



Welcome to the Cherokee County 4-H Family!

My name is Willie Arnwine and I'm the Cherokee County 4-H Agent. Here are the FAQ's I most often get about our 4-H Program. When you enroll your child in 4-H, they are enrolled in the county-wide 4-H program. Although you will have a primary club, you are free to join additional clubs in the county at your discretion. Just be aware that you will need to understand and abide by each respective club's bylaws. Several 4-H kids are members of more than one club in the County. Members may only be enrolled within one county; this means they can't be in one club in Cherokee County and another in an adjacent county.

How much does it cost to join 4-H?

Enrollment is \$20.00 per child (Aug-Oct) \$25.00 per child (Nov-July). These fees are only charged to full 4-H members between the ages of 8 (and in the 3rd grade) and 12th grade. Children under 8 years of age enroll free.

Are there any other fees tied to membership or participation?

Each project has inherent costs that come along with it; however, our Cherokee County 4-H Volunteer Leader Association works very hard to minimize these costs. They generally try to provide start-up and support funding for the first couple of years for new projects that are offered on a county-wide basis. Once the project is off the ground, it is then up to the project leaders to raise funds to keep it going. There are no contest fees to compete in county-level contests (Food Show, Fashion Show, Consumer Decision Making, Entomology, Hay Judging, Wildlife Contests, etc...) however; there are almost always additional costs to compete in district & state level competitions. These fees fall upon the parent or in some cases the club.

How do we enroll?

*Enrollment is an online process through the "4-H Connect" system that typically takes about 10 minutes per entry to complete. Payment must be made via credit or debit card in your last step of the process before the 4-H office can certify your child's membership. Cards will not be charged until the 4-H certifies the enrollment. All members must be certified before they can compete in **ANY** formal 4-H activity or contest. The payment process is completely secure and no one will be able to view your credit/debit card information but you.*

How safe will my child be in the Cherokee County 4-H program?

It is mandatory that all club managers, project leaders and formal volunteers be screened annually through the State 4-H Youth Protection Standards screening process to ensure your child's safety. While it is not mandatory that parents sign-up as volunteers (unless they plan to work in direct contact with children other than their own), it is highly encouraged. The fee to enroll yourself as an "Adult Volunteer" is \$10.00 and this process is carried out through the 4-H connect as well.

How does the 4-H program year run?

It follows the school year. Enrollment formally opens on September 1st of each year (early enrollment opens in mid-August). The last day of the 4-H year is August 31st.

Who is eligible to join?

The online system will allow you to register kids ages 5-18 (As of Sept.1).

What are the age breakdowns?

Ages 5-7 (Clover Kids); grade 3-5 (Jr. 4-H); grades 6-8 (Intermediate 4-H); grades 9-12 (Senior 4-H)

How do we join?

To enroll, you will need to go online to <https://texas.4honline.com> and select the "I need to set up a profile" radio button. This will allow you to create a family profile. Once the family profile is created, then you may add members to it. You may also add yourself and/or spouse as an "Adult Leader/Volunteer". I encourage you to do this simply because you may decide down the road that you want to help lead a project or attend state-level trainings; if so, then the paperwork is already done. This saves time and headaches in the future if the paperwork is already done.

What if we have problems signing up?

Take a look at the 4-H Family Help Sheet here:

http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/website/connect/connect_family_enroll_new_family_member_youth.pdf

Or...contact me directly!

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Community Club Information:

(Rusk) Bluebonnet 4-H Club: *This club meets at 6:00PM at the Rusk Civic Center on the second Tuesday of each month (Sept-May). The club also has its own Facebook page where a lot of discussion and communication takes place <https://www.facebook.com/groups/557544861033114/> . Feel free to contact the club manager, Brandee Wofford via email at ranchhandmemories@yahoo.com.*

(Jacksonville) Lookout 4-H Club: *This club meets at 7 PM in the Cherokee County Exposition Center (on the loop in Jacksonville) on the second Monday of each month (Sept-May). This club also has its own Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lookout-4H-Club/173164522776587?ref=ts&fref=ts>. Feel free to contact the club manager, Rachel Vickers via email at rachelvickers26@yahoo.com.*

(Alto) Cloverleaf 4-H Club: *This club meets at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Alto First Baptist Church on the third Tuesday of each month (Sept-May). This club also has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cloverleaf-4H-Club/318924631466867?ref=ts>. Contact Amanda Low for more information via email cloverleaf4hclub@gmail.com .*

Wells 4-H Club: *This club meets at 6:30PM on the second Monday of each month in the First Baptist Church in Wells. Their Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wells-4-H/265964240080484?ref=ts>. Feel free to contact the club manager, Brandie Hathorn at hqhr@yahoo.com.*

New Summerfield 4-H Club: *This club meets on the second Sunday of each Month at the club manager's home 651 County Road 4730. Their Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/188329818018475/>. For more information, please contact Ward McCown at (806) 392-2253 or at deerechopper@yahoo.com.*

Special Interest Clubs:

Cherokee County 4-H Shooting Sports Club: *This club functions differently than community clubs. Its sole purpose is to allow its members to participate in shooting sports events (rifle, shotgun, pistol, black-powder & archery). This club too has a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/c4hss/?fref=ts>. However, it also has its own website: <http://c4hss.org/> . The different disciplines of the club meet at different times but for rifle, pistol, and shotgun information contact the club manager, Marlin Watson at marlin.watson@outtasightarchery.com.*

Cherokee 4-H Clay Crushers Club - *This club is a competition shotgun club and meets at Rose City Flying Clays in Tyler. This club too has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cherokee-County-4H-Clay-Crushers/598186273622227?ref=profile>. For more information contact the club manager, Gregg Loden at wqloden@gmail.com.*

County 4-H Project Pages & Project Leader Contact Info & Various Links:

Cherokee 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association (CVLA): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1518771381669100/>

Pres: Tammi Arnwine, VP: Ward McCown, Sec: Chris Dover, Trs: Stacy McCown, Par: Mark Trezise PR: Kristi Trezise

Cherokee 4-H Photography Project: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/128780317476947/>

Project Leaders: Jennifer Sessions/Tabitha Patterson

Cherokee 4-H Entomology Project: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543684435945246/>

Project Leaders: Cassie Cruz Foster

County Jr. Livestock Show Rules: <http://www.cherokeecountyexpo.org/>

For up to the minute updates on the County 4-H Events calendar go to:

<https://band.us/n/aba8Y9Cd6cwav>