



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

May 8-15, 2026

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

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

Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty.

Important Dates

May 2026

5/13 District 9 Leadership Lab registration closes

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

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.



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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!



SAVE THE DATE

DISTRICT 9 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

RED, WHITE AND LUAVU

JUNE 9-11, 2026
TEXAS A&M GALVESTON CAMPUS
"WE WILL BE STAYING IN CAMPUS DORMS"

YOUTH GRADUATING 8TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE
REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE APRIL 29 - MAY 13

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JMG 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



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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an equal opportunity employer and program provider. If you need accommodations to participate in this program or have questions regarding the physical access provided, please contact 979-321-5332 by June 1.

• 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://agrillife.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 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/>



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



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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

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.

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



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!

05.31.26
MAY Classes Start ~2pm 2026

Jackpot Awards \$50/class

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

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 16th

Livestock



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!
Sullivan's 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)
- 2:30 pm – Questions Workshop (all others youth and adults)
- 3:30 pm – Reasons Contest Results & Awards 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 3-12 and adults. Non-Texas participants are welcome. Registration deadline is **MONDAY, MAY 18** on judgingand.com. There will be **NO LATE REGISTRATION**. For more information, contact Chad Coburn at c-coburn@tamu.edu

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

KIMMELOT **MYSTICART FACTORIES** **CRUNCH LABS**

TEEA
Texas Embroidery & Quilting Association, Inc.

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 16th and 23rd 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, NATIONAL ORIGIN, NATIONAL ANCESTRY, AGE, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

GULF COAST TRIPLE ARROW Challenge

Three Chances to Collect Three First Place Challenge Coins

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

DETAILS HERE

DIVISIONS: YOUTH MALE AND YOUTH FEMALE
COMPOUND, NASP, BAREBOW, RECURVE
Message triplearrow@tamu.edu for questions.
HOSTED AT SADDLE RIVER RANGE
4280 FM 1408 RD., THE WOODLANDS, TX 77384-4968

REGISTER THROUGH EYES ON SCORE - PAY VIA SADDLE RIVER
REGISTRATION FEE IS \$35 PER ROUND. ALL OTHERS ARE TO BE PAID FOR BY THE PARTICIPANT.
REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, NATIONAL ANCESTRY, 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 <small>Registration Closed</small>	MARCH 19	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest
OCT 8	State Student Air Rifle (SAR) Tournament <small>Fort Bend County</small>	JUNE 4	4-H Wildlife Challenge <small>Travis Roundup - College Station</small>
OCT 10-12	4-H White-tailed Deer Youth Hunt <small>Kerr County</small>	JUNE 20-21	4-H Outdoor Challenge <small>Fort Bend County</small>
NOV 8	4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training <small>College Station</small>	TBD	4-H WHEP State Contest <small>TBD</small>
NOV 11	4-H Outdoor Challenge Discovery Event <small>Davis Mountain Preserve, Fort Davis</small>	TBD	4-H Natural Resource Camps - Various <small>TBD</small>
DEC 1-15	4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest <small>https://travis4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-2025-2026/</small>	TBD	4-H Outdoor School <small>TBD</small>
JAN 19	Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Trainings - Various	<small>See Activities & Events at https://travis4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/</small>
MARCH 14	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest	4-H Shooting Sports Matches - Various	<small>See Activities & Events at https://travis4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/</small>

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://texas.4honline.com>).
Registration timeline is April 1 - 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://travis4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-fishing-skills/>

10 Events for 2026 will be:

- Outdoor Safety
- Outdoor Skills
- Kayaking
- Rifle
- Archery
- Biologist Skills
- Outdoor First Aid
- Gear Judging
- Off Road Biking
- Fishing

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

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

9020 Airport Rd. Conroe TX, 77303

HUNTERS EDUCATION Course

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

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