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THE VICTORIA COUNTY 4-H *CROSSROADS CLOVER*

IMPACTFUL & INTENTIONAL

HOLY SMOKES! This summer has come and gone. I have no idea where it went and it seems like the days just keep flying by! I hope that you all could find some time to reset before kicking the new 2023-2024 year off.

We all know that time is a thief, of the essence, and valuable. Every minute of our day is accounted for and there is no time to waste.



As you begin a new year of 4-H, I want you to ask yourself a few questions.

Why do I or we do 4-H?

What is and can the 4-H program do for me?

Am I taking full advantage of the 4-H program?

I want everyone to have a fun filled year, but at the same time to think of your events, activities, and opportunities purposefully.

We have strategically planned things this year and cannot wait to share new ideas and programs that will be available for our members. More specifically, CLOVER KIDS! Get ready to have more opportunity than ever before in Victoria County.

Historically, now for the past several years, Clover Kids have only really had the opportunity to participate in livestock projects through our Pee Wee Livestock Shows at the Victoria Livestock Show. New this year, Clover Kids will be able to participate in the Food and Nutrition Project with Food Show, Photography, Fashion Show, some Public Speaking events, and Talent Showcase as well as many more.

The new 4-H year has started and everyone must re-enroll for the new year: 4-H members, coaches/leaders and volunteers.

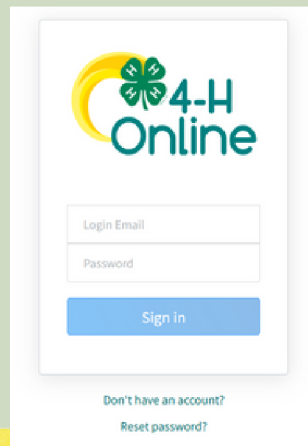
So press start, hang on tight and scroll through this month's edition of the monthly 4-H Family Newsletter.

Paige Mettlen
4-H Youth Development Agent

ENROLLMENT 2023-2024 4-H YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1ST

TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM

A screenshot of the 4-H Online login page. At the top is the 4-H Online logo, which features a green four-leaf clover with a yellow 'H' inside one of the leaves, next to the text '4-H Online'. Below the logo are two input fields: 'Login Email' and 'Password'. Underneath these fields is a blue 'Sign in' button. At the bottom of the login area, there are two links: 'Don't have an account?' and 'Reset password?'.A graphic for 'QUICK TIPS!' featuring a torn piece of white paper with the text 'QUICK TIPS!' in a bold, black, typewriter-style font. The paper is surrounded by several colorful paper clips (pink, blue, and green) and a black marker. Below the paper is a stack of colorful sticky notes in shades of yellow, green, pink, blue, orange, and purple.

QUICK TIPS!

- **USE AN EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOU HAVE DAILY ACCESS TO. THIS IS OUR MAIN SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION THAT WILL HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION SENT TO.**
- **MAKING SURE YOU ARE ON AN ACTUAL DESKTOP AND NOT YOUR PHONE OR IPAD.**
- **TRY USING A DIFFERENT WEB BROWSER IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES. FIREFOX IS THE PREFERRED BROWSER.**
- **LOGGING OUT AND LOGGING BACK IN SOMETIMES RESOLVES THE ISSUE.**
- **RESTARTING YOUR DEVICE AND CLEARING YOUR BROWSER'S HISTORY, COOKIES, AND CACHE CAN HELP.**
- **IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD, DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER ACCOUNT. SIMPLE SELECT "FORGOT PASSWORD" OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

VOLUNTEERS - LEADERS, CLUB MANAGERS, BANK ACCOUNT SIGNERS, ANYONE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ASSISTING OUR 4-H MEMBERS MUST ALL ENROLL

TO BE AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER:

STEP 1: COMPLETE 4-H ONLINE REGISTRATION

STEP 2: COMPLETE VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

STEP 3: COMPLETE STERLING ENROLLMENT

PROJECT UPDATES

ARCHERY

MANDATORY SAFETY/SIGN UP MEETINGS

Monday, September 11 OR Thursday, September 14th
6:30PM @ 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive)

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF ABOVE MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE
There is no need to bring any bows to the safety/sign up meetings.



Cost of the project is \$30

PROJECT MEETINGS/PRACTICES

Regular practices will be every Monday starting
Monday, September 18th 6:00PM @ 4-H Activity Center.
*Barebows assigned to archers who do not have their own bows.



RIFLE

MANDATORY SAFETY/SIGN UP MEETINGS

Thursday, October 5th OR Tuesday, October 10th
@ 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive)
5:00-6:00 Registration, 6:00-7:30 Mandatory Meeting

*NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE ABOVE
REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE*

Project - 6 Safety and Target Shooting Meetings

Cost of Project Meetings is \$75 (ammo & rifle provided)
Remaining Project Dates: October 12 - October 26 on every Tuesday
& Thursday

Competition Season - January - April

Cost of Competition Season is \$350 per participant
*Fees will be collected in January and more info will be provided
during the project meetings.

FOOD & NUTRITION

FUN NIGHT September 28th @ 5:30PM 4-H Activity Center

Join us for a night of all things Food & Nutrition with fun games and skills to give insight into the project. We will also be giving updates on Food Show & Food Challenge contests.

Project Meetings @ 5:30PM

October 12th, Extension Office - MyPlate, Fight BAC, Following a Recipe
November 2nd, Extension Office - Food Plating & Presentation, Presentation Skills



DOG CARE & TRAINING

Classes starting September 5th @ 5:30PM 4-H Activity Center

5 Week Class on Tuesdays

Teach your dog obedience, agility and much more. Any breed or age of dog. Parent must accompany youth.

RSVP or call for more questions - 361.575.4581



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

QUALITY COUNTS

All livestock exhibitors that are showing at the Victoria Livestock Show and/or a Major Livestock Show must take the QUALITY COUNTS TEST. Only exhibitors that are entering 3rd grade (Junior), 6th grade (Intermediate), and 9th grade (Senior) will need to take the test.

*If you are having any technical issues email learnonline@ag.tamu.edu

*If you have questions about grade level, DOB, or school/county email texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu



BEEF PROJECT MEETING

September 14th @ 6:00PM 4-H Activity Center

Commercial Heifer Talk & Other Beef Cattle Project Round Table Talk

VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW

TAG IN DATES

Tagging in your animals DOES NOT enter you into the stock show. You must go to Showworks to pay for entry fees and enter!

Carcass Steer

September 12th @ Pole Barn

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Commercial Heifer

September 30th @ Briggs Ranch

8:00AM - 11:00AM

***Mandatory Rabbit Meeting - September 19th - 6:00PM - 4-H Activity Center**

MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOW TAG ORDERS

Market Hogs, Registered Breeding Gilts, Crossbred Breeding Gilts

Due September 28 to the Extension Office

MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION DATES

Major Lamb & Goat Validation

October 30th @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Major Heifer Validation

October 31st @ Diebel Ranch

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Major Hog Validation

November 16th @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM



2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOWS HOG TAG ORDER FORM



ONE PER FAMILY

Exhibitor (s) Name (s): _____

Parent Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Address of the Animals: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

4-H Club: _____ **FFA Chapter:** _____

**TAG ORDERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 28 AND \$15 EACH
AFTER SEPTEMBER 28, LATE TAGS ARE \$23 EACH**

of Tags

_____ **Market Hogs/Crossbred Gilts**

_____ **Registered Gilts**

\$_____ Total Due

Cash or Check

CK# _____

All tags must be purchased in advance to guarantee validation.

Validation is subject to availability for those who do not pre-order.

These tags are for Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texas Elite, Rio Grande Valley, Houston and Austin.

Crossbred Gilts, Registered Gilts and Market Hogs must be tagged.

NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Make checks payable to :

Victoria Adult Leaders Association

and mail form along with payment or hand deliver to the address above.

**ABSOLUTELY
NO REFUNDS!**



Quality Counts Enrollment Instructions

1. To begin, go to: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>

Helpful Hint: We recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your internet source.

2. Click "Create an account" underneath the blue Log In button if you do not already have an account with AgriLife Learn. If you do have an AgriLife Learn account, log in at this time.

Helpful Hint: You must create or have an account on AgriLife Learn, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!

3. After logging into your account, type "Quality Counts" into the search bar to find the course.

4. On the Quality Counts page, under "Quality Counts Level" click on the drop-down menu to select your grade level: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), or Senior (Grades 9-12).

Helpful Hint: For grade level, please enter the grade you will be entering (if between May- August) or enter your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.

5. Once you've selected your grade level, click the blue "Add to Cart" button. The course is free, but you must go through the checkout process to enroll.

6. Click "View Cart" and then click "Proceed to Checkout".

7. Check the box next to "I agree with the Terms of Use," then click Next.

8. To access your course, click the "View my Order" button and then click on the link next to "Access Course:"

9. At the bottom of the Welcome page, click on "Course Materials"

10. Take the Exhibitor Survey to begin the course.

Helpful Hint: It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!

11. Once you have completed the survey, copy the access code provided to you.

Helpful Hint: This is NOT your QC number that verifies your course completion. This is a one-time code to open up the learning materials. You will also be emailed this code from surveys@ag.tamu.edu.

12. Click the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen to move forward.

13. Click the blue "Start Quiz" button and then enter the access code.

14. After submitting the access code, move through the course content by clicking on the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen.

Helpful Hint: The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete. You may leave and come back to the course at any time by logging into your AgriLife Learn account.

15. Once you complete the course materials, click "Final Exam" to take the exam.

Helpful Hint: You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve 80% or higher.

16. Once you pass the exam, you will receive an email from texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu with your VERIFIED Quality Counts NUMBER. It is important you check for and keep this message. You may also contact your CEA/AST to obtain your number if you did not receive the email.

17. Congratulations! You have completed the Quality Counts Journey and your Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

Helpful Hint: For questions related to content, scores, and verification, please contact texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00AM - 12:00PM

1:00PM - 5:00M

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

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