

October 2024







Montgomery County 4-H Focus

Hello! 4-H Families

2024-2025 4-H YEAR

4-H Online (4honline.com)

We hope that your 4-H year has gotten off to a good start.

At this point every club has hosted their September club meeting, the 1st official club meeting of the 2024-2025 4-H year. We know lots of questions come up after this meeting and throughout the year regarding general 4-H info., project information, etc. 4-H is full of information and it can get confusing, whether you do or don't know exactly what to ask. Here are some FAQ's that may help:

What is a 4-H club?

This is your group that you join and attend monthly 4-H business meetings. You can join any club located in the county.

How do I choose a project?

Members can participate in any 4-H project with any club. The club does not have to already have participation in the specific project. Sometimes all it takes is 1 interested person to spark the interest of others.

Group project?

Team or Group projects can be made up of members throughout the county not just members of your club.

How many projects can I do?

Members are required to participate in at least 1 project, but there is no maximum number of projects they can do. If you don't like a project, you can change it any time

Most importantly, have FUN in 4-H!!!

VOLUNTEER TODAY.

Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers are always needed to help grow our 4-H program. Sign up on 4honline to be an approved volunteer and find out how you can help your club.

4-H Explore Guides



doning Each guide has been developed to support volunteers, Agents, and even 4-H members in leading project experiences. Check out the available project guides to get a better understanding of what a specific project is. https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/

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ON THE WEB County 4-H

agrilife.org/ montgomery4h

RSVP hub

agrilife.org/ montgomery4/rsvp/

Facebook:

@4HMontgomeryCounty

Twitter:

@MontgomeryCo4H

Instagram:

@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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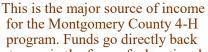






TEXAS 4-H ONLINE: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE: http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/ DISTRICT 9 4-H: https://d94-h.tamu.edu/

Pecans





to you in the form of educational programs, registration fees, equipment, and curriculum.

**Members should have picked up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader. ALL orders due back to your club's pecan leader at your October club meeting unless your pecan leader has set up an alternate date/time.

**NO orders are to be turned directly in to the 4-H office. ALL orders must be given to the club's pecan leader! Once your club's order is turned into the 4-H Office, presale orders cannot be added. Any orders after this will be late pre-sale at the increased price and turned in at pecan pickup.

Pre-Sale: \$12.00/lb 1 lb pkgs. halves or pieces Post Pre-Sale: \$12.50/lb 1 lb pkgs. halves or pieces

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:
October 21, 2024

Fall

Program Activity/Topic: Texas Farm Bureau





Commissioner's Court Appreciation Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The purpose of this event is to show our Commissioner's Court and County Judge how much we appreciate their support of the 4-H program and to showcase the highlights of the 4-H program in Montgomery County. We will attend court and present each Commissioner and the County Judge with a specialty prepared basket filled with items donated by our clubs. Each club is encouraged to contribute by donating 5 identical gift items for the baskets. Ideas include treats baked by the club's Food & Nutrition project members, mugs, candles, etc. Please keep in mind our Commissioner's Court is made up of all male representatives. The items need to be to the 4-H office by Friday, October 4th. We also need volunteers (members and adults) to help present the baskets. If you would like to help out, please call the office by Friday, October 4th to let us know.



October 6-12

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/national-4-h-week/

The week designated for 4-H members to SHINE! This is the week when 4-H'ers across the nation work extra hard to promote and showcase what they have gained from their 4-H involvement.



One Day 4-H is one day for all of the members, parents, leaders, & volunteers to step out into their communities and say "thank you" by giving back to them for over 105 years of support of 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is whatever each 4-H member, club, or county program decides to make it.

How to Participate

- 4-H members and their clubs/county programs should start now on identifying and planning a community service project.
- Advertise/market your project to local media and others in the community so they will know the difference you, and 4-H, are making.
- Sign your project up at the one day 4-H website
- Conduct your project and then report your successes at the one day 4-H

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SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage: https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

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 Ma-

LAMB & GOAT Validation

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

Cost: \$27 per tag LATE orders due by 10/10/2024

VALIDATION

Date: October 28, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

HEIFER Validation

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.

Cost: \$30 per tag LATE Orders Due by: 10/10/2024

VALIDATION

SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Cost: \$20 per tag LATE Orders due by: 10/10/2024

VALIDATION

Date: November 19, 2024 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

*Sign up genius will be sent prior to each validation date to schedule your time

Spring 2024 Major Show Entries

Entry Day: November 3rd from 3-5PM or November 4th from 5-7PM Location: Thomas LeRoy Education Center

Fort Worth Stock Show, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin, San Angelo, San Antonio

Sign up for a time on the Sign-Up Genius link that will be emailed.

Breeding and Market Animals must be validated to be eligible.

If you plan on competing in any of the above listed shows, livestock or non-livestock, you must complete an entry on one of these days.

What to bring to entry night to complete & submit an entry:

- Parent
- Method of payment (cash or check)
- Heifer entries must bring registration papers
- Pure bred Gilts must bring papers

- 4-H Member
- 4-H Member's Social Security Number
- Quality Counts Verification number

Livestock & Non-Livestock participants must submit an entry at this entry night

**If you cannot make this entry day, you must make arrangements with the 4-H office to get your entries completed.



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. Exhibitors must be verified

- once as Junior (grades 3-5),
- once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8),
- and once a s a Senior (grades 9-12).

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





MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 3- April 13, 2025 www.mcfa.org

- Make sure you have reviewed the rule book for any projects you plan to participate in at the Fair.
- 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.

*Fair Queen Applications due 10/4 Replacement Heifer tag-in 10/8 Filly & Gelding tag-in 10/15 Turkey and Rabbit intent to show forms due 11/15 Broiler Order forms due 11/15



Horse Project

Horse Judging Meeting dates: 10/7,11/11,12/2,1/7,2/3, 3/3, 4/7 from 7-8pm at the Extension Office



Montgomery County Horsemanship Team meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

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NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

October 5, 2024



growing good kids.

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

Level 1- 3rd-5th graders Level 2-6th-8th graders

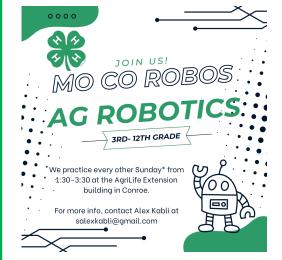


Floral Design Class

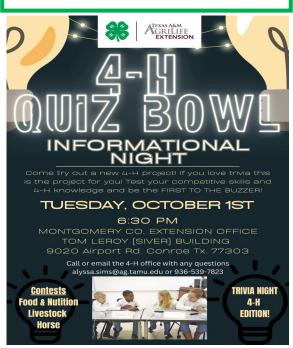
Monday, October 7, 2024 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building

RSVP here:

https://forms.gle/CpojqsTrd6BqBKUN9









Record Keeping Training

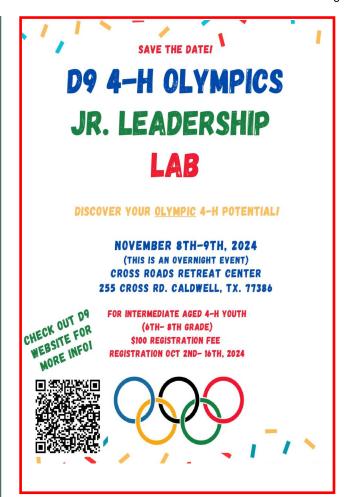
October 22, 2024 6:30pm at the Extension Office

In the next 5 to 10 years will you be applying for a job, a scholarship, trade school or college? All applications request information about

extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. Whether you are in elementary or high school a 4-H Record Book will be a great resource for you. Learning how to keep records is the 1st step and starting now will make it easier in the future. Join us for Record Keeping Training to find out what kind of information you need to be keeping, how to keep up with it and why. Please RSVP at:

https://forms.gle/ vYuFKFRcSHfk7A3g9

by October 18, 2024 so we have enough copies and seats for everyone.









D/	ATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
N	ovember	2023		
•	11/3	3-5 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Major Show entries *sign-up genius will be sent
•	11-4	5-7 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Major Show entries
				*sign-up genius will be sent
•	11/8-9		Crossroads Retreat Center	District 9 Jr. Leadership Lab
•	11/10	2-4pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Fashion & Interior Design meeting
•	11/11		Extension Office	Closed for Veteran's Day
•	11/14	6:30pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Food & Nutrition Night
•	11/15		Fair Office	Turkey and Rabbit Intent to Show Forms due
•	11/15		Extension Office	Broiler Orders due for county fair
•	11/19	7pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Council Meeting
•	11/19	4-7pm	Fairgrounds	Swine Validation
•	11/28-29		Extension Office	Closed for Thanksgiving
•	11/29		Tractor Supply	Clover Campaign starts



In case you didn't know or just need a reminder:

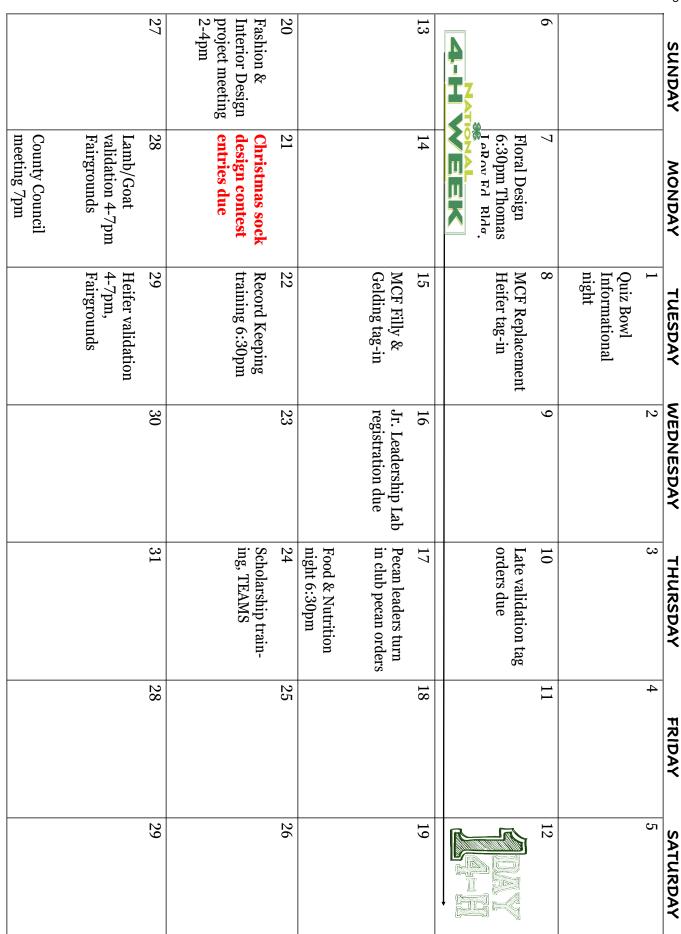
ALL of our club managers and assistant managers are volunteers.

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 "thanks."

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.









Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



30	Tractor Supply Clover Campaign starts Extension Office CEOSED	Thanksgiving Day Extension	27	26	25	24
				Swine validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds		
				County Council meeting		
23	22	21	20	19	18	17
	MCFA turkey & rabbit intent to show forms due to fair office Broiler orders due to Ext. Office	Food & Nutrition Night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.			THANK YOU WETERANS VETERANS Extension Office Closed	Fashion & Interior Design project meeting 2-4pm
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