

March 2025



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Montgomery County 4-H Focus



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



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.



March County Council Meeting

March 24th dinner at 6:30pm (pulled pork)

7pm Meeting Starts

Program: Floral Design

Community Service: Toiletry drive for the homeless

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://www.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

M. Michelle Mihalek
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Alyssa Sims
County Extension Agent
Urban Youth Development

Jo Picken
4-H Program Assistant

Tami Ward
4-H Volunteer Coordinator



April 1st



Montgomery County Fair Scholarship

Due 3/3 by 5pm

Scholarships – Montgomery County Fair Association (mcfaf.org)

Capital Farm Credit

Due by April 1st

<https://cfc.smapply.us/prog/cfc.sholarship/>

***flyer attached**

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/>





Texas 4-H At-Large Council Delegate
 applications now being accepted through March 27, 2025
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>



At-Large Delegates serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H Youth program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.



Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications

Open March 1-April 1

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.

- To apply you must:
- Be high school aged
- Make a 12 month commitment
- Have a passion for health and wellness
- Serve 40 hours of community service

Other Ambassador opportunities

Fashion & Interior Design Applications taken 3/1-3/31 <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/>

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/>

Water applications open 3/15-5/1 <https://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application>

*See Livestock page for more opportunities

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Spring 2025 Major Shows:

Houston Rodeo March 4-23, 2025
 Austin March 14-29, 2025

Best of luck to all of our 4-Hers competing in the major shows!

FALL MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

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

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://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/4-h-validation/>

***Initial Orders DUE: April 1, 2025**

ALL Late Orders DUE: June 5, 2025

****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 2025 & SPRING 2026 MAJOR SHOWS

Orders received by 4/1/2025: \$27/tag **Late orders: \$30/tag 4/2-6/5/2025**

Validation:

Date: June 30, 2024 Time: 4:00-7:00pm Location: The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒**HEIFERS**

Orders received by 4/1/2025: \$27/tag **Late orders: \$30/tag 4/2-6/5/2025**

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 2025.

Validation:

Date: June 27, 2025 Time: 4:00-7:00pm Location: The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒**LAMBS & GOATS**

Orders received by 4/1/2025: \$17/tag **Late Orders \$27/tag 4/2-6/5/2025**

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

Validation:

Date: June 26, 2025 Time: 4:00-7:00pm Location: The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

⇒**SWINE**

*Orders received by 4/22/2025: \$17/tag. **Late orders: \$20/tag 4/23-6/5/2025**

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Validation

Date: June 30, 2025 Time: 4:00-7:00pm Location: The Montgomery County Fairgrounds



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.



Horse Project



Upcoming Clinics

April 13. 2025

Tammy Ahrendt Speed Clinic

Horse Judging Meeting dates

3/3, 4/7

6:30pm at the Extension Office

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



Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador Programs



2025 Short Course Offering:

Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Tarleton State University – June 9-12, 2025

Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 23-26, 2025

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, TAMU -Kingsville – June 16-19, 2025

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 7–10, 2025

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West TAMU/Texas Tech University – July 14-17, 2025

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12 in fall 2025) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank



Application Process:

1. Applications will be released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website (www.texasyouthlivestock.com) on February 15, 2025 and will be due by April 15, 2025.
2. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
3. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
4. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 3- April 13, 2024
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 required to participate.
- Substitute showmen are not allowed if an exhibitor is ineligible to participate due to grades.

3/3 Scholarship applications due to the Fair office

3/10-3/21 Photographs due in the Fair Office for Photo contest

3/11 Rabbit tag-in Sign up for a time here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70AoA49A8A72FA6F94-54974239-25rabbit>

3/22 Re-tag date beginning at 9am. Call or email fair office to let them know you are coming.

3/22 Barn Set-Up Day

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

Angel's Rodeo
 10th Annual Rodeo

March 2, 2025
 2- 4:30 PM

Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Free Adapted Rodeo For Special Needs Children

Stick Horse Race

Pony Rides
 Hay Rides
 Petting Zoo

Horses Provided
 No Experience Required

Roping Contest

Angel's Rodeo Entry Form/Rodeo Volunteer Form
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/horse-project/>

For more information: Angelsrodeo@gmail.com

TEXAS A&M **AGRILIFE** EXTENSION

2025 STATEWIDE TEXAS 4-H

CALF ROPING & BREAK-A-WAY SCHOOL

Carleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

JUNE 15 -19, 2025

✓ Beginner to Advanced
 ✓ Horsemanship
 ✓ Flanking & Tying
 ✓ Roping on the Ground
 ✓ Roping off the Horse
 ✓ Guest Instructors

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 CAMPERS! PRIORITY GIVEN TO AGES 12 & UP!

FOR MORE INFO :
 Contact Jacklyn Jones-Doyle at 817-884-1296 or email 4ropingschool@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: 4-H Calf Roping & Breakaway School

\$650
 Price includes School, Group Insurance, Stall Rental for One Horse, Meals, and Dorm Lodging.

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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, 2-6pm

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Asnrv8QcWvWgiFuT6>

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 starting March 19th and will be due by April 2 with the exception of Horse Judging, Photography, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. Those entries are open March 5- March 19.

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.



REGISTER NOW!

Buc Days Festival Grounds
 Corpus Christi, TX

Age Divisions
 Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Registration Ends
 March 31, 2025
 Limited availability



FRIDAY
MAY 9, 2025

\$5,000
 in prize money
 awarded



SATURDAY
MAY 10, 2025

\$7,500
 in prize money
 awarded

SPRING 2025

TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN VIRTUAL SPORT FISHING

Program Highlights

- Fish in YOUR location
- Earn YOUR Sport Fishing Certification
- Live EDUCATIONAL programs
- FRESHWATER and SALTWATER Divisions
- Upload pic of YOUR catch in FishDonkey Tournament app to win PRIZES

Registration
Register via 4HOnline
February 15 - March 15
Late Registration - \$100
March 16 - April 30

Fee
4-H Youth Grades 3-12
\$50 per Division
Clover Kids Ages 5-8
No Fee to Participate

Questions? Contact Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

HORIZONS

JUNE 30 - JULY 4

EARLY BIRD PRICING \$400
(THROUGH APRIL 15)

Horizons Camp is an opportunity for youth in grades 4-8 to participate in a more content focused camp. Each Horizons Camp has tracks that youth may choose to participate in. Each track will focus its programming on the subject throughout the duration of camp. Youth will also have time to participate in all-camp activities in the evenings such as dances, campfires, and team challenges.

Tracks:

- STEM | Re-Fashion | Fishing | Food Challenge | Sports | Hunters ED (shooting) | Arts & Crafts

ABOUT CAMP

- ✓ Camp themes - PJ PARTY & TOURIST
- ✓ Camp Talent Show
- ✓ Evening campfires
- ✓ Ropes Course Activities
- ✓ Swimming & games
- ✓ Camp dance

4-H CAMP
JUNE 30 - JULY 4
Call us: 325-764-1482
Visit Our Website: texashorizons.tamu.edu
Our Location: 8400 FM 3021 Brownwood, TX 76801

Summer Activities

JUNE 16-20 2025

Mission

TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN A DIVERSE GLOBAL ECONOMY AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY DEGREE INSTITUTIONS ACROSS TEXAS

EXPLORE Austin & San Antonio Area

CORE
Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

A goal of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to a variety of careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, STEM, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

\$250 with Application

Check and Credit Card Accepted

April 15th

Registration DEADLINE

GOALS

- 5 Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to variety of career paths.

Questions? Please Contact Kara Spangler
Kara.spangler@ag.tamu.edu
830-796-7755

Participants that are not selected for the 2025 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250.

Core4H

Register NOW



2025 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement

When: June 14-15, 2025 (Saturday/Sunday)
Where: Long Acres Ranch, Richmond

Registration:

Contest- 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>).
Registration timeline is April 1 - May 15, 2025.
Registration fee is \$60 per contestant.

Registration is limited to the first 130 contestants due to space limitation. Teams must be complete with both members registered before hitting the cap of 130. It would be wise to coordinate team member registration for the same time.

Lodging & Meals- Lodging and Meals are the responsibility of the contestant family. More information on any onsite food will be posted later.

Rules and Resources Guide:

General information is found in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide and the upcoming Video Orientation to be posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

10 Events for 2025 will be:

Outdoor Safety	Outdoor Skills
Paddling (kayak)	Rifle Shooting
Archery Shooting	Biologist Skills
Outdoor First Aid	Outdoor Gear Selection
Off Road Biking	Fishing

Find the descriptions of each event along with Study Resources in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide.

The Fishing Event will be held on the banks of Lake Moore on Long Acres Ranch which is small with grass covered banks and deep water throughout. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass and hybrid bluegill sunfish. Fishing licenses are not required as it is a private pond.



Two Day Schedule:

Saturday, June 14
7:30-8:00 a.m.: Check-In
7:30-8:30 a.m.: Gear Judging Event
9:00 a.m.: First Rotation of 3 Events
Lunch Break
After Lunch: Second Rotation of 3 Events
Sunday, June 15
8:00 a.m.: Third Rotation of 3 Events
Final Tabulations
Early Afternoon: Awards
Depart for Home

Handmade Quilt RAFFLE

TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY



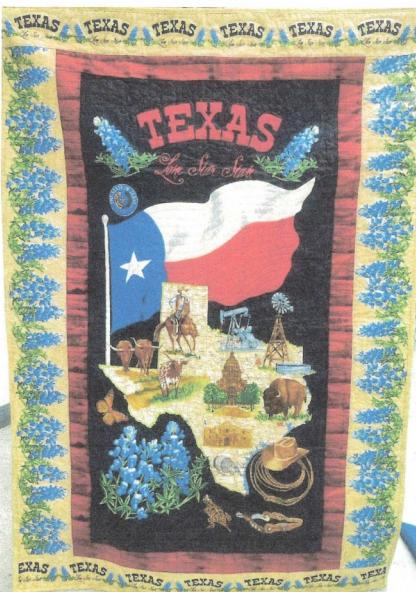
Tickets:
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets may be purchased at Montgomery County Extension Office (FCH) by March 12, 2025

Cash only exact change preferred

Proceeds support 4-H Youth Scholarships

936-539-7825



This beautiful Texas quilt was made by Ola Culwell, TEEA Member D-8



2025 Conflict Resolution Bookmark Art Contest!

The Dispute Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc. (DRC-MC) seeks entries for its 2024 Conflict Resolution Bookmark Art Contest. The contest is open to all Montgomery County students in grades K through eighth.

Categories: Level 1=Kindergarten through Second grade; Level 2=Third through Fifth grade; and Level 3 = Sixth through Eighth Grade.

To Enter: Submit original artwork drawn on the bookmark size template available on our website or on a 8½" x 11" sheet of paper with the image size being 3" high by 9" wide. Please be sure that the student's name, age and grade, school or program name, teacher's name and address, written legibly, are included **ON THE BACK** of the bookmark entry. Please DO NOT FOLD BOOKMARK. Limit to two entries per student.

Theme: Bookmark art must reflect a conflict resolution or prevention theme, such as peer mediation, talking things out, apologizing, respecting differences, solving problems together, listening, tolerance, peace building, or alternatives to violence.

Deadline: All original artwork must be received before 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025. Faxed or emailed bookmarks will not be accepted.

An awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Judge Kathleen Hamilton will present awards to the winners. Winning bookmarks will also be displayed at the Montgomery County Memorial Library System, Central Branch.

Artwork must be mailed or delivered to:
Elaine Roberts, Dispute Resolution Center, 301 N. Thompson Street, Suite 106, Conroe, Texas 77301 or dropped off at any branch of the Montgomery County Library System.

The DRC- MC is a 501(c) (3) corporation
"Helping People with Difficult Conversations Since 1988"

Submitted bookmark art becomes the property of the DRC-MC. The DRC-MC reserves the right to use copies of any art submitted in contest publicity or for any future public awareness promotions.

Enter Now!

SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST

DEADLINE AUGUST 30TH

Open to Texas Students Kindergarten-12th Grade

Winners will be featured in the 2026 Texas Smokey Bear Calendar





<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/SmokeyPosterContest/>


EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
April 2025			
• 4/1		Google Form	Steer, heifer, goat, and lamb on time tag Orders due
• 4/2		4honline	District 9 Roundup entries due
• 4/2-4/16		4honline	D-9 Livestock Judging entries open
• 4/3-4/13		Fairgrounds	Montgomery County Fair
• 4/5	9am-12pm	Extension Office	Open Gardens Day
• 4/12		Extension Office	D-9 Horse Judging, Air rifle/pistol contests
• 4/18		Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Closed for Good Friday
• 4/22	6:30pm	Lone Star College	Record Book Training
• 4/24-26		Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	District 9 Roundup
• 4/28	7pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Council Meeting/Elections
• 4/29	6:30pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Club Manager training

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 a request 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.

Instead of phone calls or emails, place your request online at <https://forms.gle/WKANekDFA81Nyc6K6> . There is also a link on our county RSVP web page. 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. Or, if 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 mail or bring the original to the office . 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.



Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			D-9 photo entries, Air rifle/pistol, & horse judging entries open			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	MCF Photography submissions open-Fair Office	MCF Rabbit Tag-in				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		D-9 photo, air rifle/pistol and horse judging		Last day to turn in MCF photography		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Fashion & I.D. meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP	County Council Meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.,	Alternate day for County Roundup by appointment only	County Roundup 2-6pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., sign up for a time	TAMU Judging Clinics	
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Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



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Steer, heifer, goat, and lamb on time valida- tion tag orders due	D-9 Roundup entries due	D-9 Livestock Judging Entry	Montgomery County Fair	Open Gardens 9am-12pm
6	7	8	9	10
D-9 Livestock Judging Entry	Montgomery County Fair	MCFRA Robotics	11	12 District 9 Horse Judging, Air Rifle/pistol contests
13	14	15	16	17
			D-9 Livestock Judging entries due	Good Friday Extension Office Closed
20	21	22	23	24
Record Book Training 6:30pm, Tom LeRoy Ed.				
27	28	29	30	District 9 4-H Roundup
County Council Meeting/ Elections 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Club Manager Training 6:30pm, Thom- as LeRoy Ed.			