Guadalupe County 4-H Gazette

Your Source for Everything 4-H in and Around Guadalupe County

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One Day 4-H and Club Manager/ Officer Training

One Day 4-H for Guadalupe county will look a little different this year! The Date is October 10, but you can start collecting now!! Typically, we like to do a major face to face project with all the 4-H clubs in the county HOWEVER, COVID-19 had other plans!

This year, each club will collect food in a food drive! Instead of the clubs bring the food to the extension office, each club can choose who they donate the food to. It could be the food bank in Seguin, or a food pantry in another town or at a church. All we ask is that you let us know the lbs of food donated and the donation location by October 10!

National 4-H week is coming October 4-10 and this will be the first time in many years that the county fair is not available for our 4-H booth. I would ask that each of you wear a 4-H shirt or mask during National 4-H week and become your own 4-H Ambassador!

Many of our 4-H clubs are finally able to meet and elect their officers. That means we need to have both a club manager AND a club officer training! They will be held on Microsoft Teams this year online. ***County club manager training will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 6pm on Teams. The link will be sent to the club managers.***

Club Officer training will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 6pm on Teams. The link will be sent directly to the club officers.

As a club manager or officer, you will be expected to attend these trainings and get the most up to date information on 4-H in Guadalupe County.

I am glad we are finally getting back to meeting, planning and doing things in and around Guadalupe County! Good luck to those attending the State Fair of Texas! Y'all stay safe and take care! Continue making Guadalupe County the best county in the state of Texas!

Matt Miranda
Co. 4-H Agent

Guadalupe County 4-H Poinsettia Fundraiser October 1-30

The fall is here, which means its fundraiser time again! We are selling Poinsettias from Green Gate Nursery in Seguin. These poinsettias have become popular over the past nine years and people really look forward to when 4-H sells them each fall.

We will be selling regular red poinsettias, hanging baskets and bushes, as well as white and pink varieties as well! This year, we will also have the popular fire and ice Variety back, these are the red and white striped ones!

We will only be selling the plants until 1 November and they will be delivered December to the extension office, so lets sell as many as we can in the short amount of time!

Last year, we made over $1,000 for the council to spend on 4-H Fee Scholarships, new projects and more! Lets exceed that this year and make it the best fundraiser we have ever conducted!

Forms found in back on newsletter

Virtual Ag Product ID Contest Coming up in October!

Join Texas 4-H during National 4-H Week on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams to learn more about Ag Product Identification. The Agricultural Product Identification contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating ag products grown in Texas. Pre-registration is required via

https://tinyurl.com/yxe9mlnn

Then be sure and get registered on 4HOnline between October 1 – 28, 2020 for the Virtual Ag Product Identification Contest. This contest will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. Two contest times are available, 4:00 or 6:00 pm. Divisions will include Junior (3rd-8th), Senior (9th-12th) and an Adult Challenge!!! Team information is not required at time of registration but will be needed by November 6th . Adults will only judge as individuals.

The contest will be conducted using an e-scantron. Here's a demo/practice link for the Ag Product ID sheet:

https://www.judgingcard.com/go/default.html?E=82333&A=89148

We recommend that contestants have the ability to watch the contest classes via one device and complete the scantron on another device or they may have a split screen on their laptop that allows them access to both simultaneously.

4-H Yearbook (Information Manual) and Livestock Guide Now Available

Each year since 1955, the County Extension Office puts out the annual Guadalupe County 4-H Yearbook. The Yearbook is the manual for 4-H in Guadalupe County. It contains common 4-H terms, livestock information, the calendar, awards information, past awards winners and more. Additionally, it contains the contact information and officers for every club in Guadalupe County.

For the past four years, we have also offered the Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Handbook. The handbook offers information on feeding and maintenance of livestock, housing, breeders and validation dates. This is especially helpful if you are starting on raising a livestock project for the first time.

Both of these handbooks will be available on the Guadalupe County 4-H website at Guadalupe.agrilife.org/4h under the publications tab.

A limited number will be printed and available for pick up at the county extension office. While we do print yearbooks for whoever needs them, we won't print one for every 4-Her for the club manager to pick up! SO, if you need a printed copy, stop by the county office to pick up your copy !

Guadalupe County 4-H and Social Media/ Technology

Nearly everyone today has some kind of social media! With smart phones everywhere, event times, photos, videos and more are at our finger tips! For Guadalupe County 4-H, we have types of Social media!

First off, there is our Facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/GuadalupeCounty4H. It contains the most up to date info on meetings, events and upcoming contests, as well as many photos!

We also have a county 4-H INSTAGRAM app for smartphones and a TIKTOK. When you search for names in both, look for GUADCO4H! The 4-H Council, Ambassadors and 4-H Agent post photos of events as they happen!

Finally, we have the Guadalupe County 4-H YouTube Page which I will post trainings and meetings on so if you missed out on a training, we will post it to

County Educational Presentation and Public Speaking Oct. 29

Mark your calendars for **October 29, 2020 at 6:00pm.** This will only be for educational presentations & public speaking speeches.. Share the Fun will take place in the spring. **WE WILL BE DOING THIS CONTEST VIRTUALLY. This is because the district contest will be virtual so I want you to get comfortable with it!**

All educational presentations can use props and should be no more than 12 minutes...they are similar to the old method demonstrations! Public speaking contest speeches are five to eight minutes and should no props...they are more of a platform or argumentative speech where you take a position on something! RSVP with Your NAME, PRESENTATION TITLE AND CATEGORY by Friday, October 23.

Educational Pres. Categories

Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as: Biotechnology, Biogenetics, Bioengineering, Mechanical engineering, Farm safety

Use of technology, research, laser, satellites or advancements made in agricultural practices through the use of technology, computer systems, or cutting-edge ideas.

Animal Science Any current or future subject that addresses any aspects of the dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, or specialty animal industries such as embryo transfer and invitro-fertilization. Beef related presentations should fall under the beef category.

Beef Any current or future subject that addresses topics related to the beef industry such as: Reproductive technologies, Nutrition, Health, Breeding, Behavior, Beef carcasses and end-products, Cattle marketing, etc..

Health & Wellness: Presentations should focus on healthy lifestyles, prevention and wellness, not illness/ treatment. It is suggested that project experiences in this area include topics aimed at youth health, wellness and prevention. Suggested presentation topics include physical activity, Tobacco & Alcohol prevention, Sun safety Preventing the spread of the cold and flu. Sleep, Reducing stress

Horse Presentation is to cover the theory and/or practical skills learned in the 4-H horse project and should be appropriate for presentation at a 4-H club meeting. After hearing the presentation, the audience should be able to put information into practice to improve their production, management, training, or horse use knowledge and/ or skills.

Open (General) Youth will relate to skills learned in a project in which the 4-H member has been involved. Make sure your presentation is not better suited for another category.

Open Ag & Natural Resources: Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Before entering this category, make sure the presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

Topics may include: Agronomy/crop production, Farm and ranch economics Horticulture, Meat science, Shooting sports related fields, etc

Open Family Community Health Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Before entering this category, make sure the presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

Topics may include: Consumer life skills Financial management, Fashion & clothing, Interior Design, Food and nutrition Housing and home environment, etc.

*Health related topics, which could include such things as increasing physical activity, tobacco and alcohol prevention, sun safety, preventing spread of colds and flu, sleep, and reducing stress, should compete under health & wellness educational presentation.

Promote 4-H: The purpose of this contest is to encourage 4-H members to develop promotion and marketing skills as they market and interpret 4-H through various types of media and presentations. The 4-H promotion should convey a contemporary image of 4-H in a changing society.

Entering this category make sure your presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

Safety & Injury Prevention Topics may include accident prevention when operating motor vehicles, boats, home, yard machinery. Also included are safety topics on handling chemicals, animals and prevention of accidents relative to falls, fire, electricity, hunting and natural disasters.

Suggested presentation topics include Drinking and driving, Distracted driving, Personal safety, ATV safety Natural disasters (flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, etc.)

Safety as it relates to agriculture would fall under the Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety category.

Switch to 4-H Online and Enrollment for 2020-2021

The following is a quick reference guide to get you and your family enrolled on 4-H Connect for the 2020-2021 4-H Year! Mozilla Firefox is the preferred browser to use, as it was designed in that system. However, we have a NEW system this year and it should be more compatible with smart phones.

1. Access the 4-H CONNECT on-line system at: https://texas.4honline.com/

2. ***New Members:*** Create family profile by selecting the "**Don't have an account" button**
   Returning Members: Use your e-mail and password and access your established profile. If you have forgotten your e-mail and/or password contact your county Extension Office for assistance. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!!!!!**

3. ***New Members***: Create your family profile first. Include your email that you use most often, the family last name, cell phone and your password. These are all Required fields. You MUST have an email address. Once page is set up, add a youth and/or adult profiles under your family profile. As you enter information please make sure that all information is correct.

   Returning Members: In the family profile, click view next to each member profile name. Be sure to click the green edit button and ensure that the individual's email, birthday and number are correct. Manually type in the birthday in numerical form, do not use the interface it does not work correctly. For Volunteers, please choose activity leader or project leader, do not choose program leaders. Click on the "Edit" button beside profile name. Review and update all information pertaining to this profile. DO NOT JUST CLICK AND MOVE ON - CHECK IT ALL!!!! BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT FOR BOTH THE 4-HERS AND ADULT LEADERS. Incorrect information can jeopardize your ability to register for an event, receive school excused absences, not receive communications.

4. Once all profile information is current and correct under the *Personal Information, Additional Information, Participation Areas, Medical Waiver and Consequences of Misbehavior* parts of enrollment, continue to the ***Invoice page.***

5. Review your invoice to ensure that the participation fee has been charged and it is correct. **It should be $25.00 before November 1.** Once information has been reviewed, click **continue** to the Payment screen. (Note, on November 1, the cost will be $30.00)

6. ***All members, both new and returning will need to add their credit card/debit card back into the system. This information was not saved when the system updated.***

7. Confirm your participation fee by clicking the "Confirm Order." Your pending enrollment will then be sent to the county office for review and acceptance. The County Agent will approve the profiles.

8. When the county Extension Office receives your enrollment notice they will review all information and approve your membership. If payment was made by credit/debit card, the payment will be processed and if accepted your enrollment status will become ACTIVE. If participation fee is by club/county check, the County Extension Office will need to create an invoice, secure a check, and mail both invoice and check to the Texas 4-H Office. Once invoice and check has been received it will be processed and credited against the 4-H members' profile. Once credited, the membership status will become ACTIVE.

ALL ADULT LEADERS WILL NEED TO FILL OUT THE TWO REQUIRED YOUTH SAFETY TRAININGS ON 4-H CONNECT UNDER THEIR PERSONAL PROFILE

If you have any questions, please let me know. It is a new system and there are some quirks about it, but our hope is this will be much easier to use in the long run than the old 4-H Connect System.
WELCOME TO 4-H ONLINE!

2020 Foods and Nutrition 4-H Project Info

Foods and Nutrition County Website:
https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/?page_id=104

For updated information on contest rules and guidelines, please email Charla Bading at c-bading@tamu.edu or call her at 830-303-3889.

COUNTY 4-H FOODS COALITION

September 14th at 6 pm at the Extension office. ** This group will elect foods officers and discuss the foods and nutrition project FOR 2020-2021. Social distancing and masks are REQUIRED!

Contest Dates

Guadalupe County 4-H Food Show/FCH Quiz Bowl – Sunday, November 1st
(Due: Food Show paperwork for Food Show and team name, age and coach(s) for FCH Quiz Bowl by October 23th)
District Food Show – Wednesday, December 2nd, Kerrville
District FCH Quiz Bowl – Thursday, December 3rd, Kerrville
Guadalupe County 4-H Food Challenge – March 27th (PM)
(Due: Team name, age and coaches by March 15th)
District Food Challenge – Wednesday, April 28th, Kerrville
Guadalupe County Fashion Show/Duds to Dazzle – March 27th (AM)
(Due: Team name, age and coaches by March 15th)
District Fashion Show/Duds to Dazzle – April 23rd, Fredericksburg

FOOD CHALLENGE:

A few minor changes have been made to the 2020-21 Texas 4-H Food Challenge Guidelines. Get updated guidelines by email or calling Charla Bading, FCH Agent.

CATEGORIES: There will be four food categories in each age division. The new categories for this year are: *Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, and Healthy Dessert*.

Guadalupe County fee schedule:
Kits will be checked out on a first come, first serve bases.

$100 – check out a food challenge kit. $40 will be used for restocking the kits with disposable items and $20 to pay the $5 a kid entry fee for the county contest. Fee will not differ if you have 3 or 4 kids

on the team. The majority of the kits came back without gloves, paper towels, wet wipes, trash bags, etc. so I am still needing to stock the kits so we are doing this differently this year. If the kit comes back with all of the cookware, bowls, knives, etc. in it, we will refund you $40.
After the kit is checked out, we will **not** be providing extra gloves, paper towels, trash bags, storage bags, disposable tasting spoons, sanitizing wipes, Band-Aids, hand sanitizer, etc. You will need to provide those for your team.
** Several have asked about sanitizing wipes – this year we are being allowed to have wipes (if you can find them) or a spray cleaning solution.

FOOD SHOW:

2020-2021 THEME: Grocery Store Games. This year's 4-H Food Show theme is GROCERY GAMES...Let your local food sources guide your healthy recipe selection with only $10 to spend! Texas is a diverse state, in more ways than one! Some of us live in a metroplex with access to major supermarkets and aisles upon aisles of options. Others live in small towns supplied by a convenience store or a larger store if we are willing to travel. A few of us find fresh food in our own backyard garden. The rest of us are somewhere in between! This year, we want you to be creative by using YOUR local food sources to create a dish on a budget. This year's Food Show will be especially unique as 4-H'ers bring foods created from the supermarket, the small-town convenience stores, the dollar stores, and even the garden! What are you bringing to the table?

CATEGORIES: Food show categories have been revised to include the following:

• **Appetizer** – Traditionally an appetizer is a small dish or food that is eaten prior to the main course. When selecting recipes for this category, contestants should consider foods that are lower in fat, sodium, and calories so as to not ruin one's appetite.
• **Main Dish** –The main dish is usually the heaviest, heartiest, and most substantial dish in a meal. In a meal consisting of several courses, the main dish is served during the main course and is the featured dish of the meal. The key ingredient is usually meat or another protein food, but they may contain other foods.
• **Side Dishes** – Side dishes are foods that are usually served along with a main dish or as accompaniments to the main course. Suggested dishes may include salads, cooked vegetables, cooked fruit, pasta or rice dishes, and/or combination vegetable dishes.
• **Healthy Desserts** – Healthy can still mean delicious when it comes to desserts. Dishes in this category should be served at the end of the meal or for special occasions. Contestants should modify traditional recipes with healthy substitutions and consider MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines when selecting recipes for this category.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH (FCH) QUIZ BOWL:

(formally known as Nutrition Quiz Bowl)

A "Quiz Bowl" is a quiz game that tests teams of 4 on their knowledge of **basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and health**. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn points for correct answers. Teams advance in a tournament-system bracket to win the competition.

County-Wide 4-H Projects

These are the projects that are offered on the county level currently, a new project can be added at ANY time! If you would like to get involved with one of these projects or start a new one, contact Matt Miranda at 830-303-3889 or mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

Natural Resources (Outdoor Challenge) (PARTIALLY OPEN TO CLOVER KIDS)
This project focuses on developing outdoor skills in various areas including camping, archery, wildlife ID, Shooting Sports and much more! **This project will meet at Outdoor Learning Center on the 4th Sunday afternoon from 2-5pm! The date is October 25! We will be doing Archery, Fishing and Possibly Canoeing.**

Horse Project
The Horse Project will be in for its 2nd year in 2020-2021. We are just getting started right now and are looking for more participants. This includes horse riding (western, possibly English too), speed events, horse judging, horse quiz bowl and care/maintenance of horses. Contact the County Extension office for more information. Next meeting is at Sheriffs Posse Arena, 2215 FM 466, Seguin, TX 78155. Meeting is October 12 at 6pm.

Robotics & STEM
The Robotics Project has grown and we are looking to expand and prepare for contests and more! **We will meet the 1st Saturday of each month from 9-11am**. If you would like to participate in the project, please contact the robotics club at guadalupe4Hrobots@gmail.com

Shooting Sports (Archery, Rifle, Pistol & Muzzle Loading)
If you would like to get involved in the Shooting Sports Project (Rifle, Pistol, and Archery) please contact the 4-H Shooting Sports Club. They are willing to coach the kids and teach them the proper way to handle and discharge a firearm! Guadalupe County will even be hosting a coaches training again this year. For more information about rules and requirements of coaches and information about coach training, please see the "Coach & Assistant Coach Training and Certification Information" document on the Shooting Sports website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports . **They meet the 3rd Sunday of the month, 2pm at the Bexar Shooting Range**

Shotgun Project
The shotgun project is the 4-H Shotgun Sports club in Guadalupe County. Guadalupe County will even be hosting a coaches training again this year. For more information about rules and requirements of coaches and information about coach training, please see the "Coach & Assistant Coach Training and Certification Information" document on the Shooting Sports website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports . **They meet the 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm at the Bexar Shooting Range**

Dog Project (OPEN TO CLOVER KIDS)
Come learn how to show your dog in all areas of dog training. We have a goal of participating in the 4-H State Dog Show in July 2020. When: Every Tuesday thru July. Time: 6 – 8pm come and go training time. You do not have to be there the entire time. Where: Coach Karen and Anneka Dahle. 9120 E. FM 1518 N. Schertz, Texas

Livestock Projects

If you are interested in these livestock projects, join the Livestock Coalition or call Jeff or Travis at the county Extension Office at 830-303-3889.

Food and Nutrition (OPEN TO CLOVER KIDS)

This project teaches kids to cook, eat healthy, proper nutrition and much more! The Food Show, Food Challenge (Like Iron Chef), and FCH Bowl are all coming up this fall! We have some great 4-Hers and volunteers that help with this project, as well as our County FCS Agent, Dr. Charla Bading! If you would like more information, contact Charla at 830-303-3889

Photography (OPEN TO CLOVER KIDS)

We would like to do at least a few photography workshops and tours this year! If you have ideas for a trip, contact Matt Miranda and we will set it up! Workshops ideas include focus, mounting of photos, subject matter and more.

Livestock Judging Project

Livestock Judging Practices fill be held on the following dates at Chuck Real's house located at 15492 Real Rock Rd, Marion, TX 78124. If you have questions please call Chuck at 210-827-7351.

- Next Practice will take place during the second half of October. Stay Tuned to Facebook for the date.

Beekeeping Project

Date will be posted on Facebook
Leader - Mark deKiewiet
Topic - Preparing Bees for Winter
Please confirm attendance
Remember to wear shoes, a hat and a mask

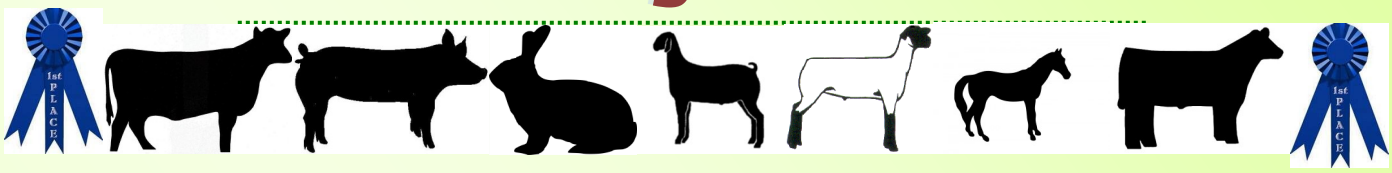
Vet Science

Vet science is BACK as a 4-H Project in Guadalupe County. You need to be about 11-12 years old to get involved because of the level of the subject matter. Our first meeting for the year will be October 14 at 6:30 pm at the county extension office. You must wear a mask! The meeting will also be live streamed as well!

Wildlife

Dennis and Cassie Krueger will be our coaches again for the Wildlife Contest in 4-H! They will meet at 5pm on the 4th Sunday of every month or following outdoor challenge practice! For more information, contact the county extension office!

4-H Ag Projects & Info



Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team Applications Available

The application for the Texas Team which will (hopefully) compete in Grand Island Nebraska in June of 2021 is now open on 4-H Connect. The Complete Texas Team consists of 9 discipline teams: Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Hunting Skills, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Air Pistol and Air Rifle.
DEADLINE for submission of an application is October 25th, 2020.
Basic information about the Team and its qualifications can be found on our webpage at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/ Once on the webpage, scroll to "Resources" then click on information.

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County Sheep and Goat Validation

You will need to contact the office and schedule a time during the validation to come get your animals validated. This will work much the same way as steer validation did this past summer. Validation will take place at the swine barn at the county fair grounds from 1pm– 6pm. The following dates will have times available.

- Monday, October 19
- Tuesday, October 27

Contact Jeff Hanselka for more information.

County Heifer Validation

Will take place Thursday, October 29 from 1-4pm at the County Extension Office.

COUNTY STOCK SHOW ENTRY NIGHT

Will be held Wednesday, November 12 until 6:30pm at the county extension office. Do not wait until the last minute to register for the youth show and major shows! Forms should be out by the beginning of October!

Quality Counts

Quality Counts has a new look, a new site, and a new exam! This is the same version as last year. The new curriculum has been designed to better equip our youth livestock exhibitors with the most relevant and timely information related to the livestock project area. Focused on quality assurance and character education, Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. **There is a *very* important one-pager *attached* with detailed instructions of how students should enroll/login to the course. Please share this with any information you send to exhibitors!**

Here are a couple of new components of the program to be aware of:

- Exhibitors will first be required to engage in the full learning content before being presented with the verification exam.
- Please be aware of this in advance as this could take around two hours for most students to complete the full content and test.
- Exhibitors will be able to start and revisit the curriculum as many times as needed.
- Exhibitors will have to complete the test once it is started.
- Exhibitors must achieve 80% or great to pass the exam, but can take it as many times as needed.
- Exhibitors will be exposed and tested on the content potentially three times in their livestock showing career: junior (grade 3-5), intermediate (grade 6-8), and senior (grade 9-12).
- **Exhibitors will access the course and exam at a new web site: https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx**
- This will be connected to the current Texas Livestock Validation Website for ease-of-access to information for supervising County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers.
- Verification on the new system will be required for entries into Spring major livestock shows.

Verification on the old system is acceptable for State Fair of Texas and Heart 'O Texas Fair entries.** However, exhibitors may use their new number for these shows if they get verified before entry.

Integration of the new program is complete, so please start promoting this program to youth livestock exhibitors in your club! **It is extremely important to provide the *attached* one page document titled **QC Enrollment** to exhibitors and their families with the link!...SEE NEXT PAGE... Students can access the course here: https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx. The website is very user-friendly, but I have *attached* a screen shot to accompany the one-pager to help exhibitors get started. While there are sure to be unexpected challenges in the implementation of any new program, we are confident that we have a viable product for release at this time. We welcome any feedback, and are ready to answer questions as they arise in respect to navigating the new course.

IMPORTANT: One thing to be aware of is that login to the curriculum site requires unique email addresses for each user. This is explained further in the *attachment*. We realize there will be cases of families with multiple youth and limited email addresses. If the family cannot use a parent email, create one, or use a student email address, we will assist on a case-by-case basis.

COVID-19 and 4-H Meetings

Guidelines for Conducting Adult and 4-H Meetings, Programs and Events - Guadalupe County 4-H

Updated: 2 September, 2020 and in effect until further notice

**** Variations will exist between counties and what is allowed based on local requirements/mandates, do not compare you club/county activities to those in neighboring counties**

Best Practices for Adult and 4-H Club Meetings, Programs, Banquets and Events:

- **Group meetings may be at a 50% capacity of space or fewer people only if social distancing can be practiced, WITH a limited capacity of 50 people.**
- **For meetings/activities greater than 50 people, a preparedness plan must be submitted for approval by the County Extension Agents**
- **However, it is recommended that you submit a preparedness plan for all events as we navigate doing some programs in person.**
- **For 4-H Clubs specifically having each club complete a preparedness plan will help to ensure that they are following our practices.**
- ***If the local health authority or county commissioner's court implements a mandate of fewer people, then that policy must be followed.***
- **Pre-order supplies and materials, including tissues and hand sanitizer, masks, etc.**
- **Encourage participants to bring their own masks/face coverings**
- **Masks/ Face Coverings MUST be worn by all individuals, per the Governors order (GA-29).**
- **Tables and chairs should be sanitized before and after meeting and at breaks.**
- **Frequently clean high-touch areas, including door handles, surfaces, handrails, etc. within the confinement of the physical space of the program.**
- **Check with facilities and venues on requirements for cleaning/sanitizing facilities after and during use**
- **Actively monitor where COVID-19 is circulating. Advise participants in advance that if they have any symptoms or feel unwell, they should not attend.**
- **Send anyone who appears sick away, whether employee or client.**
- **The COVID 19 Screening Form (obtain from your agent/4-H Specialist) can be used for the purpose of screening ALL participants (youth, adults/volunteers, little siblings)**
- **Club Managers/Event Coordinators should retain hard copies of this document**
- **Virtual Meetings and Events are encouraged alternatives**
- **When utilizing online platforms, be sure to follow guidelines established by Texas 4-H at the link below:**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V5GcZWEoWa29b9050v2utCPFj2A3SHtG/view

- **This is a "live" link, which means it can be updated at anytime based on new guidance from administration.**
- **Remember, if this can be done virtually, we would encourage you to consider conducting it that way.**

Meals/ Refreshments/Snacks Provided at Meetings/Events:

- **Pre-packaged foods or boxed lunches, no taste testing or food sampling at programs**
- **Serve meals with disposable utensils, napkins, cups, and plates.**
- **Clean and disinfect tables, chairs, etc. after use.**

**** All Extension office operations and employees must be compliant with all state, county and local public health proclamations and ordinances**

Face to Face Program Preparedness Plan

Organizers of meetings and events need to think about the potential risk from COVID-19 because:

- **There is a risk that people attending your meeting or event might unwittingly bring the COVID-19 virus to the meeting and others being unknowingly exposed to COVID-19.**
- **While COVID-19 is a mild disease for most people, it can make some very ill. Around 1 in every 5 people who are sickened with COVID-19 need hospital treatment.**

Key considerations to prevent or reduce COVID-19 risks BEFORE the meeting or event include:

- **Contact the appropriate (or designated) authorities in the community where you plan to hold the event or meeting to ensure it is safe or appropriate to do so.**
- **Develop and agree upon a preparedness plan to prevent infection at your meeting or event.**
- **Consider whether a face-to-face meeting or event is needed. Could it be replaced by a teleconference, online or virtual event?**
- **Could the meeting or event be scaled down or offered in multiple sessions to fewer people?**
- **Pre-order supplies and materials, including tissues and hand sanitizer for all participants. Have surgical masks available to offer anyone who develops respiratory symptoms. In general, educational program participants should provide their own PPE.**
- **Actively monitor where COVID-19 is circulating. Advise participants in advance that if they have any symptoms or feel unwell, they should not attend.**
- **Make sure all organizers, participants, caterer's and visitors at the event provide contact details: mobile telephone number, email and address where they are staying. State clearly that their details will be shared with local public health authorities if any participant becomes ill with a suspected infectious disease. If they will not agree to this, they cannot attend the event or meeting.**

Key considerations to prevent or reduce COVID-19 risks DURING the meeting or event include:

- **Provide information or a briefing, preferably both orally and in writing, on COVID-19 and the measures that organizers are taking to make this event safe for participants in program announcements.**
- **Remind participants as they enter to utilize ways to greet others without touching.**
- **Encourage regular handwashing or use of an alcohol rub by all participants at the meeting or event.**
- **Encourage participants to cover their face with the bend of their elbow or a tissue if they cough or sneeze. Supply tissues and closed bins to dispose of them in.**
- **Display dispensers of alcohol-based hand rub prominently around the venue.**
- **If there is space, arrange seats so that participants are at least six feet apart.**
- **Open windows and doors whenever possible to make sure the venue is well ventilated.**
- **If anyone starts to feel unwell, follow your preparedness plan.**
- **Depending on the situation in your area, or recent travel of the participant, place the person in the isolation room. Offer the person a mask so they can get home safely, if appropriate, or to a designated assessment facility.**
- **Thank all participants for their cooperation with the provisions in place.**

Key considerations to prevent or reduce COVID-19 risks AFTER the meeting or event include:

- **In keeping with existing policy, retain the names and contact details of all participants through documented sign in sheets.**
- **If someone at the meeting or event was isolated as a suspected COVID-19 case, the organizer should let all participants know this. They should be advised to monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and take their temperature twice a day.**
- **If they develop even a mild cough or low-grade fever they should stay at home and self-isolate. This means avoiding close contact (6-FEET or nearer) with other people, including family members. They should also telephone their healthcare provider or the local public health department, giving them details of their recent travel and symptoms.**
- **Thank all the participants for their cooperation with the provisions.**

Seller Name_____ Club_____

Poinsettia Fundraiser List for Guadalupe County 4-H

Delivery date to County Extension office is November 30, 2020 at 2pm

Name of buyer & Phone Number	4in pot red or assorted, 3-5 blooms: $7.00	6in pot red, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover: $12.00	6in pot white, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover: $12.00	6in pot enduring pink, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover: $12.00	6in pot Fire and Ice (red and whites striped), 5+ blossoms, with foil pot cover: $15.00	8 in red bush, 12+ blooms: $25.00	10in Pot Hanging Basket, red blooms $30.00	Total

Please collect the name and a contact for each buyer. In each box, please put the number of plants being purchased, not tally marks. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TURNED IN BY October 31, 2020

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO <u>GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H</u>

4in pot red or assorted, 3-5 blooms:	**6in red, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover**	**6in white, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover:**	**6in pot enduring pink, 5+ blooms with foil pot cover:**	**10in Pot Hanging Basket, red blooms**	**8in red bush, 12+ blooms, approx.:**
These small poinsettias may come in any color. Only about 8-10 inches tall. Good for table tops.	*The Standard Poinsettia, Approximately 1 foot tall, with 5+ Blooms*	*The Standard Poinsettia in White, may look slightly yellow or green. Approximately 1 foot tall, with 5+ Blooms*	*The Standard Poinsettia in pink, Approximately 1 foot tall, with 5+ Blooms*	*Large Hanging Basket with 12+ blooms, about 2.5 feet tall and 2 feet wide*	*Large Bush, around 3 feet tall, great for doorways and driveways, 10 inch pot with 20+ blooms!*

Red and White Poinsettia , 6in, 5+blooms with foil pot cover, aprox 1ft tall

QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

1. Go to: https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx
2. Register with your information
    a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
    b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
        i. On Android devices, you will need type the hyphens and dashes.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu to keep for your records.
    a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum
6. You will be directed to the curriculum website. If you have an existing login from another course on this website (ie. Leading the Legacy Course, Master Gardeners, etc.), feel free to log in with your existing login credentials! If using an existing login, please login and skip to Step 11.
    a. There is a "Forgot Password" option if needed.
7. If you do not have an existing login, click Create New Account under "Is this your first time here?" on the right side of the screen.
    a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
    b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
8. Create username and password and complete login details.
    a. You will have to use unique email addresses for each account. This means that siblings registering for the course will need separate email addresses (personal, parents', and school email are acceptable).
9. Click Create My New Account
10. You will receive an email from noreply@agrilife.remote-learner.net. You will need to verify your email address by clicking the link in the email. This will open a new webpage.
11. Select QUALITY COUNTS CURRICULUM from the menu under 4-H Youth Development
12. Click Quality Counts
13. Click Enroll Me
14. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
15. Click the course link that follows.
16. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
17. You may leave and come back to the course as needed using the Return Link (Step 4a).
18. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
19. You must complete the exam once you start it, but can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
20. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DOTTIE GOEBEL AT
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What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that provides kids with the life skills they need to become a responsible, productive, community minded citizen. This is done through 4-H Project Work, a collection of educational experiences that give the child a chance to learn, grow, think and do.

In Support of the 4-H Club Motto, "To Make the Best Better," 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 County and my world.

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.