

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H FOCUS



Extension Office will be closed June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday.

JUNE 2026

Best of luck to all of our Senior 4-Hers at State Roundup next week!



TEXAS 4-H Roundup

TUESDAY JUNE 2ND	WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD	THURSDAY JUNE 4TH
Qualifying Contest Livestock Quiz Bowl Fashion Show Horse Quiz Bowl Leaders 4 Live Skillathon FCH Quiz Bowl Invitational Contest Agricultural Product Identification Archery Livestock Skillathon Photography Judging Range & Grass Identification Sumo Robotics Challenge	Qualifying Contest Consumer Decision Making Food Challenge Horse Judging Livestock Judging Meat Judging and Identification 4-H Talent Showcase Invitational Contest Entomology Identification Meat Judging and Identification Range Evaluation Soil Judging Wool and Mohair Judging	Qualifying Contest Duds to Dazzle Educational Presentations Public Speaking 4-H Talent Showcase Invitational Contest Duds to Dazzle Solo Science Fair Healthy Lifestyles Hippology Livestock Judging Poultry Judging Veterinary Science Skillathon Wildlife Challenge



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.

PHONE: 936-539-7823

**ON THE WEB:
COUNTY 4-H**

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

RSVP HUB

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

FACEBOOK

[@4HMontgomeryCounty](https://www.facebook.com/4HMontgomeryCounty)

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

montgomery.agrilife.org

DISTRICT

d94-h.tamu.edu

STATE

texas4-h.tamu.edu

OFFICE HOURS

8:00AM-12PM

1:00PM-5:00PM

MICHELLE MIHALEK

County Extension Agent
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4-H Volunteer Coordinator



TEXAS 4-H ONLINE: [HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM/#/USER/SIGN-IN](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE:

[HTTP://AGRILIFE.ORG/MONTGOMERY4H/](http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/)

DISTRICT 9 4-H: [HTTPS://D94-H.TAMU.EDU/](https://d94-h.tamu.edu/)

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

Dr. Jayla Fry

jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu

 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Horticultural Sciences

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, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, AGE, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

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.



 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
The Gardens

 Junior Master Gardener
growing good kids.

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PLANT FOOD

JMG SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Master Gardener - Learn, Grow, Eat & GO Camp

Tuesday - Thursday,

June 2–4, 2026

NOTE: this is during Texas 4–H Round UP and great opportunity for families with younger children whose older kids are doing Round UP events.

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Summer Camps

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: \$525



TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

AG DISCOVERY CAMP

July 12th - 16th, 2026
Grades 7th-12th
Ages 12-18

CAMPERS WILL:

- Experience agriculture through VR and Western art.
- Learn goat and sheep production basics.
- Explore meat science and food safety labs.
- Visit the Dairy Center operations.
- Discover animal nutrition and feed additives.
- Enjoy dances, Camp Olympics, and campfires.

Youth will explore career paths across diverse agricultural industries while experiencing Tarleton State University. They will build friendships, gain confidence, and have fun through hands-on learning and evening programs.

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TEXAS 4-H CAMPS

APERTURE ACADEMY

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

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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.

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FOOD AND NUTRITION



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

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION




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****see attached for more information***



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://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/mBhBQvEx9b9PWRHv6>

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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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://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

10 Events for 2026 will be:

- Outdoor Safety
- Outdoor Skills
- Kayaking
- Riflery
- 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](#).

The Fishing Event will be held on the banks of Lake Moore on Long Acres Ranch which is small with grass covered banks and deep water throughout. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass and hybrid bluegill sunfish. Fishing licenses are not required as it is a private body of water.



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



TEXAS 4H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE GAMES



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

RMPH	SHOTGUN & ARCHERY
Mike Myers Memorial Range Caldwell, Tx	National Shooting Complex San Antonio, TX
July 5 th -10 th	July 13 th -18 th

STEP 1: MAY 1ST TO JUNE 15TH
 STEP 2: MAY 22ND TO JUNE 15TH



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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LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Fall 2026 Major Show Validation Orders

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

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

Species	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.

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://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/>
under the Major Shows tab



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HORSE SHOWS

District Horse Show
June 22-24, 2026 Brazos County Expo

State Horse Show
July 19-25, 2026 Brazos County Expo
Registration open now- July 1st

DATE: **TIME:** **LOCATION:** **EVENT:**

July 2026

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|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • 7/1 | | Texas Show Pass | State Horse Show entries close |
| • 7/3 | | Extension Office Closed | 4 th of July holiday |
| • 7/5-7/10 | | | Shooting sports State Games |
| • 7/7-7/9 | | Kerrville | State Dog Show |
| • 7/14 | | Extension Office | District Record Book Judging |
| • 7/16 | 10am-12pm | Extension Office | Crochet Work Day |
| • 7/19-7/25 | | Brazos County Expo | State Horse Show |
| • 7/19-7/22 | | Austin | State 4-H Congress |
| • 7/23 | 10am-12pm | Extension Office | Crochet Work Day |
| • 7/31 | by 5pm | Extension Office | Turkey orders for all shows due |

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.

If you have special needs for any of the programs offered at the County or District level, please give us a least five days' notice.

We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.

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Montgomery County 4-H 2025-26



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Late tag orders due</i>	6
	← STATE ROUNDUP →					
7 <i>Record Books and award applications due</i>	8	9	10 <i>National 4-H Congress apps due</i>	11	12 <i>County Record Book judging & *star award interviews</i>	13
		← District 9 Leadership Lab →				
14	15	16	17	18	19 CLOSED	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Lamb & Goat validaiton 4-7pm, Fairgrounds *signup genius</i>	26 <i>Hunter's Education 9am-3pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.</i>	27
	← District Horse Show Brazos Co. Expo →					
28	29 <i>Steer/swine validaiton 4-7pm, Fairgrounds *Signup genius</i>	30 <i>Heifer validaiton 4-7pm, Fairgrounds *Signup Genius</i>				

**RSVP required <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>*



Montgomery County 4-H 2025-26



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>State Horse Show entries due in Texas Show Pass</i>	2	3 <i>Extension Office Closed</i>	4
5 ←	6 SHooting Sports State Games	7	8	9	10	11 →
		←	State Dog Show	→		
12	13	14 <i>District Record Book Judging</i>	15	16 <i>*Crochet Work Day 110am-12pm, Extension Office</i>	17	18
19 ←	20	21 State 4-H Horse Show	22	23 <i>*Crochet Work Day 110am-12pm, Extension Office</i>	24	25 →
	←	State 4-H Congress	→			
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Turkey orders due for all shows and county fair</i>	

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