

June 2025

# Montgomery County 4-H Focus

Extension Office closed Thursday, June 19th for a County holiday.



## 4-H RECORD BOOKS

Get a free meal and be recognized on August 19, 2025 at our County Awards Banquet. It is not too late to complete a 4-H Record Book. The forms and instructions can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>



**June 9, 2025 County 4-H Record Books are due Extension Office**

**June 13, 2025 County 4-H Record Book Judging**

9:00 a.m., Montgomery County Extension Office. Email [tami.ward@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tami.ward@ag.tamu.edu) to sign up. No previous experience required other than completing a 4-H Record book.

**July 9, 2024 District 4-H Record Book Judging**

9:00 a.m. Montgomery County Extension Office.  
Sign up at County 4-H Record Book Judging

**\*Parents the best way to learn how to do a 4-H Record Book is to judge 4-H Record Books. Both county and district happen here at the Extension Office.**

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM

## County 4-H Awards



HANDBOOK & APPLICATIONS

In addition to the numerous awards available to 4-H members who complete a 4-H Record Book, there are a number of awards available to 4-H members and 4-H Clubs. These award applications are due to the County Extension Office by June 9th and can be completed by any 4-H member, parent, or volunteer.

The Awards Program Handbook has fillable PDF applications for each of the awards. You can download the handbook with the applications at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/forms-downloads/>

### Record Book Required:

Gold Star  
Danforth "I Dare You"  
Silver Star  
Bronze Star  
Special Record Book Awards

### Record Book NOT required:

Unsung Hero  
Outstanding 4-H Leader  
4-H Club Secretary  
4-H Club Treasurer  
4-H Club Scrapbook  
4-H Club Community Service  
Honor Club

\*Award interviews June 13th. If you can't interview on the 13th, call the office to schedule an earlier time

TEXAS 4-H ONLINE: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE: <http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/>



**PHONE:** 936-539-7823

**FAX:** 936-788-8394

**ON THE WEB**  
**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

**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





# LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



## Horse Project

**TAMU Horsemanship School 5/31-6/1**  
**Montgomery County Fairgrounds**

**District 4-H Horse Show**  
**June 24-25, 2025**  
**Brazos County Expo Center**



## CALF ROPING & BREAK-A-WAY SCHOOL

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

**JUNE 15 -19, 2025**

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

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

### FOR MORE INFO :

Contact Jacklyn Jones-Doyle at 817-884-1296  
 or email 4hropingschool@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.

## TURKEY ORDERS

### What Shows Are Available?

- San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Rodeo Austin
- Montgomery County Fair

**All orders are due**  
**to the Montgomery**  
**4H office by:**  
**Thursday, July 31!**

Order forms are available on the  
 Montgomery County 4H Website:  
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/>  
 under the Major Shows tab



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**Let's Talk Turkey.....Raising turkeys for show can be an enjoyable experience for families. Turkeys are relatively easy to feed and care for. You can raise turkeys without expensive facilities or equipment. The turkey project lasts approximately 4 months from start to finish. It requires a simple 3 step feeding program of a starter feed, grower feed and finisher feed. Turkeys would be an excellent first animal project for newcomers to 4H. Show turkey orders are placed midsummer with the poults (chicks) arriving mid November. Turkeys are ordered in multiples of 10. Families with several children will want to order 20 to 50 chicks. This one order of turkeys can be shown at the Montgomery County Fair along with the following Major Shows: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Rodeo Austin. Each eligible child in the family can show from this one order of turkeys. When the turkey order is placed you must designate on the order form the Major Shows you intend to take your turkeys to. The Extension Office will require Major Show entry forms and payment at a later date. Contact the Montgomery County Extension Office for more information.**



## FALL MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

Heart of Texas - State Fair of Texas - East Texas



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/>

**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**

**Late orders: \$30/tag 4/2-6/5/2025**

#### Validation:

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

### ⇒HEIFERS

**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 Fair grounds

### ⇒LAMBS & GOATS

**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 Fair grounds

### ⇒SWINE

**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 Fair grounds



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# RABBITS

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## ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW



- Showmanship
- Breed Identification
- Market & Show Rabbit Evaluation/Posing
- Selecting A Breeder
- Tips for being successful
- Includes Printed Manuals

\*Feel Free to bring your own rabbit



June 24TH, 2025  
Tarleton State Ag Mechanics Building  
9:00AM-3:00PM  
Lunch Provided  
6 Hours of CPE

\$60 Teachers  
\$40 Students  
Register on Judgingcard.com



### Camps

Session 1: Ages 9-13

June 10-11

Link: <http://tx.ag/25POSCSummerCamp1>

Session 2: Ages 14-18

June 11-13

Link: <http://tx.ag/25POSCSummerCamp2>

Session 3: Coaches & Teachers (receive Continuing Professional Education credit)

June 16-17

Link: <http://tx.ag/25POSCSummerCamp3>

For more info and to register please visit:

<https://poultry.tamu.edu/extension/>



## NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



### STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

Congratulations to the 4-H members who advanced to State 4-H Roundup.

Reagan Ahrendt, Anson Cater, Thomas Chamberlain, Corbynn Cruz, Ali Denson, Lani Duncan, Ein Masters, Kinsley Mims, Marlee Morairty, Faith Nichols, Charlie O'Brien, Azalee Porter, Ella Porter, Caleb Rodriguez, Wiley Sallas, Jackson Skelton, Jessica Skelton, Lace Thomas, Myla Wagoner, and Addison Washer.

They will be competing in contests such as Livestock Skillathon, Vet Science Skillathon, Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Photography Judging, Horse Judging, Ag Product ID, Entomology ID, Healthy Lifestyles, Consumer Decision Making, Educational Presentations, and Wildlife Challenge.

**We wish the best of luck to all the members who will be competing at State 4-H Roundup in College Station June 2-5 2025!**

**SUMMER 2025**

# TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

### Program Highlights

- Fish in YOUR location
- Earn YOUR Sportfishing Certification
- Test YOUR knowledge in the 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon contest
- Live EDUCATIONAL programs
- FRESHWATER and SALTWATER Divisions
- Upload pic of YOUR catch in FishDonkey Tournament app to win PRIZES

### Registration

Register via 4HOnline  
May 1 - May 31

Late Tournament  
Registration - \$100  
June 1 - June 30

### Participation Fees

4-H Youth Grades 3-12  
\$50 per Tournament Division  
\$5 Skill-a-thon Contest

Clover Kids Ages 5-8  
No Fee to Participate

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

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## TEXAS 4-H LANDSCAPE DESIGN

**JUNE 2, 2025**  
Informational Meeting: Thursday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

### OBJECTIVE

- ✓ enhance landscape design knowledge & promote professionalism
- ✓ real-life interaction between customer & landscape professionals
- ✓ exposure to horticulture degree & career opportunities

This is not an official Texas 4-H Roundup contest. Youth who register for landscape design have the opportunity to compete in Texas 4-H Roundup held the same week.

**EVENT CONTACT**

Jayla Fry, Superintendent  
jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu | 979-845-5508



## DADDY DAYCARE FATHER'S DAY CAMP

Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, moms, or any father figure in a child's life is welcome to join us with your child for a fun day of family-friendly activities to celebrate the special people in your life! At least one adult must register and actively participate with each child/children. This is not a drop-off program.

**Ages 7-18**

### Activities:

- Backyard Bass learn how to cast fishing activity
- SAFE Archery
- Nature and outdoors
- Easy recipe cooking skills

### Address:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
9020 Airport Road  
Conroe, TX 77303  
Questions?  
Call 936-539-7825

### Date:

Saturday, June 14, 2025  
Time: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

### Registration:

- \$25/adult, \$15/child.
- <https://givebutter.com/Z8byEv>
- Register online or scan QR code
- Snacks and light meal included

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# KIDS Foodie CAMP

**TEXAS A&M  
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**Thursday, July 24, 2025**  
**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Cooking Skills, Kitchen Gadgets, Tasty Recipes, Nutrition,  
Fun with Food, and more! Become a Kid Chef!**  
**Ages 8 - 12 years old**

\$40 per child. 4-H membership is not required.  
Payment online, cash, or check, **deadline is Monday, July 22nd**  
by 5:00 pm. Online payment has small processing fee.

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 9020 Airport Road,  
Conroe, TX 77303. Questions? Call 936-539-7825

**Scan QR Code or Register online:**  
**<https://givebutter.com/Orlypj>**



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## Interested in Better Preparing Your Community, Your Family, and Yourself for Emergencies?



**2018 FEMA National CERT Award Winner:**  
MyPI National: "Preparing the Whole Community"

**2019 NAE4-HA National Award Winner:**  
MyPI Georgia: "Citizenry in 4-H Youth Development"

### MyPI Graduates complete:

FEMA's CERT Training  
"PREP + 6" Community Service Project  
CPR and AED Certification  
Specialized Technology and Career Tracks  
Disaster Simulation

### MyPI Graduates enhance:

Leadership Qualities  
Communication Skills  
Teamwork Abilities  
Civic Responsibility  
Decision Making



**"Fostering Emergency Preparedness, Civic Responsibility, and Leadership in Teens"**

For more information, contact  
Jordan Baze, Recovery Coordinator/State Operations  
Center Liaison and MyPI Texas Program Manager at  
Jordan.baze@ag.tamu.edu or 405.795.2443

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**2014 & 2017 FEMA National Award Winner:**  
MyPI Mississippi and MyPI National, respectively  
"Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness"

### Join MyPI and Learn About:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Suppression
- Disaster Medical Ops
- Treatment of Injuries
- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology, etc.

### Apply to MyPI Now to:

- Build Life Saving Skill Sets
- Serve Your Communities
- Be Empowered
- Be Safe in Schools
- Identify Hazards
- Be Weather Aware
- Learn More about First Responder Careers
- Develop Emergency Kits and Communication Plans

**f Facebook:** "My PI Texas"

**MyPI Texas Program Website:**  
mypitexas.org

**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/>

# UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
<b>July 2025</b>			
• 7/4		Extension Office	closed for July 4th holiday
• 7/8-7/10		Kerrville, TX	Texas 4-H Dog Show
• 7/15		Extension Office	District Record Book Judging
• 7/15	4-6pm	Extension Office	Baby Shower for Alyssa
• 7/18	9am-3pm	Thomas Le Roy Ed. Bldg.	Hunters Ed Class
• <b>7/31</b>	<b>by 5pm</b>	<b>Extension Office</b>	<b>Turkey Orders for all shows due</b>

Have a good  
Summer!

Be sure to mark August 15th on your calendar to  
re-enroll for the new 4-H year.

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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SUNDAYMONDAYTUESDAYWEDNESDAYTHURSDAYFRIDAYSATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Horsemanship Clinic, Fairgrounds				All late tag orders due		
		State 4-H Roundup				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Record books and award applications due				Record book judging and award interviews	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Extension Office Closed for holiday		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Lamb & Goat Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Signup Genius	Heifer validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Signup Genius	
				District 4-H Horse Show		
29	30					
	Steer & Swine Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Signup Genius					





## Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Extension Office closed 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<b>State Dog Show Kerrville, TX</b>				
13	14	15 District Record Book Judging Alyssa's Baby Shower 4- 6pm Extension Office	16	17	18 Hunters Education gam -3pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27		29	30	31 Turkey Orders Due by 5pm		