



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

February 13-20, 2026

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

Ph (936)539-7823

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

Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty.

Important Dates

February 2026

- 2/15 Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 2/16 Extension Office closed for President's Day
- 2/23 County Council Meeting 7pm, Thomas Le Roy Education Bldg., RSVP for dinner
- 2/26 STEM Night 6:30pm, Thomas Le Roy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 2/27 MCFA Broiler pickup, Fairgrounds
- 2/28 Horse Project Trail Clinic, Willis Arena, RSVP

March 2026

- 3/1 Horse validation open on 4honline
- 3/2 MCFA Scholarship applications due
- 3/4 MCF National Anthem Contest entries due
- 3/11 MCF public speaking entries due
- 3/15 Fashion & Interior Design Project meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 3/19 MCF Rabbit tag-in
- 3/20 MCF Photo entries due
- 3/22 Horse Project Speed Clinic, Magnolia Arena, RSVP
- 3/23 County Council meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg. RSVP for dinner at 6:30pm
- 3/25 D9 Horse Judging, Photography, and Air Rifle/Pistol entries due
- 3/26 County Roundup 2-6pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP for a time



Scholarship Opportunities

**Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Due February 15th**



For available scholarships and requirements visit
<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>



Montgomery County Scholarships

<https://montgomery.agrilife.org/home/scholarships/>



Montgomery County Fair Scholarship

Due by March 2nd at 5pm For more information or to apply online visit:

<https://mcfa.org/scholarships/>

Capital Farm Credit

Due by March 16

https://cfc.smapply.us/prog/cfc_scholarship/
*flyer attached

Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District & Lake Creek Greenway Partnership will award a \$1500 Scholarship to students studying/training in an Agriculture or Natural Resource Management related to Agriculture field.

Applications due by May 1. (see attached)

Dr. O.D. Butler Memorial Scholarship

Due Friday, March 20, 2026 by 5pm.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g72KYB53bT9MS98kBW9C9Iruhoxwczmt/edit>

County Council

County Council meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the Extension Office unless otherwise specified. Club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome. This is great way to meet 4-Hers from all over the county and hear what is going on in their clubs.

Next meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7pm

Program: Textile Designer

Community Service: Book Drive

Dinner is served at 6:30pm. This month's dinner will be walking tacos. RSVP on the hub by 2/19 if you would like to come early for dinner.

**DONATE BOOKS WITH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H
FOR FEBRUARY COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Who: Montgomery County 4-H donating to Reach out and Read
When: February 23rd 2026 @7pm
Where: Thomas Leroy Education Building at the Extension Office
Donations Needed: Board books suited for ages 0-5

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SUMMER 2026 CAMPS



CAMPS

Mini Camp: July 1st - 3rd, 2026 - \$325
Specialty Camp Week: July 6th - 10th, 2026

- 4-H Hunting Camp - \$505
- Aperture Academy - \$500
- Arts & Crafts - \$500
- Fishing Camp - \$500
- Food Challenge - \$500
- Refashion - \$500
- Ropes & Team Building - \$500
- Sports & Games - \$500

County Camp I: July 12th - 16th, 2026 - \$500
Teen Adventure Camp: July 19th - 24th, 2026 - \$500
County Camp II: July 26th - 30th, 2026 - \$500
County Camp III: August 2nd - 6th, 2026 - \$500
MyPI Camp: August 2nd - 6th, 2026 - \$600

Payments can be made over time and are due a month before camp begins.

Early Bird Special: \$25 off
 Each Camp until March 15th, 2026



(325) 784-5482
 makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

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Summer 2026

AT THE TEXAS 4-H CENTER!

Get Ready for a summer full of friends, fun, and unforgettable adventures!

MINI CAMP

July 1-3 | \$325
 Ages 8-14



A perfect introduction to 4-H camping! Enjoy swimming, crafts, games, and campfires while making new friends and lasting memories.

SPECIALTY CAMP WEEK

July 6-10 | \$500
 Ages 8-14

- 4-H Hunting Camp (Extra \$5 fee for Hunting Certification)
- Sports & Games
- Food Challenge Camp
- Fishing Camp
- Ropes and Team Building
- Aperture Academy (Ages: 10-14)
- Arts & Crafts Camp



COUNTY CAMPS

July 12-16
 July 26-30
 August 2-6 | \$500
 Ages 8-14

County Camp gives youth the chance to dive deeper into their favorite activities by choosing three focus areas—plus enjoy all the classic 4-H camp fun, from games and swimming to campfires and new friends!

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP July 19- 24 | \$600
 Ages 13-18

Teen Adventure Camp is packed with excitement and challenge—teens will build leadership skills, tackle outdoor adventures, and make lasting memories with friends!

Location: Texas 4-H Center

Register today at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

Email: makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu Call: (325) 784-5482

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JUNE
 15-19
 2026

EXPLORE
 Texas
 Panhandle

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



Participants that are not selected for the 2026 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250. Once selected, payments will not be refunded.



\$250 With Application

- Includes:
- 5 Day/4 Nights Exploration
 - Hotel
 - Meals
 - Transportation

April 15th

- Registration Deadline
- Payment MUST be Submitted

GOALS

- Experiences in
- Higher Education
- Career Choices
- Teambuilding
- Networking

CLICK HERE

Register NOW



Questions Please Contact

Kara Spangler
 Kara.spangler@ag.tamu.edu
 830-796-7755

Jennifer Smith
 Jennifer.Smith@ag.tamu.edu
 830-257-6568

Cost: \$210 per camper
 (includes 2 nights dorm lodging, meals, t-shirt, water bottle and activities)

Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

Presented by
 Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Open to 6th - 8th grade students

March 27th - 29th, 2026

Texas 4-H Center, 5400 FM
 3021 Brownwood, Texas

Registration is now open on the Texas 4-H Center's website and closes March 13th, 2026.

- Camp Activities:**
- Water Fair
 - Fishing
 - Kayaking
 - Seining
 - Water model building
 - High ropes course
 - Dance & games
- Check-in: Friday, March 27th 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
 Pick-up: Sunday, March 29th 11:00 AM
- Adult Chaperones Needed. (Chaperones may attend free of charge but must register and be approved Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)

For more information, contact us at:
 david.smith@ag.tamu.edu
 makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu
 (325) 784-5482

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COST: \$600



TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

MYPI CAMP

August 2nd - 6th, 2026



CAMPERS WILL COMPLETE:

- CERT Training: Participants receive standard Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, which includes disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue.
- Electives & Specialized Training: This section includes CPR and AED certification, a technology track (using NOAA weather radios, HAM radios, and smartphone apps), and, in some locations, a fire service, or emergency management career track.
- The "Prep + 6" Project: A cornerstone of the program, participants are required to create emergency kits and family communication plans for their own household, plus six additional households, totaling seven families per student.

My PI (My Preparedness Initiative) is an award-winning, 3-component national curriculum for teenagers focusing on disaster preparedness, leadership and service. The program is designed to build resilience in teens and their communities.

REGISTER TODAY

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<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors

2026-27
HTYA REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

APPLY BEFORE
APRIL 1, 2026



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

The 2026-27 HTYA Application is now open! Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors assist County Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team! Reminder: Returning Ambassadors must reapply. APPLY NOW: <https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

• Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also



JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND SENIOR 4-H TEAMS

 **Montgomery County 4-H Horse Judging Team** 

LOVE HORSES? WANT TO STUDY AND LEARN ABOUT HORSES WITHOUT HAVING TO OWN ONE? JOIN US FOR HORSE JUDGING

**March 3
April 6**
AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE @ 7:00 PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Contact information- hankthomas99@hotmail.com
Find us on Facebook: Montgomery County 4-H Horse Judging

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION PROVIDES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ITS PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, AGE, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

Horse Project

Trail Clinic

February 28, 2026

Willis Arena

Clinic starts at 12:30pm

Practice show starts at 1:30pm

RSVP on the hub



Livestock Judging


Yates Family Livestock Judging Extravaganza
Hosted by the Texas A&M Livestock Judging Team
 May 16, 2026 Market Judging Contest
 May 17, 2026 Breeding Judging Contest
Louis Pearce Pavilion
 Cost \$75 per person for both days including contests and workshops


INVITATIONAL LIVESTOCK Judging Contest
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026
 Registration 8:00am-8:30am Contest 9:00am
 HOSTED AT THE NRS ARENA

DIVISIONS
 4-H Junior: 8+ Classes & 2 Reasons Senior: 8+ Classes & 4 Reasons
 FFA Junior: 8+ Classes & 3+ Questions Classes Senior: 8+ Classes & 3+ Questions Classes

AWARDS
 1st: Justin Boots (Team + Coach)
 2nd: NRS Gear (Team + Coach)
 3rd: NRS Gift Cards (Team + Coach)
 Top 5 Individuals: NRS Gift Cards
 Top 3 Scores = Team


 AWARDS MUST BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE CONTEST ON THE NRS BACK PATIO.


REGISTER HERE
WWW.JUDGINGCARD.COM
 Enter by March 29, 2026: \$20 per student + Optional \$10 lunch
 Late entry: \$40 per student
 Questions: Jim Allsup (940) 399 8665 or Gary Gerhardt (209) 505 8868




JOIN US AT BUC DAYS!
 Register at BucDays.com

BUC DAYS
FOOD Show
 THURSDAY
 MAY 7, 2026
\$5,000
 in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
PUBLIC Speaking
 COMPETITION
 SATURDAY
 MAY 9, 2026
\$1,500
 in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
HORTICULTURE Competition
 Sponsored by

 SATURDAY
 MAY 9, 2026
\$3,000
 in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
AG PRODUCT ID Contest
 SATURDAY
 MAY 9, 2026
\$1,500
 in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
FOOD Challenge

 FRIDAY
 MAY 8, 2026
\$7,500
 in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
LIVESTOCK Quiz Bowl
 SATURDAY
 MAY 9, 2026
\$3,000
 in prize money awarded



Montgomery County Fair Important Dates

Sunshine & Kids Day Tour Guides needed

Sunshine Day Field Trip

8:30am-2pm April 10, 2025

Sign up here to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAA-FB6-60623021-2026#/>

Kids Day

8am-3pm April 13 & 14, 2025

Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAA-FB6-60622278-kids#/>

Calf Scramble

applications due to the 4-H office by February 13th.

Applications can be found here:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/files/2025/12/MCF-Calf-Scramble-App-2026-.pdf>

Kidz Q entries open February 3rd

Scholarship apps due March 2nd

National Anthem Contest entries due March 4th

Public Speaking and Discussion Meet entries open now-March 11th

Broiler Order pickup February 27th. Sign up for a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A49A8A72FA6F94-58831968-26broiler#/>

★ 2026 LIVESTOCK TAG-IN SCHEDULE ★

MARKET STEER SEPT. 9, 2025	REPLACEMENT HEIFER OCT. 7, 2025
FILLY & GELDING OCT. 14, 2025	TURKEY & MARKET RABBIT* NOV. 14, 2025 <small>*INTENT TO SHOW FORMS DUE</small>
BROILER* NOV. 14, 2025 <small>*ORDER FORMS DUE</small>	MARKET LAMB & GOAT DEC. 2, 2025
MARKET CATTLE JAN. 6, 2026	BREEDING BEEF* JAN. 12, 2026 <small>*PAPER VERIFICATION, NO ANIMALS</small>
BROILER PICK-UP FEB. 27, 2026	MARKET RABBIT TAG-IN MAR. 19, 2026

ONLINE ENTRIES OPEN JAN. 19 AND CLOSE JAN. 30 AT 5:00PM.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT MCFA.ORG

STEM

TEXOMA AGROBOTICS Challenge

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST
Entry is \$60 per team

Hosted at the Sid Richardson Gym on the Austin College campus in Sherman, Texas

REGISTER

<https://grayson.agrilife.org/agrobotics>

Grade Divisions:
Jr Division - 3rd to 5th grade
Inter Division - 6th to 8th grade
Sr Division - 9th to 12th grade

What do you need to compete?
3 to 4 team members
Spike Prime/Inventor or EV3 Lego MindStorm Kit
Computer/Tablet
1 Extension Cord

- Teams must be enrolled in Texas 4-H or FFA
- Open to all counties in Texas
- Registration closes at midnight on Wed. Feb. 25th
- Semi-blind challenge on an 4 X 8 game mat
- Pre-built robotics are highly recommended
- Known Challenges - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics>

Youth under age 18 are to be supervised by the Parent/Guardian or designated person; Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is not providing supervision for this event.




Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodations to participate in this event are encouraged to contact the Grayson County AgriLife Extension Office for assistance, at least two weeks prior to the marketed education program. 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, The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

LOCKHEED MARTIN QUEST COMPETITIONS

Ready to Complete the Quest?
Registration is open for Lockheed Martin's Code Quest & CYBERQUEST® competitions; free, team-based events that invite high school students to apply technical skills in a fun problem-solving environment.
PARTICIPANTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS!

CODE QUEST

- Date: Feb. 28, 2026
- Programming event using Java, Python, C++, and/or C#
- In-person & virtual locations available
- See registration website for official rules & site-specific details
- Questions? Email code-quest.gr-aero@lmco.com

LOCKHEED MARTIN CYBERQUEST® COMPETITION

- Date: Mar. 28, 2026
- Cybersecurity contest using a capture-the-flag format
- In-person & virtual locations available
- See registration website for official rules & site-specific details
- Questions? Email cyberquest.info@lmco.com

Register here: <https://registration.lmcodequestacademy.com/>
Registration open until site is full or date listed on website



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION | Montgomery Co. 4-H

STEM Night

ROCKETRY IS SWEET!

9020 Airport Rd. Conroe Tx. 77303
Tom LeRoy (Silver) Building

26 February 6:30 PM

Last STEM Night of the Year!

RSVP QR Code By 2/23/26
Questions/Accommodations Contact Alyssa alyssa.sims@ag.tamu.edu or 936538-7823



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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION | MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H

ROUNDUP 2026

STEP 1: COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP MARCH 26TH 2-6PM (COME & GO)

RSVP WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H COMING SOON!
QUESTIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS: CONTACT ALYSSA SIMS AT ALYSSA.SIMS@AG.TAMU.EDU

COMPETE IN:
PUBLIC SPEAKING
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING
EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
FASHION STORYBOARD
TALENT SHOWCASE
FOOD SHOW
QUIZ BOWLS
FOOD CHALLENGE
VET SCIENCE
LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON
DUDS TO DAZZLE
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
WILDLIFE CHALLENGE
SCIENCE FAIR
AG PRODUCT ID
DUDS TO DAZZLE

STEP 2: BIG TIME IN D9 APRIL 23, 24 & 25
ENTRIES DUE APRIL 1ST, 2026 IN 4H ONLINE

STEP 3: SENIORS ONLY STATE ROUNDUP FOR SENIOR AGE MEMBERS ONLY! JUNE 1-4, 2026
REGISTER APRIL 13TH - MAY 5TH ON 4H ONLINE
INFORMATION: [HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/ROUNDUP/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/)

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COUNTY ROUNDUP-SIGN UP FOR A TIME HERE:

<https://forms.gle/yXtiVUiUBZUf7tXz7>

Deadline extended!

Photography



Texas 4-H Photography Program

Amateur Photo Contest

Proceeds benefit the Texas 4-H Photography program.

Entry Dates: December 15 - February 28

Rules and Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/tx4Hphoto28>

Open to non-professional youth and adult photographers. No 4-H membership required.

ENTRY \$10 PER PHOTO

Questions? @tx4hphoto28 Visit Our Website <https://research.tamu.edu/projects/photography/>

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COST: \$500

TEXAS 4-H CENTER SINCE 1975

APERTURE ACADEMY

TEXAS 4-H CAMPS July 6th - 10th, 2026 **Ages 10-14**

CAMPERS WILL LEARN:

- **Camera Types and Care:** Identifying different cameras and maintaining equipment.
- **Digital Camera Mechanics:** Understanding how digital cameras function.
- **Manual Settings Mastery:** Using manual settings for optimal photos.
- **Lighting's Effect on Photos:** Exploring lighting's impact on photography.
- **Exposure Techniques:** Mastering exposure for quality photographs.
- **Design Principles:** Learning fundamental design principles in photography.
- **Composition Skills:** Developing composition skills and techniques.

Join us this summer for a fun and exciting camp where youth will learn the basics of photography. This camp is geared for beginners and promises hands-on learning in a fun camp atmosphere.

Cameras will be provided

REGISTER TODAY

(325) 784-5482
makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

SHOOTING SPORTS



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

2026 DISTRICT 12 4-H TRAP, SKEET & WHIZBANG SHOOT

SCHEDULE:
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Check-in
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Orientation/Safety Meeting
9:00 AM Match Starts
5:30 PM Awards (tentative)

\$180 ENTRY FEE

SATURDAY MARCH 21 Mission Trap & Skeet Club

Registration February 9 - March 10, 2026
Open to Texas 4-H members via 4-H Online
*Limited to the first 100 entries

More Information
956-968-5581
www.d124h.tamu.edu

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GULF COAST TRIPLE ARROW Challenge

Three Chances to Collect Three First Place Challenge Coins

ROUND ONE	Oct. 18, 2025	\$35 per round
ROUND TWO	Feb 21, 2026	
ROUND THREE	May 23, 2026	

DETAILS HERE

DIVISIONS: YOUTH MALE AND YOUTH FEMALE
COMPOUND, NASP, BAREBOW, RECURVE
Message mc4hss.archery@gmail.com for questions.
HOSTED AT SADDLE RIVER RANGE
4280 FM 1488 RD, THE WOODLANDS, TX 77384-4968

REGISTER THROUGH EYES ON SCORE - PAY VIA SADDLE RIVER
REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, AGE, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES

2025-2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 1	State Fair Wildlife Contest <i>Registration Closed</i>	MARCH 19	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest
OCT 8	State Student Air Rifle (SAR) Tournament <i>Fort Bend County</i>	JUNE 4	4-H Wildlife Challenge <i>Texas Roundup - College Station</i>
OCT 10-12	4-H White-tailed Deer Youth Hunt <i>Kerr County</i>	JUNE 20-21	4-H Outdoor Challenge <i>Fort Bend County</i>
NOV 8	4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training <i>College Station</i>	TBD	4-H WHEP State Contest <i>TBD</i>
NOV 11	4-H Outdoor Challenge Discovery Event <i>Davis Mountain Preserve, Fort Davis</i>	TBD	4-H Natural Resource Camps - Various <i>TBD</i>
DEC 1-15	4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/	TBD	4-H Outdoor School <i>TBD</i>
JAN 19	Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Trainings - Various See Activities & Events at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/	
MARCH 14	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	4-H Shooting Sports Matches - Various See Activities & Events at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/	



2026 TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM Educational Opportunities

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

Program Highlights

- Zoom Educational Programs - No charge**
March 17, 24, & 31 and May 19, 26 & June 9 @ 5:30 pm
Registration required via Google <https://forms.gle/Bz9z648MZY7>
- Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments - \$50**
Fish in YOUR location across the state!
Spring: April 4-May 30 Summer: June 13-August 8
Register via 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- Texas 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon Contest - \$5**
Spring: May 15 - 30 Summer: July 17-August 8
- Texas 4-H Sportfishing Angler Certification - No charge**
Participate in 3 educational programs, one tournament and one skill-a-thon.

NEW!

New for 2026

- Complimentary tail-punching tool & Check-it-stik
- Saltwater Fishing 101 & Managing Fish Resources programs
- First Fish Species Caught - Angler News Spotlight
- Black Drum and Rio Grande Cichlids permitted

Questions? Contact
Dr. Jheiti-Lynn McSwain at jmcswain@tamu.edu

All information for the 2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing program can be found at either site:

f 2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing

This Facebook page is a private group that you will need to receive permission to join. Already following? No need to rejoin!
<https://www.facebook.com/group/1202432833284039>

Texas 4-H Sportfishing website

Information on Texas 4-H sportfishing programs can be found on this website. Check back on this site for official placings at the end of each tournament and skill-a-thon.
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/sportfishing/>

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Wildlife Project

TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

4-H WILDLIFE PROJECT WORKSHOP

February 28, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
West Texas A&M University, Canyon

Contact: Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu for questions

Participants will learn:

- Wildlife Species Ecology
- Wildlife Habitat Features & Habitat Management
- 4-H Wildlife Contests Strategies focusing on the 4-H WHEP State Contest to be held in D-1 on May 16th-17th (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>)

Sessions will be held indoors and outdoors. Come prepared to explore and learn in the field, the woods, and the water.
Open to 4-H Youth and Adults Statewide

Register on 4-H Online February 1 - 17

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WHEP

Presented by Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest

May 16-17, 2026

To be held in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Randall County

Contest is open to all 4-H Age Divisions (Jr., Int., Sr.)
Registration on 4HOnline - April 1-30, 2026

For more information on Contest Ecoregion, 2026 Revised WHEP Manual, Location Details, please visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>

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Food & Nutrition

RULES AND GUIDELINES
BATTLE ON THE BRAZOS 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE
Saturday, April 18, 2026
 Brazos County Extension Office
 4153 County Park Court Bryan TX 77802



Times Slots

9:00 am | 5 Junior, 5 Intermediate, 5 Senior Slots
 10:00 am | 5 Junior, 5 Intermediate, 5 Senior Slots
 12:00 noon | Awards

Registration opens February 5, 2026
 Registration closes April 1, 2026 or when all spots fill

Coaches' registration [link](#)



Hosted by Brazos County Food and Nutrition Ambassadors &
 Brazos FCS Committee

Contact: County Extension Agent—FCH, Dr. Flora Williams at
fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu or
 979-823-0129

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid, service, or accommodations to participate in this event are encouraged to contact Flora Williams (979) 823-0129 one month before to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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Spring Bake!



ONLY 20 spots!

Join us for Spring "Bake"!
 A Spring Break Sourdough Class for Kids & Parents!

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Sourdough science
- Baking skills
- Create a starter
- Bake a sourdough recipe

MARCH 10, 2026

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 Montgomery County Extension Office
 9020 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303
 \$20/person. An adult must register and participate with the child/children.

REGISTER ONLINE
 936-539-7825



[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/ZHBFYL](https://givebutter.com/ZHBFYL)

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family & Community Health Presents

Makin' it Montgomery County Happiness is Homemade Series



Simply Sewing!

In this hands-on sewing workshop, you will practice basic machine sewing skills by sewing a set of placemats!

Friday, February 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
 9020 Airport Road, Conroe, 77303
 Registration: \$25 due 2/17
 Questions, call 936-539-7825
 Instructor: Nancy Guarnieri

A limited number of sewing machines will be provided. You may bring your own machine that is in working condition, and you are familiar with. Some previous sewing experience will be helpful.

You will receive a class supply list after you register.



Example, you will make a similar item!



<https://givebutter.com/C3OCUj>



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TEXAS 4-H CENTER

REFASHION Retreat

Feb. 27th - Mar. 1st, 2026

Let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat

\$175 per camper
 Grades 3rd through 12th
 All youth must be accompanied by an adult chaperone

Register by going to
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



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Virtual 2026 Junior Master Gardener National Leader Training

<https://JMGkids.us/2026JMGNLT>

Feb. 17-18, 2026

What?
An engaging & hands-on online training conference for teachers of preschool, elementary & middle school students!

Why?

- Earn certificate with 26 CPE hrs
- 4 month access to recorded conference sessions
- 4 new interesting and impactful conference tracks!
- Door prizes EVERY session

Conference Tracks & Topics:

- JMG Garden-Based Curricula with Real, Hands-On Sessions
- Game-changing AI & Technology for Your Garden Classroom
- Cultivating Garden-based Literature Connections with Students
- Growing Sustainability in Your School/Youth Gardening Program
- Virtual School Garden Field Trips
- Lightning Sessions
- 2 Fun & Inspiring Keynote Speakers: Jazmin Albarran of Seed Your Future, and Marta McDowell of the New York Botanical Garden
- AND Door Prizes Given Away EVERY Session




Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer to sing the National Anthem and "Texas Our Texas" for the Regional Judges and Commissioner's Conference on July 21, 2026.



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
8:00AM

Please call the office by February 27th if you would be willing to do this.

Eligibility Forms

Eligibility forms are **REQUIRED** for every event you attend that requires 4-H membership, whether a school absence is needed or not. A separate form is needed for each event, but you can make a list and submit these requests all at once for all events that take place within a single grading period. When you enter any major show or the fair, you do not need to request a form. These will automatically be sent to you.

Instead of calling or emailing, you can submit your request online here: <https://forms.gle/5huki78NZDKr3L7c9>. If you are able to provide an email address for the individual who will be responsible for these on your campus and willing to send us a copy of your signature, we will get this completed digitally. Forms are processed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Given enough time, we can also mail a hard copy to you or you may stop by the office to pick it up. Before taking to campus, parents must sign the form and fill in the dates if requesting an excused absence. When the school returns these to you, make sure they have checked the boxes indicating you are eligible, whether or not an excused absence will be granted, and that you have a signature at the bottom. Once you receive the physical copy back from the school, you are responsible for returning it to us **BEFORE** the event. Our standard timeline is to have the form on file a week before the event or competition. If you are in a time crunch, you may email the form before the event and then drop a hard copy in the mail.

There is not an acceptable version of the eligibility form online, this must be requested through our office.