



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

May 22-29, 2026

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

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

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Important Dates

May 2026

5/25 Office closed for Memorial Day

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

June 2026

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

Congratulations Graduates!

We wish you the very best in your future endeavors. It is our hope that some of the lessons and skills you have learned through the 4-H program will be useful to you throughout your life. If you have shared your excitement, knowledge and enthusiasm with younger 4-H members, know that you have left a legacy in the Montgomery County 4-H program and we thank you.





RECORD BOOK AND AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE 6/8/2026

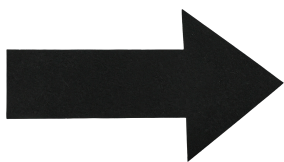
***Star Award Interviews 6/12/2026**

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

Awards handbook:
<https://agrilife.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.

A GREAT REASON TO DO RECORD BOOKS!



Due Date extended to 5/24



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 KOCMOUD - BRAZOS	ALI DENSON - MONTGOMERY
BRADY MCCLEARY - BRAZOS	ELLA PORTER - MONTGOMERY
GLORIA RIDDLE - BRAZOS	CASEY WARD - MONTGOMERY
CAITLIN SMITH - BRAZOS	



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Congratulations also to our Montgomery County 4-H Scholarship recipients!

Ella Porter, Casey Ward, JD Haines, and Avery McCartney



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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 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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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 | \$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 Call: (325) 784-5482

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COST: \$600



TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

MYPI CAMP

August 2nd - 6th, 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 + 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.

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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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• Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Horticulture



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.



HORTICULTURE EXPLORATION DAY

Hands-On Experiences | Degrees | Career Paths

- ✓ Learn about Horticulture degrees, certificates, and career pathways from faculty
- ✓ Connect with industry professionals and learn from academic advisors and staff
- ✓ Talk with Horticultural Sciences Student Ambassadors and learn about life at Texas A&M University
- ✓ Hands-on demonstrations with Floral Design, Plant Propagation, Genetics and more!

June 1st
 2026
 1-5PM

Horticulture and Forestry
 Sciences Building



SIGN UP TODAY!



GEARED
 TOWARDS
 HIGH
 SCHOOLERS

Contact Information

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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

*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 9th -12th 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/mBhBQvEx9b9PWvHv6>

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

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4-H FUTURE
FOOD INNOVATORS
**PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT
CONTEST**

Intent to Apply Deadline - June 1, 2026
Submission Deadline - July 25, 2026
Awards Announced - August 15, 2026

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***see attachment for more information**

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
Heifers	\$30	6/5	6/30
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$30	6/5	6/25
Steer (Fall 25 & Spring 26 shows)	\$30	6/5	6/29
Swine	\$30	6/5	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 6th or 9th 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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Order forms are now available for Major Show and County Fair 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.



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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