



# Colorado County 4-H Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

## 2023-2024 Fall Community Service Project

Colorado County 4-H members participated in a fall community service project at the November County 4-H Council meeting on November 13th, 2023. 4-Hers across the county were asked to bring items to stuff boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A total of 38 boxes were filled by 4-Hers. These boxes will be given to children in countries like Ukraine, Uganda, and South Africa to bring them joy during the holiday season. Way to go Colorado County 4-Hers for using your hands for larger service!

Back Row L-R: Dakota Lindemann, Mylee Moffett, Blessin Adams, Julie Gobert, Jack Dudensing, Jase Rau, Kase Weishuhn, Colten Koy.

Middle Row L-R: Jaliyah Rodriguez, Brina Kent, Lana Potter, Brooke Wanjura.

Front Row L-R: Payton Lindemann, Kyle Hoffman, Sadie Cranek, Shane Cranek, Blaize Sams, Caden Koy.



## 2023 - National 4-H Conference

Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024, in Arlington, VA will open on 4Honline on December 1, 2023. Youth must be 15 – 19 years old to attend. Attached is the announcement for Texas 4-H members. Applications will close on December 15, 2023, the delegation will be announced early January 2023.

Want to know more about Texas 4-H members experience? See the story linked here about last years delegation: [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/blog-post/civic\\_engagement/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/blog-post/civic_engagement/)

Below is more information about the event.

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. At the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions and present to federal partner agencies along with the opportunity for delegates to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives.

Land-Grant University 4-H Departments send delegations of 4-H youth between ages 15 and 19 to participate in the National 4-H Conference. Delegates work together in the four weeks prior to the conference to prepare briefings on important topics.

During the conference, delegates will virtually present their prepared briefings to federal officials in Washington, D.C. 4-H youth also have the opportunity to engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while discussing topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide.

Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.

## National 4-H Conference - April 19-24, 2024

### WHAT IS NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE?

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. If you want to strengthen your leadership and/or citizenship projects, this is an excellent opportunity.

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters--located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) --is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. Each delegate chooses an important societal topic to discuss in a roundtable situation with other delegates. From the roundtable discussion, the groups prepare a briefing to present to federal stakeholders. This experiential approach ensures that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Social activities in the evening, tours of Monuments and Museums and cultural entertainment round out the conference.

For a true youth view of the National Conference experience, please see the quotes on the next page!

### LOCATION:

The 2023 National 4-H Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Arlington, VA. It is right by the Ronald Reagan National Airport and approximately 5 miles from the Nation's Capitol, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The Texas delegation will consist of 10-20 youth delegates, who will be required to engage in pre- and post-conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2024). The maximum age for a Texas youth delegate is 18.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will open on December 1, 2023. Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by December 15, 2023. Choose '2024 National 4-H Conference Delegate Application'. A fee is NOT required to complete the application. County Extension Office personnel will certify the application, so please communicate with your Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the online application; you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The final selection of delegates will be announced on, or before, January 17, 2024.

### COST:

The delegate's share of registration, adult chaperone registration(s), lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs between \$2,000.00-2,500.00. Once we receive the information from Nationals and can look at additional costs, we will let selected participants know the final cost. This registration fee will be due on February 1, 2024 payable through 4-HOnline.

### TEXAS DELEGATION MEETING LOCATION:

The Texas delegation will travel out of Houston, Austin, San Antonio or Dallas (depending on the cost of airline tickets and the geographical makeup of the delegation). All travel costs to the airport to meet the group is the responsibility of the delegate.

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# TEXAS VETERANS & AGRICULTURE

- Texas ranks 2nd in military veteran population in the United States (about 1.4 million).
- 1 in 7 jobs in Texas is agriculture related.
- 50,004 Texas agriculture producers served in the military & control 19,249,176 acres.
- Many military veterans report that the therapeutic benefits of agriculture were integral to their successful transition.



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"This program provided me the skills I needed for my operation. I directly credit this program for increasing the profitability of my operation by 6,000% in 2020 and a \$15,000 capital reinvestment which allowed me to open a wholesale and retail nursery operation in addition to expanding the existing produce operation."

-Damon Cleaton, 4E Farms

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PROGRAM FOR MILITARY  
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## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- \$1000 stipend to eligible program graduates
- Certified BattleGround Mentors get paid to offer training to current participants
- Veteran and Active-Duty transition services
- Individual Education & Financial Planning
- Expanded access to funding for agriculture operations
- Connection to extensive network of resources & support
- Disability services & support
- Agriculture safety and mental health trainings



## ONLINE COURSES AND IN-PERSON

### PHASE 1: START

#### BattleGround Phase 1 Workshop

Introduction to farm/ranch business ideas, business planning & agriculture funding programs

#### BattleGround Bootcamps

Introduction to agriculture production: hands-on trainings & farm tours

### PHASE 2: PLAN

16 weekly online modules to develop a complete agriculture operation business plan

### PHASE 3: TRAIN

- Agriculture Production Training
- Mentorship
- 100 Hands-On Learning Hours
- Certificate of Completion that helps open doors to funding

### PHASE 4: TRAIN OTHERS

- Become a certified BattleGround to Breaking Ground Mentor
- Get paid to provide farm & ranch hands-on learning opportunities

## HOW TO ACCESS THE BATTLEGROUND PROGRAM

### TUITION WAIVED OPTION

- Apply- 15 waivers per cohort Spring & Fall Applications
- Attend Basic Training & Graduation In-Person
- Complete Phase 2 & Phase 3
- Phase 3 training hours can be completed with your chosen mentor at your chosen location.

### TUITION BASED OPTION

- Register & pay the tuition
  - \$600 for Phase 2
  - \$900 for Phase 3
- Classwork can be completed online
- Phase 3 training hours can be completed with your chosen mentor at your chosen location.

"BattleGround to Breaking Ground was a great platform to get the knowledge base I needed to **start my farm**. The training opportunities that I attended as part of the program were **priceless**."



# BATTLEGROUND TO BREAKING GROUND



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program is a 4 phase educational program available to veterans, active duty military, their families, and other beginning farmers and ranchers. The purpose of the BattleGround to Breaking Ground program is to enhance the sustainability and increase the number of farms and ranches in Texas & throughout the U.S., especially for military veterans.

## LEARN MORE

[txagrability.tamu.edu/bgbg-overview](https://txagrability.tamu.edu/bgbg-overview)

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Tuition Waived Option

Through various USDA funded grants, the BGBG program is able to provide 15 tuition waived spots per cohort for veterans, active military, and a select number of other beginning farmers and ranchers. Applications for a tuition waiver are now open on a rolling basis.

- 15 spots per cohort
- Application Required
- Competitive process: Online application and 3 letters of support required
- In-person attendance to Basic Training & Graduation required; \$125 registration fee
- 100 hours of hands-on training required
- Only waives tuition for Phase 2; tuition waiver for Phase 3 based on performance in Phase 2

### Tuition Paid Option

- 30 spots per cohort available
- Tuition is required; Phase 2 \$600 & Phase 3 \$900
- Available for veterans, active-duty military, and all other farmers/ranchers
- No application process
- In-person attendance at Basic Training & Graduation is optional

## Core Program Outline

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<b>Online Course or In-Person Bootcamp includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Business Ideas</li> <li>• Business Planning Basics</li> <li>• Agriculture Resources</li> <li>• Funding Opportunities for Ag Operations</li> </ul>	<b>Develop your ag business plan!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 weeks of business planning courses</li> <li>• Individual Education Plan</li> <li>• Community of Practice</li> </ul>	<b>Production Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentorship</li> <li>• 100 Hours of Hands-On Training</li> <li>• Online Production Agriculture Classes</li> </ul>	<b>Mentor Training Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For BGBG Phase 1-3 Graduates</li> <li>• Learn Mentorship Basics</li> <li>• Phase 4 graduates get paid to provide mentorship &amp; training to Phase 3 participants</li> </ul>

### BGBG Skills Training Program

Registered DoD SkillBridge Program for Active Duty Military Members  
120 day program includes Phase 1 Phase 2 & Phase 3.  
Includes 500+ hours of hands-on training.



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# Important Dates to Remember:

- Deadline to apply for a Tuition Waiver is December 8th, 2023.
- Deadline to Pay Tuition is January 5th, 2024.
- Deadline to register for Boot Camp is January 12th, 2024.
- Boot Camp runs January 22nd-26th, 2024.
- Cohort 15 Phase 2 runs January 22nd, 2024 - May 13th, 2024.
- Cohort 15 Phase 3 runs June 3rd, 2024 - December 16th, 2024.

# **BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program**

## **Program & Phases Overview**

Phase 1: Introduction to Agriculture Business Online Course		
Open year-round		
Who can participate?	Open to all	
What is included?	Online Digital Content	
Cost	\$30	
Phase 1: Introduction to Agriculture Business Bootcamp		
Includes Phase 1 Online Course PLUS Hands-On Agriculture Production Training		
Who can participate?	Open to all	
Application	None	
What is included?	Phase 1 Online Course PLUS hands-on training in farm safety, diversification & marketing strategies, risk management, land management & conservation practices, soil management, basic vegetable production, basic livestock production, alternative & value-added agriculture enterprises	
Where will training be conducted?	College Station, TX	
Cost	\$125	
Phase 2: Business Planning		
January and July Cohort each year		
	Tuition Waived	*Fee Based*
Who can participate?	Tuition Waivers offered to 10 Veteran/Active Duty Military 5 Beginning Farmers/Ranchers Per Cohort	Open to all- 30 Tuition Paid spots per cohort
Application (Open year round)	Required- \$10 Application Fee	N/A
Basic Training	In-Person Attendance Required	Required: In-Person or Online
Agritourism Project	Required	Required
What is included?	Weekly agriculture business planning modules, weekly business planning feedback from experts, Individual Education Planning, Career & Wellness coaching services, Webinars on topics of interest chosen by the cohort, referral to additional resources, training in conducting & managing farm/ranch events, connection to an extensive network of successful farmers & ranchers	
Where will training be conducted?	Basic Training will be conducted in College Station. The remainder of Phase 2 can be completed online	
Tuition	Free	\$600
Additional Costs	Basic Training: \$125 for participants & \$75 for additional attendees	1 ticket to Basic Training provided free with tuition



# **BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program**

## **Program & Phases Overview**

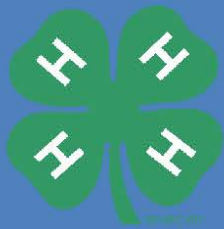
<b>Phase 3: Agriculture Production</b>		
<b>Spring and Fall Cohort each year</b>		
	<b>Tuition Waived</b>	<b>*Fee Based*</b>
Phase 2 completion	Required	Optional with approved business plan
Application	Tuition Waivers to Phase 2 participants who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Met assignment deadlines in Phase 2</li> <li>2. Completed a Team Project</li> <li>3. Submitted all weekly assignments including a complete business plan</li> </ol>	Application not required if paying the tuition  <i>Tuition Waivers may be available to those who paid tuition in Phase 2 AND:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attended Basic Training in person</li> <li>2. Submitted all weekly assignments by course due dates including a complete business plan</li> </ol>
Who can participate?	<b>Tuition Waivers offered to</b> <b>10 Veteran/Active Duty Military</b> <b>5 Beginning Farmers/Ranchers</b> <b>Per Cohort</b>	Open to all
Graduation at training farm location	Required	Optional
Agritourism Project	Required	Required
Hands-On Hours	<b>100 hours-</b> Can be completed with an approved mentor and/or at approved hands-on learning events	<b>100 hours-</b> Can be completed with an approved mentor and/or at approved hands-on learning events
<b>Cost</b>	<b>N/A for tuition waived participants</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Phase 4- Mentor Training Program</b>		
<b>2 cohorts each year</b>		
Who can participate?	Open to all BattleGround to Breaking Ground Graduates with 1 year of agriculture owner/operator experience	
Application	Required	
What is included?	Education and training in mentorship best practices including managing on farm safety & liability, establishing mentee relationships, adult education techniques, goal setting & education planning for mentees, and communication strategies	
Location of Training?	Online	
Additional	BGBG Phase 4 Graduates eligible to receive a stipend of \$1,100 to train Phase 3 Participants	
<b>Tuition</b>	<b>FREE</b>	
<b>Additional Costs</b>	Current Certificates in CPR, Stop The Bleed, and QPR Required	

# BattleGround to Breaking Ground Program

## Program & Phases Overview

<b>BattleGround to Breaking Ground Skills Training Program</b> <b>(Registered DoD Skillbridge Program)</b> <b>2 cohorts each year</b>	
Who can participate?	Open to all <u>transitioning military members</u> who meet eligibility to participate in a Skillbridge Program
Application	<b>Required</b>
What is included?	<b><u>Phase 1:</u></b> Introduction to Agriculture Business (online course and In-Person 5 day Bootcamp) <b><u>Phase 2:</u></b> Online Business Planning Course <b><u>Phase 3:</u></b> Online and In-Person Agriculture Production Training
Location of Training?	Online & In-Person Training Farms/Ranches in or near: San Antonio, Killeen, & College Station, TX
Length of Training	<b>17 Weeks</b>
Additional	<u>Participants are required to:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reside within 50 miles of their assigned training farm/ranch (unless otherwise approved)</li> <li>• Complete 3 days per week in-person at their assigned training farm/ranch and complete 2 days of online course work</li> <li>• Attend Phase 1 Bootcamp in-person at the beginning of the Program (Lodging is the responsibility of the participant)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuition</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Additional Costs</b>	Participants are responsible for costs associated with lodging & travel for Phase 1 Bootcamp, as well as, lodging and personal expenses while at training farm/ranch, travel to off-site field trips





# Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest

2023 - 2024 State Rules and Guidelines

Updated: September 1, 2023

## PURPOSE

The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest encourages observation within specific Natural Resources project areas and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs. This contest provides another opportunity to showcase the photographic work of 4-H members in all age divisions.

## OBJECTIVES

- To develop observation skills to be able to capture the life, action, beauty, diversity, and interactions within our natural resources in Texas.
- To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication and observation tool in their lives.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen awareness and conservation of our natural resources.
- To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for all 4-H members interested in Natural Resources projects.
- To continue to share the message of 4-H.

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

<b>Participation Eligibility</b>	Any enrolled 4-H member in all 4-H age divisions (Jr., Int., Sr.) as of September 1, 2023. Participants do not need to be currently or previously active in a particular or any 4-H Natural Resources project area.
<b>Photo Eligibility</b>	Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of December 1, 2022 and December 15, 2023. Each photo may be submitted only one time and in only one category. All photos must be taken using a digital camera.
<b>Photo Format</b>	Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .png. Contestants may use any file naming structure.
<b>Photo Entries</b>	This is a stand-alone contest and not part of a qualifying contest or any other 4-H contest. There are no county entry restrictions. Individual 4-H member entries are unlimited.
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$10 per photo
<b>Photo Entry Method</b>	Participants will upload photos in a separate online system called <a href="#">Submittable</a> . Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.
<b>Deadlines &amp; Entry Period</b>	Registration on 4HOnline and entry to Submittable Opens: December 1, 2023 Registration on 4HOnline and access to Submittable Closes: December 15, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.
<b>4HOnline Event Name</b>	2024 Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest
<b>Ratio and Size</b>	<b>Size Ratio:</b> any size ratio, except for panoramic, is acceptable. For this contest, panoramic is defined as a photo with an aspect ratio of 3:1 or 1:3 or wider/taller. <b>File Size:</b> Photo must be a minimum of <b>1MB</b> and a maximum of <b>20MB</b> . <b>Tips:</b> Upload the highest resolution possible. Review your photo at 100% size before uploading. Check your photo's file properties and/or metadata to ensure it meets the file size requirements.
<b>Alterations</b>	Color and Black & White photos are allowed in all categories. Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, minor adjustment of lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
<b>Text on Photographs</b>	Photographs <b>must not</b> contain camera or user placed text. This includes such things as date stamps, comments, watermarks, or titles. Text or wording that is part of the original photograph (i.e. photo of a state or national park sign, etc.) is acceptable.
<b>Original Work of 4-H Member</b>	The entry must be the original photographic work of the 4-H member and not a photo taken by family members, other 4-H members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification of ALL the 4-H member's entries into the Natural Resources Photography Contest. Additionally, actions may be taken against the 4-H member in regard to the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct signed by the 4-H member. This action is considered theft, which is a major offense in the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.

**AWARDS, DISPLAY AND JUDGING**

<b>Awards and Recognition</b>  <b>NEW!!</b>	<p><b>1. Category Awards:</b> 30 awards/3 in each category; each of the 10 categories will have a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior winner based on Judging Criteria score <u>and</u> judges' choice (there can be multiple 100 point photos in one age division and category); \$25 e-card per winner.</p> <p><b>2. Best of Category Awards:</b> 10 awards/1 in each category; judges will choose from the 3 winners in each category; \$50 e-card per winner.</p> <p><b>3. Best of Age Division Awards:</b> 3 awards/1 in each age division; judges will choose from the 10 Category Award winners in each age division; \$100 e-card per winner.</p> <p><b>4. Best of Show Overall:</b> 1 award; judges will choose from the 3 Best of Age Division winners; \$200 e-card for the winner.</p>
<b>Judging and Results</b>	<p><b>Due to the date of the contest entry deadline being near the beginning of the winter holidays, judging will take place in January.</b> Contest results will be announced following the judging by postings on the 4-H Natural Resources webpages, Facebook, and Instagram. Contest awards will be emailed using the email address given on the 4HOnline registration.</p> <p>All photos submitted will be judged and scored independently on Submittable using the <u>Contest Judging Criteria</u> standards of excellence (see Judging Criteria sheet on page 4). Comments from judges will also be provided on the online scoresheet.</p>

**RELEASES**

<b>Content</b>	<p>Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any decency standards or laws are strictly prohibited. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to determine and refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.</p>
<b>Copyright</b>	<p>The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. All photos must be the participant's own original work. Use of a photo from other sources/people without permission is not allowed.</p>
<b>Display and Future Usage Rights</b>	<p>By entry, the participant grants permission to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos may be used for 4-H program and marketing uses.</p>
<b>Model and Property Releases</b>	<p>It is required that each participant have sufficient permission granted to both them and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program to publish and use as needed any photo showing recognizable locations or people which may be restricted. Documentation should be retained by the participant and be available upon request from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.</p>

**DISQUALIFICATION**

<b>Reasons for disqualification</b>  <i>Disqualification for any reason will forfeit all entry fees. No refunds will be given.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken content rule. This includes inappropriate or unsuitable content.</li> <li>• Broken copyright rule. A photo is not the work of the 4-H member. This action is considered theft, which is a major offense in the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.</li> <li>• Broken display and future rights usage rule.</li> <li>• Broken model and property release rule.</li> <li>• Category: Does not meet Category criteria, rules, or guidelines. (See Category descriptions)</li> <li>• Category: Same photo entered into multiple categories.</li> <li>• Entry fee not paid, or only partial fee paid.</li> <li>• Manipulation of a photo beyond what is allowed.</li> <li>• Extremely poor quality and/or low resolution, causing the photo subject matter to be unrecognizable.</li> </ul>
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## TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023-2024 CATEGORIES

### AQUATIC SCIENCE

Photos capturing the life or the study of life in the water. Photos could include:

- Any life in a water body such as fish, insects, other invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, mammals that live predominately in the water, and aquatic vegetation.
- Any persons actively studying the aquatic life or equipment of aquatic study.
- Education of persons in aquatic science.
- Aquatic habitats.

Does not include photos of fishing or fish and other aquatic organisms being caught with fishing equipment.

### ENTOMOLOGY

Photos capturing the life or the insects in any habitat or environment. Photos could include:

- Any insect life or habitat.
- Any persons actively studying the insect life or equipment of entomology study.
- Education of persons in entomology.

### FORESTRY

Photos capturing the life of trees, the study of forestry, or the forestry industry. Photos could include:

- Any tree life in the form of a whole tree or any parts, such as buds, leaves, blooms, fruit, bark, etc.
- Any persons actively studying forestry or equipment used in this study.
- Education of persons in forestry.
- Any persons actively working in the forestry industry or equipment used in this industry.
- Forest habitats.

Can include photos of wildlife using forest habitats in a specific way as long as the forest is the major focus of the photo and not the wildlife.

### HUNTING

Photos capturing the life or the activity of hunting. Photos could include:

- Any activity involved in legal hunting and must include a firearm, bow, or other legal hunting equipment in the photo. Could be a hunting camp scene with firearms safely stored.
- Any persons actively hunting pictured with the equipment of hunting including hunting dogs.
- Any photo of game killed in a hunt must include the hunter with the animal in an ethical, respectful pose, cleaned of any and all blood, with no internal parts visible including the tongue, and showing only the bag limit of the hunter or hunters pictured.
- Education of persons in hunting.

All photos with firearms must depict safe, legal, and ethical portrayals of hunting, otherwise they will be disqualified.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Photos capturing the wide variety of activity taking place in the outdoors specifically beyond the concrete boundaries of any size town. Photos could include:

- Any form of an outdoor activity involving camping, outdoor cooking, hiking, rock-climbing, off-road biking, paddling, swimming, star gazing, fire building, first aid, or knot tying.
- Any persons actively pursuing any of those outdoor activities. Photos of any type of habitats or vista should include some type of activity equipment such as a tent, climbing gear, campfire, backpack, etc.
- Education of persons in outdoor education activities.

Does not include photos of fishing, hunting, or other activities described by another category including the gear used in those activities.

### SHOOTING SPORTS

Photos capturing the activity of shooting firearms and archer equipment outside of a hunting scenario. Photos could include:

- Any safe shooting activity involving an individual or a group. All shooters and persons pictured must be practicing firearm and range safety while wearing proper safety equipment. The activity must be portrayed with no safety infractions.
- Education of persons in shooting sports.
- Any equipment used in shooting sports such as a focus on a firearm, ammo, shooting vest, target, etc.

Does not include photos of hunting or live wildlife being hunted or killed game. All photos with firearms must depict safe, legal, and ethical portrayals of shooting sports, otherwise they will be disqualified.

### SPORTFISHING

Photos capturing the life or the activity of sportfishing. Photos could include:

- Any activity involved in legal fishing and must include a rod and reel, bow, or other legal fishing equipment in the photo. Could be a fishing camp, shoreline scene, or boating scene with equipment placed to keep it and the anglers safe.
- Any equipment used in sportfishing such as a focus on a rod, reel, lures, fishing vest, tackle box, etc.
- Any persons actively fishing pictured with the fishing equipment, or a single fish caught with a lure or complete rod and reel in the photo.
- Any photo of fish being held by the angler must show the fish being handled in an ethical, respectful way and showing only the bag limit of the angler or anglers pictured.
- Education of persons in sportfishing.

All photos must depict safe, legal, and ethical portrayals of fishing and boating, otherwise they will be disqualified.

### RANGE SCIENCE

Photos capturing the study of and management of rangelands. Photos could include:

- The native vegetation within a rangeland in the form of a whole plant or plants or any parts, such as buds, leaves, blooms, fruit, etc.
- Any persons actively studying rangeland or equipment used in this study.
- Any persons actively working in the range science industry or equipment used in this industry.
- Education of persons in range science.
- Rangeland habitats

Can include photos of wildlife using rangeland habitats in a specific way as long as the rangeland is the major focus of the photo and not the wildlife.

### WATER CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

Photos capturing study of water use and conservation, the education of water conservation, and the process of water use and conservation industry. Photos could include:

- Any use of water depicting conservation of the resource.
- Any persons actively studying the water use and conservation or equipment of that study.
- Any persons testing water quality, or the equipment used in testing.
- Natural water resources available in Texas.
- Education of persons in water conservation and use.
- Active work in the water conservation industry and the equipment used.

### WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

Photos capturing the life, the study of life, and the management of wildlife in Texas. Photos could include:

- Any wildlife species found in Texas including fish, insects, other invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, etc.
- Any persons actively studying wildlife or equipment of that study.
- Any persons actively managing wildlife or equipment of management.
- Education of persons in wildlife & fisheries or management of these species.
- Wildlife habitats.

Does not include photos of wildlife not found wild in Texas during some part of the year.

## Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest Judging Criteria

The initial judging of each photo is determined by the standards of excellence outlined below, not by comparison with other photos. Before preparing your entry for submission please carefully review the judging criteria.

CRITERIA	STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE	POINT RANGE
<b>Impact</b> (Max Points: 15)	Impact is the sense one gets upon viewing an image for the first time. Compelling images evoke laughter, sadness, anger, pride, wonder or another intense emotion. There can be impact in any of the judging elements.	<b>0-15</b>
<b>Creativity</b> (Max Points: 15)	Creativity is the original, fresh, and external expression of the imagination of the maker by using the medium to convey an idea, message or thought.	<b>0-15</b>
<b>Technical</b> (Max Points: 25)	Technical is the quality of the image itself as it is presented for viewing, which includes the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• allowable amounts of retouching and adjustments (removal of red eye, cropping, minor straightening)</li> <li>• sharpness and correct color balance.</li> <li>• lighting, which includes the use and control of light. The use of lighting whether natural or man-made and its proper use to enhance the image.</li> <li>• posing and capturing of the image.</li> </ul>	<b>0-25</b>
<b>Composition</b> (Max Points: 20)	Composition is important to the design of an image, bringing all of the visual elements together in concert to express the purpose of the image. Proper composition holds the viewer in the image and prompts the viewer to look where the creator intends. Effective composition can be pleasing or disturbing, depending on the intent of the image maker.	<b>0-20</b>
<b>Subject Matter</b> (Max Points: 15)	Subject Matter should always be appropriate to the story being told (i.e. category the photo is entered into) in an image. Subject matter also includes the center of interest for the photograph or where the maker wants the viewer to stop and they view the image.	<b>0-15</b>
<b>Story Telling</b> (Max Points: 10)	Story Telling refers to the image's ability to evoke imagination or emotion. One beautiful thing about art is that each viewer might collect his/her own message or read her own story in an image.	<b>0-10</b>





# Texas 4-H Photography Contest

2023 - 2024 State Rules and Guidelines

Created: September 19, 2023

## PURPOSE

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs.

## OBJECTIVES

- To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for senior 4-H members.
- To continue to share the message of 4-H.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

<b>Participation Grades</b>	Senior age division (4-H members in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 as of September 1, 2023)
<b>Photo Eligibility</b>	All photos must be taken with a digital camera (smartphone cameras are included). Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2023 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
<b>Photo Format</b>	Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .png. Contestants may use any file naming structure.
<b>Qualifying from County</b>	Each county may enter only one entry per category for a total of 15 entries. As such, counties are highly encouraged to have a selection process (such as a contest) in place to determine each photo that advances in the 15 categories.
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$10 per photo
<b>Registration and Uploading</b>	Step 1: Register and pay for entries in 4HOnline Step 2: Upload all photos in Submittable. Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.
<b>Deadlines &amp; Entry Period</b>	Registration on 4HOnline and Submittable Opens: April 1, 2024 Registration on 4HOnline and Submittable Closes: April 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm Entries must be approved by the county office by 5 PM on April 19, 2024  No late entries will be accepted in either system.
<b>Event Name</b>	2023-2024 Texas 4-H Photography Contest
<b>Ratio and Size</b>	<b>Size Ratio:</b> any size ratio, except for panoramic, is acceptable. For this contest, panoramic is defined as a photo with an aspect ratio of 3:1 or 1:3 or wider/taller. <b>File Size:</b> Photo must be a minimum of <b>1 MB</b> (1,000 KB) and a maximum of <b>20 MB</b> . <b>Tips:</b> Upload the highest resolution possible. Review your photo at 100% size before uploading. Check your photo's file properties and/or metadata to ensure it meets the file size requirements. 1 MB (megabyte) is equivalent to 1,000 KB (kilobytes). Photos that are less than 1,000 KB do not meet the minimum file size requirement.
<b>Alterations</b>	Color and Black & White photos are allowed in all categories. Although slight computer enhancements are allowed, such as cropping, minor adjustment of lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry. Any other alteration, manipulation, or edits to a photo would require the photo to be entered into the Enhanced category.
<b>Text on Photographs</b>	Photographs <b>must not</b> contain camera or user placed text. This includes such things as date stamps, comments, watermarks, or titles. Text or wording that is part of the original photograph (i.e. photo of a street sign, etc.) is acceptable.

<b>Original Work of 4-H member</b>	The entry must be the original photographic work of the 4-H member and not a photo taken by family members, other 4-H members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification of ALL the 4-H member's entries into the Photography Contest. Additionally, actions may be taken against the 4-H member in regards to the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct signed by the 4-H member.
<b>AWARDS, DISPLAY AND JUDGING</b>	
<b>Awards and Recognition</b>	<p><b>1. Quality Awards:</b> Blue, Red, White and Green Participation quality awards will be given based on the total score value. Score ranges for each award are outlined on the attached score sheet.</p> <p><b>2. Best of Show Awards:</b> A Best of Show rosette will be awarded to one photo in each category.</p> <p><b>3. Cash Awards:</b> Each Best of Show winner will receive an e-gift card valued at \$250.00. <b>REVISED</b></p> <p>Tentatively, award packets for each county will be available for pickup at Texas 4-H Roundup. If the packet is not picked up, it will be mailed to the county office afterwards. Score sheets with comments will be made available through Submittable. Score sheet access is tied to the email address of the Submittable account holder.</p>
<b>Judging and Results</b>	For Quality Awards, each photograph will be judged against a set of judging criteria, and not against photographs of peers. Based on total points awarded for each photograph, the participant will be awarded either a blue, red, white, or a participation ribbon (outlined on the attached score sheet). The Best of Show Awards is a competitive process whereby judges will select the best photo within a given category. Volunteer judges will make those determinations and all decisions are final. Results will be available on the Texas 4-H Website after Texas 4-H Roundup concludes.
<b>Roundup Display and Participation</b>	This is not a Texas 4-H Roundup contest. However, if timing and resources permit, photos may be displayed publicly during Texas 4-H Roundup. When possible, county award packets will also be made available for counties to pick up during Roundup. Roundup participation is not required by photography contestants.
<b>RELEASES</b>	
<b>Content</b>	Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any decency standards or laws are strictly prohibited. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to determine and refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
<b>Copyright</b>	The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. All photos must be the participant's own original work. Use of a photo from other sources/people is not allowed. Violators will be subject to the Consequences of Misbehavior policies found in the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.
<b>Display and Future Usage Rights</b>	By entry, the participant grants permission to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos may be used for 4-H program and marketing uses.
<b>Model and Property Releases</b>	It is required that each participant have sufficient permission granted to both the photographer and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program to publish and use, as needed, any photo showing any recognizable locations or people photographed. Documentation should be retained by the participant and be available upon request from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.
<b>DISQUALIFICATION</b>	
<b>Possible Reasons for Disqualification</b>  <i>Disqualification for any reason will forfeit all entry fees. No refunds will be given.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken content rule. This includes inappropriate or unsuitable content.</li> <li>• Broken copyright rule. Photo is not the original work of the 4-H member. This action is considered theft, which is a major offense in the Texas 4-H Rules &amp; Guidelines. <b>REVISED</b></li> <li>• Broken display and future rights usage rule.</li> <li>• Broken model and property release rule.</li> <li>• Category: Does not meet category criteria, rules or guidelines. (see category descriptions)</li> <li>• Category: Multiple county entries into a category.</li> <li>• Category: Same photo entered into multiple categories.</li> <li>• County did not select/certify photograph to represent county by the deadline.</li> <li>• Entry fee not paid or only partial fee paid.</li> <li>• Extremely poor quality and/or low resolution causing the subject matter to be unrecognizable.</li> <li>• Manipulation of photo beyond what is allowed.</li> </ul>



## TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023-2024 CATEGORIES

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and County Extension Agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

### ANIMALS - DOMESTIC

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

**Examples:** Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals - Wildlife.

### ANIMALS - WILDLIFE

Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

**Examples:** Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

### CATCH-ALL

Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories.

**Not allowed:** A duplicate photo also entered in another category.

### DETAILS & MACRO

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.

**Examples:** Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.

### ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.

**Examples:** Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.

**Not allowed:** Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

### ENHANCED

A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Others variations are allowed as well.

**Examples:** Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

### FOOD

A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.

**Examples:** Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.

**Not allowed:** A photo of alcohol beverages.

### LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

**Examples:** Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, etc.

**Not allowed:** Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

### LEADING LINE

This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject.

**Example:** A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

### LONG EXPOSURE

Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions.

**Examples:** fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

### MOTION/ACTION

The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen".

**Examples:** Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.

### PEOPLE

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.

**Examples:** Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

### PLANT/FLORA

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category.

**Examples:** A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

### SHADOW/SILHOUETTE

A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image.

**Examples:** shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.

**Not allowed:** reflections

### THEME (New)

The 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned". Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature.

Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.

# Texas 4-H Photography Contest

## Score Sheet



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

You are competing against standards of excellence outlined below, not against your peers. Before preparing your entry for submission please carefully review the judging criteria. Based on total points awarded for each photograph, the participant will be awarded either a blue, red, white, or a participation ribbon.

JUDGES, PLEASE INDICATE POINTS AWARDED IN FAR RIGHT COLUMN:

CATEGORY	JUDGING ELEMENT	POINT RANGE	POINTS AWARDED
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<b>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</b>			

AWARD (circle one)	Blue Award (100 points to 81 pts)	Red Award (80 to 51 pts)	White Award (50 to 31 pts)	Participant (Green) Award (30 to 0 pts)
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JUDGES COMMENTS:



## Livestock Judging or Dairy Judging

If you are interested reach out to Laramie Kettler at [laramie.kettler@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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!

## Youth and Livestock Clinic and Shows

Saturday, December 2, 2023 in Sinton, TX.

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic/>



# Coastal Bend Classic

## YOUTH AND LIVESTOCK CLINIC AND SHOWS

**December 2, 2023**

**San Patricio County Fairgrounds, 219 W. 5th, Sinton, TX 78387**

### Schedule of Events:

#### Friday, December 1

3:00 - 8:00 PM

Early Arrival (optional)

**NEW FOR 2023 SWINE CLINIC AND  
SHOW HAS BEEN ADDED**

#### Saturday, December 2

7:30 - 8:45 AM

Arrival and Stalling of Animals

8:45 AM

Weight Cards Due

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Species Clinics (beef, goat, sheep, swine)

1:00 PM

Species Showmanship followed by Species Shows (steer/heifer, goat, sheep, swine)

**FIRST 100 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS PRE-  
REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE A FREE  
CBC GIVEAWAY ITEM. BUCKLES WILL  
BE AWARDED TO GRAND CHAMPION  
AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FOR  
EACH SPECIES.**

**FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

	<u>REGISTRATION</u> Sept 18 (noon) – Nov 27 (8pm)	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u> Nov 27 (8:01pm) - DAY OF SHOW
<b>CLINIC &amp; SHOW</b>	<b>\$35*</b>	<b>\$60*</b>

**Register online on Eventbrite or by scanning the QR code below:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-coastal-bend-classic-tickets-715279629627?aff=oddttdtcreator>





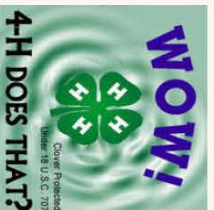


## How to Join A 4-H Club

**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.

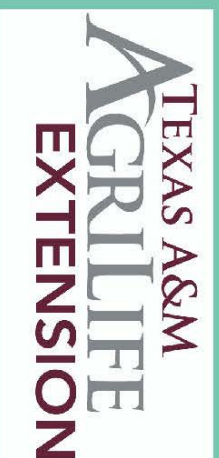
**Step 2.** Attend and participate in meetings and activities to learn all you can about the club, their activities, and 4-H!

**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.



### Colorado County Extension Office

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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](mailto:jashae.carter@ag.tamu.edu)

[Laramie.kettler@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jenniferpeacock@sbcglobal.net)

[kunzklia@reagan.com](mailto:kunzklia@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## 4-H Council Officers for 2023-2024

Julie Ana Gobert, Chairman

Brooke Wanjura, 1st Vice Chairman

Jack Dudensing, 2nd Vice Chairman

Colten Koy, 3rd Vice Chariman

Lana Potter, Secretary

Jase Rau, Treasurer

Brina Kent, Reporter

Kase Weishuhn, Parliamentarian

## Council Meetings

4-H Council Meetings are open to all youth members!!  
Council meets bi-weekly, next council meeting will be held: January 22, 2024 at  
6:30 p.m.

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316 Spring St.  
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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>.

### Extension Staff

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Jonitress Jones, Office Manager  
jonitress.jones@ag.tamu.edu

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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County Extension Office for assistance ten days prior to the activity.