Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

September 18-25, 2026

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

Ph (936)539-7823

https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/

Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty

Important Dates

September 2026

9/19 Life Ready Series Part 1 9am-2pm, Extension Office
9/20 Beginner Dog Project Informational meeting 3pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.
9/25 On time swine tag orders due
9/26 Intro to Robotics 10am-12pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg. RSVP
9/26 Beginner Sewing 2-4pm, Extension Office RSVP
9/28 Major Show Calf Scramble applications due by 5pm
9/28 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP for dinner

October 2026

10/3 Floral project meeting 10am, Extension Office RSVP
10/3 Fashion & Interior Design Project meeting 2pm, Extension Office RSVP
10/4-10/10 National 4-H Week
10/6 MCFA Replacement Heifer and Filly & Gelding tag-in, Fairgrounds
10/9 Late Tag orders due for heifers, goats, and lambs
10/10 One Day 4-H
10/14 Junior Leadership Lab registration due
10/17 Life Skills Cooking with Confidence 9am-1pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP
10/24 Beginner Sewing 9am-12pm, Extension Office RSVP
10/26 Heifer validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/27 Lamb and Goat validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/29 Record keeping training 6:30pm, Extension Office, RSVP

SEPTEMBER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 28th

6:30pm dinner-tacos

7:00pm meeting starts

Program: Master Gardener

RSVP here:

https://forms.gle/JvbPy1rKqhWX6KAD8



Pecans, anyone?



It's that time of year again! This fundraiser is the major source of income for the Montgomery County 4-H program. These funds go directly back to you in the form of educational programs, registration fees, equipment, and curriculum.

Members need to pick up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader. September - October is your time to sale pecans. ALL orders will be due back to your club's pecan leader at your October monthly club meeting unless your pecan leader has set up an alternate date/time.

**NO orders are to be turned directly in to the 4-H office. ALL orders must be given to the club's pecan leader!

County contest for the top sellers:

1st place-$150

2nd place-$100 cash

3rd place $75 cash

4th place-$50

5th place-$25

Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2027 Major Show Validation Orders

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:
https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

***Swine tag order information has not been sent yet.**

	Price	Due Date	Late orders	Due	Validation Date
Heifers			**$30**	**10/9**	**10/26**
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)			**$30**	**10/9**	**10/27**
Swine	**$27**	**9/25**	**$30**	**10/30**	**11/19**

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.

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 Quaity Counts number to enter.



Major Show Calf Scramble Applications due September 28, 2026



If you would like to enter the Calf Scramble at any of the Spring Major Shows, please fill out an application and turn it in to the 4-H Office by 5pm on September 28, 2026. Applications can be found here: https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

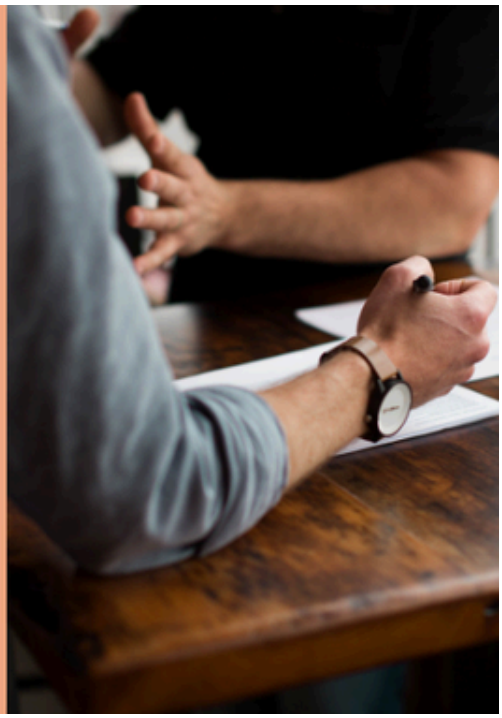
SAVE THE DATE

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H MAJOR SHOW ENTRY NIGHT

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

RODEO AUSTIN



NOVEMBER 1, 2026 3-5PM AND NOVEMBER 2, 2026 5-7PM

*ALL LIVESTOCK AND NON-LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ON ONE OF THESE DAYS.

Contests at Major Livestock Shows 2027

Event *State Roundup	Fort Worth	San Angelo	San Antonio	Rodeo Austin	Houston
Ag Mecanics	1/15-18/27	2/4-67/27	2/26-28/27	3/5-6/2027	3/19-21/27
Ag Mech Skill-A-Thon					
*Ag Product ID		02/18/27	02/21/27	03/23/26	03/17/27
Archery					10/9-11/26
Beef Skill-A-Thon		02/13/27	02/15/27	03/11/26	
*Consumer Decision Making		02/18/27	02/20/27		
Dairy Juging	1/17/27?		02/12/27		TBD
Floriculture	1/20/27?		02/19/27		03/06/27
*Food Challenge		01/20/27	02/11/27		03/16/27
Goat Judging	1/16/27?				
*Horse Judging	1/19/27?		02/10/27		03/08/27
Horse Skill-A-Thon		02/21/27	02/14/27		
Horticulture					
Job Interview					
Landscape Challenge			02/09/27		
Landscape Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Judging		02/20/27	02/28/27	03/23/27	03/15/27
*Livestock Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Quiz Bowl					03/05/27
*Meat Judging	1/31/27?	02/20/27	02/21/27		03/07/27
Meat Science Skill-A-Thon					
Nursery Landscape			02/09/27		03/06/27
Photography			by 10/31/26		
Poultry Judging			02/18/27		03/03/27
*Public Speaking		02/06/27	02/14/27	03/17/27	3/13-14/27
*Range and Pasture ID	1/23/27?				03/14/27
*Robotics	01/29/27	04/10/27	02/18/27	03/13/27	03/17/27
*Science Fair			02/20/27	03/17/27	03/07/27
Sheep Skill-A-Thon		02/07/27	02/15/27	03/18/27	
Shotgun			2/10-14/27		2/5-7/27
Swine Skill-A-Thon			02/09/27	03/20/27	
Taxidermy Contest			2/11-13/27		
*Veterinary Science					03/18/27
*Wildlife Contest	1/18/27?	02/20/27	02/17/27		03/13/27
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation					
Wildlife Poster Contest					03/06/27
*Wool and Mohair Judging		02/20/27	02/13/27		03/15/27

Dates of the contest are listed. Printed 8/20/26. If 4-H members are interested in entering a Spring major show, they should attend Major Show Entry Night Nov. 1st 2-5pm or Nov. 2nd 5-7pm

Contests at Major Livestock Shows 2026 Awards

Event *State Roundup	Fort Worth	San Angelo	San Antonio	Rodeo Austin	Houston
Ag Mecanics	$2,500	$75	$10.000 Sch	Trophy	
Ag Mech Skill-A-Thon					
*Ag Product ID		Plaques		Buckle	$400/team
Archery					$1,200
Beef Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch	$250	
*Consumer Decision Making		$1,000	$10,000 Sch		
Dairy Juging	$500 sch		$10,000 Sch		Buckle
Floriculture	$2,000 sch		$10,000 sch		Buckle
*Food Challenge		$1,200/team	$20,000sch /team		Trophy
Goat Judging	Buckle				
*Horse Judging	$4,000 Sch		$10,000		$1,500
Horse Skill-A-Thon		Awards	$10,000		
Horticulture					
Job Interview					
Landscape Challenge			$20,000sch /team		
Landscape Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Judging		$1,500	$10,000 Sch	Buckle	Trophy
*Livestock Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Quiz Bowl					$400/team
*Meat Judging	Banner	$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
Meat Science Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch		
Nursery Landscape			$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
			$10,000 Sch		
Poultry Judging			$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
*Public Speaking		Buckle	$10,000 Sch/cat	*Buckle*	$2,500
*Range and Pasture ID	$4,000 Sch				Trophy/Buckle
*Robotics	$2,500 sch	Awards	$20,000/team	$1,000	$140/team
*Science Fair			$10,000 Sch/cat	Buckle	$2,500
Sheep Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch	$250	
Shotgun			$20,000 Sch		$3,000
Swine Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch	$250	
Tell Your Story Video			$10,000		
*Veterinary Science					Trophy
*Wildlife Contest	Rosette	$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation					
Wildlife Poster Contest					$1,500
*Wool and Mohair Judging		$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle

Top team or individual award for the 2026 contest listed. Printed 8/20/26. "Sch" indicates the award is a scholarship to be used at graduation. *Red is last year's awards.* Major Show Entry Night Nov. 1st 2-5pm or Nov. 2nd 5-7pm

Horse Project Upcoming Events

September 27, 2026 Lone Star Expo Colt Training

Training will be focused on how to train a yearling, two year old, or three year old filly or gelding for the events offered by Montgomery County Fair and Texas Futurity Program. If you have your horse already, bring it with you with a current Coggins. For those who don't have their horses yet or are just curious about the program, you are more than welcome to attend and observe. Please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/AaK1awaQ2VXHaXJw6. A parent or guardian must attend with the 4-H member.

- **October 25, 2026 Magnolia Horse Arena Desensitization**
- **November 21, 2026 Magnolia Horse Arena Games/Practice patterns/Fun day**

****We are finalizing the remainder of the 4-H Horse Project activities for this year. We should be able to have the Horse Project Criteria out by the middle of October. There will also be 4-H Practice Horse Shows and additional opportunities in the Spring. Those dates are being finalized and will be distributed in the Horse Project Criteria.**



Blow & Go

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show

ONE DAY ONLY

Steer and Heifer Show – November 7, 2026.

Cowboy Fellowship, 561 FM 3350, Jourdanton, TX 78026

Heifer Ring A Judge – Collin Osbourn, Steer Ring A Judge – Collin Osbourn
Steer Ring B Judge – Collin Welper
Stalling will be done off the trailer. Please No Alcohol

Entry Fees:
$50.00 per head/per ring
must enter Ring A to be
eligible for Ring B
Showmanship: $5.00 Cash at Gate

Early Entry Deadline - October 30, 2026.

Day of show entry $50.00 dollars per ring CASH ONLY

Prizes:
Heifer Show: Buckles to Div. Champions
Prizes to Reserve Div.
Steer Show: Buckles to Breed Champions A&B
Prizes to Reserve Champions A&B
Showmanship: 3 Heifer & 3 Steer Buckles
Prizes to Reserve Champions

Hotels:
La Quinta Inn & Suites - (830) 769-3050
Hampton Inn - (830) 569-3001
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - (830) 769-3323
Best Western Plus Hotel - (830) 569-1917
Fairfield Inn & Suites - (830) 569-8656
Sleep Inn & Suites - (830) 770-0722

Heifer Show
Sat, November 7- Check in: 7:00am - 8:00am
Sat, November 7- Heifer Showmanship 8:30am
- Heifer Show following immediately after Heifer Showmanship

Steer Show
Sat, November 7- Classify/Check in: 7:00am-9:00am
Sat, November 7- Steer Showmanship following Heifer Show
- Steer Show following immediately after Steer Showmanship or completion of Heifer Show

Blow & Go Show!
*Bring generators and water hoses.
For more info, please call (830) 569-0034.

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show

****One animal per entry form. This is your weight card.****

Name:_____ Address:_____
Phone:_____ Email:_____
School Grade:_____
STEER Breed:_____ Weight:_____

Ring A B (Please Circle. Must enter Steer Ring A to be eligible for Steer Ring B.)

HEIFER Breed (Ring A only):_____Heifer Date of Birth:_____

Entry Fees - $50.00 per ring (Steers ONLY. Must enter Ring A to be eligible for Ring B)
EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: October 30, 2026. On Site Entry $50.00 per head per ring.
Please mail and make early entry checks payable to:
Atascosa 4-H Council, PO Box 379, Leming, TX 78050

Livestock Judging Contest

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

CAPITAL FARM CREDIT

GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

THE COUNTRY CHURCH ARENA
1005 W FM 78, MARION, TEXAS 78124

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.	Registration - Cattle Barn
8:45 a.m.	Orientation
9:00 a.m.	Judging Starts
ASAP	Awards Presentation

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
October 19, 2026

Charles Real-Chairman/Coordinator
Jeff Hanselka, Travis Franke

ENTRY FEE:
$40.00 per team/$10.00 per individual

For more information contact the Guadalupe County Extension office at (830) 379-1972 or j-hanselka@tamu.edu

GENERAL RULES

1. Any 4-H or FFA member that resides in the state of Texas is eligible. Contestants must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA member enrolled in an accredited Texas school and be in compliance with UIL regulations.
2. Coaches may enter as many individuals or teams (a team will consist of at least 3 or no more than 4 members) as desired. The top three total scores of a team will make up the team score.
3. The contest will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions following 4-H rules as of January 1, 2000. Fourteen and over as of September 1, 2026 are considered Seniors, and thirteen and under as of September 1, 2026 are considered Juniors.
4. No talking between contestants or anyone else will be allowed. Violation will cause the team and individual to be disqualified.
5. A minimum of eight (8) classes will be judged and there will be a minimum of three (3) questions classes. Animals within a class will be designated by numbers: 1, 2, 3, and 4. Scores will be based on placings only. No oral reasons will be required. The questions class will be used to break individual and team ties.
6. Contestants will be allowed ten (10) minutes to judge each class of livestock. Contestants will be notified one (1) minute before the time is up.
7. Results and awards will be presented ASAP after contest in the Arena. Please be present. The results as announced will be final. Awards will be presented to the Junior and Senior Divisions as individuals and as teams. Results will be available for coaches following awards presentation.

GUADALUPE COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
ENTRY FORM

County _____ Email address _____

No. of Sr. team entries _____ @ $40.00 = _____ No. of Sr. individuals _____ @ $10.00 = _____

No. of Jr. team entries _____ @ $40.00 = _____ No. of Jr. individuals _____ @ $10.00 = _____

TOTAL_____ CHECK # _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **GUADALUPE 4-H LIVESTOCK ACCOUNT**
MAIL ENTRIES TO: Guadalupe County Extension Office
210 East Live Oak, Seguin, Texas 78155







MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR & RODEO | 70TH ANNIVERSARY

2027 LIVESTOCK TAG-IN SCHEDULE



MARKET STEER
SEPT. 8, 2026



LAMB & GOAT
DEC. 1, 2026



REPLACEMENT HEIFER
OCT. 6, 2026



MARKET BARROW
JAN. 5, 2027



FILLY & GELDING
OCT. 6, 2026



BREEDING BEEF*
JAN. 12, 2027

*PAPER VERIFICATION, NO ANIMALS



TURKEY/MARKET RABBIT*
NOV. 13, 2026

*INTENT TO SHOW FORMS DUE



BROILER PICK UP
FEB. 26, 2027



BROILER*
NOV. 13, 2026

*ORDER FORMS DUE



MARKET RABBIT
MAR. 18, 2027

Online entries open January 18, 2027 and close January 29, 2027 at 5:00PM.
For more information, visit mcfa.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR & RODEO | 70TH ANNIVERSARY

AG ROBOTICS CONTEST

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 AT 9:00AM



FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2027

ALL REGISTRATIONS DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2027 BY 5:00PM

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ROBOTICS TEAMS OF ALL GRADE LEVELS. SPECIFIC CONTEST RULES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND AT MCFA.ORG.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

Inaugural

BUSTIN' CLAYS

with MCFA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Blackwood Sporting Co. | 11400 FM 2854 Rd. Conroe, TX 77304
On-site registration begins at 8:00am | Shotgun start at 9:00am
All proceeds to benefit the MCFA Scholarship Fund

50 BIRD SPORTING CLAYS

1 Flight, 2 Courses
4-Person Team: $600.00
Individual Entry: $200.00

FUN SHOT FLURRY
4-Person Team: $100
Individual Entry: $25
**Special Prize Drawing*

SHOOT'AGAINS
Max 1 per person for 6 targets
4-Person Team: $80
Individual: $20
**Special Prize Drawing*

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES:

P-U-L-L DONOR: $500
Includes station signage and recognition at awards presentation.

PIGEON DONOR: $250
Name on recognition board



Online registration closes Friday, September 4 at 5:00pm
Visit MCFA.org to learn more and register today!



Shooting Sports



Our Shooting Sports program is expanding!
Members will now have 3 options :

1. Montgomery County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Club meetings: 1st Thursday of the month in the Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg. Disciplines offered: Archery, BB, Air rifle/pistol, Smallbore Rifle
Contact: m4hss@hotmail.com or visit: https://www.service-life.com/tx/4hshootingsports/

*Practices held in and around Conroe.

2. Montgomery County 4-H Shotgun Team

Club meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.
Discipline offered: Shotgun only
Contact: mc4hst@gmail.com of visit: https://www.mc4hst.org/
*Practices held in Conroe.

3. Montgomery Evergreen 4-H Club

Club meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at Faith United Methodist Church Rayford Rd.
Disciplines offered: Archery, BB, Air rifle/pistol, Smallbore Rifle
Contact: abigailmarieharrison@gmail.com or laurahaines44@gmail.com
*Most practices held in the southern part of the county.

All participants must complete a mandatory safety training before attending any practices. Sign up here to be notified when the next safety training will be held: https://forms.gle/zeps3nsxAMfLHRyi6

Coaches are always needed. Enroll as a 4-H volunteer on tx4h and sign up for one of the upcoming coaches trainings : September 26 (Livingston) or October 10-11 (Stephenville).

SHOOTING SPORTS

Coach's Training

Green Injection Training must be completed separately from *Coach's Training*

DISCIPLINES

- Archery
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Western heritage

$140 PER PERSON

October 10-11, 2026
Saturday & Sunday

Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Stephenville

Registration opens September 7-25th via TX4H

https://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/shooting-sports-coaches-training/

For more information: megan.shaffer@ag.tamu.edu

District 8 4-H
Making the best better

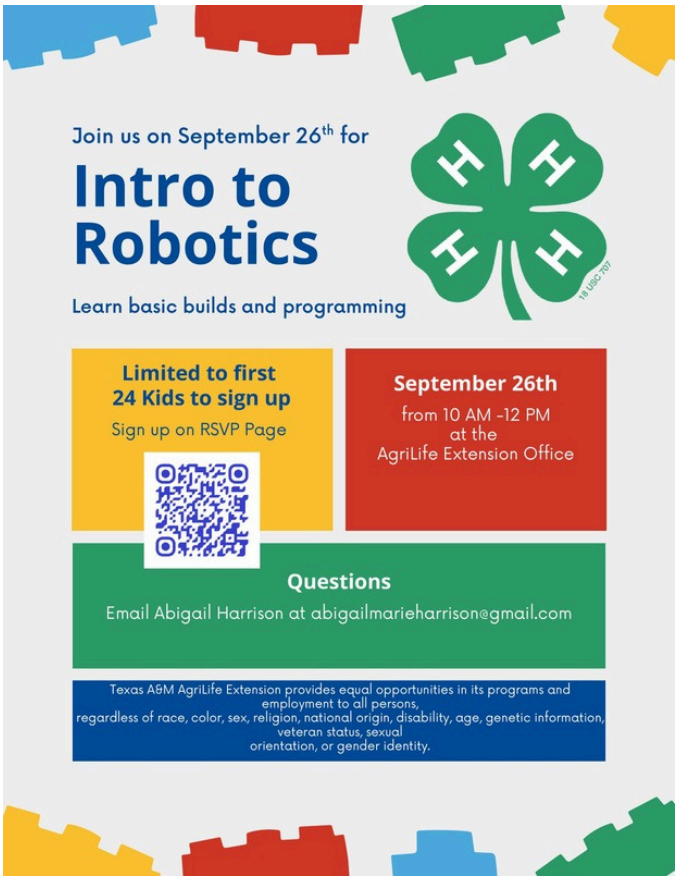
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***Robotics mats and kits are available to check out.**





Consumer Decision Making Contest

2026 GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H CDM CONTEST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
THE COUNTRY CHURCH, MARION, TEXAS
1005 W. FM 78 *Marion, Texas* 78124

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

ENTRY FORM

_____ **Junior** _____ **Intermediate** ____**Senior**

Coach: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Team members:
1. _____ Grade ____
2. _____ Grade ____
3. _____ Grade ____
4. _____ Grade ____

Please mail entry form and $40 payment to (payment must be received with entry form):
Matt Miranda • 210 E. Live Oak • Seguin, TX 78155
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 19, 2026
Make checks payable to: ***Guadalupe 4-H Council***

SCHEDULE
8am – Check in
8:45 – orientation
9am. – Judging Begins
Awards follow the judging 11am

GUIDELINES
- An entry includes a team of up to four youth in grades 3-12, following the 4-H guidelines. Individuals/teams may come from schools, churches, 4-H, etc.
- There will be eight classes based on the 2025-2026 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest classes. Each class will have Eight (8) minutes to be judged. There will be time after the completion of judging for coaches to go thru classes with teams. Teams who have won 1st place at the state roundup contest will be allowed to judge for practice and experience but will not be considered for placings.
- For team placings, teams of 4 will have their lowest individual score dropped. Teams of 3 will have all three individual scores count toward their team score. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tiebreakers.

There will be no reasons for this contest.

WHAT TO BRING:
- Clipboard, Regular Calculator (Cannot be a scientific calculator or cell phone/smart device)
- Several sharpened pencils with good erasers, Blank paper for taking notes on classes.

Scantrons will be provided. The official scantron will be Universal A #705A-12. Students should know how to use scantrons properly before coming to the contest.
STUDY MATERIALS: All study materials for this contest are located at:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_consumer_decision_making_guide_2026.pdf
For more information, contact Matt Miranda at 830-303-3889 or mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

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Dead line extended to 9/22!

San Antonio Photography Contest
Entries accepted October 1-31





Save the Date!



One Day 4-H





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/sJwMFH8fieqAyiSr5. 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.

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