

# Monthly 4-H Newsletter

Archer County 4-H



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## 4-H Enrollment

In order to participate in any event, you must be an active 4-H member on 4-H Connect. All of our District contests and nearly all state contests require registration through an active 4-H Connect profile. There is a \$25 membership fee for each member.

Please make sure you are enrolled at least two weeks prior to the registration deadline of your event. The Extension Office must approve your membership before you can register and are not likely to approve enrollments after regular business hours. This also allows us time to assist you if there are issues with enrollment.

\*If there is a payment issue with the system

\*Re-enrollment is required every year \*

which results in having to pay membership dues in cash, it will take up to two weeks to process the enrollment. This could potentially affect contest registrations. Please don't delay in enrolling!\*

**It is a State and National rule that you must be enrolled on 4-H Connect in order to participate in any event under the 4-H name**

Rules can be found on page 3 of the 2017-2018 [Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines](#)

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## 4-H Eligibility

4-H has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a legitimate school-related extracurricular organization. 4-H members must be eligible as per the school districts requirements and may apply for excused absences in order to participate in 4-H activities. **It is the responsibility of the local school district to determine whether or not any student is eligible and excused from classes to participate in any extracurricular event or activity.**

4-H members are not automatically excused upon request, and are subject to all regulations of the Texas Education Agency and their local school district as they may apply to extracurricular participation.

Page 7 of [Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines](#)

Each school district determines the allotment of excused absences for all extracurricular activities. This includes 4-H, FFA, sports, academic UIL contests, etc. The Extension Office will request for excused absences for 4-H events during school hours but we cannot ensure they are given. If you do not receive an excused absence after the Extension Office has confirmed the request, please follow up with both, the school and the Extension Office.

Please keep this in mind when determining what activities you wish to participate in, especially county and major stock shows as those alone can consume the allotted days.

## Virtual 4-H Summit

Calling all volunteers... have you ever wanted to teach a project area but don't know what to expect, what's required to lead the project or just don't know where to start? The Virtual 4-H Summit is a great way to learn how to begin! The summit is available from the comfort of your own office or home and will explore the basics of numerous different projects! These sessions are led by county agents who have mastered the specific project area and how they did it. Please note: this is not a certification training. If you need a certification to lead a project (example: shooting sports, wildlife challenge, etc), this summit does not provide that in-depth training.

Save the date for August 22 and look for more information this summer!!



Texas 4-H Presents

The Adventure Begins

2018 VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Save the Date

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE WORLD OF 4-H

Topics for agents, program assistants,  
support staff, and volunteers!

## Volunteers Wanted

With the amount of projects that 4-H offers we rely on volunteers in order to offer the experience to our youth. We invite anyone interested, to join as a volunteer in whatever capacity you can. There are several project areas that have required trainings but we have many more that do not! Several areas that *do not* require a 4-H certified training that we have a need for assistance in include robotics, clothing and textiles, consumer decision making.

**WE** 

**VOLUNTEERS**

Several new projects *requiring* a 4-H certified training that we have a need for assistance in include: rifle, pistol, and hunting and wildlife.

Of course, we always welcome additional volunteers with our established projects including trap, archery, livestock, etc. If you would like to help in any of these or other projects not listed, call us at the Extension Office at 940-574-4914!

## Spring and Summer Contests

Contests begin this month and will run through into the summer. Please be sure to read the letters on the District website for your contest as it has the information you need for registration. *Please note the registration deadlines as some allow late registrations and some do not.*

Registration is completed on 4-H Connect so be sure to enrolled before trying to register. Once you have submitted your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail at the address provided on 4-H Connect. **\*If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail you need to contact the Extension Office to make sure it was submitted properly. Failure to do so will prevent the 4-H member from participating.\***

If you wish to participate in State Roundup please know the rules of your contest including if it is a qualifying or invitational contest.

Contests: (letters or website linked)

[Meat Judging](#)—March 22

[Fashion Storyboard](#)—April 13

[Duds to Dazzle](#)—April 14

[Fashion Show](#)—April 14

[Horse Judging](#)—April 16

Wool and Mohair—April 20

Range Evaluation & Plant ID—  
April 20

[District Roundup](#)—April 25

[Consumer Decision Making](#)—  
April 25

[Photography](#)—April 25

[Rifle/Pistol](#)—April 28

Archery—May 5

Trap—May 19

[State 4-H Roundup](#)—June 11-15

District Horse Show—June 20-22

Teen Leader Lab—June 25-29

Recordbook Judging—July 12

[State Horse Show](#)—July 21-28

[State Congress](#)—July 22-25



District 3 4-H and Youth  
Development webpage



Texas District 3 4-H  
Facebook page

## Rifle Project—NEW



We have started up a new shooting sports project for this year! We will host our first rifle orientation on Monday, March 5th and 5:30pm at the Shooting Range. We will have a guest coach come in and help us learn the terminology, firing positions, range commands, etc. We will start practice so be sure that you are enrolled on 4-H Connect! We are going to try having practices the same evenings as trap to accommodate those wishing to participate in both. The contest will be held April 28th in Wichita Falls.

## Cattle and State Fair Validation Orders

It's time to order validation tags for the 2018-19 show season! Heifer UIN orders and steer, sheep and goat validation tag orders will be due to the Extension Office no later than **April 18th**. Validation will be held in June. Cost will be \$20/head. Swine validation information not available at this time. Late tag orders will be accepted between April 19th and June 1st at the cost of \$30/head

\*Heifer exhibitors: Please make sure all heifer paperwork is correct including but not limited to:

- make sure brands and tattoos are on the animal as the paperwork states
- check with your breeder to make sure all information was submitted for the paperwork
- know your breed association's rules
- know what breed/division your animal will show in based of it's paperwork using the Heifer Show Guide below

[2017-2021 Texas Show Steer Classification Guidelines](#)

[Heifer Show Guide](#)

## Livestock item check out procedures

Now that we have a secretary who can help me keep up with everything and as repairs are being made on items, we will be starting a new check-out procedure on county-owned stock show items. It will not be too different from the current method of calling and picking up the items, but we will be adding the requirements of a set return date, a better inspection of items before and after they are in your care,

and items will be stored in a more secure location so they are not taken without properly being checked out. This will include during the county show, not just jackpots and majors. I hope this will make items available to everyone in a more efficient manner! If you currently have any county-owned item, please contact the Extension Office and double check with us on the return date.

## Horse Validation

Horse validation begins March 1st and runs through May 1st. In order to participate in any 4-H sanctioned horse show such as district or state, you must validate each horse through 4-H Connect.

Please review the new instructions as the process has changed from previous years. They are available on the county website at [archer.agrilife.org](http://archer.agrilife.org) under

'Newsworthy' on the home page; on the 4-H tab on the county website; and on 4-H Connect after login; as well as on the state website at: <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/>

Cost will be \$10 per horse through April 15th and then \$20 April 16-May 1st.

## Texas 4-H Congress

Every two years, Texas 4-H Congress is held in Austin, allowing senior members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, or the Press. From these roles, 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted.

All 4-H members planning to attend, must submit at least one legislative bill prior to registration. Any 4-H member, regardless of age is welcome to submit a bill even if not attending. The deadline to submit a legislative bill is May 15th.

Early registration opens April 1st on [4-H Connect](#) and generally fills quickly due to having a limited number of spots. Be sure to read all the rules and receive up-to-date information at [texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/).



## Summer Camps

The Texas 4-H Center offers summer camps for all youth across Texas. There are general camps, and there are topic focused camps! The age required for these camps vary based on the topic. Check out the different camps on the Texas 4-H Center website at [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu) and register today!

Some of the topic-focused camps include:

Mission Possible, for medically diagnosed disabilities; Youth Hunter Education Safety Course Camp; Fishing Camp; Outdoor Adventure Camp; Horizons Camps with focus on Wildlife, Robotics, Vet Science and Woodworking.

Invite your friends!

## Share the Fun

Do you sing? Do you dance? Do you have any other talents you want to share? Share the Fun is a competition to showcase your skills! The competition will be held during District Roundup on April 20th in Vernon. There is no cost for this contest.

Categories include:

- Celebrate 4-H
- Dramedy
- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Choreographed Routines
- Musical/Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance

## 4-H Ambassador programs

There are many ambassador programs in 4-H to offer leadership experiences to our members. There are opportunities in [Fashion and Interior Design](#), [Water](#), [Livestock](#) and [Equine](#). Copies of the programs are available on the county website: [archer.agrilife.org](http://archer.agrilife.org). If you have any questions about these, please contact the Extension Office.

## A new face!

Charla Foreman began as the Extension Office secretary in November and we welcome her to the staff! She has raised her kids in the 4-H program and now is actively involved with her grandkids so she brings a great amount of knowledge with her. She will help with the day-to-day office tasks and will fill in during times/events that I can't make.

She is in the office from 9am to 2pm every day with the exception of having to run to the post office or courthouse for us. If you need anything give her a call! I'm still available on my cell but this is a more secure way to get ahold of someone immediately whereas I'm not always able to answer when I'm out of the office.

## This month's schedule...

2/27-3/26	<a href="#">Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo</a>
3/5	Rifle project orientation, 5:30pm at the Shooting Range
3/11-25	<a href="#">Rodeo Austin</a>
3/16-17	State Indoor Archery Match—Graham
3/21	<a href="#">Dairy Judging Clinic</a> —Stephenville
3/22	D3 4-H Meats Judging—Stephenville
Mondays & Wednesdays	Trap and Rifle practice, 5:30pm at the Shooting Range
Tuesdays	Archery practice, 6pm at the Extension Office

## Save the dates...

4/13	D3 4-H <a href="#">Fashion Storyboard</a> —Graham
4/14	D3 4-H <a href="#">Duds to Dazzle</a> and <a href="#">Fashion Show</a> —Graham
4/16	D3 4-H <a href="#">Horse Judging</a> —Vernon
4/20	D3 4-H Range Evaluation and Plant ID and <a href="#">Wool and Mohair</a> —Stephenville
4/25	D3 4-H <a href="#">Roundup</a> (Share the Fun, S.E.T., Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, <a href="#">Consumer Decision Making</a> and <a href="#">Photography</a> )—Vernon
4/28	D3 4-H <a href="#">Rifle and Pistol</a> —Wichita Falls
5/5	D3 4-H <a href="#">Archery Games</a> —Holliday
5/19	D3 4-H <a href="#">Trap Contest</a> —Iowa Park
6/11-15	<a href="#">State 4-H Roundup</a> —College Station
6/20-22	D3 4-H <a href="#">Horse Show</a> —Vernon
6/26-29	D3 4-H <a href="#">Teen Leader Lab</a> —Lone Wolf, Oklahoma
7/12	D3 4-H <a href="#">Recordbook Judging</a> —Archer City
7/16-21	<a href="#">4-H State Games</a> Archery—San Antonio
7/17-21	<a href="#">4-H State Games</a> Shotgun—San Antonio

[Summer Camps](#) —4-H Center Brownwood

*Check out our [county website](#) for additional dates and flyers!*

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