



Colorado County 4-H Newsletter

MAY 2023

2023 - 2024 Council Officers

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Mental Health Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. 4-H Healthy Habits helps youth grow healthy living skills through nutrition, mindfulness and physical activity education. Through 4-H's partnership with Soccer for Success, students learn social-emotional skills while getting active on the soccer field.

[Click here to get started.](#)

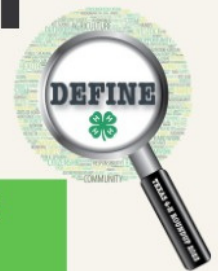


Texas 4-H Roundup Activities

Did you know there's more at Roundup than just contests? Come Monday to participate in the College and Career Fair, Say Yes to FCS, the keynote speaker for the event, the At Large Delegate Candidate speeches, and our new *fun* event, Agents Got Talent. Check out the trade show, educational workshops, district tailgates, assemblies, dances, and the Slade Coulter concert Tuesday through Thursday. We can't wait to see you there.

[Click here to access the Texas 4-H Roundup schedule.](#)

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



SAY YES TO FCS
Monday | 4 PM |
Reed Arena

**COLLEGE & CAREER
FAIR**
Monday | 2-5 PM |
Reed Arena

**AT-LARGE DELEGATE
CANDIDATE SPEECHES**
Monday | 7:30-9 PM |
Reed Arena

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
JUAN BENDANA**
Monday | 5:30-7 PM
| Reed Arena

AGENTS GOT TALENT
Monday | 9 PM | Reed
Arena

**EDUCATIONAL
WORKSHOPS**
Tues, Wed, Thurs |
Throughout day |
Reed 2nd & 3rd Floor

TRADE SHOW
Tues, Wed, Thurs | 10 AM
- 6 PM | Reed Concourse

DISTRICT TAILGATES
Tues, Wed, Thurs | 6:30
PM | Outside Reed Arena

DANCE
Tues, Wed | 9 PM | Reed
Arena

**SLADE COULTER
CONCERT**
Thurs | 9 PM | Reed Arena



2023
Summer



Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN**

2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning April 17th
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: April 17-May 21, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: May 22-June 30, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D.,
Extension Program Specialist at
jlmcswaine@ag.tamu.edu



Summer Tournament

Fish at YOUR Location:
June 12 at 12:00 am thru
August 31 at 11:59 pm

Junior Leadership Lab

Junior Leadership Lab

Date: July 11, 2023

Location: Texana Community Education Center – Lake Texana, Edna, TX

Entry/Registration: May 15 – June 23, 2023

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/05/2023-Junior-Lab-Info.pdf>

https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/05/23_JR-Lab-Schedule2.pdf

Leadership Lab

Leadership Lab

Date: June 14 – 16, 2023

Location: – Ledbetter, TX

Entry/Registration: April 3 – May 19, 2023

https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/04/23_D11_Leadership_Lab_Event_Info_Updated042523.pdf

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/03/TENTATIVE-Lab-Schedule-2023.pdf>



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP LAB

JULY 11, 2023

TEXANA EDUCATION CENTER,
EDNA, TX

**COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF KAYAKING, LEADERSHIP, FISHING, NATURE
EDUCATION, FUN AND SO MUCH MORE!**

4-H YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8TH AS OF MAY 31, 2023 ARE WELCOME.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 1ST, 2023

\$40 FOR YOUTH

\$20 FOR ADULTS, AGENTS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sportfishing Day

Information for the 2022 – 2023 Coastal Bend 4-H Sportfishing Day is now available on the event website:
<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/coastal-bend-4-h-sportfishing-day/>.

The event will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in Rockport, TX. The event is open to D11 4-H youth in grades 3 through 7 as of September 1, 2022.

Registration will be open on 4-H Online from May 1 – 31, 2023. There is no late registration.

NOTE: Registration is limited to the first 35 youth.

Record Books

Why is it important you keep a record of your 4-H activities? Because, by recording your activities you can remember all the fun you've had so far, and set future goals! Keeping records of 4-H projects could help you when you apply for college scholarships too! 4-H Record books are books you make to record your annual projects.

Website: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Categories : https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/record_book_categories_2022_2023.pdf

Livestock Judging or Dairy Judging

If you are interested reach out to Laramie Kettler at laramie.kettler@ag.tamu.edu from at the Colorado County Extension Office.

Contact for dates.

No experience is required for participation in either group! Come learn about livestock and dairy evaluation with us!

Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association

TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

Space is limited!

2023 Kids Kamp

Topics Include:

- .Plant Evolution & Adaptation
- .Terrariums
- .Butterflies

Washington County	Colorado County	Fayette County	Austin County
June 6 th - 8 th	June 13 th - 15 th	June 20 th - 22 nd	June 27 th - June 29 th

Washington County
Agrilife Extension
Washington Co. Expo
Sales Facility
1305 E. Blue Bell Rd.
Brenham, Texas
Registration Deadline:
5/31/2023

Colorado County
Agrilife Extension
Weimar Civic Center
1754 IH-10
Weimar, Texas
Registration Deadline:
6/7/2023

Fayette County
Agrilife Extension
Fayette Co. Extension
Ag Building
255 Svoboda Lane
La Grange, Texas
Registration Deadline:
6/14/2023

Austin County
Agrilife Extension
Sens Center
200 Briar Ridge Dr
Bellville, Texas
Registration Deadline:
6/21/2023

To Register and Pay Online visit:

<https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/kidskamp/>

For more information contact your local County Extension Agent:

Austin County	Stacie Villarreal	979-865-2072
Colorado County	Laramie Kettler	979-732-2082
Fayette County	Scott Willey	979-968-5831
Washington County	Kara Mathoney	979-277-6212 ext. 2

8:00 a.m.
to
12:00 p.m.

Open to
kids ages
10 - 13!

\$30.00
Per Child

Take
Home
Activities

Hands
on
Learning

Healthy
Snacks

Venus Flytraps
Plant Survival
Plant Extinction



Scan Here
To Register

Important Information

It is time to begin preparing to complete a 4-H Record Book. 4-H members planning to submit a record book are reminded that the books must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than June 16, 2023. Members should note that a record book must be submitted in order to apply for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Star awards. You may also set up an appointment to have one of the Extension Agents or staff review and offer suggestions for your book.

Upcoming Events

Record books are due June 16th

Star Award applications due June 16th

Star Award Interviews will be held July 7th

4-H Banquet will be held July 30th--invite to follow soon

Frelsburg will be hosting a pool party July 27th—invite to follow soon!!

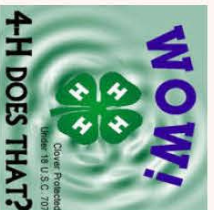


How to Join A 4-H Club

Step 1. Find a club in your areas or one you are interested in. We currently have 6 clubs and 2 project groups in Colorado County so there is something for everyone. If you are interested in joining a 4-H club in your local community, contact the club manager. They will invite you and your family to a club meeting so that you can learn more. You may also contact your Colorado County Extension Office. Membership is open year round.

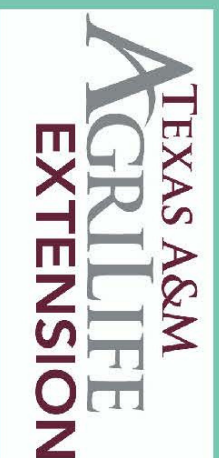
Step 2. Attend and participate in meetings and activities to learn all you can about the club, their activities, and 4-H!

Step 3. Log on to 4-H Online at <https://texas.4honline.com> to complete your enrollment information. Make sure you complete all of the information so you can receive updates, newsletters, and reminders about activities and important dates! Parents may also become active in the 4-H clubs by leading a project group or assisting with events and activities.



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Colorado County 4-H 2023-2024

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



Activities/Projects

- Community Service Opportunities
- Share the fun - Educational Presentations
- Shooting Sports: Archery, Rifle, Air Pistol
- Consumer Decision Making
- Food Challenge/Food Show
- Record Books
- 4-H Camps
- 4-H Roundup
- County Fair Exhibits
- Robotics/STEM
- Showing Livestock
- Food and Nutrition Project
- Horse Club
- Public Speaking
- Clothing and Textiles Project
- Livestock Judging
- One Day 4-H!



Colorado County 4-H Club Information 2023-2024

Colorado County 4-H Council

Meets 3rd Monday of Odd Months
Colorado County Extension Office @ 6:30 p.m.

jashae.carter@ag.tamu.edu

Laramie.kettler@ag.tamu.edu

979-732-2082

979-732-2530



Colorado County 4-H Horse Club

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month
Colorado County Extension Office @ 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Wanjura, Club Manager

sarahwanjura@hotmail.com

979-820-6659

Eagle Lake 4-H Club

Meets 3rd Saturday of each month Providence Baptist
Church Hall @ 3:00 p.m.
Coby Shorter III, Club Manager
512-217-0112

Frelsburg 4-H Club

Meets 3rd Monday of each month Colorado
County Extension Office @ 5:30 p.m.

Jessie Rau, Club Manager

jessierau@hotmail.com

979-732-1816

Garwood 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month Lehrer
Memorial Methodist Church Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
Jennifer Peacock & Katie Kunz, Club Managers

jenniferpeacock@sbcglobal.net

kunzklan@reagan.com

979-758-1133

979-578-1237

Wild Clover 4-H Club

Meets 4th Sunday of each
month Weimar United Church of Christ @ 4:00 p.m.

Nicole Goldman, Club Manager,

nicolemorellgoldman@gmail.com

832-294-3464

Whispering Oaks 4-H Club

Meets 1st Monday of the month First Baptist
Church of Eagle Lake @ 5:30 p.m.

Alyssa Lindemann, Club Manager

alindemannccems@gmail.com

979-758-1922



Columbus Area 4-H Shooting Sports

Meetings vary with Shooting Sports
HE Building, Colorado County Fairgrounds @ 5:45p.m. &
6:45 p.m.

Terri Jurek, Club Manager

Terri and Stephen Jurek, Coaches/Leaders

shoot4fun@netzero.com

979-732-9498

Archery - Tuesday (Sept. - Jan.) @ 7:00 p.m.,
Fairgrounds

.22 Rifle - Sunday (Jan. - Feb.) @ 2:00 p.m. -

5:00 p.m., Shooting Range

Air Pistol/Air Rifle - Thursday (Jan. - Mar.) @

6:45 p.m., Fairgrounds

.22 Pistol - Sunday (Jan. - Feb.) @ 2:00 - 5:00

p.m., Fairgrounds

Shotgun - Coaches' availability dictates if
these disciplines are offered and when they
meet.



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Colten Koy, 3rd Vice Chariman

Lana Potter, Secretary

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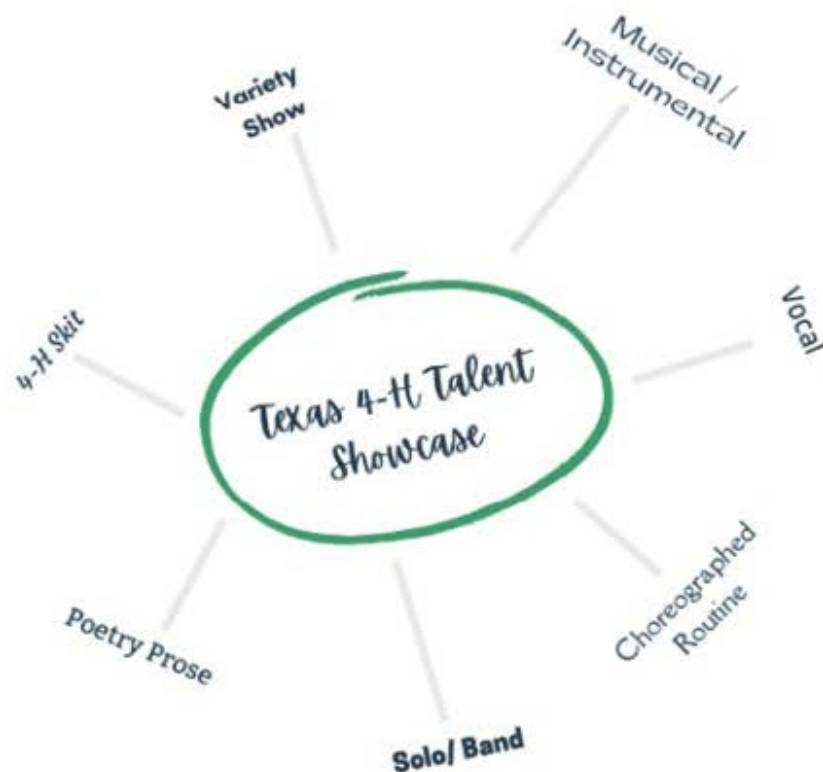
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Kase Weishuhn, Parliamentarian

4-H now offers a talent showcase! Youth will be able to showcase:

Choreographed Routines, Variety Show,
Musical/Instrumental, and Vocal

4-H Skit, Poetry/Prose, and Solo/Band Performance!
A total of 7 categories that will be offered for the 2023
contest.



2022 - 2023 District 11 4-H Calendar

2022			
Event		Location	Tentative Registration Info & Deadline
September			
September 1	Start of new 4-H Year!!!		
October			
October 2 - 8	National 4-H Week	Nationwide!	
TBA	One Day 4-H	Statewide!	
November			
November 10-12	District 11 Crossroads	College Station	4-H Online 2.0
December			
December 3	Coastal Bend Classic	San Patricio Co Fairgrounds, Sinton TX	Prereg recommended: d114-h.tamu.edu
December 9 & 10	D11 Food Show & Food Challenge	Cuero	4-H Online 2.0
TBA	D11 Archery Meet	TBA	4-H Online 2.0
2023			
January			
TBA	D11 Shooting Sports Training		4-H Online 2.0
February			
TBA	District Wool Judging	HLSR	HLSR & 4-H Online 2.0
March			
Virtual	D11 Photography (JR & INT)	Judging online	4-H Online 2.0
Virtual	D11 Storyboard	Judging online	4-H Online 2.0
March 18	D11 Dairy Judging	HLSR	HLSR & 4-H Online 2.0
April			
April 1	Horse Judging	College Station	4-H Online 2.0
April 13-14	District 11 Spring Spectacular	Victoria	4-H Online 2.0
TBA	National Volunteer Week	Nationwide!	
TBA	D11 Mock Scholarship Interviews	3 locations in district	
April 22	Multi District Judging Contests	College Station	4-H Online 2.0
TBA	D11 Rifle Match	Victoria	4-H Online 2.0
May			
June			
May 31 - June 1	D11 Horse Show	Brackenridge, Edna TX	4-H Online 2.0
June 5-8	Texas 4-H Roundup	College Station	4-H Online 2.0
June 14 - 16	D11 Leadership Lab	TBA	4-H Online 2.0
July			
July 11	D11 Junior Leadership Lab	TBA	4-H Online 2.0
July 13	D11 Recordbook Judging	Various Locations	4-H Online 2.0
July 18	D11 Coastal Bend 4-H Sportfishing Day	TBA	4-H Online 2.0
August			
August 27	D11 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting	Victoria Co 4-H Activity Ctr.	

Council Meetings

4-H Council Meetings are open to all youth members!!
Council meets bi-weekly,
next council meeting will be held: September 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Colorado County Extension Office
316 Spring St.
Columbus, TX 78934



COLORADO COUNTY BRONZE STAR AWARD APPLICATION
(Juniors - Third Grade through 5th Grade)

1. Name _____
2. Mailing Address _____

3. Parents' Names _____
4. Name of your 4-H Club _____
5. Number of years in 4-H Club work _____ Age: _____
6. Date of Birth: _____
7. Project Work: Include number of years in project, what you accomplished, and what you enjoyed most about the project.

Name of Project

Information About Project

8. Honors and Recognitions Received:

Local & County -

District -

9. 4-H Leadership Experiences (Offices held, leadership or citizenship activities, etc.)

Local, County and District -

10. School and Community Involvement:

11. Future Plans and Goals:

12. As a 4-H member, please answer the following questions:

A. "What 4-H has done for me:"

B. "The happiest time in my 4-H career was:"

COLORADO COUNTY SILVER STAR AWARDS APPLICATION

For 4-H youth in 6th – 8th grade

This application is due to County Extension Office on or before June 16, 2023.

Name: _____

Address: _____

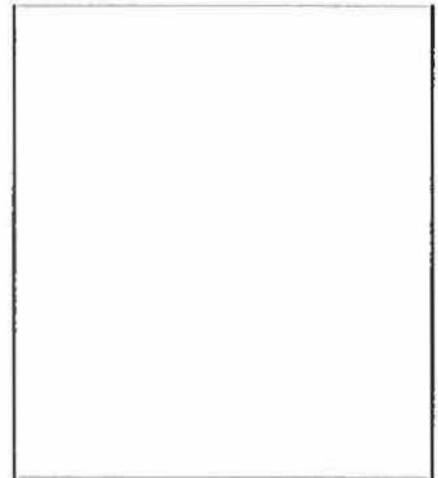
Age: _____ Grade: _____ Number of years in 4-H: _____

Club: _____

Parents' Name: _____

WHICH AWARDS HAVE YOU RECEIVED BEFORE?

_____ Bronze Star Award



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BASIC REQUIREMENTS

_____ Completed a record book this year.

_____ Completed two (2) different projects during the year of application.

LIST UP TO 2-6 PROJECTS YOU HAVE BEEN IN THIS YEAR:

ACTIVITIES: (Please check) Applicants need two (2) to qualify.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 mandates set forth by Texas 4-H, there were certain events canceled that you may have planned on participating in. If you had planned to participate in any of the events canceled, please check the box by that activity.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| _____ Food Show | _____ Discovery Scientific Poster |
| _____ Food Challenge | _____ Ag Product ID |
| _____ Fashion Show | _____ Entomology ID |
| _____ Duds to Dazzle | _____ Teams: Consumer Decision Making, Leaders for Life, Livestock, Dairy, Horse, Poultry, Wool, Meat |
| _____ Fashion Storyboard | _____ County Fair (only one project counted) ** MUST BE EXHIBITED UNDER 4-H |
| _____ Photography | _____ Jr. Leadership Lab, Leadership Lab, Texas 4-H Congress, National 4-H Congress/Conference (circle) |
| _____ Public Speaking | _____ Camps at the county, district or state level _____ |
| _____ Educational Presentation | _____ 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers) |
| _____ Share the Fun | _____ Quiz Bowl |

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_____ Serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district, state)

_____ Serving as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader

_____ Other Leadership _____

[illegible]

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Club Manager's Signature

Date

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COLORADO COUNTY GOLD STAR AWARDS APPLICATION

For 4-H youth in 9th – 12th grade

This application is due to County Extension Office on or before June 16, 2023.

Name: _____

Address: _____

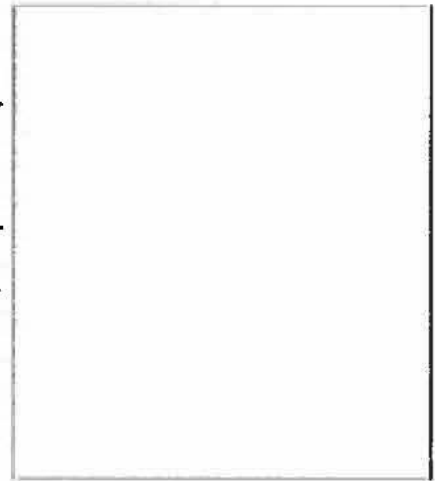
Age: _____ Grade: _____ Number of years in 4-H: _____

Club: _____

Parents' Name: _____

WHICH AWARDS HAVE YOU RECEIVED BEFORE?

_____ Bronze Star Award



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| _____ Fashion Show | _____ Entomology ID |
| _____ Duds to Dazzle | _____ Teams: Consumer Decision Making, Leaders for Life, Livestock, Dairy, Horse, Poultry, Wool, Meat |
| _____ Fashion Storyboard | _____ County Fair (only one project counted) ** MUST BE EXHIBITED UNDER 4-H |
| _____ Photography | _____ Jr. Leadership Lab, Leadership Lab, Texas 4-H Congress, National 4-H Congress/Conference (circle) |
| _____ Public Speaking | _____ Camps at the county, district or state level _____ |
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Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
Club Manager's Signature	Date

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Contact Us

4-H updates and current happenings in Colorado County will be posted to the “Colorado County 4-H TEXAS” page as they occur. You can find the page by searching the quotes or going to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-County/161170703915573>

Colorado County Extension (ANR and FCH) updates and current happenings will be posted on the “Colorado County Extension website. Find the page by going to: <http://Colorado.agrilife.org>.

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If you need any assistance or help is needed with any livestock projects, please call the office at 979-732-2082 to schedule a project visit. Call 979-732-2530 for other project information and/or assistance.

AgriLife Extension Office hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Important Websites

Colorado Co. 4-H <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>
District 11 4-H <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>
Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>
4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com/>
Texas 4-H Alumni and Friends
<http://texas4hfriends.org>



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