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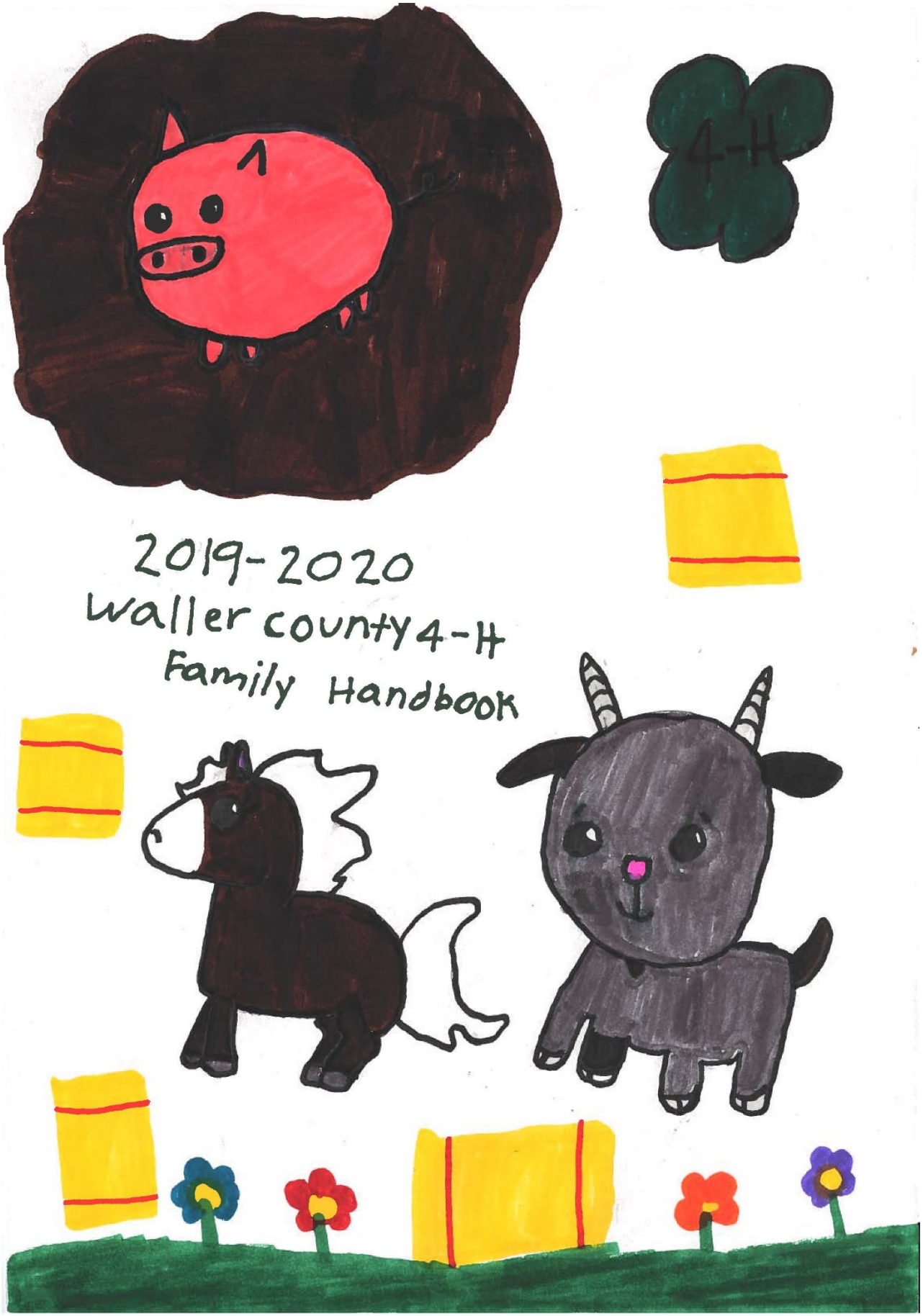

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# Waller County 4-H Club List

2019-2020

| Club | Club Manager | Co-Club Manager | Meeting Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Boys and Girls Country** (Private Club) | Quintes Stark<br>(281)844-1152<br>Quintess@ boysandgirlscountry.org | Will Henry<br>(936)435-4570<br>willh@boysandgirlscountry.org | 1st Tuesday @ 6:00pm<br>Boys & Girls Country<br>18806 Roberts Rd.<br>Hockley, TX 77447 |
| **Brazos Valley 4-H Project Club** | Ashley Hill<br>(713)419-5571<br>ashleyhill1109@yahoo.com | Randi Urban<br>(281) 667-7778<br>randiurban01@yahoo.com | 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm<br>Waller Co. Fairgrounds<br>21988 FM 359<br>Hempstead, TX 77445 |
| **Concordia Lutheran** (Students Only) | Brandy Elrod<br>(281) 351-2547<br>elrodb@clhs-tx.org | | 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM<br>Inside Commons<br>700 E Main<br>Tomball, Tx 77375 |
| **Faith West Academy 4-H** (Students only) | Brittany Devane<br>(281)450-6136<br>bdevane@faithwest.org | Jamie Peay<br>(832)282-4188<br>jpeay@faithwest.org | 2nd Monday @ 6:30pm<br>Faith West Academy<br>2225 Porter Rd/Annex Rm.<br>Katy, TX 77493 |
| **Fieldstore Community 4-H** | Daveta Wood<br>(832)316-1725<br>dvana@technip.com | Lisa Hamlett<br>(713)248-1458<br>6hamsrun@sbcglobal.net | 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm<br>Fieldstore Elementary School<br>27388 Field Store Road<br>Waller, TX 77484 |
| **Grace Christian Academy** (Students Only) | Clint Sciba<br>(281) 615-0299<br>clint@crconstruct.com | Ashley Sciba<br>713-203-1972<br>ashley.sciba@sim-tex.com | 4th Monday @ 5:30pm<br>Grace Christian Academy<br>1209 Penick Road<br>Waller, TX 77484 |
| **Kountry Kids Project Club** | Stacie Jenkins<br>(713)858-4158<br>sjenkins@nps.cc | Suprina Linseisen<br>(713)289-0185<br>suprinalinseisen@gmail.com | 1st Tuesday @ 6:00pm<br>Waller Volunteer Fire Dept.<br>612 Walnut St.<br>Waller, TX 77484 |
| **Outsiders 4-H Club** | Hunter Wilde<br>(832)335-9889<br>theoutsiders4h@gmail.com | Melvin Oestreich III<br>(832) 335-9889<br>theoutsiders4h@gmail.com | 1st Sunday@ 4:00pm<br>25105 Tenn Oaks Road<br>Hockley, TX 77447-6071<br>832-335-9889 |
| **Rock Island 4-H Club** | Rachel Lopez<br>(832)752-4378<br>rmlopez32@yahoo.com | | 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm<br>Extension Office<br>846 6th St.<br>Hempstead, TX 77445 |

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2019-2020

| Club | Club Manager | Co-Manager | Meeting Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Rosehill Christian School 4-H** (Students only) | Laura Blase (936) 577-1282 lblase@rcseaglesonline.org | | 1st Wednesday @ 3:45 pm RCS (E-Commons) 19830 FM 2929 Tomball, TX 77377 |
| **Safe Haven Youth Ranch** (Private Club) | Eric Fields (713) 292-7315 efields@safehavenyouthranch.org | | 3rd Thursday @ 2:00pm Safe Haven Youth Ranch 28158 SH 6 Hempstead, TX 77445 |
| **Town and Country 4-H Club** | Steve Burt (281) 536-0918 stevewburt2@gmail.com | Russell Ford (281) 705-8915 Russell.ford@ag.tamu.edu | 4th Monday @ 7:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church 1613 Key St. Waller, TX 77484 |
| **Waller County 4-H Horse Club** | Christie Malone (832)922-8898 navysis2002@yahoo.com | Dean Allred (979)203-3088 allredranch@aol.com | 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00pm Waller Co. Community Center 21274 FM 1098 Prairie View, TX 77446 |
| **Waller County Rainbow 4-H** | Kenneth Jeffery (832)769-7959 preacherboy41@yahoo.com | | 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Hempstead Rec. Center 635 US HWY 290 Hempstead, TX 77445 |
| **Waller County 4-H Sharp Shooters** (Activity Club) | William Warren (832) 226-7986 warrenw@5wcattleco.com | Amanda Hensley (979) 324-9454 beachaggie@att.net | 2nd Thursday @ 7:00pm Extension Office 846 6th St. Hempstead, TX 77445 |
| **Katy-Royal 4-H Club** | Ashley Beckendorff (979) 877-9483 anjosey@hotmail.com | Shellie Colvin scolvin@aol.com | 1st Thursday Time & Location TBD |
| **Waller County Ambassadors** | Kyle Gunderson (832) 878-8366 kgundyfire@yahoo.com | Stacie Villarreal (979) 826-7651 Stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu | Please contact Stacie Or Kyle to have the Ambassadors attend Your club meeting |
| **Adult Leaders and Parents Assoc.** (ALPA) | Stacie Villarreal (979)826-7651 Stacie.villarreal@ag.tamu.edu | Quintes Stark (Chairman) (281)844-1152 Quintess@ boysandgirlscountry.org | 1st Monday of: Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sep.,& Nov. 6:00pm Extension Office 846 6th St. Hempstead, TX 77445 |

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# Waller County 4-H Calendar

Please check your monthly 4-H newsletter and Peek of the Week for information and date changes.

**Dates are subject to change**. Efforts will be made to communicate changes in advance via Waller County 4-H website, email and Facebook post.

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| 2019 | |
|---|---|
| **September** | |
| 1 | Beginning of 2019-2020 4-H Year |
| 2 | Labor Day, Extension Office Closed |
| 2 | ALPA Meeting 6PM at the Extension Office |
| 14 | District 9 4-H Council Meeting Conroe, Texas |
| 24 | Broiler Orders Due for Major Shows |
| 24-Oct. 6 | Waller County Fair |
| 27-Oct. 20 | State Fair of Texas |
| **October** | |
| TBA | Dog Project Workshop |
| 4 | Waller County Fair Holiday, Extension Office Closed |
| 4 | Waller County Fair Livestock Judging Contest |
| 3-13 | Heart O' Texas Fair, Waco |
| 6-12 | National 4-H Week |
| 12 | 1 Day 4-H Project |
| 16 | District 9 Junior Leadership Lab Registration |
| 17 | Record Book Workshop @ 6pm |
| 18-20 | Family Outdoor Adventure Camp (Brownwood) |
| 18-20 | Brazos Fair and Exposition |
| 22 | Waller Co. Major Show Lamb, Goat, & Heifer Validation, Royal Ag Barn 4-6pm |
| 24 | Leaders for Life Workshop |
| 25-27 | District Council & Ambassador Retreat (Brownwood) |
| 29 | Duds to Dazzle Workshop |
| **November** | |
| TBA | Intro to Vet Science |
| 1 | Major Show Entry Day |
| 9 | Aggiefest Livestock and Horse Judging Workshop |
| 4 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) at 6 pm |
| 7 | Wildlife Contest Workshop |
| 8-9 | District 9 4-H Junior Leadership Lab |
| 8-10 | Jr. Leadership Retreat, 4-H Conference Center (Brownwood) |
| 14-15 | Ag Day, Waller County Fairgrounds |
| 19 | Livestock/Nutrition Quiz Bowl Workshop |
| 28-Dec 3 | Texas 4-H Leadership Conference, Washington DC |
| 28-Dec 3 | National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA |
| 28-29 | Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension office closed |
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| December | |
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| 3 | Scholarship Workshop; webinar in office |
| 13-14 | Southern Classic Clinic, Brazos Expo Center |
| 17 | Fashion Storyboard Workshop |
| 24-25 | Christmas Holiday, Extension Office closed |
| 31 | New Year's Holiday, Extension Office closed |

| January | |
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| 1 | New Year's Holiday, Extension Office closed |
| 3-5 | 4-H Teen Leadership Retreat, Texas 4-H Conference Center (Brownwood)<br>(highly encouraged ambassador training) |
| 6 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) at 6 pm |
| 8 | District 9 4-H Archery Contest entries and fees due |
| 9 | Educational Presentations Workshop |
| 11 | District 9 4-H Council Meeting and Dance, Huntsville |
| 11 | Invitational 4-H Beef, Horse, and Nutrition Quiz Bowls, Huntsville |
| TBA | Waller County Robotics Contest |
| 14 | Deadline to Extension Office for State Opportunity 4-H Scholarships |
| 15 | Deadline IRS 990-E Postcard filing for 4-H clubs for previous year<br>(keep documentation and email copy to agents) |
| 17-Feb.8 | Fort Worth Stock and Rodeo |
| 20 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed |
| 23 | Share the Fun Workshop |
| 24-26 | Re-Fashion Retreat, Texas 4-H Conference Center (Brownwood) |
| 24-26 | District 9 4-H Archery Contest, Somerville |
| 31-Feb.16 | San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo |

| February | |
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| 1 | Deadline to District Office for State 4-H Scholarships |
| 6-23 | San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo |
| 17 | President's Day Observed, Extension Office Closed |
| 28 | 4-H Club/Group Charter Deadline |
| TBA | Waller County Food Challenge & Food Show Workshop |
| TBA | Waller County Food Essay Contest |
| TBA | Intro to Sheep and Goats |

| March | |
|---|---|
| 2 | Deadline for ALPA & David McGregor Scholarship applications at 4 pm |
| 2 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) at 6 pm |
| 7-8 | D7 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Brownwood) |
| 3-22 | Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) |
| 12-22 | Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo |
| 14-28 | Rodeo Austin |
| 18 | District 9 Horse Judging entries and fees due |
| 26-Apr 5 | South Texas State Fair, Beaumont |
| 25 | All entries due for District 4-H Roundup |
| 25 | District 9 4-H Photography entries due |
| 28 | Texas A&M Judging Clinics |
| TBA | Grilling 101 Workshop |
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| **April** | |
| 1 | District 9 4-H Judging Contest entries and fees due (Livestock, Meats, Soils) |
| 4 | District 4-H Horse Judging Contest |
| 9 | Salute to Excellence Volunteer Nomination Forms Due On-Line |
| 10 | Good Friday Observed, Extension Office Closed |
| 25 | District 9 4-H Judging Contest (Livestock, Meats, and Soils) |
| TBA | Deadline to Validate Horses Online Starts |
| 30-May 2 | Big time in D-9 – D-9 4-H Round-Up |
| TBA | Record Book Workshop |
| **May** | |
| 3 | Public Speaking Workshop |
| 4 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) at 6 pm |
| 6 | State 4-H Rifle Contest entries due |
| 27 | District 9 4-H Leadership Lab registrations and fees due |
| 12 | State 4-H Roundup entries and fees due |
| 16 | 4-H BBQ Fundraiser |
| 20 | District 9 4-H Horse Show entries and fees due |
| 25 | Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed |
| TBA | Record Book Workshop/Review book |
| **June** | |
| 1 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) Budget Meeting at 6 pm |
| 5 | County Deadline for turning in 4-H Record Books |
| 5 | District 9 4-H Pre-Leadership Lab Officer/Candidate Training Bryan, Texas |
| 6-7 | State 4-H Rifle Match Victoria, Texas |
| 8-11 | Texas 4-H Roundup, Texas A&M University |
| 12 | Ambassador Applications Due |
| 15 | District 9 4-H Instructional Horse Show |
| 16-18 | District 9 4-H Horse Show, Bryan |
| 19 | Juneteenth Holiday, Extension Office closed |
| 25-27 | District 9 4-H Leadership Lab, Location TBA |
| 30 | Deadline for 4-H Star Awards applications due to Extension Office |
| TBA | Validation of Steers, Heifers, Lamb, and Goats |
| **July** | |
| 1 | Deadline for 4-H Project Forms due to Extension Office |
| 4 | Independence Day, Extension Office closed |
| 5 | Deadline for 4-H Record Books bound for District 9 due to Extension Office |
| 6 | Adult Leader Awards due |
| 6 | Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) at 6 pm |
| 7 | District 9 Record Book Judging, Conroe |
| 15 | 4-H Club/Group Chartering Deadline |
| 12-15 | Texas 4-H Congress |
| 19-25 | Texas 4-H Horse Show, Bryan |
| TBA | Waller County 4-H Star Award Interviews<br>(Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, I Dare You Award, Rookie Award) |
| TBA | Ambassador Interviews |
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| August | |
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| 1 | State Fair of Texas Entries Due & Heart of Texas Entry Day |
| 13-14 | 4-H Connect is down for Maintenance |
| 15 | County Deadline for Major Show Turkey Order |
| 15 | Open Enrollment for the new 4-H year Starts |
| TBA | 4-H Awards Ceremony at 6 pm |
| TBA | Craft Camp |
| TBA | State Record Book Judging – Location TBA |

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# WHO IS INVOLVED IN 4-H?

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| 4-H Members: | Boys and girls that are least eight years old, in the 3rd to 12th grade, and have an active profile on www.4honline.com |
| Parents: | Parents provide help and inspiration, financial support, and help keep their son(s) and daughter(s) active. |
| Volunteer 4-H Leaders: | Both adult and junior leaders help 4-H members with 4-H projects and activities and advise members in running the affairs of a 4-H club. Adult Leaders must pass a yearly Youth Protection Screening background check. |
| Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: | Your county Extension staff are professionals who extend the knowledge and research findings of Texas A&M University to your local 4-H club in conducting 4-H projects and activities. |
| Friends of 4-H: | Many adults, businesses, and organizations in your community offer support with donations, personal service, and encouragement. These are indeed "Friends of 4-H." |
| 4-H Clover Kids: | A Clover Kid is a young person that is enrolled in kindergarten through 2nd grade and has an active profile on www.texas.4honline.com. Clover Kids are not yet eligible to be official 4-H members. Clover Kids may attend meetings and may participate in limited 4-H sanctioned events. |

## 4-H Membership Definition

A 4-H member can be any boy or girl who is at least eight years old, entered the 3rd grade in school, and who enrolls in an organized 4-H club. Enrollment is accomplished by completing a 4-H profile at https://texas.4honline.com. At the beginning of each Texas 4-H year, 4-H members must update their enrollment profile on the 4-H enrollment website to renew their active membership for the current Texas 4-H year.
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## 4-H Terminology

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| **4-H Member** | Any youth may become a member of a 4-H when he or she has reached the age of Eight years old and has entered the 3rd grade. "Entered the 3rd grade" is Interpreted as September 1 of the year the member is enrolled in the 3rd grade. |
| **Texas 4-H Year** | Begins September 1 and ends August 31. |
| **Clover Kid** | Young People who are enrolled in kindergarten through 2nd grade, and have an Active profile on www.texas.4honline.com. Clover Kids are honorary members of a 4-H club or project. They are not bona fide 4-H members, but can participate in county level educational opportunities on a limited basis. |
| **Project** | A subject or specific topic taught by a project leader or gained through individual Learning experiences. It is taught through a series of lessons which must include At least six learning experiences. Written materials are available as project leader Guides and member guides for most of the projects. Examples of projects are: Food and Nutrition, Poultry, Science, Engineering & Technology, etc. Project |

Groups meet at times other than a regular club meeting. 4-H members may take a Project as an individual with adult or leader supervision or with approval from the County Extension Office.

**Community 4-H Club**

An organization with at least five (5) members from more than two families, one or More volunteer leaders, and elected officers. Clubs follow an agenda and have Business meetings once a month from September through August. Some Clubs may elect not to hold meetings during the summer months. At minimum Chartered Clubs are required to hold at least 6 meeting during a 4-H year.

**Special Interest Club**

Special Interest Clubs or SPIN Clubs allow members with common interests or Hobbies to meet as a club and share their special interest. A SPIN club can be started with a minimum of one (1) adult and five (5) members with an interest in a particular topic. SPIN clubs differ from community clubs in that they focus on learning about one particular project and are more flexible in their meeting time.

**Record Book**

A well organized, accurate, and concise report or journal of a 4-H'ers activities in a particular project which he or she completed during the past year. It includes information on the project from the first year taken to the present. A 4-H Record Book Workshop is typically held to allow families to learn about how to complete a Record Book. After completion, the 4-H Record Books are turned in to the County Extension Office in June.

**Roundup**

A contest held for 4-H'ers which includes Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share the Fun, or team judging. 4-H members can enter County Roundup and then can progress to District Roundup and State Roundup. Only Senior Aged 4-H members may compete in a qualifying contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. There are invitational contests open to Intermediate aged 4-H members at Texas 4-H Roundup. We hold a District 9 Roundup or "Big Time in D9"

**4-H Newsletter**

A 4-H Newsletter will be prepared and sent electronically to every 4-H family And leader and is a good source of information on upcoming events, activities, And contests. It is meant to be read by parents as well as by 4-H'ers and leaders.

**Peek of the Week**

A miniature version of the newsletter that is sent out weekly on Fridays (Thursdays if a holiday falls on Friday) which contains important dates And upcoming deadlines and contests, important information and reminders.

**Educational Presentation**

A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills In a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most Comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), Posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be you just speaking and Convincing, or simply educating, with words alone (public speaking).

**Share the Fun**

A planned presentation by one 4-H'er or a group of two to nine 4-H'ers. The Presentation can be categorized into one of five categories: Drama, Choreographed Routine, Vocal/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, and Celebrate 4-H. Accompaniments may be recorded or live.

**National 4-H Week** 4-H is observed and honored internationally each year during the first full week of October. Clubs and counties celebrate and publicize 4-H during this special week.

**Judging Team** A team of three or four 4-H members who are assisted by a leader. They focus on One subject while learning the finer points of judging during competition. The Subjects or project areas they may enter as a team are livestock, dairy, soils, Horse, consumer decision making, photography, etc.

**<u>Volunteer Types</u>**

**Direct Volunteer:** As defined in Extension Service and Land Grant University Cooperating Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture ES Form 237 (7/93): "Unpaid support for the 4-H program through face-to-face contact with youth, by A youth or adult, e.g.: project leader, club leader, camp counselor, teacher.:

**Indirect Volunteer:** As defined… "Unpaid support for the 4-H program by a youth or adult which does Not include face-to-face contact with youth, e.g.: board members, committee Members."

**Random Volunteer:** An individual who volunteers for a single or limited activity, event or program Conducted as part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 4-H and Youth Development programs. Usually, these individuals have two or fewer supervised Contacts with youth participants each year. Examples include fair judges, Workshop members, presenters serving on special committees, and assistants or Helpers at 4-H events.

# General 4-H Information

## 4-H Clover

The 4-H Club emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The leaves of the clover are green, and the “H’s” are white. The white is for purity, and green is nature’s most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth.

## 4-H Motto

In support of the 4-H Club motto:
To Make the Best Better

## 4-H Pledge

I pledge:
My head to clearer thinking
My heart to greater loyalty
My hands to larger service
My health to better living; for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## 4-H Prayer

“Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world will be a little better because Thou didst make me.”

## 4-H Slogan

“Learn by Doing”

## The 4 H’s represent the 4 squares of development

**Head:** To help you learn new and better ways of doing things.

**Heart:** To help you develop ideas and standards for living in society.

**Hands:** To give you the opportunity to develop useful skills and apply them.

**Health:** To help you develop good habits of health.

## 4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it gives me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my head for the power it will give me to think, to plan, and to reason.

I believe in the training of my heart for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my hands for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.

I believe in the training for health for the strength it will give me to enjoy life and resist diseases, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all of these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

## Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H members and leader/parent volunteers need to complete information on 4-H Connect annually. This enrollment is required for all 4-H members to participate in 4-H activities and Waller County Fair activities. 4-H communications are made only to those currently enrolled. Please be sure to keep this information updated so that the Extension Office always has your current address, phone number and email address.

The website for 4-H Enrollment is https://www.texas.4honline.com

## Program Year

The 4-H program year begins on September 1st and concludes on August 31st of the following year.

## 4-H Age Guidelines

Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18

Special education youth who are older than 19 and have not graduated from high school may participate in 4-H Youth Development programs as members, with approval by the county Extension agent. Participation is limited to the club or county level. County Extension staff have the option, on a case-by-case basis, to allow Special Education youth older than 19 to participate in competitive events at the club or county level.

NOTE: Clover Kids can participate in all county 4-H activities, with the emphasis on non-competitive events. They cannot participate in any shooting sport activities until they are a 4-H member. (Participation at livestock shows or the Waller County Fair Animal Divisions are not allowed). The Creative Living Building is open to all youth and adults of any ages.

## Where to Get 4-H Information

There are many places to get 4-H Information including:

4-H Handbook
4-H News Columns
4-H Newsletters
Weekly Email Reminders- Peek of the Week
Texas 4-H Website: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu
Club Officers and Members
Club Managers and Leaders
County Extension Office Website: https://waller.agrilife.org
County Extension Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/wallercoextension/
Waller County Instagram Page: @wallercoextension
Waller County Instagram Page: @wallercoambassadors

## Eligibility Forms (House Bill 72)

4-H members are required to complete a Declaration of Eligibility Form in order to participate in 4-H activities. This form must be signed by a parent, principal and County Extension Agent. They are only required at contests or events that are considered competitive. A Declaration of Eligibility Form is available on the county website and on the Facebook page. If you have any questions about eligibility forms, please contact our office.

## 4-H Websites

http://d94-h.tamu.edu
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### 2019-2020 4-H Ambassador

Averi Burt with Town & Country 4-H

Eulalia Haddox with Brazos Valley 4-H

Erin Stokes with Waller County Horse Club

Travis Denton with Rainbow 4-H

Christina Hensley with Waller County Sharp Shooters

Adult Leader: Kyle Gunderson

Agent Leader: Stacie Villarreal

### 2019- 2020 Adult Leaders and Parents Association Officers

Chairman: Quintes Stark

Vice Chairman: Dean Allred

Secretary: Amanda Stevens

Treasurer: Suprina Linseisen

Parliamentarian: Will Henry

The Waller County Adult Leaders and Parents Association (ALPA) is open to all 4-H leaders and parents. Each leader/parent who attends the meeting has a vote. Club managers are asked to attend to keep their club updated on activities and opportunities as well as planned activities and events.

# 10 Easy Steps to Getting the Most Out of 4-H

## 1 Join or Renew Membership

The 4-H year starts September 1st, so every year members must complete an online profile on 4-H Connect to participate in the 4-H Programs, the Waller County Fair and major livestock shows.

## 2 Parent(s) Complete Annual Screening

As youth sign up for 4-H, we need parents to sign up to help. Helpers are called leaders in the 4-H Program. Leaders are needed for a variety of tasks including transportation to meetings and camps and assisting with parties, meetings and project groups. Each club has a Club Manager and Assistant Manager to make the most of the 4-H experience.

All adults who provide transportation for 4-H'ers should complete a 4-H Leader Profile on 4-H Connect (https://texas.4honline.com/)

## 3 Get Involved

As a member or leader, you need to get involved in your local club. Attend monthly meetings and volunteer for committees so you can learn what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on in your county, district and state by reading emails, the 4-H Blog and Newsletters.

## 4 Start a Project

In 4-H Connect members are asked to select projects of interest. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects that interest you. The more years you are in 4-H, the more projects you will be able to handle.

All 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the year, but some have special activities or contests available to 4-H'ers, so you need to start some projects at special times during the year. Examples: Animal Projects, Food and Nutrition Project, Clothing and Textiles Projects and Judging Contests.

## 5 Keep Records

When you spend time working on a project you should record your progress. This means that you take notes on the things you learn, as well as photos to show what you did.

## Participate in Activities

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained in their project work. Some of the activities allow a team to prepare a presentation, while others are for individuals. By participating in 4-H activities helps members gain public speaking and presentation skills. Activities also include a variety of camps and workshops including leadership, environment, wildlife, fisheries and much more.

## Complete a Project

After you have selected your project and contacted your club manager or the Extension Office for more information, you are ready to start. In 4-H you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project. These learning experiences will vary from project to project, but could include going on tours, attending workshops, reading publications, and gaining information from other 4-H'ers and leaders.

## Share Information

As a 4-H member, you learn to share information you gain from project experiences with others. This is called leadership. The more you are involved with a project, the more you will have to share with others.

## Help Others

Part of the 4-H experience is helping others through community service. It is a way to give something back to the community for their continued support of the 4-H Program. Community service is something that you do for a non 4-H audience without any compensation.

## Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to join. Part of your 4-H experience should be recruiting others to become involved in the program. This may include asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week. Keep asking others to share the fun of 4-H!

# Projects and Activities

## Project and Activity Opportunities

Throughout the year, 4-H newsletters and 4-H news releases will offer special opportunities and/or make changes to activities and dates. Please read these to stay up to date with 4-H.
Your 4-H Handbook provides a lot of information on major 4-H opportunities. You can also contact your Club Manager and Extension Office for more information or answers to your questions.

## What is a 4-H Project?

To complete a 4-H Project, a 4-H member should have a **minimum of six** learning experiences. This can include individual study and group activities such as tours, workshops, and project meetings anywhere that skills and knowledge are gained. Parents and leaders work with the members to assist them in their learning experiences.

## Waller County's Most Popular 4-H Projects

Beef, Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Goats (Market or Breeding), Horses, Meat Science, Photography, Poultry, Leadership, Rabbits, Sheep. Shooting Sports, Swine, and Wildlife.

## Texas 4-H Club Project List

**Animals & Livestock**
Beef Cattle
Dog Care and Training
Dairy Cattle
Dog Care & Training
Goats (Dairy, and Mohair)
Goats (Meat)
Horse
Horticulture
Junior Master Gardener
Livestock Judging
Meat Science
Poultry (Chicken & Turkey)
Rabbits
Sheep
Soil and Crop Science
Swine
Veterinary Science
Horse Shows

**Natural Resources**
Aquatic Science
Entomology
Forestry
Outdoor Education & Living Skills
Range Science
Shooting Sports
Sport Fishing
Water Conservation & Education
Wildlife & Fisheries

**Leadership & Citizenship**
Citizenship
Community Service
Global Education & Awareness
Leadership
Public Speaking
Theater & Performance Arts
Workforce Preparation
Youth Entrepreneurship

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Math**
Energy
Photography/Videography
Robotics
Rocketry
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

**Health & Community Health**
Consumer Education
Fashion & Interior Design
Foods & Nutrition
Health& Personal Safety

# Labs, Camps and Summer Fun!

## State 4-H Camps

These are opportunities at the State 4-H Center for4-H'ers to develop life skills and gain a better understanding of themselves and others. The space is limited, and applications are usually due in April.

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| Prime Time I | Ages 12-13 |
| Prime Time II | Ages 9-11 |
| Spectra | Ages 14-19 |
| Horizons | 4th- 8th grade |
| County Camp I | All ages |
| County Camp II | All ages |
| County Camp III | All ages |
| Mission Possible Training | All ages |
| Mission Possible | All ages |
| Beginner Shooting Sports | All ages |
| Fishing Camp | 3rd grade & up |

## District 9 Leadership Lab

4-H members 14 years old and older will gain leadership skills while interacting with other 4-H'ers from their District. Leadership Lab is held the last week in June somewhere in District 9.

## District 9 Junior Leadership Lab

4-H members between the ages of 11 and 13 can enhance their leadership skills at Junior Leadership Lab held in the fall.

# Awards & Recognition

## County 4-H Awards

The 4-H awards recognition event allows all 4-H'ers to be recognized for the prior year's participation in 4-H. It is also a way to promote all the opportunities in 4-H and to recognize 4-H members.

Awards include:

- Green Star (Clover Kids, 5 to 8years old)
- Rookie Award (1st year member, any age)
- Bronze Star (Juniors, 3rd to 5th grade)
- Silver Star (Intermediates, 6th to 8th grade)
- Danforth "I Dare You" Award (Seniors, 9th to 12th grade)
- Gold Star (Seniors, 9th to 12th grade)

The Star awards are a series of showing progression of a member's involvement, growth and diversification in 4-H. The series begins with the Rookie Award, Bronze Star, Silver Star, "I Dare You" Award, and ultimately ends with the Gold Star.

These awards were designed to be received in this sequence but being a prior recipient of an award is not a requirement. Once you have received a step award, you may not apply for a lower step award (no regression). Each award may only be received once, and some required a judged Record Book.

### Green Star

The Green Star is an award at the County level. Recipients must meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. Age requirements are 5 to 8 years old (through 2nd grade) as of the current 4-H year.

### Rookie Award

The Rookie Award will be given to 1st year 4-H'ers of any age. This award recognizes members in their 1st year who excel in their 4-H projects. Nominees should fill out an application and interview with a panel of judges. Clover Kids are not allowed to enter applications for this award.

### Bronze Star

The Bronze Star is an award at the County level. Recipients must meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The maximum number of Bronze Star recipients in Waller County should not exceed two. Age requirements are 8 years old and in 3rd to 5th grade as of the current 4-H year.

### Silver Star

The Silver Star is the 3rd highest 4-H award at the county level. Recipients must meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. The maximum number of Silver Star recipients in Waller County should not exceed two. Age requirements are 6th to 8th grade as of the current 4-H year.

## Danforth "I Dare You" Award

William H Danforth's "I Dare You" was published in1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the category of personal motivation. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character, well balanced personal development, and demonstrated leadership.

## Gold Star

The Gold Star is the highest county achievement award. Recipients must meet all criteria so the quality of the award can be maintained. Counties receive an award quota based on the number of senior 4-H members.

## Salute to Excellence

Two outstanding adult leaders will be recognized each year. Recipients must have two or more years of experience and be enrolled as a 4-H leader or volunteer. Recipients can be a husband and wife team. Each club may nominate any two leaders from the county. The nomination must be made on the form provided by the Extension Office and should be turned in before the July ALPA meeting. The Ambassadors will review the nominees and select the recipients at the July meeting. This award may be received only once within a 10-year period. The winners will be nominated for the District 9 Salute to Excellence award.

## Friend of 4-H

Two Friends of 4-H awards may be presented to an individual, business, company or other group who has contributed to the success and expansion of 4-H in Waller County. This award should not be awarded to 4-H leaders or others who are directly involved in the 4-H Program. This award may be received only once in a 5-year time period. Any 4-H club or individual may submit nominations. The nomination must be made on the form provided by the Extension Office and should be turned in before the July ALPA meeting. The recipient will be selected by ALPA at the July meeting.

## Project Forms

Project forms are a way to record project accomplishments and records. The project form is designed to help 4-H members learn the importance and benefits of record keeping. Project completion awards are also presented at the Awards Recognition Event. The number of projects a 4-H member completes each year is their decision. Project forms should be filled out completely and turned into the Extension office on time.  A Project Form is available at the Extension Office or at https://waller.agrilife.org. They are due July 1st of every year to the Extension Office, if July 1st falls on a weekend, then they are due on the next business day.

## 4-H Adult Leaders and Parents Association and David McGregor Scholarship

Each year 4-H'ers that are seniors in high school can apply for 4-H scholarships. For a complete application and rules, contact the Extension Office.

The current ALPA scholarship value is $2,500. An additional scholarship award, the David McGregor scholarship will be given to the highest-ranking candidates as follows: 1st place $2,000, 2nd place $1,500, 3rd place $1,000. The number of scholarships given and the amount of each may vary as determined by completed applications and available funds.

Applications for county scholarships are available online or from the Extension Office. Application materials are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm on March 1 every year; if it falls on a weekend then it is due on the next business day.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must submit

- Completed, typed scholarship application.
- Two letters of recommendation, letters cannot be from relatives or County Extension Agents.
- Two judged, Waller County 4-H Record Books completed in the senior division, one being from their junior year in high school. Both must have been judged prior to submission of scholarship application.
- One current, sealed copy of the applicant's official high school transcript.

Applicant must be a graduation senior in public, private or home high school.

Applicant must have been an active 4-H member for the past three years.

A personal interview with the scholarship judging panel is required.

Waller County 4-H ALPA scholarships are to be paid to recipients who are registered for classes in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree at an accredited college or technical school.

Recipients must provide a digital portrait for publication purposes.

## Guidelines

Scholarships are to be announced at the recipient's high school awards or graduation ceremony. The winners will also be announced and recognized at the Annual 4-H BBQ Fundraiser.

Recipients are required to show proof of registration before scholarship money will be released.

Money will be given in two equal installments upon proof of paid fee receipts for two semesters to the accredited school on behalf of the student.

When you apply for the ALPA scholarship, you will automatically be applying for the David McGregor scholarship.

# Waller County Annual 4-H BBQ

The main annual fundraiser for Waller County 4-H is the annual BBQ. This year it will be held in May at the Waller County Fairgrounds. Ticket sales, pre-sale and at the door, and cake auction proceeds go toward the Waller County 4-H fund that provides funding for 4-H activities and awards throughout the year.

Planning for this event requires cooperation from all clubs, parents, leaders and 4-H'ers.Planning meetings begin in the fall and continue until BBQ. While the BBQ takes place on Saturday, many preparations are done on Friday. After the first planning meeting, a responsibilities list and information letter will be given out to leaders and club managers.

## 4-H Royalty Contest

Each 4-H Club may elect a member to represent their club. These young ladies/gentlemen and club members sell tickets for their club. The candidate which sells the most pre-sale tickets and is awarded the most points in the different contests will be crowned as 4-H Queen/King, 2nd runner up will be crowned at 4-H Princess/Prince, and 3rd runner up will be crowned 4-H Duchess/Duke.

## Auction

Each club is asked to provide, at minimum, a homemade cake for the cake auction, donate one item for the live auction, one for the silent auction, bucket raffle and raffle item. More Information will be coming out after the November ALPA meeting.

# 4-H Ambassador Program

The Texas 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

To be a part of the Waller County 4-H Ambassador Program an application should be submitted to the County Extension Office and an interview with a panel of judges will be conducted. Applications are available on the county website and interviews will be conducted in the spring.

The 4-H Ambassador Program has specific goals:

- To tell and show key audiences what the 4-H Youth Development Program is and who it impacts, so these audiences understand the impact 4-H has on youth and how the program is addressing key issues in the community state.
- To develop leadership and communication skills among 4-H'ers.
- To inform and involve elected officials about the 4-H Program.
- To inform current and potential donors about 4-H and give them opportunities to support the program

The Waller County 4-H Ambassador Program includes:

- Training in how to make presentations, how to represent the organization, and how to serve the community.
- Opportunities to learn the planning process, developing both the plan and the commitment to it.
- Team-centered activities including meetings, recognition events, interpretation to Commissioner's Court and recruitment activities to promote 4-H.
- Program/ team management including making and accepting assignments, keeping records, preparing schedules and conducting meetings.

The 4-H Ambassador Program emphasizes interprets and shows the real 4-H story because:

- Families want to know if 4-H can really help their children.
- Key leaders want to see positive youth development taking place.
- Public funds are limited, which requires 4-H to show its effectiveness in youth development
- 4-H is effective, so we have a story to tell, and 4-H Ambassadors can tell the story best.

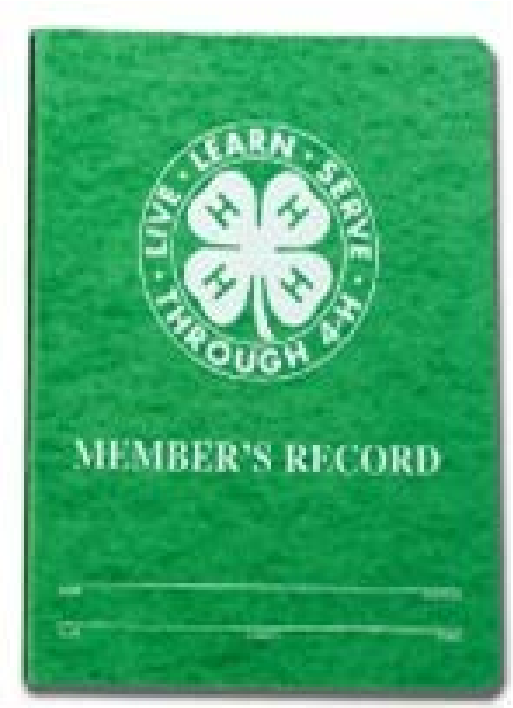
# Record Books

Completed 4-H Record Books will be **due Friday, June 5, 2020**, to the Waller County Extension Office. 4-H'ers submitting a Record Book will compete at the county, district and state levels. Books that score 1st place in each age division will advance to district, and senior level books that place 1st at district will advance to state.
Remember to take pictures from start to finish of your projects so you will have a picture story for your book.

*Only 1 Record Book may be submitted each year.*

Guidelines for Record Books and all required forms are available at the Extension Office or at the following link: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/recordbook/index.php
General Record Book information:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index_youth_recordbooks.php

## Record Book Categories




Agricultural Sciences
Beef
Citizenship & Civic Education
Consumer & Education
Dog Care & Training
Entomology
Fashion & Interior Design
Food & Nutrition
Gardening & Horticulture
Goat
Health & Personal Safety
Horse
Leadership
Natural Resources
Photography
Plant & Soil Science
Poultry
Public Speaking
Rabbit
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Sheep
Shooting Sports
Swine
Theatre & Performance Arts
Veterinary Science

# Duties of 4-H Officers

**President**: Call the meeting to order on time, follow the adopted order of business, and appoint committees.

**Vice President**: Take over the duties of President in the case of absence, coordinate club programs, and serve as the program leader to the club.

**Secretary**: Keep records for the club, write letters for the club, keep list of members, call roll at meetings, and take minutes at meetings.

**Treasurer**: Receive all money paid to the club and arrange for safe keeping, pay club bills, keep records of money received and paid out, report at meetings.

**Reporter**: Send notice of club meetings and events to the local newspapers and Extension Office.

**Historian**: Keep club scrapbook of activities, pictures, news articles, etc.

**Parliamentarian**: Keep order at club meetings, assist in training of officers, and make parliamentary rules during business meetings.

More information about additional and optional officer duties can be found at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/publications_management_officer_handbook1.pdf