



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates July 25-31, 2025

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm

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

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Important Dates

July 2025

7/31 Turkey orders due

August 2025

8/12 Fall Major Show Entry Night 5-7pm, Extension Office

8/15 4H Online opens for enrollment *please delay 3rd graders until 9/1

8/16 Leadership Team Training 8:30am-2pm, Exhibit Bldg. at Fairgrounds, RSVP

8/19 County Awards Banquet 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP

8/21 District 9 Club Manager and Volunteer training via TEAMS

8/26 Horse Project Planning Meeting, 6:30pm, Extension Office

• Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Fall 2025 Major Show Entry Night

August 12, 2025 5-7pm

**This is the day to do all entries (livestock and non-livestock) for
*State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas, and East Texas State Fair.**

Ordering tags, validating your animal, and placing turkey and broiler orders only makes your project ELIGIBLE to be entered in 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 your entry fees. Please fill out this Google form so that we can have your paperwork ready for you on entry night:

<https://forms.gle/7h5LYWzAwuX4vKNWA>

**What to bring: *4-H member *Parent *4-H Member's Social Security Number
*Valid Quality County Number *Method of Payment (cash or check) *Heifer
registration papers *Pure bred gilt papers**

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ENTRIES SEE BELOW FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2 Step Entry Process:



STEP 1:

After August 1, 2025 but BEFORE August 12, 2025

Go to <https://livestock.bigtex.com/login/>

1. Select Parents
2. Either log-in to your current account or create a parent account. If you have an account but can't remember the password, you will need to email livestock@bigtex.com to get it reset.
3. For Club select/type in Montgomery County 4-H
4. Electronically sign the indemnity and W-9 forms
5. Choose to skip adding entries (preferred) OR add your own entries.
6. Schedule an entry time for August 12th.

STEP 2:

On August 12, 2025 Fall Major Show Entry Night

1. Arrive at the Extension Office during your scheduled time and bring all required items.
2. Complete the paper entry form and additional information form. Whether you added entries to the online system or not you MUST complete the paper entry form at entry night.
3. If you added entries in your BigTex account make certain the paper entry matches.
4. Pay your entry fees to 4-H General Account.



All livestock exhibitors are required to complete the education module and test. Exhibitors must be verified once as a Junior (grades 3-5), once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a Senior (grades 9-12).

**<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/quality-counts/>
Quality counts must be completed/updated if participating at State Fair of Texas.

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://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/>
under the Major Shows tab



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Order forms are now available for State Fair

Broilers and Major Show Turkeys

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 or FFA. 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 Livestock Show. 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.

HORSE PROJECT

**STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW
JULY 20-26**

BRAZOS COUNTY EXPO

TEXAS 4-H HOMES FOR HORSES IS TAKING APPLICATIONS THROUGH AUGUST 1ST.

CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HORSE PROJECT PLANNING MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2025 6:30PM

EXTENSION OFFICE

Active members last year provided their ideas and suggestions throughout the Spring and prioritized that information this Summer through surveys. At this meeting we will be reviewing this information and making some final determinations on plans for the upcoming year.



**TX 4-H BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
SOCK FUNDRAISER**

**SOCK FUNDRAISER
JULY 15–AUGUST 15**

**\$5 from every pair sold
goes directly to your
county**

STEM AMBASSADOR

APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1-31

STEM Ambassador's mission is to educate communities about science, technology, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills.

More information can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLyfPWkFhNg>

Link to apply: <https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit>

ROBOTICS

State Fair Robotics

If you would like to compete on October 14th, 2025 at the SFT Robotics Contest, please come by the office and pay the \$60 team fee(3-4 members) and fill out the team form **NO LATER** than August 1st at 12pm. This is so you have the best chance of being entered into the "first come first serve contest". If you come between the 2nd and Entry Night August 12th at the office, there is a slimmer chance you will be selected to compete in the contest.

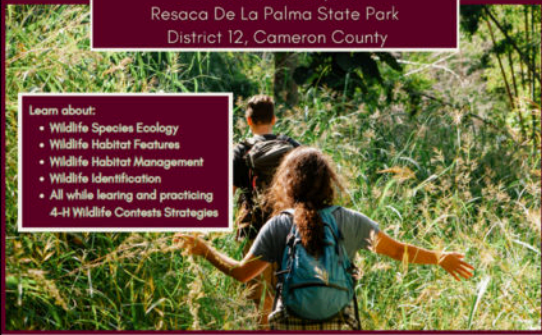
Contest rules found here: <https://bigtex.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-Exhibitor-Handbook-V.2-1.pdf>

Fort Worth Robotics

If you are interested in competing at the Fort Worth Robotics Contest (First Come first serve contest as well only 40 spots available) in late January (Date TBD), come to the office to pay the \$100 Team Fee and fill out the entry form no later than September 1st.

4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Project Workshop

August 16, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Resaca De La Palma State Park
District 12, Cameron County



- Learn about:
- Wildlife Species Ecology
 - Wildlife Habitat Features
 - Wildlife Habitat Management
 - Wildlife Identification
 - All while learning and practicing 4-H Wildlife Contests Strategies

This event is open to all 4-H Youth and Adults Statewide. Register now through August 3rd to reserve your spot!

Register via 4-H Online
July 1 - August 3

Have questions? Contact Larry Hysmith at lhymsmith@tamu.edu

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4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training



August 22-23, 2025
Longview, Gregg County

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE TEXAS ANGLER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Come join us for a hands-on, activity-based training to learn how to start this project. Registration is open on [4-H Online](#)

Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents/Program Assistants.

Registration fee - \$30; includes lunch on Saturday, certification, and curriculum.

All registrations will remain in pending status until registration period closes.

Training - Friday Evening 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

All registrants will receive more details in an email.

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhymsmith@tamu.edu with questions. Also see the [4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule](#) link on each webpage.

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WHO?

- ✓ Club officers and their parents
- ✓ Club managers and assistant managers
- ✓ Project leaders
- AND-
- ✓ Any interested 4-H'er or volunteer



WHAT & WHEN?

LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Saturday, August 16
8:30 am
County Fairgrounds

Call the office for more info.
(936)539-7823



2025 Awards Banquet

August 19, 2025 6:30pm

Thomas LeRoy Education Building



Invitations were mailed out this week to all those who completed a record book, a club book, or applied for an award. Additional tickets may be purchased in the office for \$15. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Please RSVP here: <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/> by August 14th if you plan to attend. Even if tickets were mailed to you, please RSVP so we will have an accurate account for the caterer.

CONTESTS

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/>

GIANT PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST

OCTOBER 25, 2025

Weigh in starts at 3:00 p.m.
STEPHENS COUNTY AG BARN
188 CR 245
BRECKENRIDGE, TX 76424

**\$500
1st place**

Entry Fee:
\$25/pumpkin

Entry Deadline
August 1, 2025



For questions: call or text
Ryan Ethridge 254-559-0621
Cinch Hare 254-522-5550

Scan QR code for
entry and payment

RULES FOR CONTEST

1. MUST BE GROWN IN TEXAS BY ENTERED CONTESTANT
2. PUMPKIN MUST BE HEALTHY/UNDAMAGED. FREE OF ROT, HOLES & CRACKS
THE JUDGES WILL SUPERVISE THE WEIGHING & HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT THE PUMPKIN BEFORE IT IS WEIGHED. FRESH SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY LIFTING STRAPS OR GROWTH CRACKS WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS DISQUALIFICATION
3. THE VINE MUST BE TRIMMED WITHIN ONE INCH FROM THE STEM
4. IF THERE IS A TIE, THE PRIZE MAY BE SPLIT EQUALLY AMONG THE TIED CONTESTANTS
5. JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Join us on October 25th for a
growers program at weigh in with
AgriLife Extension Specialist
Dr. Joe Masabni

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 Shooting Sports 

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 AIR PISTOL LEADERSHIP AND MORE

2025 BB Gun State Champions
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D-9 4-H FALL TRAINING & COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6TH

Training for youth and volunteers on leadership, 4-H programs and projects

Full schedule released in August

Location:
San Jacinto AgriLife Office 250 Live Oak Coldspring TX 77331
Time:
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost:
\$12.00

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN - AUGUST 15TH - 4HONLINE

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Save the Date

4-H OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 2-5PM

THOMAS LE ROY EDUCATION CENTER

If you are interested in doing a booth to promote your club or project, please call the office by August 28, 2025 to reserve your spot.

