



## Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

**May 15-22, 2026**

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

Ph (936)539-7823

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

Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty.

## Important Dates

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### May 2026

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**5/20 District Horse Show entries due**

**5/22 State Fair Broiler Orders Due by 5pm, Extension Office**

5/25 Office closed for Memorial Day

5/30-31 Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship School, Montgomery County Fairgrounds

### June 2026

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6/1-4 State Roundup, College Station

**6/5 All late validation tag orders due**

**6/8 Record books, club books, and award applications due by 5pm, Extension Office**

6/9-11 Leadership Lab, Galveston

6/12 County record book judging and Star Award interviews

6/19 Juneteenth Holiday Extension Office closed

6/22-24 District 4-H Horse Show

6/25 Lamb and Goat Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Sign Up Genius sent to sign up for a time

6/29 Steer and Swine Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Sign Up Genius sent to sign up for a time

6/30 Heifer Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Sign Up Genius sent to sign up for a time



**RECORD BOOK AND AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE 6/8/2026**

**\*Star Award Interviews 6/12/2026**

Record book information:  
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Awards handbook:  
<https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/files/2022/08/Awards-Handbook-4.2022-fillable.pdf>

**IF YOU MISSED RECORD BOOK TRAINING. THE SLIDESHOW FROM THE CLASS IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.**



# Congratulations

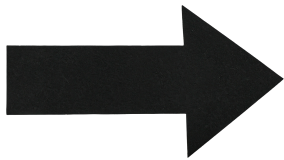
2026 TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## \$244,000 Awarded

HAILEY GOEBEL - BRAZORIA	CAYLE CANON - BURLESON
JENNA RINGGOLD - BRAZORIA	SARAH ALBUS - CHAMBERS
CRYSTEN SHORT - BRAZORIA	TAYLOR TRAINER - CHAMBERS
SAM AGUIRRE - BRAZOS	SAIGE SOWA - FORT BEND
CARSON DODD - BRAZOS	AUDREY MOODY - HARDIN
MICAH EZELL - BRAZOS	CAITLYN GRANGE - LEE
MAKENNA JOHNSON - BRAZOS	CASSIDY HEADRICK - LIBERTY
CHRISTIANA KOCCMOUD - BRAZOS	ALI DENSON - MONTGOMERY
BRADY MCCLEARY - BRAZOS	ELLA PORTER - MONTGOMERY
GLORIA RIDDLE - BRAZOS	CASEY WARD - MONTGOMERY
CAITLIN SMITH - BRAZOS	



**A GREAT REASON TO DO RECORD BOOKS!**




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## HANDS HELPING HEROES

2026 Texas 4-H Community Service Project Challenge

Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and all first responders are there in life's toughest moments. Their work takes strength, resilience, and compassion under intense pressure. This year, we're collecting items to support first responders across Texas and say thank you for all they do.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE | MAY 15TH**



**Items to Collect**

- Water
- Gatorade
- Electrolyte Packets
- Beef Jerky
- Protein or Granola Bars
- Professional Grade First Aid Kits
- Small Toys (Balls, Stuffed Animals, Card Games)



Each county will collect donations locally and report totals using the official QR code. All items are to be distributed within the same community, ensuring support goes directly to local first responders. The county with the most donations will win a banner!




Texas 4-H Center

# Family Fun Day



Open House

**\$5 Activity Wristband!** **May 25, 2026**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with ropes course adventures, swimming, riflery, archery, kayaking, fishing, sports and games, meet our summer staff, and discover if the Texas 4-H Center is the perfect camp for you – plus enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and drinks available for purchase.

**Register online or day of!**

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# SUMMER 2026 CAMPS



# CAMPS

**Mini Camp:** July 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 - \$325  
**Specialty Camp Week:** July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - \$500  
**Teen Adventure Camp:** July 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - \$500  
**County Camp II:** July 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - \$500  
**County Camp III:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - \$500  
**MyPI Camp:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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



### COUNTY CAMPS

July 12-16 | \$500  
 July 26-30 | \$500  
 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](mailto:makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu) Call: (325) 784-5482

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COST: \$600



TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

## MYPI CAMP

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026



mypi  
 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 & Go 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.

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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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# JMG Camps



## JMG SUMMER CAMPS



## GROW WITH US THIS SUMMER!

No matter what your young explorer loves—bugs, plants, cooking, or gardening—The Gardens has a camp to inspire them. Each camp is a half-day experience for ages 8–10.

### Learn, Grow, Eat, & Go! Camp

June 2-4, 2026

Grow, cook, taste, and explore healthy living through gardening, simple recipes, and active outdoor play.



### Bugs -n- Blooms Camp

June 9-11, 2026

Discover the connection of insects and plants through hands-on activities and guided explorations.



Food Network is looking for the most talented TEAMS of SIBLINGS, COUSINS AND FRIENDS to compete to be the best BAKERS in the country! Do you think your kids were born to bake? Well if so, this is the perfect show for them!

We are looking for kids between the ages of 8-14 who want to put their baking skills to the ultimate test!

**APPLY NOW!**

[BAKINGCHAMPIONSHIP.COM](https://www.bakingchampionship.com)

\*only submissions sent by parents will be accepted.



## On the Road with Food Science



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Ignite your curiosity of food science with tours of product development, manufacturing, hands-on experiences, and innovative learning!

**JUNE 16-18, 2026**

Texas Tech University

\$275 Per Person

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Graders May

Apply

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Food Science Career Exploration
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- Industry Speakers
- Hands-On Activities
- Leadership Development



Application Deadline is MAY 15. Application includes essay and video submission.

<https://forms.gle/mBhBQvEx9b9PWwHv6>

Those accepted will receive registration information and instructions.

A Maximum of 20 Youth Will be Accepted into the Program.

More Info: Dr. Julie Gardner, [julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu)

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## • Project Information

\*Be sure to check out any attachments also

### Fall 2026 Major Show Validation Orders

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:

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

	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
<b>Heifers</b>	\$30	<b>6/5</b>	6/30
<b>Lambs &amp; Goats</b> (market or breeding)	\$30	<b>6/5</b>	6/25
<b>Steer</b> (Fall 25 & Spring 26 shows)	\$30	<b>6/5</b>	6/29
<b>Swine</b>	\$30	<b>6/5</b>	6/29

Actual validations are held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Each date will have a Sign Up Genius for selecting a time. Please see link above for further species-specific details and use the linked Google forms there to order tags. Again, these are NOT for county fair, but major shows only.

# Open Now for 2026-27

Be prepared for the 2026-27 show season. If you are going into the 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade, you will need to complete your Quality Counts course for the next level. If you are new to showing livestock you will also need to take this online course. All major shows and the County Fair require you to have a valid Quality Counts number to enter.

## Quality Counts

Quality Counts is an online course designed for 4-H and FFA members participating in livestock projects. The primary objectives are to enable students to understand the relationship between good character and safe food practices and to apply knowledge regarding the ethical implications of livestock-raising decisions. Quality Counts is required for major livestock show entry and must be completed each grade level division (Juniors: Grades 3-5, Intermediates: Grades 6-8, Seniors: Grades 9-12). It does not have to be renewed every year.

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# Broiler Orders Due this week!

## 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.



*Broiler Orders*



All orders are due to the Montgomery County 4H office by Friday, May 22!

For more information please visit our website:  
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>



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### 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:  
**Friday, 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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Montgomery & Walker County 4-H Programs are proud to host the

## TEXAS A&M SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL

This fun and educational opportunity serves to strengthen the foundation of horsemanship and develop advanced riding skills of youth and adults alike!

**MAY 30-31** | MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**PRICING**

- \$100/PARTICIPANT
- \$20 LUNCH TICKET (For those not participating in the class, but attending)
- STALLS: \$50 (Includes 2 bags of shavings)
- SHAVINGS: \$11
- RV SPOT: \$25/NIGHT

**REGISTRATION**

- REGISTER BY MAY 27
- SPACE LIMITED
- LUNCH INCLUDED
- TO REGISTER SCAN QR

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MUST BRING A HORSE, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED

# Horse Project

## District Horse Show June 22-24, Brazos County Expo

### registration open May 6-May 20

## State 4-H Horse Show

### July 19-25, Brazos County Expo

### registration open now-July 1st.



AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION

Texas 4-H

Classes designed specifically for the youth horse project:

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

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

Western & English tack and attire welcome!

**05.31.26**

MAY Classes Start ~2pm 2026

Jackpot Awards \$300 class

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

## Crochet Workdays

Sign up on the 4-H RSVP Hub  
BYOY - Grab some yarn and a hook and join us for a fun day of crocheting. All skill levels invited!

**July 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10 A.M. to 12 P.M.  
at the AgriLife Extension Office  
Come and go as needed.

If you require any accommodations to participate in this event please let the Extension Office know. All reasonable accommodations will be met.

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.

## TEXAS 4H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE GAMES

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**RMPH**  
Mike Myers Memorial Range Caldwell, TX  
July 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

**SHOTGUN & ARCHERY**  
National Shooting Complex San Antonio, TX  
July 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

STEP 1: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
STEP 2: MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> TO JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

## GULF COAST TRIPLE ARROW Challenge

Three Chances to Collect Three First Place Challenge Coins

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

DETAILS HERE

DIVISIONS: YOUTH MALE AND YOUTH FEMALE  
COMPOUND, NASP, BAREBOW, RECURVE  
Message [mottss.archery@gmail.com](mailto:mottss.archery@gmail.com) for questions.  
HOSTED AT SADDLE RIVER RANGE  
4280 FM 1488 RD, THE WOODLANDS, TX 77384-4568

REGISTER THROUGH EYES ON SCORE - PAY VIA SADDLE RIVER

## 2025-2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>OCT 1</b> State Fair Wildlife Contest <i>Registration Closed</i>	<b>MARCH 19</b> Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest
<b>OCT 8</b> State Student Air Rifle (SAR) Tournament <i>Fort Bend County</i>	<b>JUNE 4</b> 4-H Wildlife Challenge <i>Texas Roundup - College Station</i>
<b>OCT 10-12</b> 4-H White-tailed Deer Youth Hunt <i>Kerr County</i>	<b>JUNE 20-21</b> 4-H Outdoor Challenge <i>Fort Bend County</i>
<b>NOV 8</b> 4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training <i>College Station</i>	<b>TBD</b> 4-H WHEP State Contest <i>TBD</i>
<b>NOV 11</b> 4-H Outdoor Challenge Discovery Event <i>Davis Mountain Preserve, Fort Davis</i>	<b>TBD</b> 4-H Natural Resource Camps - Various <i>TBD</i>
<b>DEC 1-15</b> 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest <i>https://texas4h.org/2025-2026-natural-resources-photography-contest/</i>	<b>TBD</b> 4-H Outdoor School <i>TBD</i>
<b>JAN 19</b> Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	<b>Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Trainings - Various</b> <i>See Activities &amp; Events at <a href="https://texas4h.org/2025-2026-shooting-sports/">https://texas4h.org/2025-2026-shooting-sports/</a></i>
<b>MARCH 14</b> Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	<b>4-H Shooting Sports Matches - Various</b> <i>See Activities &amp; Events at <a href="https://texas4h.org/2025-2026-shooting-sports/">https://texas4h.org/2025-2026-shooting-sports/</a></i>

## TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

### 2026 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement

When: June 20-21, 2026 (Saturday/Sunday)  
Where: Long Acres Ranch, Richmond

**Registration:**  
4-H Connect (<https://texas4honline.com/>)  
Registration timeline: 10 April - May 18, 2026.  
Registration fee is \$60 per contestant.  
**Registration is limited to the first 130 contestants due to space limitation.**

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

**Rules and Resources Guide:** General information is found in the **4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide** posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education webpage: <http://texas4h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-fishing-skills/>.

**10 Events for 2026 will be:**

- Outdoor Safety
- Outdoor Skills
- Raifaking
- Rifery
- Archery
- Biologist Skills
- Outdoor First Aid
- Gear Judging
- Off Road Biking
- Fishing

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

**Two Day Schedule:**  
Saturday, June 20  
7:30-8:00 a.m.: Check-in  
9:00 a.m.: First Rotation of 3 Events  
Lunch Break  
After Lunch: Second Rotation of 3 Events  
Evening: Fishing Event  
Sunday, June 21  
8:00 a.m.: Third Rotation of 3 Events  
Final Tabulations  
Early Afternoon: Awards  
Depart for Home

## HUNTERS EDUCATION Course

9020 Airport Rd. Conroe TX, 77303

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH 2026**  
9AM-3PM  
\$15 to Attend

**GET HUNTERS ED CERTIFIED  
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH**

For youth and adults ages 9 and up!  
Sign Up Below!

Parents plan to stay with your child.  
Questions? Call or Email The Extension Office at (936) 538-8072 or [alysa.sims@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:alysa.sims@ag.tamu.edu)

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