



Wharton County 4-H

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Wharton County 4-H Archery

4-H Families & Friends,

Many of you have inquired about archery and shooting sports. We hosted a county-wide meeting on Monday September 26th to come learn and discuss how we can get a program started. While there were only seven families present at the meeting; we believe it is still possible to build a program for the future BUT it is going to take more parents and community leaders to get involved and to be committed to the behind the scenes research and planning that needs to happen.

Our greatest hurdle at this time is finding a location that we can shoot. An approximate 60'x 40' building is needed. Along with parents who are willing to be active 4-H volunteers and eventually supplies such as bows/arrows, etc. We have a few parents who are going to get their 4-H coaches certification but we could always use more.

So what are 4-Hers in our county doing now...

- At this time, a handful of 4-Hers from the county do plan to participate in some of the 4-H archery competitions this year but everyone is choosing their own method of training and which competitions they plan to attend. Some are simply working with a parent in their backyard and others are taking lessons.
- Attached is the current list of archery competition dates for 4-H. The dual dates listed for each contest – i.e. Sept 29th and Oct 1st – Jackson County @ Lolita – means that you can choose one of the two dates to compete. Not both.
- **If you think your child would like to give this a try, please contact Laura Reyna, at your earliest opportunity to let her know your interest to make sure there are enough certified coaches per 4-Her to represent.**
Laura.Reyna@ag.tamu.edu
- YOU ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED to attend one of the upcoming certification training sessions hosted by District 9 – Oct 21-22 in Rosenberg OR the District 11 training Oct 15 & 16 in Victoria but YOU NEED TO ACT FAST to register. The deadline to register for Victoria is this Friday, Sept 30. <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/district-11-shooting-sports/>. **There are four types of disciplinary trainings hosted at these events: Archery, Pistol, Rifle and Shot Gun.** You would want to choose Archery if your child plans to participate in archery and you want to be a certified coach. You can choose to be certified in any of the other disciplines in archery isn't you or child's passion. There are other coaches trainings scheduled in November and January but none as close as Rosenberg and Victoria - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_xn3qX9pREBfURfxtSukI3WXTNXst8x5PnEVO/edit,
- To find all the rules available on the Texas 4-H website – go to: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

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Come be a part of the growth. JOIN US!

- If you have any interest in your child participating in archery or a shooting project, then we strongly encourage you to join our county wide task force.
- We believe it's going to take some time, potentially a year or more, to divide and conquer talking to other counties, doing research on logistics, liability, getting parents certified to coach and finding a place to host practice to create a successful program for the county.
- At this time, we welcome any ideas on a location site AND if you know of any Wharton County archery 4-H alumni that can share any knowledge that could be helpful or who may possibly be interested in volunteering.
- Contact the Extension Office if you want to help!

Sincerely,

Wharton County 4-H Archery



2022 - 2023 District 4-H Archery Calendar



District 11 County 4H Leaders

Victoria County	Meghan Weber	victoria4Harchery@yahoo.com
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Matagorda County	Lang Alford	lang.alford@gmail.com
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District 11 County 4H Invitational's

Sept. 29 th & Oct. 1 st	Jackson County @ Lolita
Oct. 13 th & 15 th	Nueces County
Oct. 20 th & 22 nd	Dewitt County
Oct. 28 th & 29 th	Victoria County @ Shooting Sports Complex
Nov. 3 rd & 5 th	Colorado County @ Columbus Fair Grounds
Nov. 10 & 12 th	Aransas County
Nov. 18 th & 19 th	Matagorda County @ Bay City Fair Grounds
Dec. 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	District 11 4-H Archery Tournament @ Nueces (register on 4-H Connect)
Feb. 18 th & 19 th	Houston Livestock show and Rodeo @ NRG Arena (register thru extension office)
March 24 th & 25 th	State 4-H Tournament @ Bay City Fair Grounds (register on 4-H Connect)

How to Register for Tournament:

1. The books will open the Tuesday of the week prior of the tournament date. They stay open (usually) till all lines are full or until the Tuesday before the tournament date.
2. E-mail the form below to the e-mail listed above corresponding to the tournament that you are wanting to enter.
3. Show up at least 30 min before your time to shoot.
4. **REMEMBER NO CAMO!**

Please include the following information for registration:

Name: _____

Grade/age: _____

DOB: _____

County: _____

Division: _____

Bow: _____

#arrows (30 or 60): _____

Distance (9m or 18m): _____

Day & Time of Shoot: _____

Open/Ladies: _____