

SEPTEMBER 2024



Victoria County 4-H

# CROSSROADS CLOVER

And just like that, summer is over. I hope everyone was able to find time to rest and reset before kicking off another 4-H year!

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 the new 4-H year, 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.



This year we will again have opportunities for Clover Kids to participate in 4-H. Things like 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 2024-2025: 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 !

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4-H & Youth Development  
Extension Agent

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

# VICTORIA COUNTY 4-H

4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

**4x** more likely to contribute to their communities

**4-H**

**2x** more likely to be civically active

**2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices



Come learn all about the 4-H Program at our project fair and experience a world of fun activities, life skills, friendships, and unforgettable memories. There will be Victoria County 4-H Ambassadors there ready to answer questions as well as Club Managers.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**VICTORIA EDUCATIONAL GARDENS PAVILION  
283 BACHELOR DRIVE, VICTORIA, TX**

**COME AND GO**



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# ENROLLMENT 2024-2025 4-H YEAR


SEPTEMBER 1ST  
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## 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 REGISTRATION & SAFETY MEETINGS

**Monday, August 26 OR Thursday, August 29th**

**6:00PM @ STX Archery (87 Dincans St. Inez, TX)**

**\*\*NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE ABOVE REGISTRATIONS & MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE\*\***

There is no need to bring any bows to the safety/sign up meetings.

**Cost of the project for the fall season is \$110**

### PRACTICES

Regular practices will be every Monday starting Monday, September 2nd @ 6:00PM @ STX Archery.

## INDOOR RIFLE



### MANDATORY REGISTRATION & SAFETY MEETINGS

**Thursday, October 3 OR Tuesday, October 8**

**6:00PM @ 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive, Victoria, TX)**

**\*\*NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE ABOVE REGISTRATIONS & MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE\*\***

### Project - 6 Safety and Target Shooting Meetings

Cost of Project Meetings is \$75 (ammo & rifle provided)

Remaining Project Dates: October 10 - October 24 on every Tuesday and Thursday

### Competition Season - January through April

Cost of Competition Season is \$350 per participant

\*Fees will be collected in December when equipment is assigned and more info will be provided during the project meetings.

## FOOD & NUTRITION



### PROJECT MEETING DATES

October 2, October 16, October 30

6:00 PM @ 4-H Activity Center

Come learn about healthy substitutes, knife safety, measuring skills and the Food Show and Food Challenge Competitions. Food Show is an individual contest that you prepare for in advance and is a **CLOVER KID OPPORTUNITY**. Food Challenge is like the TV show Chopped and is a great opportunity to get your friends together and do something fun on a team!

### County Contest

Sunday, November 10 @ 4-H Activity Center

Food Show starts at 12:30PM ~ Food Challenge starts at 3:00PM

**STAY TUNED FOR ANOTHER CLOVER KID FOOD & NUTRITION OPPORTUNITY COMING ON A FEW SUNDAYS!**

# 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 brand new to showing livestock, entering 3rd grade (Junior), 6th grade (Intermediate), and 9th grade (Senior) will need to take the test. The Extension Office can email you a link and instructions if you need them.

\*If you are having any technical issues email [learnonline@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:learnonline@ag.tamu.edu)

\*If you have questions about grade level, DOB, or school/county email

[texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu)

## 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 17 @ Pole Barn

5:00PM - 6:00PM

#### Commercial Heifer

October 5 @ Briggs Ranch - Bloomington, TX

8:00AM - 11:00AM

**\*Mandatory Rabbit Meeting - September 17 @ 6:00PM 4-H Activity Center**



## MAJOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

### 2025 SPRING MAJOR SHOW TAG ORDERS

#### **Due September 3**

Registered Breeding Heifers, Market Lambs & Goats, Registered/Wether Dams & Does

#### **Due September 26**

Market Hogs, Registered Breeding Gilts, Crossbred Gilts

### MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION DATES

#### Major Heifer Validation

October 28 @ 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Diebel Ranch

**\*\*We will need a color copy of original registration papers to validate registered breeding animals.\*\***

#### Major Lamb & Goat Validation

October 29 @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM

#### Major Hog Validation

November 14 @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM

# 2024-2025 Victoria County 4-H Clubs

## Aloe 4-H

2nd Sunday, 2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Gym

Greg Richter, 361-935-1640

[gregorywrichter@yahoo.com](mailto:gregorywrichter@yahoo.com)

## High Bidders 4-H

1st Sunday, 2:30pm

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

Danny Reissig, 361-564-4929

[plansbydesignvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:plansbydesignvictoria@gmail.com)



## Archery 4-H

Mondays, Sept-December, 6pm

4-H Activity Center

Jaimye Aiken, 361-218-1092

[victoria4harchery@yahoo.com](mailto:victoria4harchery@yahoo.com)

## Inez 4-H

3rd Sunday, 5pm

Industrial Elementary West

Leslie Kubecka, 361-212-7783

[lesliekubecka2yahoo.com](mailto:lesliekubecka2yahoo.com)

## Shotgun 4-H

2nd Sunday, 2pm

Victoria Skeet & Trap Club

Shelly Olguin, 361-648-9576

[victoria4hshotgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:victoria4hshotgunclub@gmail.com)

## Bloomington 4-H

1st Sunday, 3pm

Robles' Residence

Cody Robles, 361-649-0009

[Gringos\\_construction@yahoo.com](mailto:Gringos_construction@yahoo.com)

## Mission Valley 4-H

1st Thursday, 6:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

Sarah Rowlands, 361-648-8131

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## Southern Country 4-H

3rd Sunday, 6:00pm

4-H Activity Center

Alan Murray, 361-412-7229

[alan77968@yahoo.com](mailto:alan77968@yahoo.com)

## Guadalupe 4-H

2nd Monday, 7pm

Victoria Electric Co-op

Traci Shadle, 361-218-6101

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## Nursery 4-H

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Nursery Elementary School

Amanda Porter, 361-655-1723

[nursery4hegmail.com](mailto:nursery4hegmail.com)

## Westwood 4-H

4th Sunday, 3:00pm

4-H Activity Center

Rochelle Rippamonti, 361-935-0034

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## Heritage Home School 4-H

Mondays, 12:00-4:30pm

VEG Pavilion

Dusti Anderson, 979-204-9931

[dnanderson06@yahoo.com](mailto:dnanderson06@yahoo.com)

## Rifle 4-H

Tue&Thurs, Oct-June,

6:00-9:00pm

4-H Activity Center

Audra Portis, 361-782-1815

[victoria4hrifle@gmail.com](mailto:victoria4hrifle@gmail.com)

## Wood-Hi 4-H

2nd Sunday, 5pm

Wood-Hi Community Center

Myra Feuerbacher, 361-220-1083

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### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00AM - 12:00PM

1:00PM - 5:00PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

### SUMMER HOURS

JUNE THRU AUGUST:

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

(OPEN AT LUNCH)

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