

4-H NEWSLETTER



TEXAS 4H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RESULTS

We have received the results from the Texas 4-H Photography Contest. The state-level contest is open to 9th-12th grade 4H members only. Each photograph was 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. The results for Gillespie County 4-H members listed below:

Je Anne Carpenter - Animals/Domestic - Blue
Je Anne Carpenter - Landscape & Nature - Red
Je Anne Carpenter - Plant/Flora - Red
Karlie Nebgen - Details & Macro - Red
Karlie Nebgen - Food - Red
Karlie Nebgen - Landscape & Nature - Blue
Kate Darsey - Animals - Domestic - Blue
Kate Darsey - Catch All - Red
Kate Darsey - Dominant Color - Blue
Kate Darsey - Food - Blue
Kate Darsey - Plant/Flora - Red
Kendall Hastings - People - Red
Kendall Hastings - Theme - Blue
Trenton Robbins - Animals/Domestic - Blue
Trenton Robbins - Animals/Wildlife - Red
Trenton Robbins - Details & Macro - Blue
Trenton Robbins - Enhanced - Blue
Trenton Robbins - Motion/Action - Red
Trenton Robbins - Landscape & Nature - Blue
Trenton Robbins - People - Red
Trenton Robbins - Plant/Flora - Blue
Trenton Robbins - Shadow/Silhouette - Blue



Gillespie County Extension Office

Facebook Page

Texas 4-H

Texas 4-H Center

Quality Counts

<http://gillespie.agrilife.org>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Gillespie County

<http://texas4-H.tamu.edu>

<http://texas4H-ctr.tamu.edu>

<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>

Gillespie 4-H

JULY 2020

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GILLESPIE 4H CANCELLATIONS— DUE TO COVID-19

All face-to-face Gillespie 4H club meetings and practices are cancelled until further notice.



Congratulations to Brittley Bowers as she has been elected to serve as the District 10 Council president for the 2020-2021 4H year. Daniel Raab was elected to serve as the Information Officer. Gillespie County is well represented!!!

CATCH UP ON WHAT WENT DOWN AT VIRTUAL LEAD ACADEMY

Did you miss out on our virtual LEAD Academy workshops held earlier this month? Topics like how to fill out the FASFA, how to make meals in your dorm room, and what it's like being a Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador await you in the session recordings available by clicking on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrTDsUw-x66WjKiXo34ZbrkNySmkq2SNO>

Most sessions are about 45-55 minutes in length

Session Topics Include:

- Tips and Tricks for Successful Interviews
- Understanding and Completing the FAFSA
- College Application 101: The key components of the application
- Scholarships: Putting Your Best Foot Forward
- Mental Health Matters
- Change: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!
- College & Career Exploration: Life After High School
- Servant Leadership with your Head, Heart, Hands, and Health
- Welcome to the Real World
- Kitchen 101—Preparing Meals in Dorm Room or on the Go!
- The Value of a Personality
- Hosting a Successful Virtual Meeting/Activity
- The BIG M! Meeting youth's needs through 4-H Projects
- Project in A Day
- Putting the "Fun" in 4H
- Strengthening Club Effectiveness
- Speak to Lead
- Animal Project—Let's Get Started!!
- Global Citizenship Opportunities
- Healthy Lifestyles Project
- The Basics of Livestock Evaluation
- Starting & Developing a Vet Science Program



PICTURES WANTED

We are looking for pictures of current 4-H members participating in a 4-H related event or activity that are from the September 2019-June 2020 4-H year. You can even submit photos of what you did during COVID-19. Sam O'Leary, the current County Council Reporter, will be putting together a slide show. If you have any digital pictures that you would like to contribute, email them to carly.jenkins@ag.tamu.edu.

4H Scholarships

Congratulations to the following Gillespie 4H High School Seniors for receiving scholarships from the Texas 4H Foundation:

Bethany Crenwelge—McLean Estate
 Kate Crenwelge—San Antonio Livestock Exposition
 Amy Dittmar—Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
 Hannah Hastings—Farm Credit Associations of Texas
 Kendall Hastings—Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
 Jacob Jenschke—Davidson Foundation
 Karlie Nebgen—Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship

Gillespie County 4H members received over \$83,000.00 in college scholarships through the Texas 4H Foundation.



The Gillespie 4H Adult Leaders awarded the following 4H high school seniors with a local scholarship:

Bethany Crenwelge
 Kate Crenwelge
 Kate Darsey
 Amy Dittmar
 Kendall Hastings
 Jacob Jenschke
 Karlie Nebgen

The Adult Leaders have awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to these outstanding 4H members.

Virtual State Contest Opportunities

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Virtual National Qualifier Contest Opportunities

Since Texas 4-H Roundup did not take place this summer due to COVID-19 concerns, 9th-12th grade 4H members now still have the opportunity to compete in National contest opportunities virtually.

Ages: 9th-12th Graders (as of 2019-2020 school year)
Registration: Contact an agent for registration by July 1st if you are interested in participating

A 4H member can enter up to 3 contests: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/events_qualifier_virtual_rules_2.pdf

NOTE: Team information will not be due at registration
NOTE: A participant waiver form is required for participation and must be uploaded during registration. This form can be found by visiting <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/qualifier/>

For more information, please visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/qualifier/>

A listing of the available contests with the contest date is on the image to the right. We have also listed the contest options in case you are interested in more than one contest.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

DATE	CONTEST	TIME
July 14, 2020	Consumer Decision Making	TBD
July 15, 2020	Fashion Show	Scheduled for AM
July 16, 2020	Public Speaking	TBD based on # of entries. Will be staggered presentation times
July 16, 2020	Open FCH Educational Presentation	TBD based on # of entries. Will be staggered presentation times
July 16, 2020	Horse Educational Presentation	TBD based on # of entries. Will be staggered presentation times
July 17, 2020	Leader 4 Life	TBD based on # of entries. Will be staggered presentation times
July 23, 2020	Healthy Lifestyles Invitational	1 pm – 3pm
July 24, 2020	FCH Quiz Bowl	Tentative 10-noon
July 28, 2020	Hippology	TBD
July 29, 2020	Livestock Judging	8 am – 10 am followed by Reasons
July 29, 2020	Meat Judging	TBD
July 29, 2020	Horse Judging	TBD
July 30, 2020	Livestock Skillathon	3 pm – 7 pm
July 31, 2020	Horse Quiz Bowl	Tentative 10-noon
July 31, 2020	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Tentative 10-noon

NUMBER OF CONTESTS A 4-H MEMBER CAN ENTER

A 4-H member can enter up to three (3) contests. The contest opportunities they are eligible for are based on the original 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup schedule by day. See chart below.

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Fashion Show	Consumer Decision Making	Healthy Lifestyles Invitational
FCH Quiz Bowl	Horse Judging	Hippology
Leaders 4 Life	Livestock Judging	Horse Educational Presentation
Livestock Skillathon	Meat Judging	Open FCH Educational Presentation
Livestock Quiz Bowl		Public Speaking
Horse Quiz Bowl		

*Food Challenge and Poultry Judging are pending National Contest decisions

Online Summer Horsemanship Schools

Texas
Youth

Ride
with
us!

ONLINE

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE



June 29th - July 6th
Submit a riding video and
get personalized instruction
from Texas A&M Summer
Horsemanship School
Instructors!

VIDEO SUBMIT:

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Xi0beEA3Wba4gl

TAMU SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOLS GO ONLINE!

Opportunity to get personalized horsemanship instruction through an online video submission from June 29th-July 6th.

Youth simply submit a 2-5 minute video (https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Xi0beEA3Wba4gl) of themselves riding with information about what they want to learn/improve and a Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship School instructor will reply with useful training tips and feedback.

Great practice for the upcoming State 4-H Horse Show!



DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES

We have received the results from the District Photography Contest. We also made a video with our entries on YouTube if you would like to take a look https://youtu.be/STAOE_wqXUo.

Gillespie County Juniors

Caden Hastings

Animals/Wildlife - Blue; Details & Macros - Blue

Isabella Mendez

Animals/Wildlife - Blue; Catch All - Blue; Motion/Action - Blue & Best of Category

Preston Turner

Details & Macros - Blue; Elements of Design - Blue; Themes - The Elements - Red

Brazos Worrell

Animals/Domestic - Blue; Enhanced - Blue

Gillespie County Intermediates

Nicole Maxwell

Animals/Domestic - White; Landscape & Nature - Blue
Plant/Flora - Blue

Paulina Rangel

Animals/Domestic - Red; Landscape & Nature - Blue; People - Blue

Pecos Worrell

Animals/Domestic - Blue; Shadow/Silhouette - Blue & Best of Category; Theme- The Elements - Blue

Gillespie County Seniors

Kate Crenwelge

Animal/Domestic - White; Details & Macros - Red; Landscape & Nature - White

Karlie Nebgen

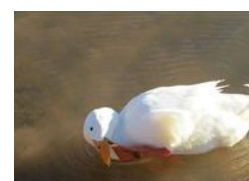
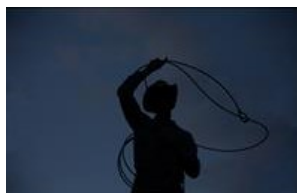
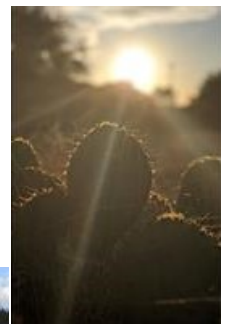
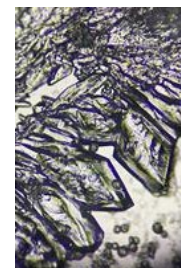
Details & Macros - Blue; Food - Red; Landscape & Nature - Blue

Gwendolyn Rangel

Animal/Domestic - White; Animal/Wildlife - Red; Landscape & Nature - Blue

Trenton Robbins

Animal/Domestic - Red; Plant/Flora - Blue; Shadow/Silhouette - Red



Livestock

QUALITY COUNTS—IF YOU ARE GOING TO SHOW LIVESTOCK IN 2021, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE QUALITY COUNTS PROGRAM FOR YOUR AGE DIVISION IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY

Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show - requires that exhibitors in grades 3-12 complete this course and exam
Major Livestock Shows - will require that all exhibitors who compete in junior/youth shows complete this course and exam

Exhibitors will access the course and exam at this website: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Instructions For How To Complete Quality Counts Enrollment can be found at this link

<https://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/qualitycounts/files/2018/08/QC-Enrollment.pdf>

IMPORTANT: One thing to be aware of is that login to the curriculum site requires unique email addresses for each user.

QUALITY COUNTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<https://agriflife.org/qualitycounts/verification/faq/>

How often must I be "verified"?

With the new Quality Counts program, exhibitors need to be verified once as a junior, intermediate, once again as a senior. Junior is grades 3-5, Intermediate are students in grades 6-8, and Senior is for grades 9-12.

How do I become verified?

Pass the online test with 80% correct answers.

How many times can I take the test?

As many times as necessary to achieve an 80% score.

What happens when I pass the test?

You are given a Quality Counts verification number to use on livestock show entries.

What do I do with the Quality Counts verification number?

Hold on to the number and use it when asked for by stock shows as a part of entry requirement.

Can someone else use my number?

No. The number is tied back to your name in the database available to stock shows, County Extension Agents and Ag Science Teachers. When the number is entered into the system, only your name appears.

How do I learn the material needed to pass the test?

All of the material is available online at Qualitycounts.tamu.edu. The online version will take 2 hours to complete and can be done

at more than one sitting, but you must use the same device.

Do I need a separate verification number for 4-H and FFA?

When you take the test, if you selected both FFA and 4-H as your affiliated organizations, one number is all that is needed. This will ensure that both your Ag Science Teacher and Your County Extension Agent can see that you are verified.

Will Quality Counts Verification be needed for Breeding Entries?

Yes. Quality Counts Verification will be needed for all Junior Livestock Show Entries at Major shows, including breeding animals.

What about Judging Teams?

No. Quality Counts Verification is only needed on Junior "Livestock" Entries. Contest not including an animal entry will not require verification.



If you would like for Taylor Osbourn or Brad Roeder to come and look at your animal projects, please contact our office and set up an appointment with them.

GCYLS ATTENDANCE RULE

Just a reminder for those who are planning on exhibiting animals at the 2021 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show – please take note of the rules! With all of the COVID-19 restrictions, the GCYLS Directors know that you will have a hard time making the normal meeting attendance requirement. The GCYLS Directors will release information regarding stock show meeting attendance requirements in the future.

STEM Ambassadors

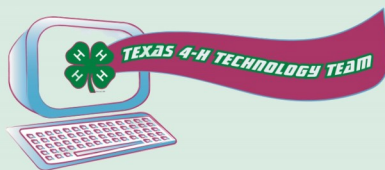


WHO WE ARE

The Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors strive to promote, educate, and inspire others in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork. We do this by volunteering to conduct trainings, workshops, or demonstrations all around the state and beyond. The ambassador team is a very unique youth-adult partnership that utilizes great synergy to create educational programs for the both the team members and other youth and adults in the 4-H program.

OUR HISTORY

The STEM Ambassadors were originally founded by Dr. Toby Lepley and Kevin Wentzel as the Texas 4-H Technology Team in November of 2004. We started out with just nine members, four volunteers, and one 4-H Specialist. Now, the team has grown to include 15-20 youth members, several collegiate members, and a group of adult advisors.



Since its beginning, the "Tech Team" has played an essential role in promoting the integration of technology into local and state 4-H programs. By 2019, The Tech Team had expanded to encompass all areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and was thus renamed as the Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors.

OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL

- Educate youth through STEM-related workshops, programs and activities
- Assist the County Extension Agent and Club Managers in meeting the technological needs of the county 4-H program

DISTRICT

- Serve as a resource on STEM-related subjects to the District 4-H Council
- Assist the District 4-H Council in meeting the technological needs of the district 4-H program

STATE

- Serve as a state-wide ambassador in the areas of STEM for the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program
- Promote the Texas 4-H STEM Project at stock shows and rodeos
- Assist 4-H leadership in planning and accomplishing technical tasks during Texas 4-H Roundup
- Assist 4-H leadership in planning and accomplishing technical tasks during Texas 4-H Congress

NATIONAL

- Participate and present workshops at the California 4-H State Leadership Conference

Online applications for the 2020-2021 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador team will be open July 1 through July 31.

Application link:

<https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit>

The application will activate on July 1.

Applicants will need to create a simple profile on Submittable in order to complete the application.

Timeline

July 1 – Applications open

July 31 – Applications close (no extensions or exceptions will be made)

August 1-29 – Submitted applications will be reviewed

August 30 – Applicants will be notified of acceptance

October 9-11 – Required training for new and returning members (dependent upon COVID-19 guidelines)

April 16-18 – Required training (dependent upon COVID-19 guidelines)

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at <https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit>.

4-H youth must be entering the 9th grade or higher to apply.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
JULY 1 - 31st**

EXPECTATIONS

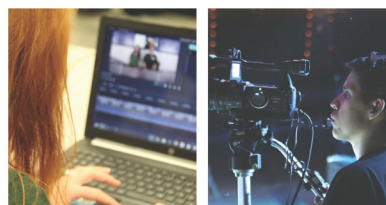
- Attend the fall and spring face-to-face meetings
- Actively engage in monthly online planning meetings
- Assist with various state-level events
- Maintain a high level of communication with teammates and adult advisors throughout the year



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Shooting Sports



Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program

2020-2021

Basic Requirements and Expectations

Online applications open **June 16 – July 26, 2020** on 4-H Connect (<http://texas.4honline.com>)

Application fee - \$25

Current Ambassadors

Current 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors must participate in this application process to be eligible for a position for the 2020/2021 year. Current Ambassadors are not guaranteed a position. They must complete this application.

New Applicants

Basic Requirements for Applicants (all must be met)

- Must be enrolled in high school in the 9th – 12th grade as of September 1, 2020,
- Must be an actively enrolled member of Texas 4-H via 4-H Connect for the current 2019-2020 4-H year at time of application and again for the 2020-2021 year,
- Must be an active member of a county-level Texas 4-H Shooting Sports project coached by a certified 4-H coach,
- 'Shooting Sports' must be listed as a project on your personal profile on 4-H Connect,
- Selection requires mandatory participation in an introductory training in the Fall of 2020. (See below for dates)
- Selection requires attaining and reporting a minimum number of service points within the Service Year to maintain an Ambassador position from one submission date to the next.

Basic Expectations of Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors

- Be an active part of the Ambassador group within one's resident Extension Region across Texas (North, South, East, West, Central, Southeast),
- Communicate with fellow region Ambassadors and the designated adult Region Advisor,
- Maintain personal conduct at all times that will represent a positive leader and role model for 4-H and the shooting sports world,
- Be an active, positive support for the 4-H Shooting Sports project at the county, district and state levels,
- Be available and participate in various activities and events other than competitions to promote and support 4-H Shooting Sports, and
- Participate in the mandatory training designed for the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors. This training will take place at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on October 23-25th, 2020. It will cost approx., 100.00.

Application Process

1. Online applications will be open on 4-H Connect from June 16th through July 26th.
2. Be sure to have 'Shooting Sports' listed as a project on your personal profile on 4-H Connect.
3. Returning Ambassadors are required to complete an application and are guaranteed a position **IF** the application is completed within the set timeline in addition to submitting the minimum number of Service Points in the current year.
4. All other positions will be filled after the returning Ambassadors have been placed.
5. Applications will be grouped in Extension Regions (North, South, East, West, Southeast, and Central) and selection will be made per region.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service | Texas 4-H Youth Development Program

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program

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FilmFest 4-H



10th Annual FilmFest 4-H

Aug. 1-2, 2020

Online via Canvas and Zoom

FilmFest 4-H is a national film festival for youth that are filmmakers, visual artists, aspiring actors, and those that are just interested in meeting other creative people. FilmFest helps youth become producers, not just consumers, of digital media.

FilmFest 4-H takes place in a 4-H environment. Imagination, fun and curiosity are essential! Cameras, smart phones and mobile devices are strictly encouraged. Courtesy and creativity are always in style.

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-opportunities/4-h-arts-and-communication-events/4-h-filmfest>

Miscellaneous



4H FAMILIES CAN SAVE WHEN YOU STAY AT WYNDHAM AND LA QUINTA HOTELS

Use the discount code: TEXAS 4H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT to book at over 9,000 hotels across 20 iconic by Wyndham brands, now including LaQuinta by Wyndham.

You, your family, or your staff can use the corporate booking code.

Support Texas 4-H and book online now!

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/?corporate_id=1000028575



Shop Amazon Smile and support the Texas 4H County Grant Program Fund. Did you know when you shop Amazon gives?

Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to Texas 4-H!

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Check out the Lone Star Silversmith's one-of-a-kind 4-H jewelry.

<https://lonestarsilversmith.com/>



Texas 4-H is pleased to announce the new 4-H Member Benefit Program from

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The Official Retailer & Catalog of Texas 4-H



2020 MEMBER BENEFITS

- As a member (Family) you are provided a

5%

discount on Merchandise through South Texas Tack. Granted, we do have a few exclusions that apply.

- South Texas Tack will also give **5%** of each 4-H purchase back to the Texas 4-H Foundation to support programs and scholarships throughout the state.
- Be sure to look for your Texas 4-H Edition South Texas Tack Catalog in the mail this spring.

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Ranching to Retail

JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Deadline to notify agents of interest in a virtual state contest	2	3 Extension Office Closed	4
5	6	7	8 District Record Book Judging	9 District Record Book Judging	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 State 4H Horse Show	20 State 4H Horse Show	21 State 4H Horse Show	22 State 4H Horse Show	23 State 4H Horse Show	24 State 4H Horse Show	25 State 4H Horse Show
26 Deadline to apply for Shooting Sports Ambassador	27	28	29	30	31 Deadline to apply for STEM Ambassador	

Club Announcements

Clubs will not meet face to face until notified.

***If your club is not listed, contact your club managers for monthly meeting announcements. Just because your club is not listed, doesn't mean that they aren't meeting this month.**



Brad Roid

CEA – Ag & NR

Shea Nebgen

Shea Nebgen CEA-FCS

Taylor Osborn

Taylor Osborn CEA – 4H

Beth McMahon

Beth McMahon CEA - Horticulture

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating