

Wilson County 4-H



NEWSLETTER

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2020-2021 CHALLENGE

“New Path Forward”



TEXAS SPEAKS

STATEWIDE SURVEY Identifying the Strengths & Needs of Texas Communities

WHAT IS TEXAS SPEAKS?

TexasSpeaks is a state-wide online survey conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with the purpose of listening to Texas citizens as they identify the strengths and needs of their communities.

Data from the survey will be aggregated at local levels and provided to local stakeholders. Additionally, statewide data will be aggregated and made available to state agencies and decision makers.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

To engage as many Texas citizens as possible to create the most accurate and helpful data to support Texas communities at both the state and local levels.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Online
- Open to the public
- Anonymous
- Takes 10 minutes
- Includes an opportunity to collect open-ended feedback



PARTICIPATE TODAY!
<http://tx.ag/texasspeaks>



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County Updates

LVJLS BAKED FOOD SHOW ENTRIES DUE

Entry DEADLINE: February 5, 2021

Mail entries to: Sara Young
13066 FM 539 La Vernia, TX 78121

For more information click [HERE](#)

LA VERNIA ARTS & CRAFT SHOW ENTRIES DUE

Entry DEADLINE: February 5, 2021

Mail entries to: Charity Schroeder
1044 County Road 359 La Venia, TX 78121
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

For more information click [HERE](#)

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FINAL DEADLINE

Final Deadline: February 15, 2021

Where: ONLINE

All graduating senior 4-H members have received information via email. If you have not received this information, please email courtney.white@ag.tamu.edu

For more information about the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship, visit: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

LVJLS RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

When: February 21, 2021 @ 1 p.m.

Where: La Vernia Chamber of Commerce
12301 US-87, La Vernia

The Showmanship handling and test will take place. The test will be given only once.

LA VERNIA LIVESTOCK SHOW

When: Feb 28, March 3-6, 2021

Where: La Vernia Chamber of Commerce
12301 US HWY 87 W La Vernia

2021 Livestock Show Rules & Schedule:
[Click Here](#)

Several changes have been made to the show!

- Revised Schedule
- Animals MUST be in the barn, no showing off the trailer.
- Animals must be removed from the show grounds immediately following their show. No animals will be staying overnight.
- There will be no "floor" for animals.
- Animals will not be present for the auction this year, only exhibitors.
- Only the exhibitor can go through the auction ring. There will be no "assistants/helpers" this year.
- All exhibitors who made auction MUST be present for the auction.
- Poultry Exhibitors: Family members can assist you with holding your birds.

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/#Livestock-Shows>

District Updates

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Entries Due: February 26, 2021, [ONLINE](#)

Cost: \$15.00

Photography entries are due in 4-HOnline.
For more information, visit: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/photography/>

DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

When: March 11, 2021

Where: Abilene, TX
(Taylor County Expo)

SAVE THE DATE

The All Texas Dairy show is hosting a Dairy Judging Contest, which will serve as the Districts 4, 8, 10, and 11, as well as the Texas 4-H National Qualifier.

More information to come!

DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST

Entry Deadline: April 6, 2021

When: April 28, 2021

Where: Kerr County Youth Event Center

SAVE THE DATE

More information to be announced.

SPRING DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Entry Deadline: March 23, 2021

When: April 21-24, 2021

Where: TBD

More information TBA.

Spring Roundup Contests will include:

- Range & Pasture ID
- Range Evaluation
- Mohair Judging
- Wool Judging
- Leaders 4 Life
- Soil Judging
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboards
- Duds to Dazzle
- Share-The-Fun
- Livestock Judging
- Smallbore Rifle Contest

Note: Not all contests are during April 21-24 and are scheduled for separate dates.

For more information visit: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-10-spring-round-up/>

DISTRICT CDM CONTEST

When: April 27, 2021

Where: Kerr County Youth Event Center

SAVE THE DATE!

More information to be announced.

District Updates

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 16-17, 2021

Where: Dripping Springs

SAVE THE DATE

Dates and location are subject to change. More information will be announced in the spring.

LEADERSHIP LAB

When: June 23-25, 2021

Where: Brownwood, TX

SAVE THE DATE!

Note for County Council: Newly elected officers are expected to attend. If you plan to run for office next year, please keep this in mind!

State Updates

REFASHION RETREAT

DATE CHANGE!

When: February 12-14, 2021

Where: Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, TX

Cost: Youth/\$140
Adult/\$110

Registration is on **HOLD** to be added to the registration list please email:

cari.snider@gmail.com

All youth must be accompanied by an adult. All adults must be screened volunteers in 4-H Online.

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

Entry Deadline: March 15, 2021

Where: 4-HOnline

Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies & Methods to Defend Them

Win up \$100 cash! The Beekeeping Essay Contest is sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. For over 50 years, the American Beekeeping Federation has been serving the needs of the U.S. beekeeper. Any youth interested in participating in the contest must follow the instructions for the Texas 4-H selection process.

For more information, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

VETERINARY SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 5, 2021 by 5pm

When: June 7-9, 2021
(Kingsville)
June 14-16, 2021
(Texas A&M College Station)
July 12-14, 2021
(West Texas A&M Canyon)

Cost: \$400.00
(includes room, meals, and materials)

Requirements: 4-H member 12-18 years of age as of September 1, 2020.

The goal of the Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camps is to provide experimental learning for students participating in the Veterinary Science Certification Program (VSCP). Students will learn and practice clinical skills on large and small animals of a veterinarian. Students may earn 33 of the 78 clinical skills required for the VSPC Certification. **Camps will be limited to 25 participants at each site.**

Registration will be active [ONLINE](#) February 1, 2021.

*An application does **NOT** ensure entrance into the camp.*

Applicants will be notified by March 19, 2021 regarding application results.

State Updates

2021 Y.A.L.L. EXPERIENCE

Application OPENS: February 1, 2021
Application DEADLINE: May 1, 2021

When: July 11-16, 2021

Cost: \$200

Who: 30 Participants **Selected**
(Current 9th-12th graders)

Participants from across the State of Texas commit and dedicate six days and five nights to understand production agriculture and what it takes to feed this country. Throughout this experience they learn about the dynamics of the agricultural industry, including: horticulture, beef cattle, problem solving, marketing, finance, education, leadership, and, more.

Applicants will be notified of their selection into the program by May 30, 2021.

*Application does **NOT** guarantee entry.*

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

Questions? Call: (830) 257-6568 or
(903) 439-5935

STATE ROUNDUP UPDATES

2021 Theme: Aspire to Inspire

To host primary aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup in 2021, the Texas 4-H Youth Development program has made the decision that **we will not be able to offer Intermediate contest opportunities this year.** While this was a tough decision to make, we felt that because of the limitations regarding facilities and capacity due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, we needed to focus our efforts on opportunities for our Senior level (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members. This could be the last Texas 4-H Roundup for many of our Senior level 4-H members while our middle school 4-H members have many more years of events to look forward to in the future. We look forward to what we hope to be a more traditional Texas 4-H Roundup in 2022 where our Intermediate 4-H youth will have the opportunity to participate.

For more information, visit:

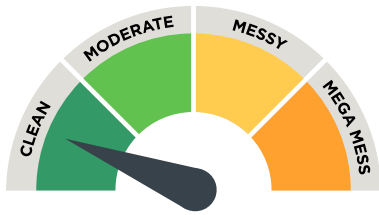
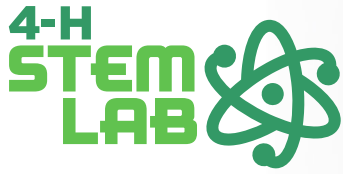
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

HOW IS 4-H DOING?

Help us help you!

Take the National 4-H survey to help us gauge how 4-H is doing!

COMPLETE SURVEY: [Click Here](#)



The Messy Meter

Recommended Grades:
3 - 5

Estimated Time:
45 minutes

Subject:
Physics

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Many of the items in this activity can be swapped out for other similarly shaped household items.

PANTRY STAPLES:

- Elastic rubber bands
- Empty mustard bottle or another plastic container
- Two wooden skewers
- Plastic container tops (examples: water bottle cap, peanut butter lid)
- two small
- two medium
- two large

SPECIALTY SUPPLIES:

- Hot glue gun/super glue
- Craft knife or exacto knife
- Wire cutters or another way to cut a wood skewer

Optional Add-Ons:

- Sticky tape
- Measuring tape

Rubber Band Cars

In this activity, kids will build a four-wheeled car from random stuff you have lying around the house like water bottle caps. From this activity they will learn about the engineering design process and physics!

STEPS

The following steps can be used to make a successful rubber band car, but experiment with different objects for the wheels and the car body to find the design that can go the farthest. Check out the Bonus Fun section to attempt a **Guinness World Records™** title.

1. Choose your car's body. For our design, we used a mustard bottle.
2. Parents - you'll need to help with this step! Use a sharp craft knife to cut out one side of your car body so that you can easily access the inside.
3. Use the knife to poke four holes in the sides of your car body that will allow your skewers (wheel axles) to pass through.
4. Now start by making the rear axle. Poke a wooden skewer through the smaller, sturdier bottle lids. Depending on your lids, you may need to start this with the knife as well.
5. Attach the small bottle cap and skewer to the large container top (the wheel).
6. Now use a small and a large rubber band to make a cow hitch knot on the skewer (axle).
7. Insert the skewer through the hole in the car body and use the wire cutters to cut the skewer down to size. **Tip:** You want the wheels to be reasonably close to the body.
8. Attach the wheel on the other side just like you did in steps 4 and 5. This will complete your rear axle.
9. Now we're going to make the front axle. Attach one container top that will make your front wheel to the other wooden skewer. Whether you poke the skewer through or glue it depends on the lid you're using.
10. Push the skewer through the remaining holes on your car body. Loop the other end of your rubber band onto the front axle skewer (shaft). **Tip:** You want your rubber-band motor to be fairly tight and stretched out between the axles! You can tie extra knots in it to make it tighter.
11. Use the wire cutters to cut the skewer down to size before connecting the final front wheel.
12. Stretch some more rubber bands over each wheel.
13. To power the car, turn the back wheels so that the rubber band tightens by wrapping around the rear axle.



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Texas 4-H: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-HCONNECT: <https://texas.4honline.com/>

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