



# UPDATE

WISE COUNTY 4-H

*Congratulations*

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## How to Start your Record Book



## Virtual Learning Opportunities

## Kicking off 4-H in 2020

As we are mid-way through September, 4-H is getting kicked off around Wise County. I hope this newsletter serves as a "Welcome to 4-H" and an idea of things that are available to your family.

If you have not already done so, it is time to re-enroll your family on 4-H Connect. The system was updated and we are still working through some kinks with the new website so please be patient and notify me if you have any issues. More details inside the newsletter on enrollment.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the upcoming 4-H year!

- Chrissy Karrer, County Extension Agent - 4-H

**JOIN 4-H TODAY**

<http://www.v2.4honline.com>

## Get Connected

Facebook: @WiseCounty4H  
Remind 101: text @wise4h to 81010  
Google Calendar:  
<http://tiny.cc/WiseCo4HCalendar>



# 4-H ENROLLMENT

4-H Enrollment started **August 15th!** All enrollment is done via the NEW 4HOnline 2.0. You can access 4HOnline 2.0 by going to our 4-H website at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and clicking on the 4HOnline icon. If you had a family profile in the old 4-H Connect System, that log in information will be the same in the new 4HOnline 2.0. The website link will not change either.

**A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for correct fees to be charged.**

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (excluding Clover Kids). The participant fee is **\$25** if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to **\$30**. **Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled.** The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and WCYF requirements. Enrollment dues must be paid by an electronic payment.

For instructions on how to enroll, see the links below:

New Members: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB0\\_QxMkRnk&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB0_QxMkRnk&t=4s)

Return Members: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YHCmVrEpps&t=3s>  
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline/>

All volunteers who enroll will be charged \$10.00. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to re-enroll each year. Club Managers must enroll ASAP!  
If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 940-627-3341

## *4-H Age / Grade Requirements*

Texas 4-H membership eligibility will be based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age -8 (as of August 31, 2020 and in the 3rd grade)  
Maximum age -18 (as of August 31, 2020)

### **4-H Member Categories**

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5  
Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8  
Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12



# KICK-OFF EVENT

It's here, IT IS HERE! It is time to kick off the upcoming 4-H year and wrap up the 2019-2020 year. We invite ALL families that are interested in 4-H. There will be 4-H clubs and project groups set up to meet and answer questions. Youth will get to participate in a few 4-H activities like community service, leadership, and recreation. All are welcome at this event, it is the perfect time to ask questions, fellowship and experience the spirit of 4-H here in Wise County.



WISE COUNTY 4-H

# 4-H EXPLOSION

## & Awards Recognition

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**  
**4:00PM @ WISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

*Join us as we kick-off the 4-H year with an informational night and recognize the achievements from the 2019-20 year.*



Social distancing and masks will be required. Families will need to bring their own chairs or blanket as we will be in the open grassy area at the south end of the rodeo arena.

**For more information call the  
Extension Office at 940-627-3341**

# FOOD PROJECT

If you want to be a star in the kitchen, try the food & nutrition project! You'll learn kitchen and cooking safety, how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks, and meal ideas to reduce your risk of disease. Learning experiences focus on nutrition, food purchasing, food preparation, food safety, and related careers. Here in District 3, the food and nutrition project kicks off with a start at the beginning of the 4-H year.

In lieu of an in person workshop, we will have lunch time trainings on Oct. 1, Oct. 5 and Oct. 7th. We will stream these on Facebook as well as record and share the links. Look for more information via email.

## Food Show

At the Food Show, youth choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis. This year's theme is "Grocery Games".

## FCH Quiz Bowl

A "Quiz Bowl" is a quiz game that tests teams of 4 on their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and health. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn points for correct answers. Teams advance in a tournament-system bracket to win the competition.

"Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients, recipes, and cooking. It's about harnessing imagination, empowerment, and creativity."

- Guy Fieri

## Food Challenge

At the Food Challenge, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost.

## Ag Product Identification

During the Ag Product ID Contest, youth will see 20 Texas agricultural products exhibited at different stations. Contestants must identify the commodity and answer a general based on general industry knowledge about the product or specific to the individual product on display. Contestants are given 30-60 seconds to answer the questions.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

County Council Meeting - October 5th  
Wise County Fairgrounds at 6:00pm

In the spirit of community service we will spend the County Council meeting painting pumpkins to gift to the local nursing homes to lift their spirits during the Fall. We would like to invite all of the Club Presidents, Council Delegates and Clover Kids to help us decorate the pumpkins.

## *Community Service "Pumpkin Painting Party"*

We will have a short County Council meeting starting at 6pm to talk about the 4-H Explosion and other pressing matters.

# FALL DISTRICT EVENTS

|                        |  |           |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| Livestock Judging      | Wednesday, November 4th<br><b>Register by 10/19</b>  | Vernon    |
| Food Show              | Saturday, November 7th<br><b>Register by 10/22</b>   | Vernon    |
| Food Challenge         | Wednesday, November 18th<br><b>Register by 10/30</b> | Jacksboro |
| Horse Quiz Bowl        | Monday, December 7th<br><b>Register by 11/16</b>     | Vernon    |
| Livestock Quiz Bowl    | Monday, December 7th<br><b>Register by 11/16</b>     | Vernon    |
| FCH Quiz Bowl          | Monday, December 7th<br><b>Register by 11/16</b>     | Vernon    |
| Ag Product ID          | Wednesday, December 16th<br><b>Register by 11/30</b> | Goree     |
| Livestock Skill-a-thon | Wednesday, December 16th<br><b>Register by 11/30</b> | Goree     |



# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Each year, 4-H members from around the US celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10th. This is a time to promote 4-H, do a community service like baking cookies to give to the admins at your school or your local police/fire station, and tell others about 4-H.

In Wise County, we are unique in that we host a Fashion Show for our 4-H members (clover kids too) at the NRS Store in Decatur. Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th from 2pm to 6pm we have fittings to help participants choose their outfits. Our staff, Clothing & Textiles Club members and the NRS staff will be on hand to help 4-H families with selecting, trying on and packaging the outfits chosen. On Thursday, 4-H members come get dressed in the outfits they have chosen to show off current NRS Fashions and have a great time promoting 4-H. This is a really fun event and perfect for those that might be a little shy as they don't have to talk at all during the fashion show. Call 940-627-3341 to schedule your fitting time.

National 4-H Week



NRS 4-H



## FASHION SHOW

Thursday, October 8, 2020  
6:00pm at NRS  
4650 S Highway 287, Decatur

Join us at our annual fashion show to celebrate the National 4-H Week!

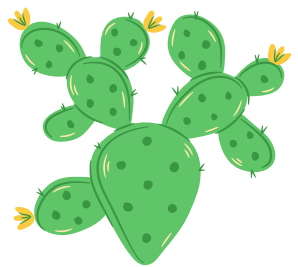
This is an excellent opportunity for a new 4-H members, Clover Kids and Fashion & Interior Design project members - All are welcome!

Fittings will be on Tuesday (10/6) and Wednesday (10/7) from 2pm to 6pm

Call 940.627.3341 to book a fitting time

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Persons needing auxiliary services need to contact  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Wise County office  
at 940.627.3341 by October 2, 2020



# RECORD BOOK - GOALS

Each year we encourage youth to complete a Record Book. Like the name states, this is a record of all events and activities that a 4-H member participated in, their role and the impact it had. To keep a record throughout the year, we recommend using a calendar, a spiral, photos or what ever means is easiest for your family to keep notes throughout the year.

Step 1 - Set 3 to 5 goals for your MAIN 4-H Project area

## EXAMPLES

- What would you like to learn?
- Is there a skill you would like to master?
- What contest do you hope to participate in?
- What leadership role would you like to serve in?



<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/> Training links & forms can be found here!



# 4-H BINGO

|                             |  |   |  |                               |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Donated to the food pantry  | Member of a 4-H Club                         | Completed a Record Book   | Recited the 4-H Pledge                       | Attended Jr. or Sr. Weekend   |
| Learned a life skill        | Given a speech or presentation               | Own at least two 4-H Shirts   | Showed an animal at a livestock show or fair | Won a 4-H Ribbon              |
| Contacted my 4-H Agent      | Entered a food, craft or photography at WCYF |  | Learned how to be a leader                   | Thanked a 4-H volunteer       |
| Volunteered in my community | Set a Goal for the new year                  | Attended NRS Fashion Show   | Submitted a 4-H Record Book                  | Served on County Council      |
| Attended Summer Camp        | Made a new friend                            | Completed an 4-H project  | Made a healthy choice                        | Elected as a 4-H club officer |



*Help us Design the Next Wise County 4-H T-Shirt*

All designs are due to the Extension office by October 15th.

*What 4-H spirit wear would you like to see?*



Name:

# 4-H LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Spring Major show entries will be due in November. Starting on November 1 - 10th, I will book appointment times with families needing to enter the Major shows (Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin). Please make sure your animals are validated and Quality Counts is completed for your youth!

For other projects, folks are starting to purchase steers, heifers, lambs, goats and swine. <https://www.facebook.com/texasyouthlivestock/> is a great resource with videos ranging from selection to care to classification changes.

As always, feel free to email Chrissy Karrer, CEA 4-H and Youth Development at [cmkarrer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cmkarrer@ag.tamu.edu) or call 940-627-3341 for more information.

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# IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFO 2020-21

## STEERS

Tag Orders are Due in April

State Validation - June  
County Validation - October

## HEIFERS

Tag Orders are Due in April or August

State Validation - June/October 27  
\*Heifers only need to be validated once

## SWINE

Tag Orders are Due in September for Spring, April for Fall

State Validation - June/November 20  
County Validation - December 5

## LAMBS/GOATS

Tag Orders are Due in August for Spring, April for Fall

State Validation - June/October 20  
County Validation - December 5

## FALL MAJOR SHOW INFO

North Texas State Fair  
West Texas Fair & Rodeo  
State Fair of Texas  
Heart 'O Texas Fair & Rodeo  
\*\*\*Entries due in August

## SPRING MAJOR SHOW INFO

Ft. Worth Stock Show  
Houston Livestock Show  
San Angelo Fair & Rodeo  
San Antonio Livestock Show  
Rodeo Austin  
\*\*Entries due in November

## LIVESTOCK RELATED CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

Livestock Judging  
Meat Judging  
Livestock Skillathon  
Mohair Judging  
Beef Quiz Bowl  
Beef Skillathon  
Sheep Skillathon  
Vet Science Skillathon

Make sure to get involved with your community buyers association.

**Wise County Youth Fair Entries are due in January**

Wise County Youth Fair information can be found at [WWW.WCYOUTHFAIR.ORG](http://WWW.WCYOUTHFAIR.ORG)



# LIVESTOCK

## Quality Counts

Fall livestock show entries are in full swing and so is Quality Counts!

Thankfully, there are no big changes for the course and exam this year. As a reminder, exhibitors must be verified once per grade level division (Junior – 3-5 grade; Intermediate – 6-8 grade; Senior 9-12 grade), not each year. Exhibitors must have a verified number for major livestock show entries.

## QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

**Before getting started:** For the best experience in the Quality Counts course, please use Mozilla Firefox as your internet source (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Safari may work in some instances but are NOT suggested). Also, please make sure your browser (Firefox) has JavaScript and Cookies enabled. For desktop computers, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater installed.

We recommend using  
Firefox as your browser!



1. Go to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
2. Register with your information
  - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
  - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
  - c. For grade level, please enter the grade you are entering (if between May-August) or your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from [dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu) to keep for your records.
  - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum.
6. You will be directed to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
7. The course is free, so click the green **Enroll Now** button.
  - a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
  - b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
8. Click **Register** under "Are You a New Learner?" *Even if you created an account last year and are enrolling in a new grade category, you need to create a new account. This is because we transitioned websites for improvements.*
9. Create username and password and complete login details. The address entered is not used or saved and is only for this site.
10. Accept the terms and conditions and click **Register**.
11. Click "[Click Here](#)" under Course Access Details.
12. Click Quality Counts
13. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
14. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
15. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
16. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
17. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
18. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT:  
[LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU)

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND  
VERIFICATION CONTACT: [DOTTIE.GOEBEL@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:DOTTIE.GOEBEL@AG.TAMU.EDU)



## Validation

### State Heifer

- o County Fairgrounds - 10/27 4-6p
- o Heifer papers need to be uploaded by the Extension Office by 10/26



### State Market Lambs and Market Goats

- o County Fairgrounds - 10/20 4-6p



### State Swine Validation

- o Decatur High School Ag Barn - 11/20 1pm to 4pm
- o Breeding Gilt paperwork needs to be uploaded by 11/15



# VIRTUAL RESOURCES

With the unprecedented Spring we were dealt, it gave 4-H staff around the state the opportunity to offer virtual trainings, classes and contests to youth from all over the nation. I will share resources as they are given. Know that the opportunities in front of us this year are limitless. Engage in new projects, try something new, meet new people. We are so excited to watch each and every 4-H member grow throughout the year!

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## Topics Include:

- **September 1st** -  
Welcome/Introductions/  
Teen Mental Health
- **September 8th** -  
Financial Education
- **September 15th** -  
Basic Car Care
- **September 22nd** -  
Distracted Driving
- **September 29th** -  
Laundry 101
- **October 6th** -  
Kitchen 101
- **October 13th** -  
Intro to Getting a Job
- **October 20th** -  
Intro to Customer Service

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# TEEN TUESDAY TALKS

*Email Chrissy for replay  
links if you miss a topic*

6:30PM

Via Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3959814508>

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities coming up for both youth and adults as we kick off this fall

## 4-H Program Development Committee (Youth and Adult)

Would you like to help steer the 4-H programming efforts in the future? Are you an out of the box thinker or want to help us engage youth and teach them the important life skills 4-H has to offer? This committee will help develop programs within Wise County 4-H and in the schools.

1 year commitment - 4 meetings total (2 virtual, 2 in person) October, January, April, August

## 4-H Family and Community Health Task Force (Youth and Adult)

This committee will focus on programs under the 4-H FCH umbrella, however not limited to contests. Input from the committee will help us develop workshops and trainings to teach life skills.

1 year commitment - 3 meetings total (1 in person, 2 virtual) October, January, May

## 4-H Livestock and Natural Resources Task Force (Youth and Adult)

This committee will focus on programs under the 4-H Ag/NR umbrella, however not limited to stock shows and raising livestock. Input from the committee will help us develop workshops and trainings focused on livestock, natural resources, and shooting sports.

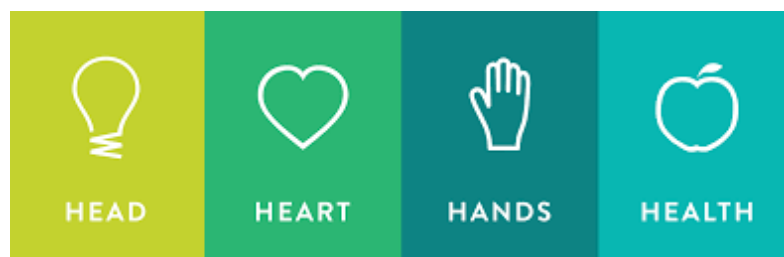
1 year commitment - 3 meetings total (1 in person, 2 virtual) September, January, May

## 4-H Budget Committee (Adult and County Council Treasurer)

This committee will help develop the annual budget for the Wise County 4-H program, help identify donors and fundraising opportunities.

1 year commitment - 2 meetings total (2 in person) October, May

\*\*Type of meeting subject to change due to restrictions or how committee sees fit.



4-H in 2020 looks a little different. Our goal is to do club meetings, trainings and contests in person. To do this, we as a whole will need to follow COVID-19 guidelines set by Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas 4-H, Wise County Judge and Emergency Management Coordinator.

Group meetings of 10 or FEWER people can be conducted as long as they meeting our current COVID guidelines. *For all indoor and outdoor events, mask will need to be worn by everyone over the age of ten UNLESS you can social distance 6 ft apart.*

All other programs must get approval from the appropriate County Extension Agent. If approved, certain paperwork must be completed 2 weeks in advance.

# GET CONNECTED WITH 4-H

## HOW TO ENROLL

Visit <http://texas.4honline.com> to register your 4-H members. You will set up a family profile and enroll youth kindergarten through 12th grade. On each registration, continue until you reach the invoice screen.

## CONTACT



940-627-3341



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



206 South State Street  
Decatur, TX 76234

## WHAT IS A 4-H PROJECT?

Youth learn life skills through project experiences. For each project a 4-H member is enrolled, they should complete at least 3 learning experiences, a community service, and a leadership activity. Each project has a competition element that you are welcome to participate in. Attending local 4-H meetings is encouraged as this is a great way to get updated information.

## PROJECT AREAS

### AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dog Care & Training, Goats, Horse, Horticulture, Junior Master Gardener, Livestock Judging, Meat Science, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Soil & Crop Science, Swine, Vet Science

### FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Consumer Education, Fashion & Interior Design, Foods & Nutrition, Health & Personal Safety

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Aquatic Science, Entomology, Forestry, Outdoor Education & Living Skills, Range Science, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing, Water Conservation & Education, Wildlife & Fisheries

### LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship, Community Service, Global Education & Awareness, Leadership, Public Speaking, Theater & Performance Arts, Workforce Preparation, Youth Entrepreneurship

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Energy, Photography/Videography, Robotics, Rocketry, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

## STAY CONNECTED

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Remind 101: text [@wise4h](https://www.remind101.com/) to 81010

Google Calendar: <http://tiny.cc/WiseCo4HCalendar>



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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a block south of Sweetie Pies.  
 Address: 206 South State Street, Decatur, TX 76234  
 Phone Number: 940-627-3341

### Texas 4-H Age Categories:

Junior - 3rd through 5th grade \* Intermediate - 6th through 8th grade \* Senior- 9th through 12th grade



# TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LIST



AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care & Training
- Goats (Dairy & Mohair)
- Goats (Meat)
- Horse
- Horticulture
- Junior Master Gardener
- Livestock Judging
- Meat Science
- Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Soil & Crop Science
- Swine
- Veterinary Science



FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Consumer Education
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Foods & Nutrition
- Health & Personal Safety



NATURAL RESOURCES

- Aquatic Science
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Outdoor Education & Living Skills
- Range Science
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Water Conservation & Education
- Wildlife & Fisheries



LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Global Education & Awareness
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Theater & Performance Arts
- Workforce Preparation
- Youth Entrepreneurship



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

- Energy
- Photography/Videography
- Robotics
- Rocketry
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)



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