



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

April 10-17, 2026

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

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

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Important Dates

April 2026

4/9-19 Montgomery County Fair

4/13 State Roundup registration opens in 4honline

4/15 Water Ambassador applications due

4/15 Regular Horse Validation closes in Texas Show Pass (\$10/horse)

4/18 District 9 Horse Judging and Air Rifle/Pistol contests

4/21 Club Manager training 6:30pm, Extension Office, RSVP

4/24-25 Big Time in D-9 Roundup, Lone Star College Campus

4/27 County Council 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg, RSVP for dinner at 6:30pm

4/28 Record Book Training 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP

May 2026

5/1 District 9 Robotics Competition Rosenberg

5/1 Late horse validation closes in Texas Show Pass (\$20/horse)

5/2 County Horse Show Lone Star Expo

5/2 District 9 Livestock, Meat, and Soil Judging Contests, College Station

5/5 Texas Roundup registration closes

5/13 District 9 Leadership Lab registration closes

5/25 Office closed for Memorial Day



Montgomery County Fair April 9-19

**Best of luck to all of our 4-Hers who
entered the Fair!**

Sunshine Day Field Trip

8:30am-2pm April 10, 2025

Sign up here to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAAFB6-60623021-2026#/>

Kids Day

8am-3pm April 13 & 14, 2025

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAB2AAAFB6-60622278-kids#/>



Scholarship Opportunities



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)

Record Book Training



April 28th at 6:30pm
Extension Office



Join us to learn why record books are important and how to put one together. Record books are due June 8th, so you have plenty of time to complete it. All awards applications will require a record book and most scholarships.

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/jehTPCojmZv52WSC9>



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HEALTHY TEXAS
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ONLINE LEARNING SERIES

course summary:

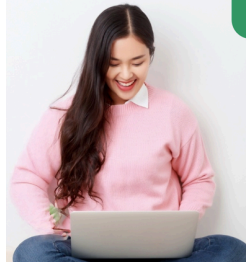
Oct. 30, 6pm | Mental Health Check-In
"It's Okay to Not Be Okay... Mental Health for Teens"

Dec. 18, 6pm | Gratitude & Giving Back
"Gratitude in Action: Service and the Power of Thankfulness"

Feb. 5, 6pm | Managing the Juggle
"Balance, Boundaries & Burnout: Self-Care During Busy Seasons"

April 9, 6pm | Spring into the True You
Topic: "Goal-Setting That Sticks: How to Create Habits That Last"

May 14, 6pm | Digital Life, Real Impact
"Digital Citizenship: Social Media, Identity, and Responsibility"



Meeting link:
<https://us02ag.zoom.us/j/92024745347?pwd=Qk5EWTN0Q0pCaUc3ZlR0bDZl>
Meeting passcode: HTYA25

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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



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<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)
- Food Challenge Camp
- Ropes and Team Building
- Arts & Crafts Camp
- Sports & Games
- Fishing Camp
- Aperture Academy (Ages: 10-14)



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

April 15th

GOALS

Includes

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

- Registration Deadline
- Payment MUST be Submitted

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

Register NOW

CLICK HERE



Questions Please Contact

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830-796-7755

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COST: \$600



TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

MYPI CAMP

August 2nd - 6th, 2026



Ages 13-19

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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Join us! Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Applications Open March 1!

www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com

Leadership



Mentorship



Community Service



Deadline: April 15th
Scan for Information to Apply!

Eligibility

- Applicants must be 14 years of age or older by September 1, 2026, and be entering the 9th- 12th grades for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Applicants must be or become a 4-H Member (\$30 annual membership fee)
- If accepted, applicants must pay \$300 membership fee by June 1st, 2026

Leadership Academies!

- **SESSION 1** - Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (June 7 - June 12, 2026)
- **SESSION 2** - Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (June 14 - June 18, 2026)

*Youth will be assigned to only one session.



Contact david.smith@ag.tamu.edu for any questions!



Horse Project

Clinics and practice shows
for this year are all complete.

Horse validation now open in Texas Show Pass. <https://4h.texasshowpass.com/login>
March 1-April 15 \$10/horse
April 15-May 1 \$20/horse

County Horse Show May 2, 2026, Lone Star Expo
 District Horse Show June 22-24, Brazos County Expo



APHA/4-H Futurity JACKPOT SHOW

Entries Open Soon!

AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION

Texas 4-H

Classes designed specifically for the youth horse project:

- U Longe line
- U Fitting and Handling
- U Walk, Trot, Lope
- U Trail and Versatility

Yearlings
2 Year Olds (W/T)
3 Year Olds

Western & English tack and attire welcome!

Jackpot Awards \$30/class

05.31.26
MAY Classes Start ~2pm 2026

Extraco Event Center ~ 4601 Bosque Blvd, Waco, TX
 Held in conjunction with the Zone 4 APHA Memorial Day Classic

Livestock

CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Instructor:
Raegan Emmons
 of Emmons
 Beefmaster Ranch



May 15, 2026, 6pm
 W.L. Moody Reunion Fairgrounds
 839 W Commerce St., Fairfield Texas

\$20 per participant

Register Here: 

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

FREESTONE COUNTY CLASSIC STEER & HEIFER JACKPOT SHOW MAY 16



Freestone County Classic

Steer & Heifer Jackpot Show
Saturday, May 16, 2026

Moody Reunion Fairgrounds
 839 East Commerce, Fairfield, Texas

HEIFERS
 3 Divisions (shown in this order)
 American * British * Exotic
 No Heifers older than 30 months
 Entry Fee - \$30

STEERS
 3 Divisions (shown in this order)
 American * British * Exotic
 Classify and weigh your own
 Entry Fee - \$30

Check in: 7:30-8:30a.m.
 Heifer Show: 9:00 a.m.
 Heifer/Steer Combined Showmanship (Divisions: Junior 3rd-8th grade, Senior 9th-12th grade)
 Steer Show: will start immediately following Showmanship

Overall Buckles
 Judge: Blane Warnken
 Banners
 Class Prizes

Winner take all Showmanship \$5 @ gate

Show off your trailer or stalling in NEW CATTLE BARN
 Friday arrivals welcome, Emmons Showmanship Clinic Friday Night!
 Please clean stalls after the show!
 No pee-wee showman, No stalling in Red Wood covered areas

Food Vendor on Site!
 Sullivans Show Supply Trailer FMI - erin.davis@ag.tamu.edu

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

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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

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Yates Family Livestock Judging Extravaganza Schedule of Events

May 16, 2026

- 8:00 am - Registration and Welcome
- 8:45 am - Market Contest (cattle, sheep, goats, swine)
- 11:00 am - Educational Critiques by Industry Leaders
- 12:00 pm - Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm - Reasons Challenge (optional for grades 9-12)
- 1:30 pm - Questions Workshop (all others youth and adults)
- 3:30 pm - Reasons Contest Results & Adjoin for the Day
- 7:00 pm - Special Activity - Location TBD

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Yates Family Livestock Judging Extravaganza Schedule of Events

May 17, 2026

- 8:00 am - Church Service
- 8:45 am - Share the Mic Contest (top 4 reasons contest)
- 10:00 am - Breeding Contest (cattle, sheep, goats, swine)
- 11:30 am - Educational Critiques by Industry Leaders
- 1:00 pm - Results and Awards

Event is open to youth grades 9-12 and adults. Non-Texas participants are welcome. Registration deadline is MONDAY, MAY 11 on judgingcard.com. There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. For more information, contact Chad Coburn at c-coburn@tamu.edu

JIM WELLS COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

**Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
Merchant's Building
(3001 S. Johnson St., Alice, TX)**

**Registration will be from 9- 9:30 a.m
with the contest beginning at 10:00
a.m.**

**Contest is open to 4-H
& FFA Members**

Registration deadline is Friday
April 17th Registration is
\$10/Individual or \$40/Team.
After April 17th, Registration
fees are \$15/Individual and
\$50/Team.


Awards for Top 3 teams and
individuals in the Clover Kid,
Junior, Intermediate, and
Senior Divisions. Top 3
individuals will be also be
awarded to the Adult Division.

Checks can be made out and
mailed to:
Jim Wells County 4-H
PO Box 1370
Alice, Tx 78333
PH: 361-668-5705
teresa.lopez@ag.tamu.edu



SCAN TO ENTER

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION



KERR 4-H *Judging Contest*

MAY 9, 2026

**HILL COUNTRY YOUTH EVENT CENTER
3785 HWY 27
KERRVILLE, TX 78028**

- Range Evaluation**
9:00 am Registration (Hill Country Youth Event Center)
9:30 am Leave for Range site (Lion's Camp)
9:45 am On-Site Orientation
10:00 am Contest Starts
11:00 am Coach and Participant Walk Through
2 pm Awards (Hill Country Youth Event Center)
- Range & Pasture Grass ID**
11 am Registration (if not participating in Range Eval.)
12:00 pm Contest Starts
2 pm Awards (Hill Country Youth Event Center)
- Livestock Skillathon**
10:00 am Registration
10:30 am Contest Begins
2 pm Awards (Hill Country Youth Event Center)

Wool & Mohair
We are not hosting a wool and mohair contest this year.

You may enter all contests & bring as many participants as you wish.
Pre-registration appreciated. For more information, or to pre-registered please contact Jennifer at the Kerr Co. Extension Office
at 830-257-6568 or jennifer.smith@ag.tamu.edu

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NETFLIX

ATTENTION TINKERERS, EXPERIMENTERS, & BRIGHT YOUNG MINDS!

NOW CASTING A NEW NETFLIX SERIES

SCHOOLED!

A groundbreaking new competition show from the campus of

MARK ROBER'S CrunchLabs Academy

Mark is inviting curious young minds, ages 9-17, to compete in teams of two for a life-changing prize. Students may submit individually or as a duo.

Teams can be classmates, friends, STEM program partners, even family members.

Parents please apply with your kids below
Parent or guardian consent and participation required for all participants
www.crunchlabsacademy.com

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JOIN US AT BUC DAYS!

Register at BucDays.com

CITGO PRESENTS
BUC DAYS
April 30 - May 10, 2026

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 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

