



January 2025



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County 4-H

[agrilife.org/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](http://montgomery.agrilife.org)

District  
[d94-h.tamu.edu](http://d94-h.tamu.edu)

State  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://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, January 20 for MLK day.**

## Pecans



We still have pecans to sell in the Extension Office. They are \$12.50/lb. halves or pieces. You can stop by between 8am-noon or 1pm-5pm to buy pecans. Cash or check are the only forms of payment accepted.

### January County Council Meeting

January 27th , Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.

6:30pm dinner (please RSVP )

7pm Meeting Starts

Program: Poultry Science

Community Service: Little Free Library



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 meetings are open to everyone!



If you missed out on county 4-H T-shirt orders, we have extra for sale in the office for \$13. Youth sizes Small-Large are available.

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/>





# LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



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.

## Spring 2025 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 17-Feb. 08, 2025
San Antonio	Feb. 6-23, 2025
San Angelo	Feb 1-16, 2025
Houston	March 4-23, 2025
Rodeo Austin	March 14-29, 2025

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR



April 3- April 13, 2024  
[www.mcfa.org](http://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.

**1/7 Market Barrow tag-in**  
**1/14 Breeding Beef Paper Verification**  
**1/20-1/31 Online entry system open**  
**2/21 Broiler Pickup**

\* Be sure to follow the MCFA Facebook page for updates and reminders.

## Horse Project



**Horse Judging Meeting dates:**  
**1/7, 2/3, 3/3, and 4/7**  
**from 6:30-8pm at the Extension Office**



### Upcoming Clinics

**January 11, 2025 Taylor Wells Ground Driving Clinic**  
**Higgins Horse Ranch Willis, TX**

**January 18, 2025 Matt Nichols Working Cow Clinic**  
**Aggie Extension Land Richards, TX**

**January 26, 2024 Ridley Cone and July Zander Performance Clinic**  
**Countless Blessings Arena Montgomery, TX**

### **Adult Horse Committee Schooling Shows**

**January 14, 21, and 28th at 6:30pm Lone Star Expo Center**

**Horsemanship club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.**

# January Non-Livestock Project Meetings

## JMG January Project Meeting

January 4, 2025



RSVP on the 4-H website's hub.

Questions:

[michele.scaife@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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




Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics

EDUCATION

**January STEM Night**  
**January 23rd 6:30pm,**

**Thomas LeRoy**  
**Education Bldg.**


**RSVP on the hub**



Join Montgomery Co. 4-H for


# INVITATIONAL ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Exhibit your Robotics Skills at a Mock Robotics Contest, and compete for a spot at the HLSR Robotics Contest!  
Teams of 3-5 Needed



**SAT. JANUARY 4TH, 2025**  
**9AM-12PM**

**TOM LEROY (SILVER) BUILDING**  
**9020 AIRPORT RD. CONROE TX. 77303**



**SIGN UP ON 4-H WEBSITE USING QR CODE!**

Questions or Accommodations?  
Contact Alyssa Sims  
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(936) 539-7823

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Join Montgomery Co. 4-H for

# INVITATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE Workshop



**SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2025**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**

Tom LeRoy Building- Montgomery Co. Extension Office  
9020 Airport Rd. Conroe TX.

Join us for the Food Challenge Co. Roundup workshop to learn more about Food Challenge, take a swing at a mock contest, and practice before the district contest.  
Teams of 3-4 Needed



RSVP on 4H Website use QR Code

Questions or accommodations?  
Contact Alyssa Sims alyssa.sims@ag.tamu.edu

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# Fashion & Interior Design Project


September 22, October 20, November 10, 2024 and January 26, February 23, and March 23, 2025

from 2pm to 4pm  
at the Montgomery County Extension Office  
9020 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX

Save the Dates!

Quilts of Valor • Storyboard Sewing • Duds to Dazzle Fashion Contests • Community Service

Future information and RSVP to come!



## Invitational Quiz Bowl

Family/Community Health, Horse, and Livestock

**Friday, January 10, 2025**  
Walker County Storm Shelter  
455 State Highway 75N  
Huntsville, TX 77320

**10:30 a.m. to End**  
Registrants will be emailed week of event with exact order of game time slots



- **Team competition** for Junior (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) Divisions
- **4-person teams only, no exceptions**
- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz>)
- 4-H members enter individually through their 4-H Online profile (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
- FFA members enter team by completing form (<https://forms.office.com/r/drc1LVZCex>) and mailing a Chapter Check (Texas A&M AgriLife -D-9 4-H at 1470 William D. Fitch Parkway, College Station, TX 77845)
- **Registration Deadlines & Fees**
  - **December 4 - December 18**, \$10/4-H member and \$40/FFA Team
  - **December 19 - January 6**, \$15/4-H member and \$60/FFA Team
  - **NO on-site registrations accepted**

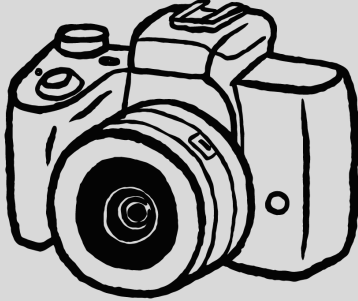
Prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place winning Junior & Senior teams of Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or [kktorley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kktorley@ag.tamu.edu)

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# Photography Judging Workshop

Learn about photography judging basics and how to construct a good reasons speech for photography



Where?

Thomas Leroy Education  
Building (9020 Airport  
Rd)

When?

February 22th,  
2025 from 2 pm  
to 5 pm

Please RSVP at:

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



## YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAM ENTOMOLOGY CAMP

For RISING 7th - 10th grade students

CAMP DATES: JULY 13 - 18, 2025

Registration Opens in January 2025

Ever wanted to learn more about bees, beetles, butterflies, and other "f-ant-astic" bugs?

Get ready for a journey into the exciting world of insect science! In the Entomology course, students will discover "un-bee-liveable" ways insects interact with their environments, their significance to human society, and different careers in the field of entomology.

Students will "spread their wings" and gain practical, field- and laboratory-based skills through hands-on activities, experiments, and expeditions to distinct habitats. Students will collect, identify, and preserve insects to create their own unique insect collections.

Time will "fly" when exploring special topics like honey beekeeping, edible insects, and the fields of forensic, medical, and veterinary entomology. By the end of this course, students will know the basics of insect diversity, biology, behavior, morphology, and ecology, and how to pursue their passion for insects through high school and beyond!



Visit <http://tx.ag/ENTOYAP2025> or scan the QR Code to receive updates & share specific interests!

Website: <http://yap.tamu.edu> Contact: [yap@tamu.edu](mailto:yap@tamu.edu)



## Bell County Youth Fair Contests February 7, 2025 Cadence Bank Center Expo Bldg. Belton, TX

- **Vet Science Skill-a-thon -9:00am contest starts**
- **Livestock Judging- 9:00am contest starts**
- **Ag Product ID-12:00pm contest starts**

**\*All entries through judging card \$10/entry. Please call the office for more information.**

## **ATTENTION SENIORS**

**Texas 4-H Foundation  
Scholarship applications are  
open through  
February 15, 2025**

**February 3rd is the County  
deadline if you want us to review  
your application. There is also a  
CEA verification form that must  
be signed by February 3rd.**

**More information can be found  
here:**

**[https://texas4hfoundation.org/  
types-of-scholarships/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/)**



# 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 27, 2025

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 24-26, 2025

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 2-5, 2025

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





DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
<b>February 2025</b>			
• 2/1	8am-4pm	Fairgrounds	County Dog Show
• 2/2		Fairgrounds	Gulf Coast BB and Air Rifle Match
• 2/4	6:30pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Food & Nutrition Night
• 2/8		Texas Archery	Gulf Coast Archery Match
• 2/15		Online	Foundation Scholarship applications due
• 2/17		Extension Office Closed	President's Day
• 2/21		Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	MCF Broiler pickup
• 2/22	2-5pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Photography Judging Workshop
• 2/23	2-4pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Fashion and Interior Design Project Mtg.
• 2/24	7pm	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 have switched over to an easier process. 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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# JANUARY

Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

			1 <i>Extension Office Closed</i>	2	3	4 Robotics Qualifier 9am-12pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg. RSVP
5	6	7 MCEFA Barrow tag-in	8	9	10 10 <b>Dog Validation due</b> D-9 Invitational Quiz Bowl	11 Taylor Wells Horse Clinic Higgins Horse Ranch Willis
12	13	14 MCEFA Breeding Beef Paper Verification Adult Horse Committee Schooling Show	15	16	17	18 Food Challenge Workshop 9am- 12pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP Horse Clinic
19	20 <i>Extension Office Closed</i> Online fair entry system opens	21 Adult Horse Committee Schooling Show 6:30pm, Lone Star Expo Center	22	23 STEM night 6:30pm, Extension Office, RSVP	24 <b>District 9 Archery Contest</b>	25
26 Fashion & Interi- or Design Project Meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed Bldg., RSVP Horse Clinic	27 County Council Meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP for dinner	28 Adult Horse Committee Schooling Show 6:30pm, Lone Star Expo Center	29	30	31 Online fair entries close	





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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

							1 County Dog Show, Faigrounds 8am-5pm
2 Gulf Coast BB and Air Rifle Match, Faigrounds	3	4 Food & Nutrition Night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP	5	6	7	8 Gulf Coast Archery Match, Texas Archery Spring	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 <i>Extension Office closed for President's Day</i>	18	19	20	21 MCF Broiler Pickup, Thomas LeRoy Education Building	22 Photography Judging Workshop 2-5pm, Thomas Leroy Education Building RSVP	
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