



Rifle Practices

Tuesday's and Thursdays
6 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
County Show Barns
A parent MUST attend rifle practices with 4-H members.
Safety meetings will be conducted as needed with those who missed the first meeting.
Bring \$2.00 to help cover the cost of the ammunition.

Archery

Safety Meetings

March 6, 6:00 pm
March 22, 6:00 pm
in the
Annex Meeting Room

Steer & Heifer Validation Tag Orders due in Extension office by Friday, April 6, 2018

Tags—\$18
Steer Validation will be
June 21, 2018 at
Consolidated Vet Services
7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

State Fair

Swine, Lamb & Goat Tag Orders are due by April 6, 2018.
Cost will be \$18 per tag.
Validation will take place **before** June 23, 2017 at your houses.

Memorials

Unponsored Trip Fund
In Memory of Buck McKone
David and Glenda Gibson

Fantastic Fashions Under \$25 Shopping Spree!

March 2, 2018 in Amarillo
Leave from the Extension office at 4:00 pm. Bring \$10 for supper and \$25 or less for a "Fantastic Fashion Outfit".

County 4-H Fashion Show Thursday, April 5, 2018
Entries due: March 27
Place-TBA

See Fashion page—for categories!

2018 District 2 4-H Fashion Show

Thursday, April 19, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Christ the King School (4011 54th St, Lubbock)
4-H Connect - March 26 – April 9, 2018

Fashion Story Board

Due by 10:00 a.m.



2018 District 2 4-H Duds to Dazzle

Thursday, April 19, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Christ the King School (4011 54th St, Lubbock)
4-H Connect - March 26 – April 9, 2018

Photography Project Meeting

Monday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m.
Annex Meeting Room
Bring your camera
for a fun scavenger hunt!

SCHOOL ABSENCES & 4-H EVENTS

Parents, please notify your 4-H'er's principal of the exact dates of upcoming school absences. Make sure that you understand your school district's policy for the 10 day/90% attendance requirements. Some of the schools have a pre-arranged absence form that needs to be filled out and turned into the school at least 3 days prior to the absence. Visit with the school instructors to determine plans concerning homework, tests, projects, etc. and to make sure that your 4-Her is passing all subjects prior to and during the absence period. Eligibility for competing in any event must be determined prior to the event, whether you are missing school or not. The Extension Office sends correspondence for events **(when a 4-H member will miss school)** to each school prior to the competition. In order for you to compete they must be considered academically eligible by your school. A copy of your child's most recent report card must be turned in to the Extension Office as proof of eligibility when 4-H members **WILL NOT miss school**

2018 D2 4-H Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun and

Junior & Intermediate
Friday, April 27, 2018
Abernathy Elementary
(505 7th St, Abernathy)
4-H Connect: March 30 – April 13, 2018
Senior
Monday, May 14, 2018
District Extension Center, Lubbock
4-H Connect: March 30 – April 13, 2018



Club Meetings

Kress Club Meeting

March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Program and Refreshments:

Mike Goss Family

Community Service:

Toiletries

Happy Club Meeting

No Club meeting—
Spring Break

Town & Country Club Meeting

March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Inspiration: Kari Johnson

Program:

Topic:

Community Service: Sally Wells and
Laynee Unterkircher

Stuffing Easter Eggs for City Church

Snack: Gentry & Avary Wesley

2017/2018

County 4-H Council Officers

Co-Chairs.....Summer Davis
Ember Reed

Secretary.....Luke Unterkircher

Treasurer.....Brayden White

Reporter.....Jerik Reed

District Council Delegates.....

Ember Reed, Summer Davis

District Delegate at Large.....

Nathaniel Longoria

Junior Council Delegates.....

Laynee Unterkircher, Landon Flowers

Junior Council Alternate Delegates...

Ashlyn White, Chambre Clawson

2017/2018

Kress 4-H Club Officers

PresidentAmanda Vancil

1st Vice PresidentCorbin Bechtold

2nd Vice PresidentZaden Tye

3rd Vice PresidentZant Tye

TreasurerKatlyn Goss

SecretaryBrook Goss

Sr Council Delegates ...Bentley Herbert

Paige Bechtold

Jr Council Delegates .. Corbyn Goss

Cole Todd, Tripp Runnels

Reporter.....Avery Goss

Sargent at Arms.....Addi Reed

Club Manager.....Tiffany Reed

Assistant Manager.....Alanda Todd

2017/2018

Happy 4-H Club Officers

PresidentBrayden White

Vice PresidentBailee Baggerman

TreasurerLandon Flowers

SecretaryAshlyn White

Jr Council DelegatesJoey Blackmon

Kirsten Simons, Bryson White

Club Manager.....Jodi Baggerman

Assistant Manager.....Nicki Sturgess

2017/2018

Town & Country 4-H Club Officers

PresidentEmber Reed

1st Vice PresidentSummer Davis

2nd Vice PresidentTate Gore

3rd Vice PresidentJerik Reed

TreasurerLuke Unterkircher

SecretaryChambre Clawson

Sr Council Delegates...Kacie Conaway

Luke Unterkircher

Jr Council Delegates .. Kari Johnson

Paige Bremmer

Sadie Nolen

Reporter.....Gentry Wesley

Sargent at Arms.....Kari Johnson

Seth Gore

Parliamentarians.....Sadie Nolen

Trinity Height

Public Relations.....Ashley Watkins

Laynee Unterkircher

Health & Safety Officers ..

Kacie Conaway

Samantha Catlett

Club Manager.....Aaron Wesley

Assistant Manager...Dana Unterkircher

NEED A 4-H REMINDER? Sign up to receive text messages to remind you about 4-H Club Meetings and events.

Swisher County 4-H

Text @swishe to 806-730-2385 to receive text reminders about county wide 4-H activities.

Tulia 4-H

Text @79088 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Town & Country 4-H Club Meetings and Project activities for Tulia 4-H members.

Happy 4-H

Text @79042 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Happy 4-H Club Meetings and project activities for Happy 4-H members.

Kress 4-H

Text @kress52 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Kress 4-H Club Meetings and project activities for Kress 4-H members.

To receive text reminders about
4-H Rifle Activities

text@swi4hrifle to 81010

To receive text reminders about

4-H Robotics

text@4hrobots to 81010

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Swisher County

310 W. Broadway

Tulia, Texas 79088

Phone: 806.995.3726

Fax: 806.995.2364

E-mail: swisher-tx@tamu.edu

Swisher County Extension is on the Web at
<http://swisher-tx.tamu.edu/>

You can get the newsletter, find information about up-coming events, and find out about Swisher County.

Swisher County 4-H Times

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Calley Runnels

Calley Runnels, CEA-FCS

John Villalba

John Villalba, CEA-Ag

4-H Club Meetings

4-H clubs are the good way to find out what's going on, learn leadership skills, and be involved in community service. It is important that parents attend 4-H club meetings. Your family will get the most out of the 4-H program if you participate together. Club Managers work hard to make meetings fun and interesting. Swisher County 4-H has four clubs. Make plans to be an active part of a 4-H club this year and bring a friend. Beginning New 4-H year 2017/2018.

2018 Major Stock Show Results

Fort Worth Stock Show

Heifers: CW Johnson 3rd

Lynnlea Johnson 9th

Swine: Addi Reed - 6th Lt. Wt. Duroc

Brayden White - 3rd Med. Wt Cross

Steers: Rylee Johnson - 6th Med. Wt. Polled Hereford

Tripp Runnels - 11th European Cross

Sheep: Sawyer Stewart - 17th Finewool

Emma Brown - 20th Lt. Wt. Dorper

Emma Brown - 16th MW Dorper

Goats: Kacie Conaway - 15th Lt. Wt. Goat

San Antonio Stock Show

Sheep

Luke Unterkircher - 6th Med. Wool

Swine

Brenden Adams - 9th Poland

Gentry Wesley - 10th Cross

Steer

Addi Reed - 5th Shorthorn

Brayden White - 10th Shorthorn

San Angelo Stock Show

Heifers

Lynnlea Johnson - Jr. Div. Reserve Champion Chi Heifer

Lynnlea Johnson - 5th Chi Heifer

Lynnlea Johnson - 5th Jr. Heifer Futurity

C. W. Johnson - 3rd Jr. Heifer Futurity

Swine

Austin Gruhlkey - 8th Hamp

Katelynn Weaver - 6th Cross

Chesney Sturgess - 11th Cross

Shelbie Lamb - 9th Duroc

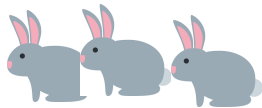
Brenden Adams - 10th Chester

Paige Bremmer - 11th Chester

Brayden White - 4th Spot

Rabbits

Cortney Goss - Reserve Champion Meat Pen



Mission Possible Mentors

Youth who have completed 8th Grade in 2018

Attend the In Service Training

July 1 at 10:00 a.m.

July 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer to assist campers
with and without disabilities

July 2-4, 2018

For an Application Contact:

Cari Snider

325-784-5482

cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Mark Carroll

325-784-5482

jmcarrroll@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program provides senior 4-H members with a chance to enhance their knowledge and skills related to the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project. Ambassadorship is a two-year term. Every two years (even calendar years), up to 20 youth are selected to serve as a Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador. For more information, contact the Swisher County Extension Office 806-995-3726.



2018 Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Training:

Lubbock, TX

July 16-19, 2018

\$250 participant fee. Register the month of May through 4-H Connect.

County 4-H

Photography Contest

Photos are due to the Extension Office on or before 4 p.m.,

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Awards will be presented at club meetings

1. All photo's entered must be 4x6.
2. A 4-H member may enter up to 3 photos in each category
3. Entries do not need to be mounted, but must have the required label attached.
4. All photographs must be taken by 4-H members within the last year and must not been entered in prior 4-H Photography contests.
5. It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and county Extension agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Please do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.
6. Advancement

Juniors and Intermediates: First place winners in the Junior and Intermediate age divisions will advance to the District Photography Contest. Entries for District will be done on 4-H Connect and entry fees will be paid by the 4-Her.

Seniors: First place winners in the Senior age division will advance to the District and State Photography Contest. Entries for the District and State Contest will be done on 4-H Connect and the entry fees will be paid by county check from the Swisher County Adult Leaders Association up to \$75.00 per 4-Her for State Contest.

D-2 Photography Contest

The photos will be submitted electronically during registration on 4-H Connect, March 23 -April 6. Entry Fee: \$10 + \$3 (each additional entry).

- Resolution and Size
- Photo must be print quality resolution (300dpi).
- Size: Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait)
- Size: Photo may not be larger than 5,120KB (5MB)
- Photo Format must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif.
- Contest is for 1st place winners from County Contest

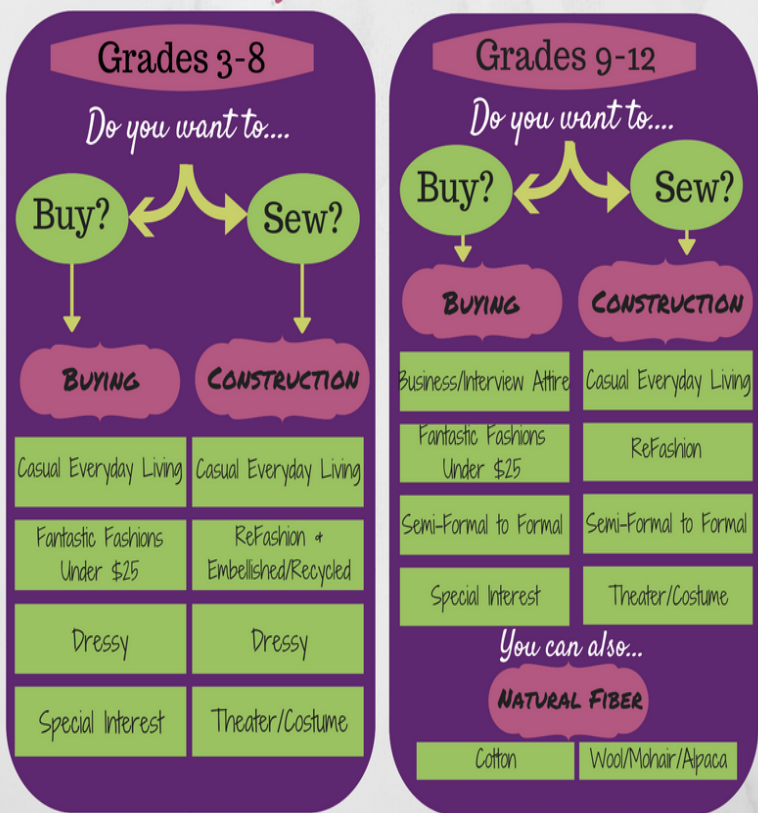
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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Swisher County Extension office at 806-995-3726 at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event.

FASHION SHOW

Pick an outfit to model and interview.



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Adapted from D8 4-H

FASHION SHOW

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DUDS TO DAZZLE

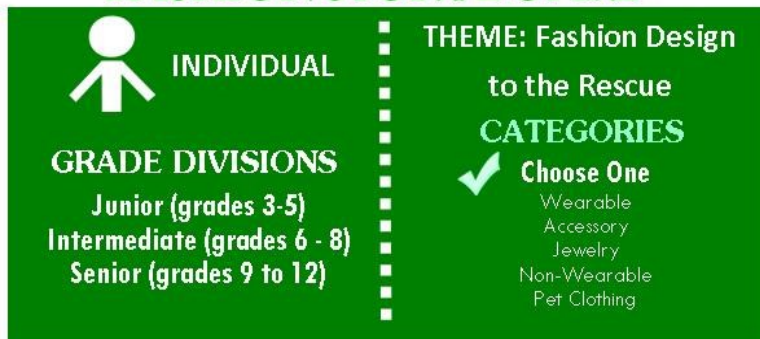
COMPARING CLOTHING & TEXTILE 4-H CONTESTS

Compete in one or both contests.

FASHION SHOW DUDS TO DAZZLE



FASHION STORYBOARD



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Adapted from D8 4-H

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Livestock Judging Practice

Monday, March 5 at 5:00 pm,
Tuesday, March 20 & 27 at 6:00 pm
Meet at Annex then will be
going out to judge at farms.

Robotics Project Meetings

Thursday's at 6:00 pm at the
Annex Meeting Room
or Break Room

Livestock Judging Contests:

Texas Tech Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, March 24

\$12.00

WTAMU Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, April 6

\$14.00

Clarendon Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, April 7

\$14.00

Valley Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, April 7

\$12.00

South Plains Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, April 13

\$14.00

Deadline to let John know you want to participate is

March 16, 2018

Bring cash to the Extension Office to pay entry fees

District 2 Livestock Judging

Friday, April 20

Livestock Arena at Texas Tech

Register on 4-H Connect

March 30-April 13, 2018

GEAR Robotics 2018

Get Excited About

Robotics

Robotics challenge teams are being created for 3rd-8th grades in our area. Robotics provides an exciting hands-on LEGO robotics challenge to elementary and middle school students with no participation fee with the goal of increasing interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. The GEAR competition runs from eight weeks. If you are interested please call the Swisher AgriLife Extension office at 995-3721 to sign up.

Outdoor Education Project

Fishing Lures

March 19

6:30 pm. At Extension Office

Texas Brigades Summer Youth Camps

Applications accepted until March 15

The Texas Brigades, a series of seven youth leadership camps centered around various wildlife and natural resource subjects, are open for registration. Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the camps' founder, said applications are now being accepted, but must be in by the March 15 deadline.

The all-inclusive tuition for each camp is \$500 per cadet. Applications for tuition assistance are available.

To apply or for more information, go to <https://www.texasbrigades.org> or contact the Texas Brigades headquarters in San Antonio, at 210-556-1391 or camps@texasbrigades.org.

The 2018 camp dates and locations are:

- June 2-6, Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.
- June 17-21, South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton.
- June 22-26, South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Buckhorn Creek Ranch, McCoy.
- July 6-10, Bass Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- July 16-20, Ranch Brigade, Warren Ranch.
- July 17-21, Coastal Brigade, Sea Star Base, Galveston.
- July 22-26, North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Warren Ranch.

Each camp, limited to 30 participants, is an intense resource-focused leadership development program for youth 13-17 years-old. The programs, each with a single featured theme, include two quail camps and one each on deer, bass, redfish, waterfowl and ranching.

"The ultimate goal is to equip youth with the resources and conviction they'll need to make a positive, informed difference in conservation and land stewardship throughout their lives," Rollins said.

"When we started these camps 26 years ago with the original Bobwhite Brigade, I had no idea the camps would last this long, nor impact so many youths. My experiences with the Brigades have been the highlight of my career."

The Texas Brigades have evolved into a non-profit organization, Rollins said. It works in partnership with AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development.

2018 4-H Photography Contest Categories

Its never to early to start taking the pictures for 4-H Photography Contest. Below are this year's categories. Photos for the county photography contest will be due mid-March.

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC

Description: Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

Examples: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Ducks (domestic use), Hamsters.

ANIMALS – WILDLIFE

Description: Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. No photos allowed taken through glass.

Examples: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.

CATCH-ALL

Description: Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. **What is NOT Allowed:** Do not submit a photo in this category which can clearly be submitted in another photography category. Catch-all is not intended for counties to use to eliminate duplicate photos from multiple 4-H members.

Examples: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.

DETAILS & MACRO

Description: Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category).

Examples: Detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up – anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include parts of a flower bloom, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc

ENHANCED

Description: A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite images. Others variations are allowed as well.

Examples: Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.

MOTION/ACTION

Description: The capture of movement within a single photo.

What is NOT Allowed: Photos which clearly fit into another category, such as sports.

Examples: Horse running across field/pasture, Ferris wheel spinning

DOMINANT COLOR

Description: Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.

Examples: Bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sunlighting on it.

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Description: Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.

Examples: Perspective, Line, Pattern, Shape

FOOD

Description: Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.

What is NOT Allowed: Photos of alcoholic beverages.

Examples: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.

LANDSCAPE & NATURE

Description: The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

What is not allowed: Photos which primary subject is wildlife or person.

Examples: Landscapes, Scenic's, Outdoors

TRAVEL & PLACE

Description: This category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography showcasing place as an important part of the photo.

This category can include historic buildings, ruins, islands, any subject you might encounter while traveling, as long as the photo expresses a sense of PLACE.

What is Not Allowed: Photos in the travel and place category cannot be entered into other categories (landscape & nature), but may be similar, however, photos in this category must depict traveling and experiencing other parts of the world.

PEOPLE

Description: Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/ fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.

Examples: Babies, Kids, Families, Models/Fashion,.

PLANT/FLORA

Description: Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.

Examples: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.

SPORTS

Description: Photo that captures individual or team sports. Can be either professional or amateur (human) and the focus could be on the sports person, the sport environment, the effort expended, or the conflict/rewards. Must reflect strong message.

Examples: Gymnast, Football player or team, Swimming, Rodeo contestant

THEME

Description: Theme photo focuses on a subject announced and outlined in the contest rules and guidelines. For 2017-2018 the theme is "BACKYARD". This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out your back door.

What is NOT Allowed: Photos should not be of ranch rangeland, but focus on immediate outside area of one's house.

Examples

Kids swinging, Swimming pool, Person mowing yard, Garden/Flower Beds.



March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Rifle 6:00 pm Robotics 6:00 pm	2 "Fantastic Fashion Under \$25" Clothing Project Tour 4:00 pm	3 Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm
4 Houston Breeding Rabbit Show	5 Livestock Judging 5:00 Kress 4-H 7:00 pm Houston Rabbit Show	6 Rifle 6:00 pm Archery Safety Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8 Houston Lamb & Goat Show Rifle 6:00 pm Robotics 6:00 pm	9 Houston Lamb & Goat Show Heifer Show	10 Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm Houston Heifer Show
11 Houston Wave 1 Pigshow	12 No Happy 4-H Houston Wave 1 Pigshow	13 Rifle 6:00 pm	14 Houston Wave 2 Pigshow Steer Show	15 Houston Wave 2 Pigshow Steer Show Rifle 6:00 pm	16 Houston Steer Show Deadline to sign up for Livestock Judging	17 Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm Rodeo Austin Pig Show
18 Rodeo Austin Pig Show	19 Photography 5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt Outdoor Education 6:30 pm	20 Livestock Judging 6:00 Rifle 6:00 pm	21	22 Rifle 6:00 pm Robotics 6:00 pm Archery Safety 6:00 pm	23 Rodeo Austin Heifer Show	24 Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm Rodeo Austin Heifer Show TTU Livestock Judging
25	26 Town & Country 4-H 7:00 pm	27 County Fashion Show and Photography Entries Due Rifle 6:00 pm Livestock Judging 6:00	28	29 Rifle 6:00 pm Robotics 6:00 pm	30	31 Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Steer tag orders due. State Fair Swine, Lamb & Goat tag orders due Kress 4-H 7:00 pm	3 Rifle 6:00 pm	4	5 County Fashion Show Rifle 6:00 pm Robotics 6:00 pm	6 D2 Photography WTAMU Livestock Judging	7 Gear Robotics Game Day Clarendon Livestock Judging Rifle 11:00 am Rifle 1:00 pm
8	9 4-H Recordbook Training 5:00 pm Happy Community Center Happy 4-H 6:00 pm	10 Rifle 6:00 pm	11	12 Rifle 6:00 pm	13 SPC Livestock Judging	14 D2 Rifle
15	16	17	18	19 District Fashion Show Duds to Dazzle Fashion Story Board	20 Horse Judging Livestock Judging Livestock Skill-A-Thon	21
22	23 4-H Recordbook Training 5:30 pm Annex Meeting Room Town & Country 4-H 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27 D2 Roundup Junior & Intermediates Entomology	28
29	30 4-H Recordbook Training 5:30 pm Kress United Methodist Church					

Texas 4-H Congress

July 22-25, 2018

Early Bird Registration on 4-H Connect April 1-April 30, 2018

Registration Opens on 4-H Connect May 1 and Closes May 31, 2018

Bill submission opens February 12 and closes May 15, 2018

Texas 4-H Congress is a four day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

Participation Costs

Registration costs include: hotel, meals & snacks, and registration fee. Other costs that delegates may have include transportation to and from Austin, meals in route to and from Austin, three (3) breakfast meals while in Austin, and incidental spending money.

House/Senate/Press Corps/Lobbyist \$475 Transportation included

The registration cost of \$475.00 (including transportation) is due in part to the assistance of more than \$150,000.00 from such donors as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, RSMIS Foundation, Ed Rachal Foundation to name a few. Without these gracious donors, the registration cost would be more than \$600.00 per person.

Swisher County Senior 4-H'ers who have completed one record book as a senior 4-H'er will have their registration paid by the Swisher County 4-H Adult Leaders if they want to attend.

Submission of Legislative Bills

CHANGE FOR 2018: A requirement for a 4-H member to participate in Texas 4-H Congress is that they submit a COMPLETE bill for consideration. This includes Texas 4-H Council and Tech Team members. Any 4-H member can submit a bill regardless if they are attending Texas 4-H Congress or not in order for them to be engaged in the legislative process and the 4-H citizenship project. This will give all 4-H members the opportunity to participate in an exercise in civic engagement. To accomplish the writing and submission of legislative bills it is recommended that the County Extension Agent, or a volunteer, assist the youth in learning about what a quality bill is, how to write one, and then submitting the bill on-line. Refer to the Texas 4-H publication entitled "Understanding the Texas Legislative Process, A Guide for Participating in Texas 4-H Congress." This publication is located on the Texas 4-H website. 4-H members from the same county, or other counties, are not allowed to submit the same bill for meeting this requirement.

For more information, contact the Swisher County Extension Office at 806-995-3726.

2018 North Region Shooting Sports

Coach/Leader Training

March 24-25, 2018

Lubbock District Office

Registration on 4-H Connect opens

February 2

and ends March 4

Late Registration will be

March 5-8.

For additional information contact

Larry Hysmith at (979) 845-1214.

National 4-H Congress

Atlanta Georgia

November 23-27, 2018

Must be 14-18 years old

Registration on

4-H Connect opens soon.

The National 4-H Congress is a gathering of a national design team extension educators, 4-H members, and 4-H volunteers who together examine issues affecting youth and try to develop methods to address those issues.

Goat Camp

Sponsored by HOWARD COLLEGE

June 3, 4, & 5, 2018

Cost \$100.00 per person for meals and awards. Each entrant will receive a camp cap or tee shirt. Camp participants must be 9 years old or enter the third grade. **Add \$50 per goat provided by Howard College. (This is if you are not bringing your own goat.) If possible please bring a goat! **Adult supervision is required. Hotel reservations must be made by the participants. (Housing is not provided). Limited to first 200 paid entries.**

Registration Forms and Information letter can be found at: http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997

Lamb Camp

Sponsored by HOWARD COLLEGE

June 510, 11 & 12, 2018

Cost \$100.00 per person for meals and awards. Each entrant will receive a camp cap or tee shirt. Camp participants must be 9 years old or entering the third grade. **Add \$50 per lamb provided by Howard College. (This is if you are not bringing your own lamb.) If possible please bring a lamb! **Adult supervision is required. Hotel reservations must be made by the participants. (Housing is not provided). Limited to first 200 paid entries.**

Forms and Information Letter can be found at : http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997

District Horse Show

June 19, 2018
Texas Tech Equestrian Center
5712 CR 1500
Lubbock, Texas

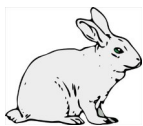
State Horse Show

July 21 through 28, 2018
Taylor Co. Expo Center
Abilene, TX

Horse Judging???

If anyone is interested
in horse judging, let
the Extension Office
know and we will try
to find a coach.

Town & Country Rabbit Jackpot



Saturday, April 7, 2018
Begins at 8:00 a.m.
Place: TBA

Texas 4-H Center Brownwood

Looking for 2018 4-H Camp Counselors!
Former 4-H members that are great leaders, energetic, love playing games, and wants to gain valuable experience this is for you! The application is on the website <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> or an application can be emailed.

2018 D-2 4-H Spring Events

Educational

Presentations:

April 27 Jr & Int

May 14 Sr

Public Speaking:

April 27 Jr & Int

May 14 Sr

Share-the-Fun:

April 27 Jr & Int

May 14 Sr

Entomology:

April 27

Photography:

April 6

Rifle:

April 14

Fashion Show:

April 19

Fashion Storyboard:

April 19

Duds to Dazzle:

April 19

Horse Judging:

April 20

Livestock Skill-A-Thon:

April 20

Livestock Judging:

April 20

Archery:

May 19

District Horse Show:

June 19

TEXAS 4-H HORSE VALIDATION PERIOD IS:



Deadline: March 1 - April 15, 2018

\$10 per horse

April 16—May 1, 2018

\$20 per horse

4-H Horse Validation – March 1 to May 1: Validation is required for showing at District or State horse shows, and its purpose is to certify that ownership requirements have been met. The horse **MUST** be owned solely by the 4-H member, his/her parents (biological or stepparents), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian. Horses under lease to, but not owned by any of the named persons, do NOT qualify. Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than those previously listed do NOT meet ownership requirements. The horse validation process will be completed electronically using the **4-H Connect** online management system. **Horses must be validated or re-validated each year.** All 4-H members who wish to show at their District Show or the State 4-H Horse Show will be **REQUIRED** to validate their horse(s) on the 4-H Connect system. Horse validation is completed for **EACH HORSE** and will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile. When validating your horse(s) on 4-H Connect, you will select **ONLY ONE** 4-H youth member to conduct the validation under. Once a horse is validated, validation paid, and you begin registering for the District Horse Show, the validated horse(s) can be moved to the appropriate 4-H member(s) who will be exhibiting the horse in the show. Validation will be open from **March 1 to MAY 1**. Any horse validated before or after this date will NOT be accepted. An illustrated step-by-step instruction guide for families is available for download and reference on both the Texas 4-H website (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>) and the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science – Equine Science website (<http://horse.tamu.edu>) under the State 4-H Horse Show link.

Big 5 Horse Show Schedule

April 14th Big 5 Horse Show @ Range Riders (RR)

April 28th Potter Co Big 5 Horse Show @Range Riders (RR)

May 5th Moore Co Big 5 Horse Show @ Moore Co

May 19th Randall Co Big 5 Horse Show @ Range Riders (RR)

June 2nd TBA

Indoor arena will start at 8:00 a.m. with English

Outdoor arena will start at 9:00 a.m. with Speed

Packets will be ready by March 1st so be watching for them

Junior Leadership Lab

CAMP DATE:

May 29 to May 31, 2018

CAMP LOCATION:

South Plains College, Levelland

4-H CONNECT OPENS:

April 2, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

4-H CONNECT CLOSES:

At 155 registered or April 16, 2018
(whichever occurs first)

CAMP FEE:

\$160

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