

Brazos County 4-H 2018-2019 Family Handbook



WELCOME TO THE BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM!

We are glad that you have chosen to be part of the largest non-formal youth education organization in the United States! Over 5.6 million youth participate in 4-H each year to become self-motivated, productive and contributing citizens.

4-H is designed to be a family affair, so 4-H parents are encouraged to get involved in the 4-H experience. Ways that 4-H parents can contribute range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities, or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events. 4-H parents are also needed to supervise 4-H activities.

Brazos County has an outstanding group of dedicated adult volunteer leaders as well as a superb group of motivated 4-H members. We welcome your family into our Brazos County 4-H family!

Please read through your Brazos County 4-H Handbook to answer any questions you may have about the 4-H program. This handbook is designed as a reference tool for you throughout the 4-H year. Please refer to the 4-H Newsletter as you set your goals for participation in 4-H events and contests.

Best wishes for a fulfilling year in 4-H! We look forward to seeing you at events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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About 4-H

Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18U.S.C. 707. Permission is required to duplicate it.

Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity.

Pledge

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.



4-H Year

September 1 to August 31

Age of 4-H Members

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

- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31)

Texas 4-H Age Categories for project activity purposes are:

Junior	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Intermediate	Grades 6, 7, and 8
Senior	Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Adult Leaders Association

All 4-H parents and leaders are encouraged to become part of the Adult Leaders Association!

This association is composed of volunteer 4-H leaders who meet and work together to support the 4-H youth of Brazos County. The Adult Leaders Association works in conjunction with the County 4-H Council to plan and coordinate county-wide 4-H activities. The Adult Leaders Association works to financially assist the 4-H youth through fund raising projects. The Association is also useful as a meeting forum in which leaders may exchange ideas.

President.....Bryan Kotrla
Vice President.....Stacy Schneider
Secretary.....Wendy Kotrla
Treasurer.....Lana Smith
Delegates at Large.....Stephanie Czajkowski & Tim Hardy

4-H Council

Members of the Brazos 4-H Council plan and coordinate 4-H activities in the county. The Brazos 4-H Council also promotes district and state level 4-H activities. County Council is comprised of 4-H members from each of the various 4-H clubs in the County. Clubs are encouraged to have two council delegates who will attend the County 4-H Council meetings. Typically, a 4-H member is elected into the position of council delegate and represents his or her club at the County 4-H Council meetings. In most cases, the president of the 4-H club also serves as a delegate to the County 4-H Council. In addition to the club council delegates and presidents, membership to the council is open to all 4-H youth.

The Brazos 4-H Council serves as a communication channel. Council delegates represent their club and relay information and ideas from their club to the council. The council delegates also relay information from the council to their club to keep the members up to date on county-wide activities and events.

Chairman.....	MaKenna Kotrla
First Vice Chairman.....	Dylan Outlaw
Second Vice Chairman.....	Hannah Czajkowski
Third Vice Chairman.....	Kaitlyn Kotrla
Secretary.....	Abigayle Williams
Treasurer.....	Delayna Hold
District Delegate.....	Madison Colvin
Reporter.....	Courtney Wall
Parliamentarian.....	Peyton Smith
Historian.....	Braden Lowe
Health & Safety Officer.....	Denae Kocman

4-H Council, Club Manager, and Adult Leaders Association Meetings

Meetings begin @ 6 p.m.

Sept. 18 – County Council Officer meeting @ TBD – OFFICERS ONLY

Oct. 16 – Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council meeting @ the Brazos Center

Jan. 15 – Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council meeting @ the Brazos Center

Mar. 26 – County Council Officer meeting @ TBD – OFFICERS ONLY

Apr. 16 – Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council meeting @ the Brazos Center

May 14 – Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council meeting @ the Brazos Center

Aug. 20 – Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council meeting @ the Brazos Center

Ten easy steps to getting the most out of 4-H:

- Step 1 - Youth Complete Online Enrollment
- Step 2 - Parents Complete Online Enrollment
- Step 3 - Get Involved
- Step 4 - Start a Project
- Step 5 - Complete a Project
- Step 6 - Participate in Activities
- Step 7 - Keep Records
- Step 8 - Share Information
- Step 9 - Help Others
- Step 10 - Promote 4-H

Step 1 - Youth Complete Online Enrollment

Enrollment Time

On September 1st each year, all former, new 4-H members, and volunteer leaders must re-enroll for the current year. Enrollment stays current from September 1st through August 31st.

Participation Fee - each enrollment year (no fee for Clover Kids ages 5-7)

September 1st thru October 31st-----\$20 per child

After November 1st-----\$25 per child



Enrolling in 4-H

To enroll in a Texas 4-H club, you must register online using the 4-H Connect management system. You will need a computer, internet access, and Mozilla web browser.

New Members:

1. Open your Mozilla internet browser. If you do not have Mozilla, please download it free from www.mozilla.com.
2. Go to <https://texas.4honline.com>.
3. Click "I need to setup a profile."
4. Select your county from the drop down menu.
5. Fill in the fields marked Email, Confirm Email, and Last Name and create a password you will remember.
6. Select "Family" on the Role drop down menu.
7. Click "Create Login."
8. Follow the on-screen prompts to register your family and all family members involved in a 4-H club as a member or volunteer (including adults). Fields marked in bold are required.
9. Register each member in all projects or groups they participate in or wish to join in the future.
10. If you are a youth, your registration will be submitted to your county extension office, where an agent will review your application. If you have to make any corrections, they will contact you by e-mail. Once complete and correct, the agent will approve your enrollment.

Tip: Do not hit your browser's "Back" button while within the 4-H Connect system!

Questions about 4-H Connect? Contact your Club Manager, County Extension Office at 979-823-0129, or visit the help page on the State 4-H website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/enroll/support/index_connecthelp.php.

Previous Members – Do Not Create a New Profile

Just click "Login to 4-H Connect. "

- 1) Click the "EDIT" button beside each youth/adult profile, review all information for correct data, select projects, activities, and leadership roles and click ENROLL FOR 2018-2019.
- 2) THEN, you will go through each screen of the person you are enrolling. Please check and be sure the information is complete and click continue on each screen until you get to the last screen.
- 3) If you have reviewed everything and all is updated and correct, please click Submit Enrollment and then wait on our office to accept your enrollment.

Step 2 - Parents Complete Online Enrollment

Same as above, except as noted in #10.

10. If you are an adult volunteer, your registration will be sent to the Youth Protection Standards Office for screening if you have not been screened, or are due for your three year review. Once you are

screened and approved, your registration will be returned back to your county extension office, where an agent will review and accept your application.

Step 3 - Get Involved

As a Member or Leader, you need to get involved in your local club; attend monthly meetings, volunteer for committees, and stay informed of what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on throughout the County, District and State by reading the Brazos County 4-H Handbook, 4-H Newsletters, Brazos County 4-H Connection (our online bulletin board) and the 4-H and Youth Development pages on the Brazos County Extension website:

<http://brazos.agrilife.org/>

The screenshot shows the website for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Brazos County. The navigation menu includes 'Contact', 'Events', 'Newsletters', 'Publications', and 'Links'. A search bar is present in the top right. The main content area includes a welcome message, a paragraph about the county's focus on education and economy, a photo of a child at an Easter celebration, and a video player. Below the video, there are sections for 'JOIN GROUPS' and '4-H & YOUTH', with '4-H Connect' highlighted. A callout box points to the 'Newsletters' and 'Publications' links, and another points to the '4-H Connect' link.

Find our Newsletters and Program guides here.

Enroll in 4-H here.

Brazos County Cultural Exchange Program

The Program:

- Participants: Approximately 250 youth over 28 years.
- Three year commitment from youth and parents
 - Year One: Host selected Exchange State
 - Year Two: Travel to Exchange State
 - Year Three: Travel to Washington D.C.
- Fundraising: Families work Texas A&M Concession Stands during athletic events
 - Savings to families of over \$700,000 over 28 years

Join a Club!

The following are the 22 4-H Clubs in Brazos County and their Club Name, Club Manager(s), Project descriptions, meeting location, date and time:

CLUB MANAGER(S)	CLUB NAME & PROJECT DESCRIPTION	MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME
Archery		
<p>Rebecca Dominy 979-575-5816 dominy.rebecca@gmail.com</p> <p>Rochelle Bradley 979-218-5208 nrbradley@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mellissa Roy 270-320-1938 charleanastazja@ymail.com</p>	<p>The Archery Club promotes all aspects of archery as a sport. Club members partake in various community service projects. Club activities encourage good sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 4th Thursday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Westminster Presbyterian Church 3333 Oak Ridge Drive Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 7 PM</p> <p><u>Website:</u> www.brazos-4h-archery.org</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> www.facebook.com/groups/b4hac</p>
Bridle & Bit		
<p>Bill Merka 979-224-1786 merka@chem.tamu.edu</p> <p>Whitt Lightsey 979-229-8632 whitt@regencyproperties.net</p>	<p>Faith Riders horse drill team.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 1st Sunday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Still Creek Arena 5900 Hearne Rd. Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 5 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> Brazos County Faith Riders</p>

BSIC

<p>Jesus Lujan 979-676-0447 jlujan@brazossschool.org</p> <p>Christopher Osgood 979-774-5032 cosgood@brazossschool.org</p> <p>Robert Wilson rwilson@brazossschool.org</p> <p>Trisha Peil tpeil@brazossschool.org</p> <p>Sharon Jackson sjackson@brazossschool.org</p> <p>Rodolfo "Rudy" Salazar rsalazar@brazossschool.org</p>	<p>Brazos School for Inquiry & Creativity In-School/After-School program focuses on JMG/LGEG Growing U as an In-School project. After-School projects include Robotics and Photography.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> Wednesdays</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Brazos School for Inquiry & Creativity 410 Bethel Ln Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 3:45 PM</p>
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Castlegate

<p>Susan Ballabina sg-ballabina@tamu.edu</p> <p>Rusty Hohlt rrholt@ag.tamu.edu</p>		<p><u>Meets:</u> 2nd Sunday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Castlegate II Event Center 4205 Norwich Dr. College Station</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 2 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> Castlegate 4H</p>
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Equestrian

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Exchange Club

<p>Tracy Ray 979-571-4586 tracyray98@msn.com</p>		<p><i>Meets:</i> 3rd Monday each month</p> <p><i>Location:</i> A&M Church of Christ 2475 Earl Rudder Frwy. S. College Station</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 6:30 PM</p>
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Heroes 4-Health Youth Ambassador SPIN Club

<p>Marilyn Johnson marilyn@bryanhousing.org</p> <p>Natacha Merchant merchant9504@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Heroes 4-Health focuses on projects such as Leadership, Food & Nutrition, and Gardening.</p>	<p><i>Meets:</i> 4th Thursday each month</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Bryan Housing Authority 1306 Beck Bryan</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 4 PM</p>
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Harmony Science Academy

<p>April Crow 979-218-4030 april.crow@harmonytx.org</p> <p>Sally Gregory 979-2554799 sgregory@harmonytx.org</p>	<p>HSA After-School 4-H Club focuses on Robotics, Photography, and JMG/LGEG Growing U projects.</p>	<p><i>Meets:</i> Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Harmony Science Academy 2031 Texas Ave. Bryan</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 5 PM</p>
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Lee Chapel

<p>Irma Cauley 979-218-3123 icauley@brazoscountytexas.gov</p>	<p>Lee Chapel is open to serve a diverse group of youth with interests in Public Speaking, Food & Nutrition, Clothes/Textiles, and Community Service.</p>	<p><i>Meets:</i> 4th Saturday each month</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Lee Chapel United Methodist Church 903 N. Washington Ave. Bryan</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 1 PM</p>
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Men of Distinction

<p>Cedric Payton 979-412-3891 cedricpayton@msn.com</p> <p>Lorenza Wilson 979-589-1885 lorenzawilson@msn.com</p>	<p>The Men of Distinction 4-H Club offer opportunities for youth to grow, learn, achieve, and be creative in their own way. Our youth are able to enhance old and new fundamentals of life through activities pertinent to Leadership, Service Learning, and Nutrition.</p>	<p><i>Meets:</i> 2nd Tuesday each month</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Everyday Life Inc. 6955 Broach Road Bryan</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 7 PM</p>
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North Brazos

<p>Bubba McGovern northbrazos4h@gmail.com</p>	<p>The North Brazos County 4-H Club will educate area youth in the proper raising, caring and utilization of animals and livestock, and the importance of their utilization. The development of life skills such as self-awareness, presentation, and self-confidence will be taught and relied upon to achieve these goals. Additionally, the importance of community, both as a resource, and as a focus of service, will be stressed.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 4th Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Zion Church 977 FM 2038 Kurten</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6 PM</p>
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North Bryan New Birth

<p>Tchlendra 'Lynn' Williams williams6children@gmail.com</p>	<p>NBNB 4-H Club focuses on projects such as Food & Nutrition, Clothes/Textiles, Gardening, and Community Service.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 3rd Saturday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> North Bryan New Birth Baptist Church 4615 Blue Lay Ln. Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 11:30 AM</p> <p><u>Website:</u> nbnewbirth.org</p>
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K-9 Dog Club

<p>Katie Neason katieneason@me.com</p> <p>Ashli Poling ashlipoling@hotmail.com</p>	<p>The K9 4-H Dog Club promotes all aspects of dog training. Training ranges from obedience to agility and dog show training such as showmanship and conformation. Dog training sessions are held weekly and the club hosts a dog show annually.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 1st Tuesday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Christ's Way Baptist Church 3885 Copperfield Dr. Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> Brazos County 4H K9</p>
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River Valley

<p>Tracy Ray 979-571-4586 tracyray98@msn.com</p>	<p>River Valley Horsemen's Club is a multi-interest club. The club includes youth that participate in horse shows, horse judging, livestock projects (lamb, goats, swine, cattle, rabbits), community service projects, leadership labs and all aspects of 4-H. We participate in many diverse community service projects that include: toy collection for MASH, volunteering at the Food Bank, donating goods to various community groups, adopting families at Christmas and nursing home visits. This is a fun club that addresses all aspects of 4-H.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 4th Tuesday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> TDI Brooks Int'l 14391 S. Dowling Rd. College Station</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p>
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Brazos Robotics		
<p>Amy Moravec 254-366-0379 askmoravec@gmail.com</p> <p>Denise Harmel-Garza denise.harmel-garza@tamu.edu</p>	<p>The Brazos Robotics Club focuses on teaching youth Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) principles by learning how to build, program and complete missions using a LEGO® Mindstorms® EV3 robot. We emphasize teamwork, cooperation, developing creative solutions through clear communication, and team building.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 3rd Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Brazos County Extension Office 2619 Hwy 21 West Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 7 PM</p>
Runtin' N' Gruntin'		
<p>Sharyl Lowe sharyl Lowe@live.com</p> <p>Everett Lowe everettlowe@live.com</p> <p>Jill Philipello jillphilipello@msn.com</p> <p>Natalie Halbert ndhalbert@hotmail.com</p>	<p>A diverse-interest club that examines a wide range of 4-H projects. Livestock (beef, goat, lamb, poultry, rabbits, swine) Family and Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Soils Judging, Poultry Judging, & Livestock Judging. Community service projects have included – Adopt-a-Highway, Cookies for Cops, Food for Firefighters & Brazos Valley Food Bank. Yearly activities include a club Christmas party, Downtown Bryan Christmas Light Parade float, various field trips and an end-of-the year party.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 2nd Tuesday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Bonham Elementary School Cafeteria Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> Runtin'-N-Gruntin' 4-H Club</p>
Southwood		
<p>Charles & Stephanie Wendt 281-659-7065 979-220-0068 wmcwendt@hotmail.com wmcwendt@gmail.com</p> <p>Wendy & Bryan Kotrla 979-575-8905 979-492-9656 bkotrla@verizon.net wendykotrla@verizon.net</p> <p>Lana & Wes Smith 832-656-4187 281-300-5575 lane.smith96@gmail.com wes.smith96@gmail.com</p>	<p>Southwood 4-H Club explores the diverse range of projects available in 4-H as well as concentrating on such projects as food & nutrition, crafts, photography, animals (beef, swine, poultry, and sheep), clothing, dogs, entomology and horticulture. Service projects include involvement in the annual KBTX Food Drive. Relay for Life and nursing home visits. Clover Kids K-2nd grade.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 2nd Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Wellborn Community Center 4119 Greens Prairie Rd. College Station</p> <p><u>Time:</u> <i>Clover Kids 6 PM</i> <i>4-H meets 6:30 PM</i></p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> https://www.facebook.com/Southwood4HClub/</p>

Sportsman's

<p>Tom Wright 979-220-5414 tom_wright67@hotmail.com</p> <p>Judy Wright 979-220-5415 jwright97@outlook.com</p>	<p>The Sportsman's Club emphasizes activities pertinent to skeet, trap and related shotgun shooting events as well as firearms, safety. The 4H Sportsman's Club also helps youth to promote good citizenship and build leadership skills. Annual activities include New Shooter's Classes, Brazos County Shoot, Can Food Drive for the Brazos Food Bank, and participation at the Texas State 4H Shooting Sports Games.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 1st Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Boswell Porter Shooting Range CR 247 Caldwell</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> Brazos County 4-H Sportsmans Club</p>
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St. Joseph

<p>Stacy Schneider 979-218-0051 jastacy@hotmail.com</p>	<p>St. Joseph 4-H Club members' projects include swine, horticulture, beef, poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits, food & nutrition, livestock judging, clothing, and woodworking. Community service projects have included adopting a family at Christmas, collecting toys for MASH, KBTX Food for Families Food Drive, and nursing home visits. Clover Kids K-2nd grade.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 2nd Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> St. Joseph P.A.C. 507 E. 26th St. Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p>
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Thumpers & Jumpers

<p>LeAnn Hague 979-820-2371 lacasper99@hotmail.com</p> <p>Natalie Outlaw 979-229-3716 natalieoutlaw@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thumpers & Jumpers is a special interest rabbit club. Club members host the annual County Rabbit Workshop, participate in T.R.B.A. (Texas Rabbit Breeders Association) and A.R.B.A. (American Rabbit Breeders Association) events as well as the state level 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza. Other member interests include food & nutrition, photography, public speaking, horticulture, consumer science and other animal projects (goats, horses, and beef). Community service project highlights from past years include the local food drive, donations to local animal shelters, participation in Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 2nd Thursday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Brethren Church Fellowship Hall 2650 Earl Rudder Frwy South College Station</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 7 PM</p>
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Vet Science SPIN Club

<p>Lorin Catalena 979-690-0287 lorin@catalena.com</p>		<p><u>Meets:</u> 4th Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> TAMU Vet School VIDA Bldg Rm 104 422 Raymond Stotzer Pkwy College Station</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p>
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Wixon Valley

<p>Joni Bailey joni.bailey@bryanisd.org</p> <p>Betsy Brown betsybrown99@gmail.com</p> <p>Vicki Hillert vicki@greenerimagesbcs.com</p>	<p>Wixon Valley is a multi-interest club with animal projects ranging from rabbits to commercial steers. Other projects include Junior Master Gardener Program, photography, consumer education, clothing, and foods & nutrition. Community service projects include: Relay for Life, international projects, food drives, and nursing home visitation.</p>	<p><u>Meets:</u> 4th Monday each month</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Sam Rayburn Middle School 1048 N. Earl Rudder Frwy Bryan</p> <p><u>Time:</u> 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> WixonValley4H</p>
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Step 4 - Start a Project

On the 4-H Connect Enrollment pages, 4-H members are asked to select projects of interest to them. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects. The more years you are in 4-H, the more projects you can usually handle. 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the 4-H year (September 1-August 31). Certain projects have special activities or contests, so you need to begin some projects at specific times during the year. After you select your projects, contact your Club Manager or County Extension office if you have any questions.

Brazos County 4-H Livestock Projects Important Dates

<u>LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Market Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline	6/2018
Commercial Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline	10/2018
BCYLS Market Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline (same day as Commercial Steers)	10/2018
Lambs	Validation/Ownership Deadline	10/2018
	(See 4-H Newsletter for more information)	
Goats	Validation/Ownership Deadline	10/2018
	(See 4-H Newsletter for more information)	
Barrows-Majors	Validation/Ownership Deadline	11/2018
Barrows-BCYLS only	Validation/Ownership Deadline	12/2018
Market Turkeys	(Order Date)	7/2018
Houston Broilers	(Order Date)	10/2018
Horses	Validation	4/2019
San Antonio Broilers	(Order Date)	10/2018
BCYLS Broilers	(Order Date)	1/2019
Market Rabbit	(Order Date)	2/2019

**NOTE: Poultry: The date ordered is not the entry date. You must submit entries at the designated time to be able to show.

***NOTE: Rabbits: Make special note of the breeding dates for market rabbits or when they must be purchased.

Other 4-H Projects and Programs

<p>Shooting Sports- The 4-H Shooting Sports project is a comprehensive introduction to shooting sports safety and the fundamentals of shooting disciplines including: archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading, and hunting. Youth may participate in one or more of the listed disciplines where certified 4-H coaches are available to lead.</p> <p>Contacts: Archery– Rebecca Dominy - dominy.rebecca@gmail.com Shotgun— Tom Wright - tom_wright67@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Robotics-The 4-H Robotics Curriculum is designed to meet the diverse requirements of 4-H clubs, after-school programs, individual youth and school enrichment activities. The curriculum was developed for all levels of expertise: from beginning to advanced.</p> <p>Contact– Amy Moravec - askmoravec@gmail.com</p>
<p>Horse Judging- The evaluation of a horses characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class.</p> <p>Contact– Kristen Beesaw – kbeesaw@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Consumer Decision Making- The 4-H Consumer Education Project engages youth in the importance of making wise consumer decisions. Through educational experiences such as workshops to a retail store, to learn how to make good decisions about purchasing a variety of projects, to learning about “Consumer Savy” and the importance of becoming informed to be able to help make responsible consumer purchases of a variety of products for your family.</p> <p>Contact– Flora Williams– fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Drill Team- To provide an opportunity for youth to develop drill team skills as well as leadership and teamwork skills; and to enhance the 4-H Horse Project while creating a positive environment for the youth to develop mentoring skills with other youth.</p> <p>Contact– Bill Merka– merkaranch@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Livestock Judging-The evaluation of an animal’s characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Horticulture The horticulture project is a hands-on project that incorporates community and volunteer service with learning about plant growth, environment horticulture and ecology, fruits and nuts, landscape design, soil and water, insects and diseases, vegetables and herbs, and life skills and career exploration.</p> <p>Contact– Charla Anthony- cmanthony@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Commercial Heifer- The commercial heifer program is designed to be educational and beneficial for the youth of Brazos County. It is held in conjunction with the Brazos Valley Fair in October. You will show a pen of 3 bred females, complete a record book, and an interview for the overall score for this project.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Photography-The 4-H Photography project offers opportunities for youth to explore the world through the lens of a camera. Photography is a great way to engage youth in communicating what the world looks like to them. Through the photography project, youth learn skills from the basic parts of a camera, careers in photography, and digital publishing and developing.</p> <p>Contact–Ashley Skinner– Ashley.Skinner@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Dog Project- The 4-H Dog project provides a safe environment for youth to interact with and learn about one of their closest friends, their dog. The project is designed to enhance the relationship a young person has with their dog and make their dog a happier better adjusted member of the family.</p> <p>Contact– Katie Neason- katieneason@me.com</p>
<p>Swine-The Swine project is the most popular large animal livestock project in Texas. The swine project teaches the fundamentals of the swine industry by allowing youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, daily maintenance and care, in addition to exhibiting swine at local, county, state, and national swine shows.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Poultry-The poultry project teaches members poultry production and marketing by managing poultry projects. Project topics include broilers, capons, turkeys, egg production, and development from egg to chick.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Cattle- The beef project teaches the fundamentals of the beef cattle industry by allowing youth to explore the area of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, and care, in addition to exhibiting beef cattle at the local, county, state, and national shows.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Sheep & Goats-The Sheep & Goat project teaches youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H sheep project individuals learn decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.</p> <p>Contact– Dusty Tittle– Dusty.Tittle@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Equine -The Horse Project is designed as a tool for 4-H members to learn about horse care and handling, and the equine industry in general, through hands-on activities designed to develop skills not only in horsemanship and equine handling, but also in leadership, communication, decision-making and personal management.</p> <p>Contact– Kristen Beesaw – kbeesaw@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Food & Nutrition The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project engages youth in the importance of eating and living a healthy lifestyle. Through educational experiences, such as field trips to the grocery store to learn how to buy fresh vegetables and fruits and interactive workshops to learn how to build a healthy plate and the importance of eating a balanced meal, youth gain the necessary skills to make smart decisions for themselves, as well as helping their family.</p> <p>Contact– Flora Williams– fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p>Clothing & Textiles-The 4-H clothing and textiles project allows youth the opportunity learn basic sewing skills, learn the process for creating their own original designs, create beautiful quilts, learn to be a super shopper and develop a personal fashion style.</p> <p>Contact– Flora Williams– fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Healthy Lifestyles-Youth learn how to improve physical, intellectual, emotional and social health through participation in the health project. Specifically, youth learn about the importance of physical activity, proper hygiene, dental care, healthy snacking, vaccinations and sleep.</p> <p>Contact– Flora Williams– fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu</p>

Step 5 - Complete a Project

After you have selected your project you are ready to start gaining information and having fun learning about your project. In 4-H, you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project. Learning experiences will vary from project to project, such as meetings with other 4-H'ers and Leaders, going on tours, attending workshops, reading publications or surfing the Internet. Many 4-H'ers work on the project with their parents, grandparents or other family members while other 4-H'ers work on projects with a group of friends. Working through a project from start to finish helps a 4-H member gain skills in carrying out responsibilities, as well as setting and completing goals.

General Project Calendar for Brazos County

On the following pages, you will find a table that outlines some of the project areas in Brazos County 4-H. Use this information to look ahead for major deadlines and event timeframes. Each item will occur around the week written or weeks (using an arrow) as noted on the table.

Then, refer to the 4-H Calendar found on the county website to find specific dates and project meetings.

COUNTY 4-H AWARDS, RECORD BOOKS AND PINS

In addition to recognition at Brazos County 4-H Contests, 4-H members are also recognized for accomplishments at the annual Brazos County 4-H Achievement Banquet held in the early fall. The entry deadline for these awards is in July. All awards applications can be found in the Brazos County Awards & Recognition Handbook, and briefly described here:

- 1) **RECORD BOOK AWARDS** - Record Book awards are presented based on what 4-Hers report in their 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth and development by reading the record books.
- 2) **4-H YEAR PINS** - 4-H Completion Year Pins are awarded to every 4-H member in Brazos County who completes a 4-H project during the year and turns in a Record Book.
- 3) **PROJECT COMPLETION PINS** - Project pins are awarded to members who complete a 4-H Record Book at the Junior, Intermediate or Senior level.
- 4) **ROOKIE AWARDS** - A 4-H member who has completed his or her first year of membership, regardless of age, is eligible for the Rookie Award.
- 5) **4-H HONOR ROLL** - Available to Junior members, ages 8 and in the third grade through 10 years old who meet the established criteria.
- 6) **4-H ALL STAR** - Available to Intermediate members, ages 11-13 who meet the established criteria.
- 7) **4-H LETTERMAN** - Available to Senior members, ages 14 and over who meet the established criteria.
- 8) **DANFORTH I DARE YOU AWARD** - This award is offered as recognition of excellence in character, well-balanced personal development and demonstrated leadership. Brazos County will give two (2) awards to deserving Senior age 4-H Members.
- 9) **GOLD STAR AWARD** - The Gold Star Award is the most sought-after 4-H award at the county level. It is awarded each year to four (4) or more outstanding Senior 4-H members in Brazos County based on their total 4-H career.

10) SILVER STAR AWARD - The Silver Star Award is presented each year to four (4) or more outstanding 4-H Intermediate Members. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with the record book.

11) BRONZE STAR AWARD - The Bronze Star Award will be presented each year to four (4) outstanding 4-H Junior Members at the County Awards Banquet. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with

12) SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS - The following awards are made available on a county-wide basis to encourage excellence in 4-H projects. A 4-H member is eligible for any award if the project is included in the 4-H Record Book, and a member may apply for all awards. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are awarded in the following project areas: Archery, Beef, Citizenship*, Clothing, Community Service*, Meat Goat, Field & Stream, Food & Nutrition, Horse, Horticulture, Leadership*, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbit, Range Management, Sheep, Shooting Sports, and Swine.

*Denotes projects judged on overall 4-H performance, not necessarily limited to one project area.

Step 6 - Participate in Activities

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained through their project work. Some of the activities allow a team of 4-H'ers to prepare a presentation, while other activities are for individual contest entry.

Participating in 4-H activities helps the member gain public speaking skills and presentation skills that will help them throughout their life. Other activities available to 4-H'ers are a variety of camps and workshops conducted mainly in the summer.

Some of the major activities:

Fashion Shows	Performing Arts	Judging Contests
Quiz Bowls	Horse Shows	Shooting Sports Contests
Food Shows	Livestock Shows	Talks or Method Demonstrations
Outdoor Activities	Photography Contests	Dog Shows

Camps

County Camp, July	(all ages)
Prime Time, July	(9-13 year olds)
Jr. Leadership Lab, Oct./Nov.	(11-13 year olds)
Spectra, July	(14-18 year olds)
Leadership Lab, June	(14-18 year olds)
Teen Retreat, January	(13-19 year olds)

You must register on 4-H Connect to participate in some of the activities 4-H has to offer.

1. When approved, you may log in to your account by clicking "I have a profile" and providing your email address and password.
2. On the "Member List" page, scroll to the bottom of the page and select a member from the "Register a member for an event" drop down menu. Select the event you are registering. Only events that a member is eligible for will be shown.
3. After you register, your county extension agent will review your registration and approve.

Brazos County Youth Livestock Show

As in the past, the 2019 Brazos County Youth Livestock Show and Sale is anticipated by numerous 4-H and FFA members from throughout Brazos County. The 63rd annual Brazos County Youth Livestock Show and Auction will be held at the Brazos County Exposition Complex, March 19 – 23, 2019.

Judging will include livestock projects, agricultural mechanics projects, and in family and consumer science the following categories: baked and canned goods, clothing, arts and crafts, woodworking, metalworking, ornamental horticulture and photography.

The website for Brazos County Youth Livestock Association is: <http://www.bcyla.net>

Eligibility Form

This is a required form for competitive events and both the form and the instructions related to the form are at the end of the handbook.

Step 7 - Keep Records

When you spend time working on a project, you need to record or take notes and pictures to track what you learn through your progress. Brazos County 4-H'ers have the chance to complete a **Record Book** for recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet held in the fall and to be considered for 4-H awards.

4-H Record Books are a great way for 4-Her's to keep records of their progress on their project! In constructing a 4-H Record Book, members organize information about their participation and accomplishments in all 4-H projects and activities. Any project can be completed using a 4-H Record Book. Record books are judged at county, district, and state levels at the end of the project year.

Step 8 - Share Information

As a 4-H member, you learn to share with others the information you gain through your project experience.

Step 9 - Help Others

The 4-H experience includes helping others. We call our 4-H helping, Community Service. This is something that you do for a non- 4-H audience without pay or compensation.

“One Day” Community Service Project Day



One Day 4-H is a way for all 4-H members to take one day to say “thank you” to their communities, county, and state for all the support they have provided to 4-H members for more than 100 years.

One Day 4-H will occur on October 13, 2018 in every county across Texas. Each 4-H member can recruit friends to help make their communities better through adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals or as an entire county 4-H Program. Regardless of the project that is chosen, it is one day to make a difference!

Step 10 - Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to attend. Part of your 4-H experience will be to get others involved in the program. This could mean asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week October 7-13, 2018.



DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local public school board policies.

Instructions: Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension Office

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request:

(CHECK ONE)

- Academic eligibility information only.
- Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date: _____ Name of Activity: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that _____ is a member of 4-H in
_____ BRAZOS _____ County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H.
He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's
designated volunteer leader.

_____ Date _____ Signature of County Extension Agent

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

(CHECK ONE)

- I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned extracurricular activity.
- I do not certify the student because he/she is **NOT** academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

(CHECK ONE)

- An excused absence will be granted.
- An excused absence will **NOT** be granted.
- Does not apply.

_____ Date _____ Signature of Principal or Designee

_____ Name of School

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

4-H'ers should complete a separate form for each competitive event/activity in which they plan to participate. The original **form** should be returned to the county Extension office by the deadline established by the County Extension Office.

NOTE: Schools requiring a copy of this form should make their copy before returning it to the student.

Parent/Guardian Section

1. Parent/Guardian will select the information being requested. It is either:
 - Academic eligibility information only. (Used to verify academic eligibility only for 4-H competitive events/activities.), or
 - Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school. (Used to verify academic eligibility as well as receive authorization to receive an excused absence. This would be used for events held during school hours such as stock shows, state and national 4H contests and events, etc.)
2. Complete the date and name of activity. (Used to notify school officials of exact dates/times a student would be participating in a 4-H activity or representing 4-H at an event.)
3. Parent/Guardian signature is required. The signature of the parent/guardian confirms that this person is aware of the academic eligibility and excused absence requirements of the Texas Education Code.

County Extension Agent Section

1. Extension Office will complete this section and certify the youth is a 4-H member and his/her participation in the event.
2. County Extension Agent (with adjunct faculty status) will sign the form.

School Principal/Designee Section

1. Principal, or designee, will indicate the 4-H members eligibility status, options are:
 - Academically eligible to participate
 - Not academically eligible to participate
2. The principal or designee will indicate whether or not an excused absence will be granted.
3. Principal, or designee, will sign and date the form in order to be valid.

4-H family should follow instructions provided by the
County Extension Office on returning form to the
Extension Office by the given deadline.

NOTE -The Extension office will then need a copy for our documentation and the child will keep the original to be presented, if needed, to the event supervisor or the school. The copy may be sent any of the following ways:

Mailed to our office at: 2619 Highway 21 W., Bryan, TX 77803
Scanned and emailed to: ejbesser@ag.tamu.edu or gjhoyt@ag.tamu.edu
Faxed to #979-775-3768
Brought in and we will make the copy for you

