



Lubbock County 4-H News



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LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK

Be sure to "like" the Lubbock County 4-H Facebook page. Visiting the page will help remind you about upcoming 4-H activities and events. Our page will also inform you about meeting changes, cancellations or notices. For example, if you are signed up for recordbook training (or thinking about attending) and we have "bad or iffy" weather - check the facebook page to see if we are still going to have the meeting. This will hopefully save extra phone calls, missing the meeting or coming to the office and finding out the meeting was cancelled. We hope this will become a more efficient way to communicate with each of you!

4-H Project Forms

Just a reminder that 4-H'ers need to complete at least one project form, found in your 4-H Handbook in order to receive a project and year pin at the County 4-H Achievement Banquet in August. These forms may be picked up from the Extension Office. *Once forms and projects are completed, they need to be turned in to club managers or to the County Extension Office.



Let us know if you have questions about completing these forms. The forms are also at the website under 4-H.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Ronda Alexander at 806-775-1740 at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event.

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4-H TEENS

Teen Council

The March 4-H Teen Council Meeting will be held on Monday, **March 20** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be at the County Extension Office on **April 17** at 6:30pm. Just a reminder that we will elect 2023-24 officers at the April meeting. All 4-H'ers age 13 and older are invited to participate in Teen Council activities. If you would like more information about this group, please give Ronda a call at 775-1740.

District 4-H Council Officer Applications

Senior age 4-H'ers may want to consider running for an office on the District 4-H Council. To run, you must submit an officer application to District by mid-April, elections in the past have been conducted during Power Camp. Please contact us if you are interested, we do not have full details yet.

State 4-H Council Delegate At Large

Senior 4-H'ers who are interested in serving on the State 4-H Council may consider running as a Delegate At Large. Information is available at the following link:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

and will be listed under Texas 4-H Council. Applications are due on 4-H Online by *March 30*. Please note that there is a significant cost associated in serving on the State 4-H Council.

"Ranch Day" Agriculture Awareness with the Ranching and Heritage Center

Lubbock County 4-H has been asked to assist with an agriculture awareness day at the Ranching and Heritage Center on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 am - 4pm**. We will be manning a station. *Please contact Ronda by March 10th to sign-up to volunteer*; 2 hour time slots are available.

4-H PARENT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

All parents and leaders are invited and encouraged to attend the Parent Leaders Meetings which are held monthly. This month's meeting will be on **Monday, March 20** at 6:30 pm, at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be held on **April 17** at the County Extension Office at 6:30pm. If you really want to know what all is going on in the Lubbock County 4-H program or if you just want to get involved, then plan on attending these meetings. Make sure that your club is represented so your club will know what all is going on. Spring gets really busy and there are many opportunities for both

youth and adults to participate in. So, don't be left out and get involved today!

4-H CLUB MANAGER TRAINING

We will have a 4-H Club Manager training on **Wednesday, April 19** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. The training topic for the meeting will be on 4-H Meetings and 4-H Management.

STATE 4-H SCIENCE FAIR POSTER CONTEST

Details for the Science Fair Poster Contest are now available on the Texas 4-H Website. There are some changes to this year's competition, so you definitely want to check out the details. Entries are due to state in *May 14* and must be scanned and uploaded through 4-H Online when Roundup registration is due. Please contact Ronda by *May 1* if you are interested in competing in this event which is held during State 4-H Roundup. For specific information, visit the State 4-H website Texas 4-H Roundup webpage.

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

JUDGING TEAMS/CONTESTS

4-H'ers are reminded that if they are interested in participating on a judging team, they need to call the Extension Office to sign up and find out about practice schedules. County teams will be determined prior to participation at the District Contest. District 4-H Judging Contest dates are tentatively set for:

Horse - **April 21** - WTA&MU at Canyon

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 6)

Livestock - **April 21** - Tech Tech Arena

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online-April 14)

Wool - No District Qualifying Contest - Tentative District Contest Date is April ?

Soil - **April 17** at Plainview

-(District Registration due on 4-H Online -April ?)

Other District Contests:

Rifle - **April 22** Lubbock

-(District Registration due on 4-H Online-March 28)

Grass ID - **April 17** at Plainview

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - ?)

Entomology - **May 6** - am - Lubbock

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 27)

Archery - **May 13** - Plainview

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - May 1)

If you are interested in participating on a judging team and you have not signed up yet, you need to do so immediately. Practices are getting started and you don't want to miss out.

Livestock Judging

If you would like to participate in Livestock Judging, please contact Robert Scott, CEA-Agriculture, at the Lubbock County Extension Office 806-775-1740 or email him at Rscott@ag.tamu.edu. The first practice will be **March 27** at 5:30 pm at the County Extension Office. Watch the Lubbock 4-H Livestock Facebook page for details.

4-H Soils Judging

Soil Judging will start meeting **Wednesday, March 8** at 4:45 pm at the Extension Office (916 Main, Suite 401). Mark Brown will continue to serve as our Project Leader/Coach. This is now an invitational contest for State (not qualifying).

CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS

Summer Camp Sign-Up

Registration and payments must be made utilizing 4-H Online. The following summer camp dates and costs are ***tentative***:

- South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp, **June 1-3** . . . \$??
Registration date not available yet; this camp is normally full within 1 hour - 180 campers may attend; (Watch 4-H Update email for details)
Youth Grades 3rd-7th grade - Location: Ceta Canyon
- Senior 4-H Leader Lab, **June 15-17** . \$150 (tentative)
Registration deadline is not available yet.
Youth Grades 8th - 12th grade
High Plains Retreat Center, Canyon
- Prime Time #1, **July 16-19*** \$250Y/\$135A
Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
- Prime Time #2, **July 19-23*** \$250Y/\$135A
Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
- Horizons I, **July 19-23** \$300Y/\$160A
-Wildlife, Robotics, Vet Science, Woodworking
Youth Grades 4-8

- High Adventure Camp, June 18-20 . . . \$200Y/\$115A

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

Y - Youth; A - Adult

*Adult supervision is required for youth attending camp at the Texas 4-H Center; the Lubbock County Extension Office does not have enough staff to serve as a chaperone for camp. Please be prepared to provide your own chaperone. Youth attending camps at the Texas 4-H Center do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. Visit the 4-H Center website for details on each camp.

- Youth Range Workshop, **June 18-23** \$500
Youth 14-18; Junction, TX - TTU Campus; application deadline is May 31;

Applications available at: Youth Range Workshop:

<https://tssrm-youthrangeworkshop.com/>

- County 4-H Camp at Texas 4-H Center
Session I - **June 25-29**, youth \$300/adult \$160;
Session II - **July 9-13**, youth \$300/adult \$160;

South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp Counselor Applications

Senior age 4-H'ers grades 9-12 are invited to apply to serve as camp counselors at South Plains Leadership Camp. Counselors must be available from **June 1-4**, to plan and conduct camp activities. Cost is \$100; to apply, counselors must submit an online application to the District 4-H Specialist by March ?. We do not have details yet, check the D2 4-H website for updated information.

4-H Center Staff Opportunities

Do you want a summer job where you can play with kids, swim, dance, and have fun while gaining valuable leadership experience? Consider applying for a Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff position. The 4-H Conference Center provides an opportunity for you to work in an atmosphere where you will not only impact the lives of young people, but also learn a lot about yourself and make life-long friends. Each position provides valuable leadership training, work experience, fun and profit for individuals who truly desire to be part of a positive summer experience for over 3,000 youth.

Requirements of applicants:

- * Successful completion of one year of college or other

work by *June 1, 2023*.

* Be enthusiastic, creative, hardworking and dependable
 * Be able to get along with others and work as a team
 If are interested in being a part of the summer staff at the 4-H Center, please visit our website at:
<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/about-2/employment/> to fill out an application. *Visit the website for more details.*

Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp

4-H'ers may submit applications to be considered to attend either of the Texas Brigades Wildlife Camps. Tuition is \$500 per camp, which covers meals, lodging and supplies. Applications are due by *March 15*. Camps are available to youth ages 13-17.

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, **June 7-11**, Rising Star;
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, **June 24-28** at McCoy;
- Bass Brigade, **July 5-9**, outside of Santa Anna;
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, **June 11-15**, LaPryor;
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, **July 23-27**, Santa Anna;
- Ranch Brigade, **July 17-21**, Santa Anna;
- South Texas Ranch Brigade, **June 24-28**, Freer
- Coastal Brigade, **July 25-29**, Galveston
- Waterfowl Brigade, **July 12-16**, Garwood

Application information is available at
<https://www.texasbrigades.org/camps>

Poultry Judging Camps offered at TAMU

Poultry Judging Camp Ages 9-13

- Camp Date: June 14th-15th
- Camp Location: Texas A&M University – College Station
- Camp Cost: \$150 Camp fee includes lunch, evening activity/dinner, camp manual, and t-shirt
- Lodging: Lodging will not be provided for this camp, however, we have set up a room block at Calvary Court for your convenience

- Nightly Rate: \$119/per night for Kings and \$129/per night for Doubles at Cavalry Court
 Rates include wi-fi throughout the hotel and self-parking for all guests

- Link to reserve rooms:

<https://www.cavalrycourt.com/>

Booking Code: TAPJC-S1978

Register Here: [Poultry Judging Camp Ages 9-13](#)

Poultry Judging Camp Ages 14-18

- Camp Date: June 15th-17th
- Camp Location: Texas A&M University – College Station
- Camp Cost:\$275 includes lodging, meals, camp manual, big shots, transportation, and a t-shirt
- Lodging: Lodging will be included with 2 individuals in a room, if you would like your own private room, please indicate this in the registration form.

Register Here: [Poultry Judging Camp Ages 14-18](#)

4-H CLOVER PROJECT

It isn't too late to get involved in the 4-H Clover meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 1** at 5:30 pm, with the topic being Quiz Bowls. *Please RSVP to Ronda by February 28*, if you plan to attend. Come and join the fun. Our April meeting will be held on **April 5**; our topic will be Gardening and Horticulture. The Clover meeting is for youth K-2nd grade who are interested in learning more about 4-H.

4-H RECORDBOOKS

A County 4-H Recordbook Workshop for Beginners will be held on **Monday, March 27** beginning at 5:30 pm. The workshops will be held at the County Extension Office Conference Room. *Please RSVP the day before* if you plan to attend, or if you will be late to the meeting.

April's training will be held on **Tuesday, April 25** at 5:30 pm.

If you are interested in completing a recordbook, but are unable to attend any of the trainings, please contact Ronda to obtain the correct forms (they will also be posted on the county website.) Do not just go to the State website. For juniors and seniors we utilize different forms at the County and District level. These forms are distributed at the County Recordbook Training.

****Please note the Awards Summary Sheet included with this newsletter and the revised Recordbook Deadline of June 20, 2023.**

District and State Recordbook Judging

Attention all 4-H Leaders, if you would like to judge Recordbooks at State or District, please contact Ronda for application information. Applications are due by *June 1st*. This is one of the best ways to learn more about recordbooks.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship

The application for the South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship is included in this month's 4-H Newsletter. Graduating seniors who meet the required criteria, will turn in the completed application by *June 20*. For current Freshmen-Senior age 4-H'ers, you need to start documenting the application now – so it will be kept up with as you go through your Senior 4-H career. Please call Ronda if you have questions.

4-H Scholarship Information Meeting

On **Monday, May 15** at 6:00 pm we will have a 4-H Scholarship Information meeting. This meeting is for parents of 4-H'ers who are interested in learning about the different scholarships available through 4-H. Parents of any age 4-H'er are welcomed to attend—actually the younger the better, so that you will be fully prepared when it is time to start the application process.

4-H YOUTH AND ADULT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Board will meet on **Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 pm** at the county Extension Office. We will discuss plans for Marketing the 4-H program. There is an appointed group of youth and adults who serve on this Board - however any youth or adult who is interested is welcome to attend.

4-H PROJECTS



CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT



Clothing Project Meetings

Sewing Workshop/Pajama Pants -

March 6 or 7—4:30-8 pm—CEO*

- pre-registration to rd-alexander@tamu.edu by 3/3 required

Senior Sewing Workshop -

March 13-16—9:30-5 pm—CEO*

- pre-registration to rd-alexander@tamu.edu by 3/10 required

County Fashion Show Entries

Due -March 20 to CEO

- entry form is in 4-H Clothing and Textiles project newsletter

-County Fashion Show will be held on **March 30** at the County Extension Office.

4-H Storyboard entries due for County Contest

- **March 27** to CEO; District Entries are due on 4-H Online by **April 6**

- District entries must be submitted virtually;

County and District Duds to Dazzle Contest

Entries for the County Duds to Dazzle practice Contest are due to the County Extension Office by *March 20*; the Practice contest will be held at the County Extension Office on **Monday, April 3 at 6 pm**. The District Duds to Dazzle entries are due on 4-H Online by *April 10*; the District Contest will be held at **9 am on Thursday, April 13** at Christ the King Cathedral School.

District 4-H Fashion Show

Entries for the District 4-H Fashion Show are due on 4-H Online by *April 6*; you don't have to place at the County Fashion Show to compete at District. For specific information, please refer to the Clothing and Textiles project newsletter which was emailed to all families in February; the information is also on the County website. If you have questions, please contact Ronda. The District 4-H Fashion Show will be held on the evening of **Thursday, April 13 in Lubbock**.

District 4-H Narrator Applications

Senior 4-H'ers may also apply to serve as a narrator for the District 4-H Fashion Show. Applications are due *April 3, 2023*. Please contact Ronda for the narrator application and script (they are on google doc). You may either upload your recording or email to Julie Smith at jm-smith@ag.tamu.edu. Narrators will be notified by April 10th. Please reserve the evening of April 13 for narration of the Fashion Show program.



SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery Project Information

The Archery project is meeting at "The Range (5840 49th)" on Tuesday nights from 6-8 pm; a \$10 project fee is required for each practice to pay for the range fee.

Rifle Project Information

The Rifle project is meeting at "The Range (5840 49th)" on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-8 pm. A \$10 project fee is required for each practice to pay for equipment, the range fee and ammunition.

4-H Shotgun - Trap & Skeet Project

Shotgun practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3pm, beginning on March 12th. If you have questions please contact Ronda. Practices are held at Rocking P Vet Services in Idalou. Address is 8309 CR 5970 in Idalou. There is a charge fee for each practice to pay for targets.

2023 Indoor Archery Match

Registration is open on 4-H Online for the 2023 Texas State 4-H Indoor Archery Match. Deadline to register is *March 1, 2023*. There are 5 venues across the state where 4-H'ers may choose to shoot, however they may only shoot at ONE. The spots are limited. If participants wait, they may not get the venue or time they want. Venues are: Monahans, Carthage, Bay City, Graham, Mercedes. More information can be found on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Webpage:

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

Certified Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings

Attention all parents and volunteers!!! If you are interested in serving as a Shootings Sports coach, you must complete the required certification for that discipline (archery, rifle or shotgun). You must be approved as a volunteer before you can register for the training. Please contact Ronda if you are interested; pre-registration is required 3-4 weeks prior to the training. 4-H'ers are only able to participate in shooting sports project meetings under the guidance of certified shooting sports coaches. In order for shooting sports practices to be held and continue, we must have plenty of certified coaches.

4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT



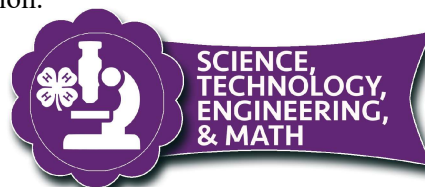
We will again be having Entomology practices at the County Extension Office, conducted by Brant Baugh - CEA Ag and Entomologist. Practices will be held on Thursdays at 4:30-5:30pm, beginning on **March 23 through May 4**.

District will be held on **Saturday, May 6**. Registration is due by April 27 on 4-H Online.

2023 BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. announced their 2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic. 4-H members do not have to have a bee project to participate in the essay contest. 2023 Essay Topic: The Importance of Beeswax. For this essay, a 4-H student should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps, or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'er's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions. Essays will be uploaded to 4HOnline using the "2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is *Monday, April 3, 2023*. Winners will be announced the week of April 24th. Visit:

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



4-H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

4-H Photography Contest

Complete rules and guidelines for the Senior and Junior/Intermediate Photography Contests are available from the County Extension Office; or may be obtained from the County Website 4-H at: <http://lubbock.agrilife.org/>



COUNTY JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CONTEST

INFORMATION: Entries for the County 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by *Monday, March 20*.

1st place entries at county, will then advance to the District Junior/Intermediate Photography Contest. **Please review the categories and entry information for specific guidelines, located in this newsletter.**

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 15 entries)
 - Junior/Intermediate Entries must be 4"x6" print; they do not need to be mounted. For District this year photos will be submitted electronically; instructions will be provided to first place winners.

- Entries must be labeled on the back of the photo with the following information: Name, Grade/Age Division and Category.

Please read the D2 photo rules and guidelines, and category descriptions are available on the County website under publications - 4-H.

The categories and class requirements are due for both Junior/Intermediate and Senior entries.
 CLASSES:

1. Animals-Domestic	9. Leading Line
2. Animals-Wildlife	10. Long Exposure
3. Catch-All	11. Motion/Action
4. Details & Macro	12. People
5. Elements of Design	13. Plant/flora
6. Enhanced	14. Shadow/Silhouette
7. Food	15. Theme - Reflections
8. Nature & Landscape	

SENIOR CONTEST INFORMATION: Entries for the County Senior 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by **Monday, March 20**. 1st place entries at county, will then advance to the District and State 4-H Photography Contest.

For County, any size of photo may be entered (preferred 4x6), however the 1st place winner will upload their entries on 4-H Online, so be sure to keep up with the digital version of the photos you enter.

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 15).

4-H Photography Workshops

We will have one more 4-H Photography project workshop on **March 6 at 5:45 pm** at the County Extension Office. *Please RSVP by March 6th at Noon, if you plan to attend.*

4-H Parents - Photography Contest

This year we will offer a County Photography Contest for 4-H parents to enter. Entries are the same as for 4-H'ers: due **March 20**, 4x6 print. Categories for parents: Dominant Color, Macro/Detail, Animals-Domestic, Animals - Wildlife, Elements of Design, People, Food, Nature/Landscape, Plant/Flora, and Motion. Include name, and category on the back of the photo.

ROBOTICS

4-H Robotics Project Meetings

The 4-H Robotics project has begun meeting on Mondays from 5:30 – 7 pm at the County Extension Office. If you are interested in participating, be sure to let us know and plan to attend the next Monday meeting. Contests will be held in March and April. 4-H'ers must be attending the project meetings and be on a team in order to compete in the competitions

DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST REIMBURSEMENT

4-H'ers who have competed in District 4-H contests will be eligible for reimbursement of their registration fees for up to two contests. Reimbursement is limited to \$50 per year. Please contact Ronda if you have further questions. The reimbursement request is due by **June 20**. The form will be in the May/June 4-H Newsletter.



4-H HORSE PROJECT

Futurity Horse Project Nominations

All 4-H Futurity nominations are due to the County Extension Office by **April 15**. 4-H'ers must be 12 years old in order to nominate a futurity project. Please contact Ronda for more information; complete information is not currently available.



Horse Validation

Just a reminder that 4-H'ers planning on showing/competing in the District or State Horse Show or the

Big 5 Horse Shows must validate their horses between March 1- April 15; late application of \$20 per horse is accepted through May 1. No validation after May 1st.

If you validated horses last year, they are still in the system, you will just need to reactivate them this year. For new families or new horses you will have to upload 3 pictures (front, left and right side views) and registration papers to the website. There is also still a \$10 validation fee per horse - which is paid online this year. Please do not wait until *April 15* to complete this! Contact Ronda for more information.

Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded to 4H Online at the time of validation.

Horse Judging Practices

County practices for Horse Judging are now being held on Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm at the County Extension Office, conducted by Christy Petree. It isn't too late to get started for anyone interested; March 7, 21, 28, April 4, 11 and 18th.

TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADOR OPPORTUNITIES

Advocacy Academy Application Link:

[2023 Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy Application](#)

Applications open on March 1, 2023 are due May 15, 2023.

Mentor applications will be open on **March 1, 2023** and will be due on **May 15, 2023**. As a mentor of a 2023 Short Course or the Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy, you will have the opportunity to challenge yourself as a leader, help and encourage new ambassadors, and experience great NEW things along the way! Primarily, you will provide organizational support and leadership to incoming Ambassadors during and after the short course or Advocacy Academy. In addition, we will call on you for various tasks that we may need assistance with throughout the short course or Advocacy Academy and beyond. This is a highly competitive position with very few openings available, so please take your time in completing your application.

Mentor Application Links:

[2023 Equine Ambassador Mentor Application](#)

[2023 Livestock Ambassador Mentor Application](#)

[2023 Poultry Ambassador Mentor Application](#)

Applications open on March 1, 2023 are due May 15, 2023.

Application Link: [2023 National Ambassador Application](#)

Applications open on February 15, 2023 and are due April 15, 2023.

2023 Australia Agricultural Experience - August 1-11, 2023

Applications will be released via email (from the State 4-H Ambassador Program) on or before **March 1, 2023** and will be due **May 15, 2023**.

2023 Short Course Offering:

1. Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 19-22, 2023
2. Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 22-25, 2023
3. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University-Kingsville – June 26-29, 2023
4. National Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 10-13, 2023
5. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 17-20, 2023
6. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University – July 24-27, 2023

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applications were released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website (www.texasyouthlivestock.com) on February 15, 2023

2. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
3. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
4. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
5. Applications are due April 15, 2023

2023 Phase II and Phase III Offering:

1. Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy, Austin – June 12-14, 2023
2. Texas 4-H Australia Agricultural Experience – August 1-11, 2023

Parents and 4-H'ers:

If you have questions about the Lubbock County 4-H program, need assistance or need more information about an event, activity or project, please give us a call.

We're here to serve you, but you must let us know when you need assistance or have special interest areas.



Ronda Alexander
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EA-Better Living for Texans

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CEA-Agriculture

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CEA-Urban Youth Development

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TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2022-2023 CATEGORIES

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and County Extension Agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. 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.

ANIMALS - DOMESTIC

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: Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals - Wildlife.

ANIMALS - WILDLIFE

Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

CATCH-ALL

Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories.

Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.

DETAILS & MACRO

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.

Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.

Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.

Not allowed: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

ENHANCED

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

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

FOOD

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.

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

Not allowed: A photo of alcohol beverages.

LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)

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.

Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, etc.

Not allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

LEADING LINE

This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject.

Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

LONG EXPOSURE

Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions.

Examples: fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

MOTION/ACTION

The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen".

Examples: Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.

PEOPLE

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, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

PLANT/FLORA

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 Landscape & Nature category.

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

SHADOW/SILHOUETTE

A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image.



Examples: shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.

Not allowed: reflections

THEME (New)


The 2022-2023 theme is "Reflections". Reflection photography uses reflective surfaces to create an artistic "echo" of a scene. It includes photos that are creatively composed to capture an image from a reflective surface. The reflection should play a significant part of the image's composition.

Examples: reflections on polished metal, glass, mirror, and water.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;">Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H MARCH 2023</p>						
			1 ●5:30 4-H Clover Project Meeting, CEO	2	3	4
5	6 ●4:30-8pm Sewing Workshop/Pajama Pants, CEO ●5:45 4-H Photography Workshop, CEO ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO	7 ●4:30-8pm Sweing Workshop/Pajama Pants, CEO ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	8 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time - move clocks up 1 hour 	13 ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO	14	15 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	16	17	18
9:30am-5pm Senior Sewing Workshop, CEO						
19	20 **Co Fashion Show and Photo. Entries Due ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO ●6:30pm PLA & Teen Co., CEO	21 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	22 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	23 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO	24	25
26	27*Entries Due for 4-H Storyboards ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO ●5:30 4-H Beginner Recordbook Workshop, CEO	28 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	29 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	30 ●4:30-8pm Co. Fashion Show, CEO ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO	31	

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 <p>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H APRIL 2023</p>					NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.	1
2	3 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO ●6pm Co Duds to Dazzle Practice Contest, CEO	4 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	5 ●5:30 4-H Clover Project Meeting, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	6 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO	7	8
9	10 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO	11 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	12 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	13 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO **District Fashion Show	14 Good Friday - County Holiday, CEO Closed	15 -Horse Futurity Nominations are Due
16	17 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●5:30-7pm Robotics Practice, CEO ●6:30 PLA & Teen Co. Meetings, CEO	18 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	19 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO ●5:30pm 4-H Youth & Adult Advisory Board Mtg, CEO ●6:30pm 4-H Club Mgr. Training, CEO	20 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO	21	22 ●10-4pm "Ranch Day" at Ranching Heritage Center
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30		MAY 15 - 6pm 4-H Scholarship Info. Meeting, CEO				

Lubbock County 4-H

County 4-H Awards Summary Sheet

Specific Details in Criteria Guidelines

It is the applicants responsibility to turn in a separate application form, in addition to a Record Book, if needed.

Award Name	Age Division	Date Due to CEO	Materials to Submit
4-H RECORD BOOK	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 20, 2023	Completed Current Year 4-H Record Book; must be judged at County to receive t-shirt or to advance to District; 1 st place Record Book at County advance to District; Others may wildcard into open categories, as available;
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS (POC)	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 20, 2023	Compete in at least one County/District/State Competition and participate in either a project meeting, tour, workshop or community service during 2022-2023 4-H year; Submit "POC" form;
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (One Award)	Junior, Intermediate, or Senior	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook - (First Year Member Only)
GREEN CLOVER AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
4-H Champion AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR (One or More Awards)	Junior (3 rd - 5 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE (One or More Awards)	Intermediate (6 th - 8 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
BRONZE STAR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior (3 rd - 5 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
SILVER STAR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Intermediate (6 th - 8 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Senior (9 th - 12 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
TEEN LEADER (One or more awards)	Senior (9 th - 12 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	4-H Recordbook
DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD (One or more awards)	Senior (9 th - 12 th Grade)	June 20, 2023	Current year or State winning 4-H Record Book. [Senior State winning Record book applicants MUST write an update letter about their 4-H participation since they won state (1 page maximum). Attach the update to the inside cover of the record book.]
LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP (# based on eligible applicants)	Graduating Senior	June 20, 2023	Lubbock County 4-H Scholarship Application (Application available from County Extension Office) Applicants must meet qualifications senior year and two of their other three high school years. Scholarship is funded by South Plains Fair, as funds are available. Recordbook must be submitted senior year to be eligible.

Award Name	Age Division	Date Due to CEO	Materials to Submit
4-H SCHOLARSHIPS	Graduating Senior		For a 4-H'er to receive any 4-H scholarship awarded at the County level, they must be in attendance at the County Achievement Banquet, or have a valid reason for their absence approved by the Awards and Recognition Committee or the scholarship will not be awarded.
GOLD STAR AWARD (Number of awards based on District quota)	Senior (15-18 years old as of 8-31-22)	June 20, 2023 (Interview date TBD)	Current year or State winning 4-H Record Book and Gold Star Information Form.[Senior State winning Record book applicants MUST write a concise update letter about their 4-H participation since they won state (1 page maximum). Attach the update to the inside front cover of the record book.] An interview is required and will be scheduled after applications are submitted.)
FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD (One or more awards)	Businesses or Individual NOT actively involved in 4-H Clubs	June 1, 2023	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
CAREER LEADER AWARD (One or more awards)	Adult Leaders actively involved 10 or more years	June 1, 2023	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
ADULT LEADER AWARD (One or more awards)	Adult Leaders in Lubbock County who are Actively Involved	June 1, 2023	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
CLOVER AWARD (One or more awards)	New Adult Leader (3 or less years of involvement)	June 1, 2023	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
MODEL CLUB AWARD (One or more awards)	Lubbock County 4-H Club involved in various projects and activities.	June 20, 2023	Club Manager must submit the "Texas 4-H Club Standards of Excellence" Report (found in the Club Management Guide).
PROJECT and YEAR PIN	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 1, 2023	Complete a Lubbock County 4-H Record Form or a Recordbook and a pin request form; and submit to Club Manager or CEO.
CLOVER KID CERTIFICATE AND PIN	Clover Kids (K-2nd Grade)	June 1, 2023	Clover Participants must complete a Clover Participation Form and submit to the CEO.

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****Awards and Recognition Committee will make final adjustments of awards. (No duplication of awards, etc.)**

****Disclaimer – If any 4-H member breaks the Code of Conduct at any time throughout the year, they may not be eligible for County Awards.**

Plan to attend the Lubbock County 4-H Achievement Banquet – August 6, 2023
All awards, pins and certificates will be awarded at this event.

Lubbock County 4-H Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Telephone Number _____

4-H member must answer yes to all questions below to be a qualified applicant!

Have you graduated from high school or equivalent during this school year? _____

If yes, from what school? _____

Do you have a current 4-H enrollment profile on 4-H Connect?

Have you completed a recordbook during three of the four years of your Senior 4-H career? _____ If yes, in what category? _____

Have you been an active member of Lubbock County 4-H and your local club for at least three years of your Senior 4-H Career? _____

Have you attended at least five meetings of your local club during your Senior 4-H Career including your Senior year in high school? _____

Date: _____

Signature of 4-H Member

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date: _____

Signature of Club Manager

Date: _____

Signature of County Agent

Lubbock County 4-H Scholarship Application

4-H'er must complete requirements for the 4-H Barnyard and submit a Recordbook three of the four years of High School, and senior year. Please have an adult leader, club manager or County Extension Agent verify your participation by signing and dating each activity. Try to fill in this information (have club manager /leader/agent sign) as you complete the tasks, rather than waiting until the end. It is much easier to keep up with everything that you do. You could also keep one form for each year.

Event	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20
REQUIRED EACH YEAR: South Plains Fair Children's Barnyard OR Extension Sponsored Exhibit (minimum 5 hours/year)	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date
REQUIRED 3 OUT OF 4 YEARS: Recordbook (completing at least 3 recordbooks as a Senior 4-H'er); must submit graduating senior year;				

4-H'er must complete a minimum of six of the following qualifications three of their four high school years.

Event	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20
South Plains Fair Youth Department Entries (minimum 5 entries each year)	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date
Local 4-H Club Meetings (min. 5/year)				
Teen Council Meetings (min. 5/year)				
Work in Lubbock County 4-H Livestock Show Concession Stand				
Other County-wide 4-H Fundraiser				
County/District 4-H Food & Nutrition Event				
County/District 4-H Clothing & Textiles Event				
County/District 4-H Roundup				
Other District 4-H Competitive Event				
State 4-H Roundup or State Event				
Lubbock County Jr. Livestock Show Exhibitor				
Major Livestock Show Exhibitor				
District/State 4-H Horse Event				
County Veterinary Science Project				
Outreach or other 4-H Community Service Project (approved by CEA)				
Other CEA Approved Projects/Competitions				
Other CEA Approved Leadership Activity				
Camp Staff: County, Electric or Leadership				

**funding is dependent upon available funds