

4-H NEWSLETTER



Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge

The Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge will be held June 20-21, 2021 in Brownwood, Texas, at the 4-H Center. See you there!



2021 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement

When: June 20-21, 2021

Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood



Registration:

Contest- 4-H Connect (<https://texas4honline.com>), Registration timeline is April 10-May 10, 2021. Registration fee is \$50 per contestant.

Lodging & Meals- Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> during the same timeframe as Contest Registration.

Rules and Resources Guide:

General information can currently be found in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

The Fishing Event will be held on the banks of Lake Brownwood. Consult Texas Parks and Wildlife information for details; <https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/brownwood/>.



Two Day Schedule:

- June 20**
12:00 Noon: Check-In
Gear Judging
Orientation
Swimming, Kayaking, Archery
- June 21**
8:00 AM: Climbing, Fishing, Shotgun
Lunch Break
After Lunch: Biologist Skills, Outdoor Skills, Outdoor Safety
Final Tabulations
Awards
Depart for Home
- Events for 2021:**
1. Gear Judging
 2. Swimming
 3. Kayaking
 4. Archery
 5. Climbing
 6. Fishing
 7. Shotgun
 8. Biologist Skills
 9. Outdoor Safety
 10. Outdoor Skills



Gillespie County Extension Office
 Facebook Page
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<http://gillespie.agrilife.org>
 Gillespie County—Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
<http://texas4-H.tamu.edu>
<http://texas4H-ctr.tamu.edu>
<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Gillespie 4-H

FEBRUARY 2021

Phone: 830-997-3452

Dairy Judging Contest
 March 11, 2021
 All Texas Dairy Show
 Taylor County Expo
 Abilene, Texas

New Location and Date

Save the Date

The All Texas Dairy Show is hosting a Dairy Judging Contest, which will serve as the District Contest for Districts 4, 8, 10, and 11, as well as the Texas 4-H National Qualifier.
 Open to any Texas 4-H Member.
More details coming soon!

Thank you to the All Texas Dairy Show for hosting our contest!



Educational program of the Texas A&M System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Extension Office of Texas Cooperating

GILLESPIE 4H DAIRY JUDGING

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Judging, Mr. Brandon Denton from the Harper area is coaching several teams. They are meeting on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00pm as well as other alternate times in the coming weeks in the Harper area. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office at 830-997-3452 for the practice location address. The District Dairy Judging contest will be March 11th, 2021 in Abilene, TX.

SPRING DISTRICT ROUNDUP CONTEST DATES

Meats Judging in San Angelo, TX

Wednesday, April 14th

Participants will register for this contest March 22nd—March 29th on [4-H Online](#).

Leaders 4 Life Skillathon in Seguin, TX

Tuesday, April 20th

Participants will register March 9th—March 22nd on [4-H Online](#)

Storyboard Contest—Virtual

Registration Deadline: March 22nd on [4-H Online](#)

Fashion Show

Friday, April 23rd in Fredericksburg, TX

Participants will register March 9th—March 22nd on [4-H Online](#)

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY .

2020-2021 ONLINE 4H ENROLLMENT

<http://texas.4honline.com>

ALL 4-H members and adult volunteers **MUST** re-enroll online in 4-H Online each year. If you do not re-enroll, then you will not be considered an active 4-H member or volunteer and you will not be able to participate in 4H events or receive excused absences for 4H-related school absences.

Texas 4-H charges an annual enrollment fee of \$30.00 per member (8 years old and in the 3rd grade – 12th grade). 4-H members in the 1st or 2nd grade will not be charged an annual enrollment fee. All adult volunteers will be charged a \$10.00 enrollment fee and will be required to take two online trainings before volunteer enrollment is complete. Adult volunteer enrollment will include a background screening if you have not had one in the previous three years.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Gillespie County 4-H program and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service supports the Texas Education Code requirements to be labelled as an official “extracurricular activity”. Please keep in mind that in all 4-H competitive events 4-H members must be eligible to compete. This applies regardless of the day or time during the week the event is held. Eligibility requirements apply to all 4-H members whether they are enrolled in public, private or home school. Eligibility is determined by the school, not the county Extension agents. Parents should address questions about a student’s eligibility to the school.

If your 4H member is participating in a 4-H related event and will miss school, we will submit an excused absence request to the school on their behalf if they are officially enrolled in 4H for the current year.

NOTE: CHANGE IN STATUS OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (3 WEEK WAITING PERIOD BEFORE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE)

Consistent with UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted a three (3) week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (i.e. from public to home, public to private, public to public, private to public, private to home, private to private, home to public, or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

NOTE: 4H MEMBERS MUST BE ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN 4H ONLINE FOR THE CURRENT 4H YEAR BEFORE WE CAN REQUEST AN EXCUSED ABSENCE

All 4-H members must be officially enrolled (in an “active” status on 4H Online) to be considered an official 4-H member. No excused absences can be requested for any youth who is not enrolled in the official 4-H enrollment system (4H Online).

Leadership



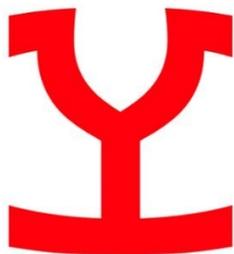
COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 19th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Extension Office –38 Business Court

Attention Club Presidents and Council Delegates! Your club has elected you to represent them at a county level. This means you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the County 4-H Council Meetings. This meeting is open to any 4-H member to attend. (It's just that Delegates and Presidents are the only ones that can vote!)



Y.A.L.L.

*Youth Agriculture
Lifetime Leadership*

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE AGRICULTURE

July 11 – 16, 2021

Application Opens
February 1st

The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth in Texas to experience agricultural production in the Texas Panhandle. This year the 2021 Y.A.L.L. Experience is excited to be headed to the Texas Panhandle! Throughout this experience they learn about the dynamics of the agricultural industry, including: horticulture, beef cattle, problem solving, marketing, finance, education, leadership, and more. Participants will learn the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective.

Crop related technology will include the role genetic modification plays in reducing production costs to producers & helps in limiting the use of pesticides. Improved technology in irrigation is critical to producers in the high plains of Texas. Participants will see firsthand how changes in irrigation have improved the efficiency of irrigation for high plains growers. The youth will also see the importance technology plays in dairy production from a feed monitoring standpoint to its role in milk production monitoring of dairy cattle. While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the primary purposes of the Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Experience is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the country. While each university may offer differing degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing educators when it



COUNTY ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: April 19th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Extension Office—38 Business Court

The Adult Leaders Association of Gillespie County is open to any adult or volunteer with interest in bettering the Gillespie County 4-H Program. Please come and check it out! All 4-H volunteers and parents are encouraged to attend.

TEXAS BRIGADES

Application Deadline: March 15, 2021

Ages: 13-17 yrs.

Cost: \$500, but see local USDA Soil, Water & Conservation District Office in Fredericksburg for help with tuition

Application Available from <https://www.texasbrigades.org/>

Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youth with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

Texas Brigades provides a combination of educational programs, including eight summer camps: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade (ducks and geese), Ranch Brigade (cattle), and Coastal Brigade (marine life). Other Texas Brigades programs include Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.) and Texas Brigades Experiences.

comes to agriculture education. Participants that attend the Panhandle program will have the opportunity to tour: Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University and Angelo State University. 4-H members that have a strong interest in production agriculture who are outgoing high school freshmen through outgoing seniors invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. The application will be made available online on February 1st and close on May 1st. The tour will depart from the Kerr County Extension office in Kerrville on July 11th and return to the Kerr County Extension office on July 16th. The cost to the participants for the 6 days is \$200. Youth will submit their \$200 with their application, if youth are not selected into the program their payment will be refunded. 4-H members that have a strong interest in production agriculture who are outgoing high school freshmen through outgoing seniors are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. Applicants will be notified of their selection in to the program by May 30th.

When: July 11 – 16, 2021

Where: Depart from Kerr County Extension Office and travel across the Texas Panhandle!

Cost: \$200

Who: Current 9th – 12th Graders

To register or for more information about the 2021 Y.A.L.L. Experience go to: <https://yall.ticketleap.com/21-yall/>

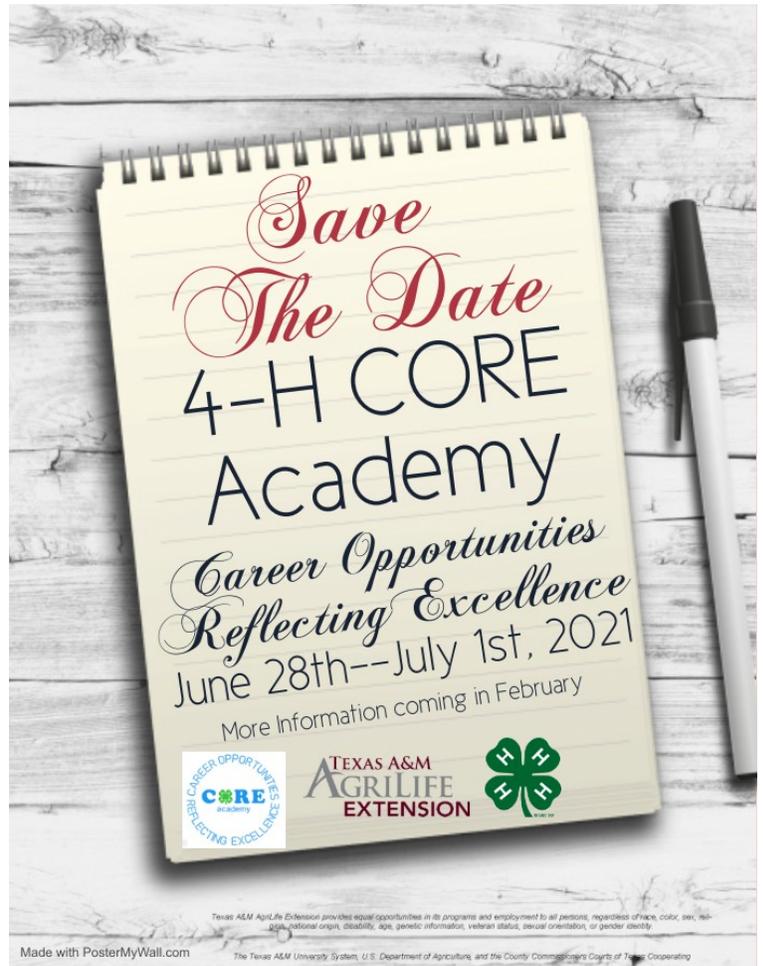
CORE Academy Opportunity

What is the 4-H CORE Academy?

The Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence Academy is a 4-day exploration program for youth to experience higher education and career choices. This program will provide youth an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas. Our goal is to provide youth a connection to meet academic personnel that will help guide their career choices; meet with industry and business professionals to expose them to a variety of career paths in the areas of Hospitality and Tourism, Business and International Relations, Law Enforcement, Foods and Nutrition, Research programs, Wildlife Photography and Corporate careers. The youth will also see the importance technology plays in the health and business industry. Many young people are unfamiliar with all the job opportunities that exist. One of the primary purposes of the CORE Academy is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier universities and businesses in South Texas. While each university may offer unique degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing instructors when it comes to education. Participants will tour Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University Kingsville, Omni Hotel Hospitality Department, The King Ranch Saddle Shop, Texas Border Patrol K-9 Unit, Corpus Christ Law Enforcement Auto Theft Department, SOARD Solutions, Southern Roots Flower Market, and HEB. Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve their leadership and interviewing skills as well as build a stronger resume.

The 2021 academy will depart from the Kerr County Extension office in Kerrville on June 28th and return to the Kerr County Extension office on July 1st. The cost to the participants for the 4 days is \$200 per participant submitted with the application. 4-H members that have a strong interest in this diverse tour who are outgoing high school freshmen through incoming seniors are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected.

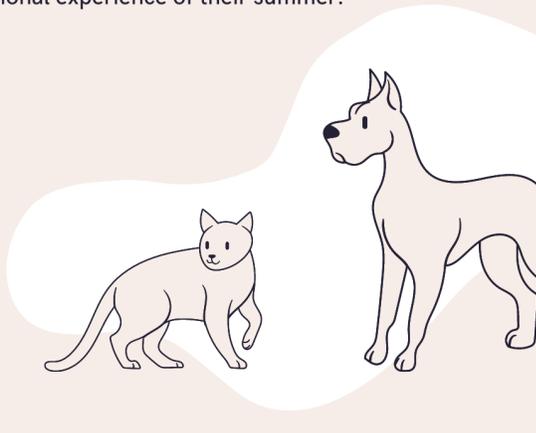
Application information will be released at a later time.



Veterinary Science

Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp

Make plans today to register your youth for the top educational experience of their summer!



Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program will be offering three 2021 Summer camps. The goal of the Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp is to provide experiential learning opportunities for students participating in the Veterinary Science Certification Program (VSCP). Students will learn and practice clinical skills on large and small animals under the supervision of a veterinarian.

This year the camps will be at Texas A&M Kingsville June 7-9, Texas A&M University June 14-16, and West Texas A&M July 12-14. The link for the camp application will be available Monday February 1st and the deadline will be no later than March 5th by 5pm. They will announce selection by March 19th.

Cost is \$400 (includes room, meals, and materials).

Age Requirements: 4-H member 12–18 years old as of September 1, 2020. For more information you can contact Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu.

Fashion & Interior Design

4H FASHION STORYBOARD RESOURCES

Another shoutout to an AWESOME agent – **JOCELIN VILLAREAL!** She has developed a fantastic set of resources for the new Texas 4-H Digital Fashion Storyboard contest. This new approach to fashion storyboards (digital boards) brings with it some great opportunities for 4-H members to explore the Fashion & Interior Design project area. It also expands their own creativity in preparing an entry for this event.

YouTube Digital Storyboard Feature Video -

<https://youtu.be/vRMRaR5lpNE>

YouTube Playlist – 3 videos with more content coming soon. Part of the “*Just Joss’n*” series.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWDvpbMWTMDD9A8Yu6Y_xWODff8Axpax

- Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard (16:15)
- How to Use the “Quick Selection Tool” on Photoshop AKA Isolate Pic/Have No Background (8:24)
- How to Clean...”Touch-Up” a Scanned Sketch/Image (Illustration & Flat) w/ Photoshop (4:07)

Wakelet © resource collection – a platform to organize all of the storyboard resources

<https://wakelet.com/i/invite?code=3c575a9>

For information on what fashion and interior design project opportunities are available in Gillespie County, please contact Shea Nebgen at s-nebgen@tamu.edu or by phone to 830-997-3452.



4H Fashion & Interior Design Opportunities

Fashion Show—Can buy or sew items (individual event), involves modeling an outfit and an interview with judges—**NOTE: You can use items you made or bought for 2020 at the 2021 show!!!** If you would like to participate in Fashion Show, please notify Shea Nebgen at 830-997-3452 or by email to s-Nebgen@tamu.edu by March 1st!

Duds To Dazzle—team event for 3-5 members who are given 1 hour to create a new project. **Practices will begin in February and will be on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Please contact the Extension Office at 830-997-3452 if you have a 4H member interested in Duds To Dazzle.**

Fashion Storyboard—individual event, tells the story of your design on with illustrations, flats, and more

Natural Fiber Contest—part of Fashion Show where members choose to buy or construct an outfit made from either cotton or wool/mohair/alpaca.

Visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/>

Shooting Sports

SHOOTING SPORTS COACH CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Who is eligible?

This training is open to any eligible potential coaches across the state.

Where is the training held?

Texas 4-H Conference Center
5600 FM 3021
Brownwood, TX 76801
**And a new online portion

When will it be?

March 13, 2021

- Events begin at 8:00am on March 13th.
- Tentatively, events end at 8pm on March 13th.

How much does it cost?

- Early bird (before Feb. 17th): \$110
- Late (February 18th- March 3rd): \$160
- An online “Green Injection” training is required before attending. This training is \$20 and the link will be sent to you when you register for this event. The event fee has been lowered to accommodate this online training fee. Taking this online portion ahead of time will allow us to keep the in-person training limited to a 1 day event.

- Lodging is available for an additional cost, available Friday and Saturday night:
 - o Hotel-style lodging: \$90/room/night
 - o Dormitory-style lodging: \$31/person/night

Registration details:

- Register via the Texas 4-H Center’s registration website: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> (**NOT 4-H Online**)
- Registration will open February 1st and close March 3rd.
- Registration includes meals and course materials

Additional details:

- Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun) is obtainable per participant at this training.
- Tentative schedule, what to bring list, and release forms can be found on the 4-H Center website and will be sent to each participant in a confirmation e-mail.
- Please Note: Even though registration will be done through the 4-H Center Registration System, **all participants still MUST have an ACTIVE Profile in 4-H Online**



Spring Project & Contest Opportunities

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

2021

District 10 4-H Food Challenge

This year (ONLY) the District 10 4-H Food Challenge will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2021 at the Kerr County Youth Event Center

As more information becomes available we will be sure to share that with the county offices and here so that everyone has the most up to date information.



We are excited to begin the food challenge project this spring and hope that you are interested in participating again. A food challenge team consists of 3-4 members and practices can begin being held. I have attached the district guidelines as well as the state guidelines. The state guidelines are primarily for senior contestants but it can be reference for general information for the contest. Listed below are the dates for the county and district competitions. .

Teams will be responsible for their own supply boxes (we do have some left over supplies, if you need to borrow something to complete your kit) Teams are also responsible for the purchase of food items for the recipes they make each week.

Schedule for Food Challenge contest

March 29th – County Food Challenge contest (we will start after school)
April 28th – District Food Challenge contest (we will dismiss them from school for the day)

If you have any questions or want additional information please contact Shea Nebgen at 830-997-3452 or by email to s-nebgen@tamu.edu.

Spring 4H Contest Opportunities

- Share The Fun
(skits, musical instruments, singing, poetry, talent acts, etc...)
- Duds To Dazzle
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Leaders 4 Life
- Livestock Judging
- Meat Judging
- Wool/Mohair Judging
- Range Judging
- Plant ID
- Soil Judging



GOT TALENT? SHOW IT OFF IN 4H

OPEN TO 3RD-12TH
GRADERS

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,
DANCERS, ACTORS, POETS,
COMEDIANS, ETC.

MUST ENROLL IN
4H...WE CAN TELL
YOU HOW TO DO
THAT

PARTICIPATE INDIVIDUALLY
OR AS A GROUP WITH UP TO
9 OTHERS. CONTEST WILL BE
IN APRIL IN
FREDERICKSBURG.

COST :\$30 TO
ENROLL IN 4H

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE GILLESPIE
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
AT 830-997-3452

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

District Photography Contest

2021 DISTRICT 4H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Regular Registration for the District Photography Contest will be held on [4H Online](#) February 1-25, 2021.

The age divisions for District 10 4-H Photography Contest are as follows:

- Juniors – 3rd Grade (and 8 years old) – 5th Grade
 - Intermediates – 6th – 8th Grade
 - Seniors – 9th- 12th Grade
- (has not surpassed their 18th birthday as of August 31, 2020)

Each 4-H member may enter up to three (3) photos. A 4-Her CAN NOT enter all three photographs in the same category; they will need to be entered in three different categories. Photos must be taken by the 4-H member between March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021.

There are specific rules regarding formatting the photography, labeling/naming the photograph, and submitting an entries.

For a listing of the rules and guidelines for the District contest visit <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Photography.

For a description of each category, visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/20-21_Photography_Rules-1.pdf

Judging Of Photos

Judging will be held between March 1 – April 12, 2021. Results will be posted on the District 10 Website by April 26th, 2021.

Recognition of Contest Results

Blue, Red or White award ribbons will be given for each photo. Judging will be done by a qualified judge and the State Photography Contest Score Sheet will be used. 'Category Winner' will also be awarded in each of the 15 categories for each age division.

An overall Champion will also be selected from each age division.



State Photography Contest

2021 State 4-H Photography Contest

Must Submit Entries Through County First—This Is A Separate Contest From The District Photography Contest—You Do Not Have To Enter The District Contest To Enter The State Photography Contest

Ages: Senior Level Members Only (9th-12th graders)

Each senior level 4H member participating may enter up to three (3) photos; they will need to be entered in three different categories

Gillespie County Entry Deadline: Friday, February 26th

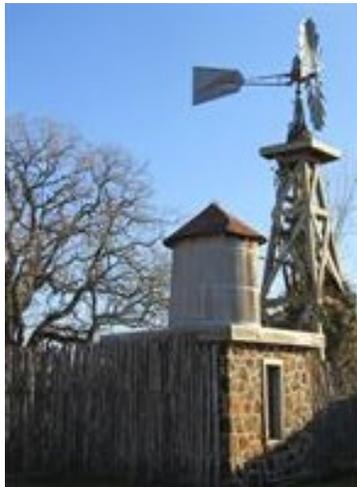
Email entries to Carly Jenkins at carly.jenkins@ag.tamu.edu by deadline (photos need to be submitted according to size and resolution required for contest)

County Level Winners will be announced prior to April 1st, 2021

Winning entries will need to be submitted on 4-H Online by Monday, April 13th, 2020

For a full description of the format, resolution and size, and category descriptions, please see <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>, look under "Contests" 2021 Rules & Guidelines

The Texas 4-H Photography Project also has a guidebook where you can learn about operating a camera, selecting a subject, composition, lighting, managing your photos, and printing and displaying your photos. This guidelines can also be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/> under "Resources" - Photography Guide Explore Book.



Livestock

GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW - WAIT FOR BUYER'S LIST

Please hold off on writing thank you notes to your buyers from the Gillespie County Youth Livestock show until the official buyer's lists have been released. There may be some additional buyers that you are not aware of. If you were asked to write a thank you note for an award that you received, please go ahead and send those!

Our office will receive the official buyer's lists for all exhibitors who showed under 4H approximately 6-8 weeks after the show, and we will let everyone know whenever we have them. You will be asked to bring in completed thank you letters to our office before you can pick up your GCYLS checks. Checks are normally ready in March or April.



For over 80 years, Rodeo Austin's mission has focused on growing the next generation of Texas kids. That mission remains the top priority of the organization today. In a season of great uncertainty, Rodeo Austin continues to keep Texas youth at the forefront of everything we do.

Since the early 1980's, the Travis County Expo Center and the Ludecke Arena have been home to Rodeo Austin and our events each March. Currently, the Ludecke Arena and other portions of the Expo Center are being utilized for the distribution of essential items in support of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of these circumstances, Rodeo Austin will only be permitted to host private youth competitions in March. This will include the Junior Livestock Show, Ag Mechanics Competition, Ultimate Scramble Championship and the Youth Auction.

We are heartbroken to cancel the ProRodeo, Carnival, Fair and BBQ Austin events scheduled for this March, but the health and safety of our community is our greatest concern. Rodeo Austin is working closely with Public Officials to determine which events can be rescheduled for alternative dates in 2021.

We believe it takes grit to grow the next generation. We are Rodeo Austin, a not-for-profit that provides real experiences and gritty fun to raise millions for Texas kids. Since 1938, we've been a mission with a rodeo that has brought heritage and entertainment to our community. Rodeo Austin is a year-round non-profit funded by a month-long real western experience held every March. Rodeo-goers get to do things they can do nowhere else including a ProRodeo, one-of-a-kind concerts, carnival and a livestock show. All while raising millions for Texas kids. Rodeo Austin looks forward to seeing you at our events in the future!

Rodeo Austin is a 501 (c)3 non-profit that raises millions for Texas kids through its annual events, with the largest being the Fair & Rodeo in March.

GCYLS ATTENDANCE RULE

For those who are planning on exhibiting animals at the 2021 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show, the attendance requirements have been waived. For the 2022 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show, please plan on attending at least half of your club meetings. If you have any concerns or further questions about attending meetings to meet GCYLS attendance requirements, please contact Taylor Osbourn at 830-997-3452.

MAJOR SHOW PASSES READY TO PICK UP

If a show is listed below, the grounds passes and parking permits that you ordered are ready to pick up. Remember, each exhibitor who entered gets at least one gate pass, so if you entered a major stock show, then you have at least one pass to pick up.

Passes ready for pick up are:

San Angelo
San Antonio

HILL COUNTRY COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW 2021

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 to Mason County Extension Office

Validation/Tagging: Saturday, April 24th, 2021 at the Gillespie Veterinary Center from 8:00am - 11:00am

Cost: \$30.00 per pen of 3 or \$10.00 per head

Expense Form and Recordbooks are due to Mason County Extension Office or your local County Extension Office on October 15th, 2021

Show date is scheduled for October 20th, 2021 at Jordan Cattle Auction

Sale will be in October 21st, 2021 at Jordan Cattle Auction

Participants commit and dedicate six months to raise three commercial female heifers. Throughout this experience they learn about the dynamics of the beef cattle industry including all aspects of animal husbandry, estrus synchronization, genetics, problem solving, recordkeeping, and marketing. At the completion of their time invested, the participants, as producers, have the opportunity to defend every decision making process throughout the raising of the females via an expense summary form and oral presentation to a prospective buyer.

For additional information or any questions, you may have, please contact Micah Walker at (903) 439-5935.

Entry form, rules, and information pertaining to raising heifers to breed can be found on our website <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Livestock / Show Animals > Hill Country Commercial Heifer Show.



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.

Houston Livestock Show Update



MEMORANDUM

To:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Livestock Show Exhibitors,
Teachers and Agents

From: Livestock Competitions Staff

Subject: 2021 Junior Show Update

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the 2021 Junior Livestock Show in March and wanted to share a few updates with you regarding the show.

Electronic W-9 Submission: New for 2021, we have implemented the electronic submission of W-9 forms for all exhibitors. Please note that if an exhibitor had a previous W9 on file, they would not have received their unique email to upload their W-9 electronically. The W-9 collection process will be on-going and will not affect the eligibility of the exhibitor to show at the 2021 Show. The submission of W-9's will be critical for all exhibitors that win premiums; therefore, after the completion of the show, we will contact all exhibitors that are missing an electronic W-9. All exhibitors without a W-9 on file will have their premium check held until one has been successfully submitted.

Show Grounds Admission: Due to limited capacity of facilities located at NRG Park, the following wristbands will be distributed per exhibitor per show:

- Exhibitor: 2 wristbands; exhibitor plus one adult
- Ag Mechanics: 4 wristbands; 3 contestants and one adult per project entry
- Teachers & Agents: 1 wristband for teacher or agent, must have a valid entry in the show you are attending.
- Note: grounds/exhibitor passes from the 2020 show will not be accepted for entry.

No wristbands will be mailed out. They will all be distributed at staging.

Show Parking: All exhibitor/contestant parking will be located on grounds at NRG Park and distributed as follows:

- Exhibitor: one parking pass per show entered
- Teachers & Agents: one parking pass, must have a valid entry in the show you are attending.

No parking passes will be mailed out. They will all be distributed at staging.

Auctions: Jr. Show Auctions have been moved to May except for Junior Commercial Steer. More information will be posted as available.

San Antonio Livestock Show Update

LET'S RODEO
SAN ANTONIO!
San Antonio
Stock Show & Rodeo
FEB. 11-28, 2021



2021 Updates and Reminders

Credential Guidelines

It is our goal to have a safe and successful Livestock Show for our exhibitors and volunteers. We are working closely with our county to insure that our guidelines and requirements do so. In order to do to that, we are reducing the total number of wristbands each exhibitor will receive. Each exhibitor will receive 3 wristbands per week they have entries. This will allow the exhibitor to bring two people with them. Ag Science Teachers and County Extension Agents will receive their own wristbands that will allow them access to grounds throughout the show. We apologize for any inconvenience this may bring but it is imperative that we do what we can to make sure we have a livestock show. As a reminder there will be no parking credentials mailed as all parking will be free. Exhibitors can park in Lot 4, Lot 6, and Lot 7. A map of the grounds will be available at a later time.

COVID Guidelines

As a safety precaution for all involved, masks will be required AT ALL TIMES while on grounds. It is imperative that we abide by guidelines that were approved for us to have our show. There will be no question that everyone must wear their mask. Temperature screenings will be at all access gates so if you think you may have a fever please stay at home. There are exhibitor substitution guidelines set in place if you are sick, so please help us make sure that everyone stays safe.

Livestock Schedule

Our schedule has changed quite a bit from previous years, so don't forget to take a look at our [2021 Livestock Show Premium List](#) to stay most up to date with schedule and rule changes.

Scholarships (more available from <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Scholarships)

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/>

Due to COVID-19, many testing sites have been closed and seniors are having difficulty getting in to take the SAT/ACT exams. This year, we will be waiving the requirement for these exams. Applicants will not be asked to provide a score.

Another change was made to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo financial aid cap. Previously, one would not be eligible for the HLSR scholarship if they accepted more than \$90,000 in financial aid and scholarships. They have increased this cap to \$110,000.

- **Application Deadline: February 15th**
- Interview Notifications: April 2021
- Interviews in College Station: Tentative for April 23rd-25th, 2021
- Awards Assembly in College Station: Tentative for June 8th-11th, 2021

Keep in mind:

You must complete your FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before submitting your scholarship application at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. This is required for Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart scholarships. Please complete this before mid-December.

If you wait, you may not have time to get the FAFSA paperwork submitted and receive the SAR report before the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application deadline. This is a required document to be attached to your application, without this you will not be able to apply.

Megan Logan, District 10 4-H Specialist, held a scholarship training on November 19th. If you were not able to attend that training, a recording has been made available to you https://youtu.be/3_RrhOeHb_4

GILLESPIE 4-H ADULT LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: Monday, February 8th, 2021

Application and guidelines can be found on our website at <https://gillespie.agrilife.org/4h/state-scholarships/>

Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country

Deadline for their application is February 9th, 2021

<https://www.communityfoundation.net/scholarships/>

They have a listing for specific scholarships available to Fredericksburg High School, Heritage High School, and Harper High School students.

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline to apply is February 22, 2021

Applications and scholarship guidelines can be found by going to this link: <https://www.rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholarships/Apply>

CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOP—2021 RURAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline: February 26th, 2021

<https://www.ctec.coop/scholarship-program>

Gillespie County EEA Scholarship

The Gillespie County EEA Scholarship will be due Monday, February 8th, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Shea at 830-997-3452 or by email to s-nebgen@tamu.edu.

<https://gillespie.agrilife.org/4h/state-scholarships/>

District EEA Scholarship

Deadline: Monday, February 8th, 2021 to Shea at Extension Office Application, 4-H Recordbook from previous year, official high school transcript, ACT or SAT scores, and two letters of recommendation are required.

<https://gillespie.agrilife.org/4h/state-scholarships/>

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline: February 1st, 2021

The State Fair of Texas is accepting online applications for its Youth Livestock Scholarships. Each year, the Fair awards multiple \$6,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors around the state who have participated in competitive youth livestock events held at the State Fair. Recipients must attend an accredited college or university within the state of Texas and preference is given to those who pursue a degree in an agricultural-related field.

<http://bigtex.com/scholarship>

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Department of Soil and Crop Sciences Scholarships

Freshmen are eligible for up to \$4,000 per year of departmental scholarships for four years - up to a total of \$16,000.

Transfers are eligible for up to \$4,000 per year of departmental scholarships for two years - up to a total of \$8,000.

Scholarship application and requirements at: soilcrop.tamu.edu



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Miscellaneous

4H Youth in Action Awards

The 4H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni

Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

Open to youth age 15-19. Apply now through March 29, 2021.

https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/?utm_campaign=YIA2021&utm_source=newsandnotes&utm_medium=&utm_content=20200105&utm_term=&utm_variation=&cldee=Y2FsbGllLmhlbmx5QGFnLnRhbXUuZWZWR1&recipientid=contact-c83d99a908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-2d6a6cd4e5e84b83834b8d6c11b70d3e&esid=833c6cf9-b54e-eb11-90fc-00155dcb394c



GILLESPIE 4H PULLOVERS ARE HERE!

Both youth and adult sizes are available

Cost: \$34.00 each (same price for youth and adult sizes)

Youth sizes have a hood

Cash and check payments can be accepted

Sizes available are:

YXS, YS, YM, YL, & YXL

AS, AM, AL, & AXL

Come by the Extension Office to purchase your pullovers. We do have sample sizes available for you to try on to get the right size.

2021 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

April 10-15th, 2021

Virtual Conference

\$350 per YOUTH (No charge for adults)

The Conference will consist of all the primary elements that are normally part of the experience!

Speakers, workshops, youth voice opportunities, topic briefing development and presentation, interaction with Capitol Hill and USDA officials and fun mixers and recreation!

All in a virtual platform that employs the best practices that we have learned thus far about working in this space (No, your delegates will not be on ZOOM all day every day for six days!)

PLEASE REGISTER THE SAME NUMBER OF ADULTS TO "ACCOMPANY" YOUR DELEGATIONS AS YOU NORMALLY DO AS CHAPERONES WILL BE NEEDED DURING THE PRE-MEETING DISCUSSIONS AND DURING THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ROUNDTABLES.



TEXAS 4-H CAMP STAFF



APPLY TODAY!



- Current college students
- Available from mid-May to mid-August
- Ready for a summer of fun!

Contact Cari for more information.
cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu



FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 County / EEA Scholarships Deadline	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Texas 4H Founda- tion Scholarship Deadline / Extension Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 District Photography Deadline	26 State Photography Deadline	27
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Club Announcements

Cave Creek—will not meet in February

Willow Creek—will meet for regular club meeting at the Extension Office on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm

Wrede—will meet for regular club meeting on Monday, February 8th at 6:00pm at the new Extension Office

***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.**



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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.

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