



Williamson County

4-H February

Newsletter

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February

February 6- County Council Meeting @6:30pm-CEO

February 7- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Begins

February 9- BCYF Livestock Judging, Bell County Expo

February 9- WCYF Meeting, 8:30am, CEO

February 9-11- 4-H ReFashion Retreat- TX 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX

February 12- Rodeo Austin Tour Guide Signup Deadline

February 13- San Antonio School Tours

February 16- Fashion Show/Mock Contest, 5:30pm, CEO

February 17- Show Poultry Classic, 8:30-12pm, CEO

February 18- Deadline for Beekeeping Essay Deadline

February 18- Cookbook Recipes Due

February 19- CEO Closed for President's Day

February 21- San Antonio School Tours

February 26- Williamson County Livestock Assoc Meeting @7:30pm- CEO

February 28- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Begins

March

March 3- Nutrition Quiz Bowl & Consumer Decision Making, MCC

March 6- County Council Meeting @6:30pm

March 6- Adult Leaders Meeting, 6pm, CEO

March 6- TEEA Exhibition Day

March 8- Fashion Show Entries Due CEO by 4pm

March 15- Fashion Storyboards Due to CEO

March 20- County Fashion Show, Wesleyan Homes

March 21- Rodeo Austin Tour

March 23- D8 Clothing & Textiles Deadline

March 24- TAMU Judging Clinics

March 26- Williamson County Livestock Association Meeting @7:30- CEO

March 30- D8 Photo Contest Deadline

March 30- CEO Closed

4-H Connect Membership Enrollment for 2017-2018

August 15, 2017 started a new 4-H enrollment year on 4-H Connect! ALL 4-H families will be required to re-enroll for the 2017-2018 4-H year. All 4-H members and adults need to complete both a family and individual profile for membership and to be able to register for events.

If you are re-enrolling and already have an existing profile, do not create a new profile.

UPDATE your existing one with **new email, physical addresses and phone numbers.**

An annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to December 31st, will ensure that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program possible.

Adults, if you plan on serving as a volunteer in any way please enroll as a **VOLUNTEER** on 4-H Connect! Requirements to be a volunteer include: a background check every two years, pay a \$10 fee every year, and complete trainings on 4-H Connect every two years.



County Council Meeting

The Williamson County 4-H County Council will meet on March 6, 2018 from 6:30 8:00pm in the County Extension Office Conference Room. Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who come to the meetings and are voting delegates for the club. All 4-H members are welcome though! We will discuss fundraisers, and other county wide events. It will be a lot of fun and there will be snacks and drinks, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities. Community Service for this month will be collecting care packages for First Responders.



Williamson County Welcomes NR Agent Jared Alewine

Mr. Alewine will be serving as our new Natural Resource Agent for Williamson County. He has worked as a county extension agent in Karnes County for the last four years before coming to Williamson County.

Mr. Alewine is originally from Ennis, TX in Ellis County (D8). He has a Bachelor's from Tarleton State University and a Master's from Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Jared is married to Michelle and they have recently had a new daughter Brooke.

Jared will be at all the upcoming livestock shows if you would like to find time to introduce yourself and family.



WELCOME!

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2018 TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline Sunday, February 18, 2018

Submit Electronically via Texas 4-H Connect :
Event : State – 2018 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Winners will be announced the week of March 5, 2018



The 2018 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year's topic is "What's So Super About the Super Organism in the Honey Bee?"

The honey bee continues to be on everyone's mind. From beekeepers to scientists to the public, the honey bee is a great *super organism*. What does this mean to you, to your community and to the world? Put on your thinking caps and GO! (please do not reference Albert Einstein in your work)

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

AWARDS:

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners from Texas 4-H:

- 1st Place: \$200.00
- 2nd Place: \$100.00
- 3rd Place: \$50.00

Texas 4-H Contest Sponsored by : A complete list of sponsors will be sent to participants for thank you purposes by March 5, 2018.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners for National:

- 1st Place: \$750.00
- 2nd Place: \$500.00
- 3rd Place: \$250.00

National Contest Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

TEXAS CONTEST RULES:

This contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Previous Texas winners are eligible to enter the 2018 contest, as long as they have not placed first, second, or third at the national level in the past.

Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay)

- Typewritten or computer-generated double-spaced, 12pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
- Must submit an essay, 750 to 1000 words, on the essay topic
- Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research- 40%; (b) accuracy- 30%; (c) creativity- 10%; (d) conciseness- 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic- 10%
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- On a separate page, please include a brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including birthdate, gender, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
- Essay must be submitted online via Texas 4-H Connect by midnight Sunday, February 18, 2018

NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION:

- Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
- Deadline by states for National Submission is March 9, 2018
- National Winners will be announced by the week of May 7, 2018.
- All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.
- The National winners' essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation's Newsletter.
- Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.



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New Procedure for Eligibility/Excuse Notes

4-H'ers should complete a separate form for each competitive event/activity in which they plan to participate. The original form should be returned to the county Extension office 2 weeks prior to the event/activity.

NOTE: Schools requiring a copy of this form should make their copy before returning it to the student.

Parent/Guardian Section

Parent/Guardian will select the information being requested. It is either: Academic eligibility information only. (Used to verify academic eligibility only for 4-H competitive events/activities.), or Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school. (Used to verify academic eligibility as well as receive authorization to receive an excused absence. This would be used for events held during school hours such as stock shows, state and national 4H contests and events, etc.)

Complete the date of activity and name of activity. (Used to notify school officials of exact dates/times a student would be participating in a 4-H activity or representing 4-H at an event.)

Parent/Guardian signature is required. The signature of the parent/guardian confirms that this person is aware of the academic eligibility and excused absence requirements of the Texas Education Code.

County Extension Agent Section

Extension Office will complete this section and certify the youth is a 4-H member and his/her participation in the event. County Extension Agent (with adjunct faculty status) will sign the form. Extension Office will then forward forms onto the school for approval.

Forms can be obtained at the CEO or on our website: <https://williamson.agrilife.org/4-h-updates-news/>



Williamson County

4-H Fashion Show



March 20, 2018

Wesleyan Homes

139 Estrella Crossing, Georgetown 78628



Entry forms **Due March 8th** to the CEO by 4:00pm
Storyboards **Due March 15th** to the CEO

Contests:

- ♦ **Fashion Show– Individual Contest.** Buy or sew an outfit. Complete the entry form. Model the outfit and interview!
- ♦ **Natural Fiber– individual Contest.** Buy or sew an outfit made of cotton or wool/mohair/alpaca. Complete entry, model, interview!
- ♦ **Fashion Storyboard– Individual Event.** Show your creativity by designing an outfit, accessory, or pet clothing. Create a board & share your vision!
- ♦ **Duds to Dazzle– Team Contest.** Let your creativity shine in a high-energy competition, showing off your design and crafting skills!
- ♦ **Trashion Show (Team or Individual Contest)** The Trashion Show provides an opportunity for 4-H members to use their design skills to create and exhibit a recycled/reused garment created from items

- ⇒ **Duds to Dazzle Contest starts at 5:30 pm**
Workshop/Mock contest on February 16, 5:30pm @ CEO
Start getting your teams ready!
All teams advance to District

- ⇒ **Fashion Show Contest starts at 6:30 pm**

- ⇒ **Entry Forms & Contest Information can be found:**

<http://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/fashion-show-fashion-storyboard/>

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REGISTER NOW!!! for 2018!!!

GLOBE — Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education, Tier I experience

Who? 4-H members grades 6-12 | **When:** March—October, 2018

Register on 4-H Connect, GLOBE | Limited to first 40 paid youth

Registration fee: \$250

June 26 travel to Heifer Ranch * June 26-27 Global Village experience * June 28 return home

Webinars: 4-H members are expected to participate in at least two of three scheduled online webinars. The webinars are designed to introduce youth to the concepts of poverty, sustainability and temporary aid. Youth will learn about Heifer International and the Global Village simulation at Heifer Ranch. March 19, 27 and April 2, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Experiential Field Trip: 40 youth and Texas A&M AgriLife personnel serving as chaperons will travel on charter bus to Perryville, AR on June 26. The bus departs in Manor, stopping along the route in Hillsboro and Sulphur Springs, arriving at Heifer Ranch about 5:00 pm. Participants bring a sack lunch and snacks. The **registration fee of \$250** includes lodging two nights and six meals. The bus departs Heifer Ranch after lunch on June 28, drop-offs in Sulphur Springs and Hillsboro. Route details and times to be provided. Participants purchase dinner on way home, budget \$10. Participants will bring sleeping bags and toiletries as with any 'camp' experience.

T-shirt: all participants will receive a Texas 4-H GLOBE commemorative t-shirt

Expectations: Upon completion of the Tier I experience at Heifer Ranch, participants are expected to complete a service project related to poverty and/or hunger and make two presentations about their experience to civic groups. Tasks will be reported through an online reporting system. Deadline to complete all assignments is October 31.

What's next? A Tier II international service learning experience abroad will be offered in 2019; only those youth that have completed the Tier I experience are eligible to participate.

For more information:

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Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

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

DISTRICT 8 4-H NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL

Event Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Schedule: 1:00 – 1:30 pm Registration

1:30 – 1:45 pm Orientation

1:45 pm Contest Begins (or immediately following Orientation)

Awards Presentation will be immediately following the final round.

Lunch will NOT be provided for contestants. *There are very few restaurants nearby the facilities. Please plan to bring your own lunch or snacks if you plan to participate in both the Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest and the Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest.*

Location: McLennan Community College Emergency Services Education Center

7601 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, TX 76708

<http://www.mclennan.edu/emergency-services-education/>

Resources: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/food-and-nutrition/4-h-youth-food-and-nutrition/>

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.

Opens: Monday, January 31, 2018~Closes: Friday, February 6, 2018

Entry Fee: \$10 per member

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 48 hours after the regular contest deadline.
- \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 48 hours, but up to the time of check-in on-site at an event



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Wilco 4-H Photography Contest

2017-2018 Rules and Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Wilco 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members.
- To continue to share the message of 4-H.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Participation Grades	Any registered member of Williamson County 4-H who is a junior, intermediate, or senior level as of September 1, 2017
Photo Eligibility	Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2017 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted in only one category.
Photo Format	Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif.
Entry Fee	Entries are free on the County level. First place entries will have a \$5 fee to advance to District, payable through 4-H Connect and must be uploaded and paid by March 30.
Entry Method	Email entries – <u>one photo per email</u> – to wilco4hphotography@gmail.com <u>All photos should be named "Age Level Category Last name First Name" and all email subject lines should match the photo name.</u> Example: senior.animalswildlife.smith.mary
Entry Period	Entry Open Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018 Entry Close Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 Entries will not be accepted after 11:59pm on March 16, 2018
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution. • Size: Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait). NEW • Size: Photo may not be larger than 5120KB (5MB). If you need assistance in resizing photos, you can use: http://webresizer.com/ , or a program of your choice.
Alterations & Text usage	Alterations: Although slightly computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry. Any other alteration, manipulation, edits, to a photo would require the photo to be entered into the Enhanced category. Text on Photographs: Photographs MUST NOT contain camera or user placed text. This includes such things as date stamps, comments, or titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e. photo of a street sign, etc) is acceptable.
Original Work of 4-H member	Entry must be the original photographic work of the 4-H member and not a photo taken by family members, other 4-H members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification of ALL the 4-H member's entries into the Photography Contest. Additionally, actions may be taken against the 4-H member in regards to the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct signed by the 4-H member.
Awards	Results will be announced on or before March 27. Photos will be placed as follows: 1 st place through 5 th place will be awarded for each category/age group. Ribbons will be awarded. ONE Best of Show will be selected from all entries and a special prize awarded.

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OBJECTIVES

- To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for senior 4-H members.
- To continue to share the message of 4-H.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Participation Grades	Any registered member of Williamson County 4-H who is a senior level (9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th grade) as of September 1, 2017
Photo Eligibility	Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2017 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted in only one category.
Photo Format	Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif.
Entry Fee	Entries are free on the County level. First place entries will have a \$10 fee to advance to State, payable through 4-H Connect and must be uploaded and paid by April 15.
Entry Method	Email entries – <u>one photo per email</u> – to wilco4hphotography@gmail.com <u>All photos should be named "Age Level.Category.Last name.First Name" and all email subject lines should match the photo name.</u> Example: senior.animalswildlife.smith.mary
Entry Period	Entry Open Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 Entry Close Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 Entries will not be accepted after 11:59pm on Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution. • Size: Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait). NEW • Size: Photo may not be larger than 5120KB (5MB). If you need assistance in resizing photos, you can use: http://webresizer.com/ , or a program of your choice.
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Awards	Results will be announced on or before April 12. Photos will be placed as follows: 1 st place through 5 th place will be awarded for each category/age group. Ribbons will be awarded.

BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, February 9th, 2018
Bell County Expo – Belton, Texas



AWARDS

Buckles awarded to the high point individual, 1st place team members, and the 1st place team coach in each age group

Plaques awarded to 2nd – 5th place teams in each age group

Top 10 in each species age group receives a ribbon

Registration – 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Contest Start Time – 9:00 a.m.

Award Presentation – 1:00 p.m.

TEAMS will consist of 3 or 4
Contestants
INDIVIDUALS welcome

\$10.00/CONTESTANT during
pre-registration

\$15.00/CONTESTANT on site

Juniors: 3rd – 8th grade

Seniors: 8th – 12th grade

8 Classes & 2 sets of Questions

8 minutes per class

Scantrons provided

To pre-register, County Agents and Advisors may enter teams through www.judgingcard.com. Registration will also be available on site.

Contact the Bell County Extension Office for more information,
(254) 933.5305



WILLIAMSON COUNTY ADULT LEADERS COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

We would like **ALL** Williamson County 4-H Club to submit their favorite recipe(s).

Goal is to have every 4-H member, Club Leader, Adult Leader to submit at LEAST 2 recipe.

Be sure to include your name & club information with recipe.

If your recipe won any awards through Youth Fair or any other Fair or Event, list that information as well.

Email recipe(s) to: 4hcookbookrecipes@gmail.com



DEADLINE:

**Recipes to be submitted no later
than Sunday, February 18th**

Goal is to have books available to
sell by April 1st



ART CONTEST

We are looking for art work to use for the cover and the category dividers.

Cover – Overall Winner

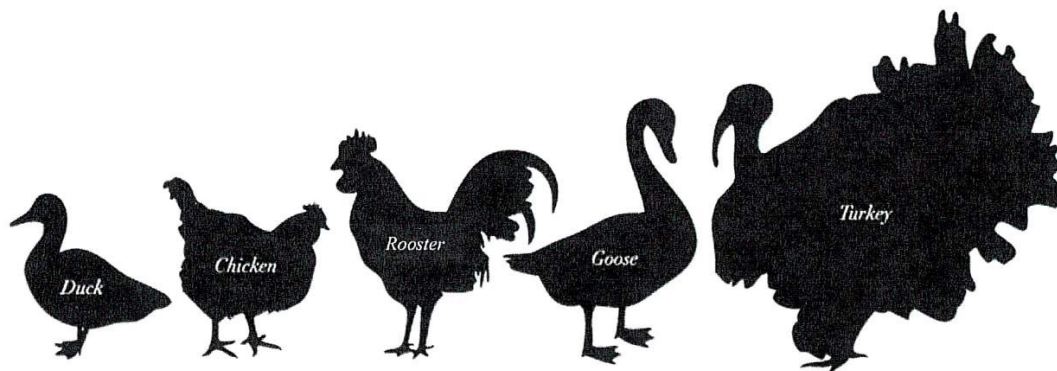
Dividers - 8 Total (2 Clovers, 2 Juniors, 2 Intermediates & 2 Seniors art work to be chosen).

Entries due: Sunday February 18th





Central Texas Wilco 2018 4-H / FFA Youth Clinic & Showmanship Show Poultry Classic



Saturday February 17th 8:30am - 12:00noon

Williamson County Extension Office, 3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78626

Fun events including:

Registration 8:30-9:00 am

Poultry Clinic & Showmanship Judging: 9:00 am

Poultry Breeder Talks: 9:30 am

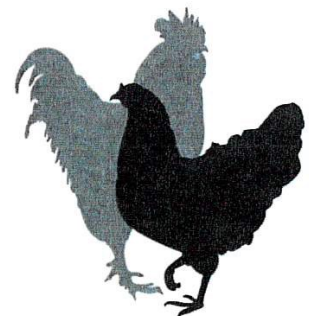
Rooster Crow and Hen Cluck-Off Contest: 10:00 am

Egg Show Contest: 10:00 am

Using Birds for Gardening talk: 10:30 am

For the birds, Costume Contest: 11:30 am

Results and awards: Noon



For more information contact Georgetown 4-H, Olivia Johnson at Skonifarms@gmail.com

2018 Hackamore Ranch Open Invitational Contests

WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018

WHERE: Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) Hall located at 304 E. Moerbe Drive, Thorndale, TX

- 4-H and FFA Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest
- 4-H and FFA Range Evaluation Contest

6th Annual Open Invitational 4-H and FFA Contests sponsored by Cody and Albina Fowler - Hackamore Ranch in Milam County. Cody and Albina Fowler have an interest in youth and ecology, so their non-profit organization is providing scholarships to the high point senior participants.

Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest

- A \$5,000 scholarship to the high point senior individual in Range and Pasture Plant Identification

Range Evaluation Contest

- A \$5,000 scholarship to the high point senior individual in Range Evaluation

Come join us at the contests and be a part of the educational training provided by Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist. Dr. Rector will also coordinate the contests.

Who Can Participate: All 4-H and FFA members in the following age divisions

- Junior Division (3rd – 8th grade)
- Senior Division (9th – 12 grade)

Entry Fee:

- Teams -- \$40
- Individuals -- \$20

Registration Fee must be received by March 29, 2018 *(If you plan to pay late fees and register/pay at the door, we will need the completed entry and lunch count form returned by the deadline)*

On Site Registration Fee:

- Team -- \$60
- Individuals -- \$30

For more information contact Tennille @ tennille.harwell@ag.tamu.edu

EXHIBITION DAY

Join the Williamson County Extension Education Association to showcase your talents!
Open to all residents living in Williamson County.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Christ Lutheran Church, Georgetown

Entries due between 8:30am to 10:00am.
Judging begins promptly at 10:00am.

Covered dish luncheon to follow judging
and exhibit viewing.

Registration forms and to see the complete list of categories, please visit williamson.agrilife.org/fcs
or call the Extension Office at 512-943-3300

2018 DISTRICT 8 4-H CLOTHING & TEXTILES EVENTS

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Location: Bell County Expo Center, 301 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513 www.bellcountyexpo.com

Time:

- The Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle Contests will be held on the same day. 4-H members may participate in both events. They will be judged in Fashion Show first, then compete in Duds to Dazzle.

- The concession stand will be open to purchase food for lunch or snacks.

The schedule is TENTATIVE until entries are received and processed.



Deadlines: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.

Opens: Monday, March 5, 2018 ~Closes: Friday, March 23, 2018

Senior Paperwork: Paperwork for Senior Fashion Show (Buying, Construction, Natural Fiber) must be uploaded on 4-H Connect by the deadline.

Senior paperwork judging will be conducted remotely. It is scheduled for judging to take place between Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, April 5.

Junior and Intermediate Paperwork: Paperwork for Junior and Intermediate Fashion Show participants will not be judged prior to the day of the Fashion Show. Participants will bring two copies of their paperwork with them to the contest.

Entry Fee: \$10 per 4-H member per event

Late Entries. Late entries will be permitted with an additional \$20 late fee per 4-H member 48 hours after the regular contest deadline. Entries received after the 48-hour deadline will require an additional \$50 late fee per member.



Rodeo Austin Tour Guide

Sign up to be a Rodeo Austin Tour Guide! Date available is **March 21st** if you would like to attend with Williamson County 4-H!

Email Cassie by 4:00pm on February 12 if you would like to attend. Tours usually last from 8:30 to noon. Cassie will carpool from CEO to Rodeo Austin Grounds again this year.

The tour guides will take preK to 3rd grade students on tours of prearranged stops on the rodeo grounds. We prefer them to be 13 or above (basically Jr and Sr High School students). They will need to be interactive with the students and the teachers but most stops have someone who will actually present the information at that stop, so the tour guides are not expected to know all the information.

2018 Texas Brigades Camp

Texas Brigades is accepting applications for the 7 wildlife and natural resource-based leadership camps for summer 2018. These youth programs are held across Texas and the limited spaces are filling up fast!

Texas Brigades is a wildlife and natural resource-focused leadership development organization for youth (ages 13-17). Each camp is an intense, all inclusive, five day experience led by some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Approximately 200 youth from throughout the state of Texas are typically served.

These programs feature quail, deer, bass, redfish/marine species, waterfowl or livestock, with an aim to equip youth with the resources and determination needed to make a difference in conservation and land stewardship throughout their lives. Through this experience, participants are introduced to habitat management, hone their communication skills, learn to work together as a team, and develop a land & conservation ethic.

2018 Camp Dates and Locations are:

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

ABOUT TEXAS BRIGADES

Texas Brigades is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA-NRCS, 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.

Applications may be found and completed online at <https://www.texasbrigades.org> – due March 15th. The all-inclusive tuition is \$500 per cadet per camp. Applications for tuition assistance are also available. Come enjoy the outdoors with Texas Brigades. For more information, contact Texas Brigades at camps@texasbrigades.org, call the office at 210-556-1391, or find us on Facebook, Twitter, and IG.

Scholarships!



**SENIORS Its that time of
the year to start applying
for scholarships!!!!**

Live Scholarship Training Visit: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/scholarships/>

Need Help on any applications, resumes, essays, interviews, etc... email Cassie!

⇒ **Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Applications**

⇒ DUE to CEO January 17, 2018 by 4:00pm to be reviewed

⇒ Information Visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

⇒ **Houston Rodeo Scholarships** See HERE: rodeohouston.com/commitment

⇒ **Williamson Co. Extension Education Scholarship**– Due to CEO Jan. 30

⇒ <https://williamson.agrilife.org/scholarships/>

⇒ **State Fair of Texas Scholarships** Deadline Feb. 23, 2018

⇒ See HERE: <https://bigtex.com/about/scholarship/>

⇒ **Capital Farm Credit Scholarship Opportunities:**

⇒ <https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/resources/community-support>

⇒ **“What Agriculture Means to Me” Capital Farm Credit Video Contest**

⇒ ANY High School 4-H member can apply

⇒ Upload Videos (Feb 1 & Mar. 20, 2018)

⇒ **Capital Farm Credit \$1000 Scholarship**

⇒ Students seeking agriculture related degrees

⇒ Contact: Williamson County Branch Office 512-352- 6351

Check Out <https://williamson.agrilife.org/scholarships/> for more scholarships & deadlines!!

Egg to Chick (Hatching in the Classroom)

Science Based Curriculum For Your Classroom

**Teachers, Project Leaders,
& 4-H Families**



Incubating and hatching chicken eggs is a hands-on learning experience you can use with students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Class-room/Home experiments with chicken embryos can help you teach complex systems such as nutrition and the circulatory system, or more basic skills such as data measurement, collection, and analysis. These projects help students learn biological concepts and develop a deeper understanding of the life sciences. Examining embryos at different stages of growth, and observing a beating heart are just two of the projects you can use.

Cost: \$35 for 2.5 dozen fertilized eggs

Supplies: Extension Office has incubators that you can check out

Contact: cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu or 512-943-3300

Facts: Eggs take about 21 days to hatch (Program last at least 3 weeks)

Potential Start Dates:

January 30, February 6, March 22, March 27, & April 19

Contact Cassie ASAP to Pick your start date!



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Want to start a gardening group with your club, school, or other youth organizations?

The Junior Master Gardener Program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative extension network.

JMG engages children in novel, "hands on" group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

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Water Wonders

Thursday, September 21 -

Why is Water Important to us? Characteristics of Water

Thursday, October 5 - Amphibians

Saturday, October 14 - Field Trip Amphibians

Thursday, November 1 - Water Quality

Saturday, November 11 - Field Trip:

Measuring Water Quality: Water Analysis, Aquatic Invertebrates

Thursday, December 4 - Water Cycle

Thursday, January 11 - Waterfowl & Shorebirds

Saturday, January 27 - Field Trip: Hornsby Bend

Thursday, February 1 - Ground Water, Edwards Aquifer & Water Pollution

Thursday, February 15 - Wastewater Treatment

Thursday, March 1 - Water Management

Saturday, March 24 - Service Project

Thursday, March 29 - Wetlands

Thursday, April 2 - Estuaries

Thursday, April 16 - Texas Water Mammals

Thursday, May 7 - Fish

Saturday, May 23 - Graduation Field Trip Fishing

Grades: 3rd - 5th

Cost: \$25 for JMN, + \$20 to join 4H Total: \$45.00

Thursday classes are from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Most classes will meet at the AgriLife Extension Meeting Room, 3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown. September 21 class will last until 8:00 for orientation. October 21 Field Trip will be in the evening. All other field trips will be Saturday mornings.

Registration will open August 1st.

To receive a reminder email about registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/JMN-Reminder>

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/JMN-Registration>



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Leaders 4 Life Skillathon

The Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-thon contest focuses on leadership, parliamentary procedure, and service learning and/or 4-H promotion.

Practices:

- February 6th at 5:00pm (every month before the county council meeting)
- February 12th at 5:00pm
- February 26th at 5:00pm
- March 6th at 5:00pm
- March 12th at 5:00pm
- March 19th at 5:00pm
- March 26th at 5:00pm
- April 3 at 5:00pm
- April 9- 5pm
- April 16- 5pm
- April 30-5pm



Team Age Divisions:

Junior/Intermediate Grades 3,4,5,6,7, or 8

Senior Grades 9,10,11,12



These practice are tentative and can be changed to fit schedule of those interested.
Please attend first practice or email Cassie

Coach: Cassie Ferguson email for further questions or if you are interested.

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Understanding of parliamentary procedure.

- Knowledge of how to manage an effective meeting.
- Understanding of new leadership techniques.
- Understanding of the importance of public speaking.
- Understanding of how to work with others in organized settings.

District 8 competition- May 3 Location TBA-most likely Waco, TX

Side Note: Williamson County 4-H won Leaders 4 Life Contest at the
Western National Roundup in 2014



2018 MAJORS DATES TO REMEMBER



FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO	JAN 12—FEB 3
SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW & RODEO	FEB 2- 18
SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO	FEB 8—25
HOUSTON LIVESTOCK & RODEO	FEB 27- MAR 18
RODEO AUSTIN	MAR 10- 24



State Tags!!! If your state validated livestock project loses a tag call the extension office as soon as possible to replace it! 512-943-3300

Williamson County 4-H Newsletter



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