entry Day for State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas and East Texas State Fair will be **AUGUST 13, 2024 FROM 5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.** This will include a multitude of contests and events unrelated to owning livestock.

Horse Project



County 4-H Horse Show
May 4, 2024 at the Willis arena



District 4-H Horse Show
June 17-18, 2024 Brazos County Expo Center
Entries due May 22, 2024



NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



May 4, 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

4-H Natural Resources 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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



LONG ACRES RANCH, RICHMOND, TX

SATURDAY, JUNE 15- SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

REGISTRATION: APRIL 1 - MAY 15, 2024

- BIOLOGIST SKILLS
- FISHING
- OUTDOOR FIRST AID
- OUTDOOR SKILLS
- OFF ROAD BIKING
- KAYAKING
- RIFLERY
- GEAR JUDGING
- ARCHERY
- OUTDOOR SAFETY

T S S R M

Youth Range Workshop

JUNE 16-21, 2024

Texas Tech University Center at Junction, TX

Priority acceptance will be given to students that apply by April 15th.

Join other high school students across Texas for a week with rangeland and natural resource experts!

Students will gain hands-on experience including:

- Plant ID & Collection**
Students will learn how to identify range plants and start their own plant collections!
- Field Trips to Local Ranches**
We've partnered with local land stewards to give students boots-on-the-ground experience to emphasize learning objectives
- Range & Wildlife Habitat Management**
Students will be exposed to the fundamentals of proper grazing management and forage preferences of livestock and wildlife
- & Much More!**
Other topics include soil health, fire ecology & prescribed burning, carbon cycle relationships, brush management, rainfall effectiveness, and rangeland health evaluation



Students must be 14-18 years old and have completed 8th grade to attend.

Cost is \$500 per student and includes all meals, lodging, and educational materials.

Check with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ranches, or businesses for sponsorship opportunities!

Apply now at tx.ag/YRW2024

Contact us!
tssmyrw@gmail.com
[tssmyrw](https://www.facebook.com/tssmyrw)
[tssmyrw](https://www.instagram.com/tssmyrw)
[tssmyrw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtssmyrw)
[tssmyrw.com](https://www.tssmyrw.com)

KERR 4-H Judging Contest

MAY 11, 2024

HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER
 3785 HWY 27
 KERRVILLE, TX 78028

- Grass ID**
9 am Registration
9:30 am Contest Begins
1 pm Awards
- Range Judging**
9 am Registration
10:45 am On-Site Orientation (Lion's Camp)
Contest Immediately Following
1 pm Awards (Hill Country Youth Event Center)
- Livestock Skillathon**
1 pm Registration Deadline
1:30 pm Orientation
2 pm Contest Begins
5 pm Awards
- Wool & Mohair**
1 pm Registration Deadline
1:30 pm Orientation
2 pm Contest Begins
5 pm Awards



You may enter all contests & bring as many teams as you want. Food truck will be available for lunch. Pre-registration is appreciated to 850-257-6568 or jennifer.smithaag@tamu.edu

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 8200 Hwy 182 in Brownwood, Texas. Accommodations are available for individuals with disabilities. For more information, please contact the Texas 4-H Extension Service at 817-257-6568 or extension@tamu.edu. The Texas 4-H Extension Service, The United States Department of Agriculture and the County Extension Agents are proud to be a part of the Texas 4-H Extension Service.

THANK YOU!

In case you didn't know or just need a reminder: ALL of our club managers and assistant managers are volunteers. They volunteer their personal time to help the 4-H program. Without our volunteers, our program would not be what it is. Take a moment to say "thank you" or offer a lending hand when you can!



DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
June 2024			
• 6/3-6/6		College Station	State4-H Roundup
• 6/10	by 5pm	Extension Office	Record books and award Applications due
• 6/11-13		Camp Lone Star Pines	District 9 4-H Leadership Lab
• 6/14	9am	Extension Office	Record Book judging
• 6/17-18		Brazos County Expo Ctr.	District 9 Horse Show
• 6/19		Extension Office Closed	
• 6/20	*4-7pm	Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Lamb & Goat validation
• 6/24	*4-7pm	Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Steer and Swine validation
• 6/25	*4-7pm	Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Heifer validation

*** A sign up genius will be sent to sign up for a time.**

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.)

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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County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

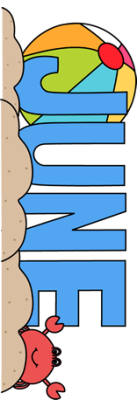


Montgomery County 4-H 2023-24



SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY


			1 Texas 4-H Roundup registration opens	2		3 District 9 4-H Robotics Contest	4 JMG meeting 2-4pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13 Texas 4-H Roundup registration due	14 RSVP for County Council End of Year Party Due	15 D-9 Leadership Lab registration due	16	17	18	
19	20 County Council meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	21	22 D-9 Horse Show entries due	23	24 Late Swine tag orders due	25	
26	27 	28	29	30	31 Club chartering paperwork due		



Montgomery County 4-H 2023-24



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
						Late validation tag orders for steer, heifers, lambs, and goats due	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	Record books and award applications due				Record Book Judging		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	District 4-H Horse Show			20 Lamb and Goat validation, fairgrounds 4-7pm, sign up genius			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	24 Steer and Swine validation, fairgrounds 4+-7pm, sign up genius	Heifer validation, fairgrounds, 4-7pm, sign up genius					
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