



# 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 18** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be at the County Extension Office on **April 15** at 6:30pm. Just a reminder that we will elect 2024-25 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 June 1, elections in the past have been conducted during Power Camp. Please contact us if you are interested.

### *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 28*. 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 20 from 10 am - 4pm**. We will be manning a station. *Please contact Ronda by March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18** at 6:30 pm, at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be held on **April 15** 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 **Tuesday, April 23** at 6:00 pm at the County Extension Office. The training topic for the meeting will be on 4-H Meetings, 4-H Management and Chartering for 2024-25.

## 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 on *May 13* 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 19** - WTA&MU at Canyon

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 8)

Livestock - **April 19** - Tech Tech Arena

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online-April 8)

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

Soil - **April 22** at Plainview

-(District Registration due on 4-H Online -April 12)

### **Other District Contests:**

Rifle - **April 13** Lubbock

-(District Registration due on 4-H Online-March 29)

Grass ID - **April 22** at Plainview

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 12)

Entomology - **May 4** - am - Lubbock

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 25)

Archery - **May 11** - Plainview

- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 26)

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](mailto:Rscott@ag.tamu.edu). The first practice will be **March 25** 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 20** 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). Please RSVP by March 18; if you plan to participate.

## **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, **May 29-31** \$250  
Registration date not available yet; this camp is normally full within 1 hour - 180 campers may attend; Sign-up for Camp will open on April 3 at 7am.  
Youth Grades 3rd-7th grade - Location: Ceta Canyon

- Senior 4-H Leader Lab, **June 24-26** . \$150 (tentative)  
Registration will open on April 1.  
Youth Grades 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
High Plains Retreat Center, Canyon

Texas 4-H Center Camps:

- Prime Time #1, **July 7-10** ..... \$300\*  
Youth Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Prime Time #2, **July 21-24** ..... \$300\*  
Youth Grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- Horizons I, **June 30 - July 4** ..... \$375\*  
-Wildlife, Robotics, Vet Science, Woodworking  
Youth Grades 4-8

- Apertune Camp - **July 7-10** ..... \$300\*  
Photography Related  
Grades 6-8th

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.

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

- 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/>

**\*The listed registration fee is earlybird -registration before April 15, price goes up after that date.**

### ***Junior LeaderLab***

#### ***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 **May 29-31**, 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 25.

### ***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, 2024*.

\* 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.***

- County 4-H Camp at Texas 4-H Center  
Session I - June 14-18, youth \$375/Grades 3-9th;  
Session II - August 4-8, youth \$375/Grades 3-9th;

### ***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 10-14**, Rising Star;
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, **June 22-26** at McCoy;
- Bass Brigade, **July 9-13**, outside of Santa Anna;
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, **June 9-13**, LaPryor;
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, **July 21-25**, Santa Anna;
- Ranch Brigade, **July 15-19**, Santa Anna;
- South Texas Ranch Brigade, **June 22-26**, Freer
- Coastal Brigade, **July 23-27**, Galveston
- Waterfowl Brigade, **July 17-21**, Garwood

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

## **TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS**

### ***2024 District 2 Information***

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate.

If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

All 4-H'ers attending must submit a bill.

### **Age Eligibility**

Official grades for Texas 4-H Congress are members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). This is a prestigious

event reserved for older 4-H members. Graduating seniors will also be able to apply. All youth wanting to participate as a D2 delegate must submit this application to be considered (<https://forms.gle/Z3smZ1snJnJggE2Y6> (those applying for press corps or lobbyist do not have to do this, however if they are not selected for those positions, they will probably want to come back and complete the District Delegate application)).

### **Location**

Headquarters for Texas 4-H Congress will be at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 707 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Cost is \$425-\$500; transportation to and from Austin is on your own.

### **Dates to Remember for Texas 4-H Congress Participation**

February 5, 2024	Bill submission opens
February 15, 2024	Lobbyist application opens on 4HOnline
February 15, 2024	Press Corps application opens on 4HOnline
March 10, 2024	D2 Senator & Representative Applications DUE!
March 14, 2024	Lobbyist application closes
March 14, 2024	Press Corps application closes
March 29, 2024	Lobbyist and Press Corps notification
April 1, 2024	Early Bird Registration opens on 4HOnline
April 30, 2024	Early Bird Registration closes on 4HOnline
May 1, 2024	Registration continues on 4HOnline at an increased fee
May 30, 2024	Bill submission closes
May 30, 2024	Registration closes on 4HOnline
July 1, 2024	Delegate Letters distributed
July 1, 2024	Bill Book posted online
July 12, 2024	Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team arrives
July 14, 2024	Congress Delegates and Chaperones arrive
July 17, 2024	All Participants depart

## **4-H CLOVER PROJECT**

For Clovers, we are now having quarterly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **April 29 at 6:00 pm**. Please *RSVP to Ronda by April 26*, if you plan to attend. 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 **Thursday, March 21** beginning at 6:30 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 **Monday, April 29** at 7pm.

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 Recordbook Deadline of June 17, 2024.**

#### *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 1<sup>st</sup>*. 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 17*. 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.

#### *Planning for College and A Career*

On **Monday, May 20** at 5:30 pm we will have a "Planning For College and Careers" meeting with 4-H Teen Council. All Senior Age (14-18) youth and parents are invited to attend. Mark your calendars; we will meet at the Animal Science Building. More details will follow.

### 4-H YOUTH AND ADULT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Board will meet on **Tuesday, April 23 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/Recycled T-Shirt Dress - March 7—4:30-8 pm—CEO\***

-pre-registration to rd-alexander@tamu.edu by 3/5 required



**Senior Sewing Workshop - Recycled Apron**

**March 19—4:30-8 pm—CEO\***

-pre-registration to rd-alexander@tamu.edu by 3/17 required

##### *Advanced Sewing Workshops*

For advanced sewers who want to come and sew at the Extension Office, the following dates are available: **March 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm**; and **March 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm**. Please contact Ronda if you plan to come and sew.

##### *4-H Knitting Workshops*

We will again have 2 knitting workshops on **March 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm** at the County Extension Office. Be sure to bring your own knitting needles and yarn. Please RSVP by *March 8*, if you plan to attend.

##### *4-H Fashion Show*

**County Fashion Show Entries**

Due -March 18 to CEO

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

-County Fashion Show will be held on **March 26** at the County Extension Office.

### **District 4-H Fashion Show**

Entries for the District 4-H Fashion Show are due on 4-H Online by *April 15*; 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 **Tuesday, April 30 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 22, 2024*. 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](mailto:jm-smith@ag.tamu.edu). Narrators will be notified by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve the evening of April 30 for narration of the Fashion Show program.

### ***4-H Storyboard***

#### **4-H Storyboard Workshop**

If you are interested in completing a 4-H Storyboard this year, we will have a storyboard workshop on **Monday, March 4 at 5pm** at the County Extension Office to go over the basics and how to get started.

#### **4-H Storyboard entries due for County Contest**

-**March 18** to CEO; District Entries are due on 4-H Online by **April 11**

- District entries must be submitted virtually.

### ***Duds to Dazzle Contest***

#### **County and District Duds to Dazzle Contest**

Entries for the County Duds to Dazzle practice Contest are due to the County Extension Office by *April 15*; the Practice contest will be held at the County Extension Office on **Monday, April 22 at 6 pm**. The District Duds to Dazzle entries are due on 4-H Online by *April 15*; the District Senior Contest will be held at **9 am on Tuesday, April 30** at Christ the King Cathedral School. Due to STARR Testing, the Jr. And Intermediate District Contest will be held on **May 14**.

### ***Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador***

The opportunity to be a Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador is available for senior age youth to apply this year. Applications are open *March 1 - March 31*. This years training will be in Lubbock. Ambassadors must donate back 40 hours of their time yearly and serve a 2-year term. Cost is about \$250 plus travel expenses.

### ***Simple Necessities - District 2 4-H Community Service***

The District Council Officers would like to share their Spring Service Challenge: "Simple Necessities".

What is a simple necessity? Often times children in need are supplied with shoes, shirts, pants, and pajamas, but the simple necessities are overlooked. We are collecting new undergarments for children of all ages and sizes. Underwear, bras, socks, muscle tanks, etc.

Please bring your donations by the Extension Office by **April 26**. Ronda will report them for the total. Donations will then be given to area organizations in need. There is a District Contest for Counties with the most donations.



### **HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team!

**Online applications open Wednesday, February 1 at:**  
<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>.

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

**Application deadline is April 1.** Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program.

All returning ambassadors must also reapply and will be eligible to continue in the program pending approval and completion of their required annual hours. Ambassadors must attend the annual training summit. There will be NO virtual or “last chance” summit offered in 2024.

#### HTYA Timeline

- April 1, 2024 – Deadline for completion of online applications
- May 1, 2024 – State Coordinator will notify youth of acceptance
- May 15 – Deadline for registration for Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit (Estimated cost \$100)
- June 4-5, 2023 – State-wide Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit in College Station.



#### **4-H Public Speaking - Roundup Contest Orientation**

If you missed the January 4-H Public Speaking project orientation, it isn't too late. We will have another information meeting on **Thursday, March 21 at 5:30pm** at the County Extension Office. We will review the different categories available and the requirements for each type of presentation.

County 4-H Roundup will be held on **April 16**, with sign-up due by **April 8**; District will be **May 6** beginning at 10:30am in Floydada.



#### SHOOTING SPORTS

##### **Archery Project Information**

The Archery project is meeting at “The Range (5840 49th)” on Tuesday nights from 6-8 pm; a \$15 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

##### **2024 Indoor Archery Match**

Registration is open on 4-H Online for the 2024 Texas State 4-H Indoor Archery Match. Deadline to register is **March**. 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: Amarillo, 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/>

Check the 4-H Online event registration for dates and deadline.

##### **Certified Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings**

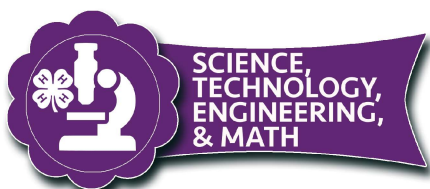
Attention all parents and volunteers!!! If you are interested in serving as a Shootings Sports coach, you must complete the required certification for that discipline (archery, rifle or shotgun). You must be approved as a volunteer before you can register for the training. Please contact Ronda if you 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.

Our District Training will be held in the Lubbock area on **April 6-7**; Registration is due on 4-H ONLINE by **March 18**; you must be an approved volunteer in order to register.

##### **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 Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30pm, beginning on **March 20 through May 1**. District will be held on **Saturday, May 4**. Registration is due by April 25 on 4-H Online.



## 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 18**.

1<sup>st</sup> 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:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 - Abandoned |
| 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 18**. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ix 4x6), however the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 18**, 4x6 print. Include name, and category on the back of the photo.

## 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 17**. The form will be in the May/June 4-H Newsletter. 4-H'ers must have volunteered at 2 PLA Fundraisers to be eligible for the reimbursement.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm at the County Extension Office. Practices are scheduled for the following dates: **March 5, 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16<sup>th</sup>**. District will be on **April 19** in Canyon.

### **TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADOR OPPORTUNITIES**

**Advocacy Academy Application Link:**

**[2024 Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy Application](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KIDPQuNoAWS8Ky)**

[https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6KIDPQuNoAWS8Ky](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KIDPQuNoAWS8Ky)

**Applications open on February 15 through April 15, 2024.**

**Mentor applications** will be open from *February 15* and will be due by *April 15*. As a mentor of a 2024 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:**

**[2024 Equine Ambassador Mentor Application](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_02qNSwwle90WFM2)**

[https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_02qNSwwle90WFM2](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_02qNSwwle90WFM2)

**[2024 Livestock Ambassador Mentor Application](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_br2qBia7IFPAs1U)**

[https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_br2qBia7IFPAs1U](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_br2qBia7IFPAs1U)

**[2024 Poultry Ambassador Mentor Application](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_238o4SHLkBbh6Ga)**

[https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_238o4SHLkBbh6Ga](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_238o4SHLkBbh6Ga)

**Applications open February 15 through April 15, 2024.**

**Application Link: [2024 Mountain West Agricultural Experience Application](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8j0kD0u5D9XwLly)**

[https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8j0kD0u5D9XwLly](https://agrillife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8j0kD0u5D9XwLly)

***2024 Short Course Offering:***

1. Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 24-27, 2024
2. Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas Tech University – June 10-13, 2024
3. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University-Kingsville – June 17-20, 2024
4. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 15-18, 2024
5. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University – July 22-25, 2025

***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](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)) on February 15, 2024
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, 2024

#### 4-H ROPING SCHOOL

The Texas 4-H Calf Roping School will be held on **June 20-24** at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Cost is \$600 and limited to 50 4-H'ers. This includes meals, lodging and one horse stall. An adult chaperone is required to attend at a cost of \$250 contact Ronda for registration information; It will be done through a google doc.

#### 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.



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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our meetings. We request that you contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - (806) 775-1740, as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H <b>MARCH 2024</b></p>						1
2						
3	4 ●5pm 4-H Storyboard Workshop, CEO	5 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	6	7 ●4:30-8pm Sewing Workshop/Recycled T-Shirt Dress, CEO ( <b>Register by 3-5</b> ) ●4-8pm Advanced Sewing Workshop (Contact RA if attending)	8 ●4-8pm Advanced Sewing Workshop ( <b>Contact RA if attending</b> )	9
10 Daylight Savings Time - move clocks up 1 hour 	11 ●1-2:30pm Knitting Workshop, CEO ( <b>RSVP by 3-8</b> ) ●3-6pm Advanced Sewing Workshop, CEO ( <b>Contact RA if attending</b> )	12 ●1-2:30pm Knitting Workshop, CEO ( <b>RSVP by 3-8</b> ) ●3-6pm Advanced Sewing Workshop, CEO ( <b>Contact RA if attending</b> ) ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	13	14	15	16
17	18 **Co Fashion Show and Photo. And Storyboard Entries Due ●6:30pm PLA & Teen Co., CEO	19 ●4:30-8pm Senior Sewing Workshop - Recycled Apron, CEO ( <b>Register by 3-11</b> ) ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	20 ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO ( <b>RSVP by March 18</b> ) ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO	21 ●5:30pm 4-H Public Speaking Orientation, CEO ●6:30pm 4-H Beginners Recordbook Workshop, CEO ( <b>RSVP by March 20</b> )	22	23
24	25 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	26 ●County Fashion Show, CEO ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	27 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	28 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	29 Good Friday - County Holiday, CEO Closed	30
31						<b>NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.</b>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H <b>APRIL 2024</b></p>						<b>NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.</b>
	1 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	2 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	3 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	4 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	5	6
7	8 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	9 ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO ●6:30-8:30 Texas Community Future Forum, CEO	10 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	11 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	12	13
14	15 ●6:30pm PLA & Teen Co., CEO ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO -Horse Futurity Nominations are Due	16 ●County 4-H Roundup, CEO ( <b>Sign up due by 4-8</b> ) ●5:30-7pm Horse Judging Practice, CEO	17 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	18 ●5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	19	20 ●10-4pm "Ranch Day" at Ranching Heritage Center ( <b>Sign up by Mar. 10</b> )
21	22 ● 6pm County Duds to Dazzle practice Contest, CEO	23 ●5:30pm 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Board, CEO ●6:00pm 4-H Club Mgr. Training, CEO	24 ●4:30-5:30 4-H Entomology Practice, CEO ●4:45-5:45pm Soils Judging Practice, CEO	25	26	27
28	29 ● 6:00pm 4-H Clover Kids, CEO ( <b>RSVP to Ronda by 4-26</b> ) ● 7:00pm 4-H Beginners Recordbook Workshop, CEO ( <b>RSVP by 4-26</b> )	30		MAY 20 5:30pm Planning for College and A Career, 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 17, 2024	Completed Current Year 4-H Record Book; must be judged at County to receive t-shirt or to advance to District; 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 17, 2024	Compete in at least one County/District/State Competition and participate in either a project meeting, tour, workshop or community service during 2023-2024 4-H year; Submit "POC" form;
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (One Award)	Junior, Intermediate, or Senior	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook - (First Year Member Only)
GREEN CLOVER AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
4-H Champion AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior, Intermediate and Senior	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR (One or More Awards)	Junior (3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE (One or More Awards)	Intermediate (6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
BRONZE STAR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Junior (3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
SILVER STAR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Intermediate (6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD (One or More Awards)	Senior (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
TEEN LEADER (One or more awards)	Senior (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	4-H Recordbook
DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD (One or more awards)	Senior (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	June 17, 2024	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 17, 2024	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.

<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Age Division</b>	<b>Date Due to CEO</b>	<b>Materials to Submit</b>
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 8-31-23)	June 17, 2024 (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, 2024	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
CAREER LEADER AWARD (One or more awards)	Adult Leaders actively involved 10 or more years	June 1, 2024	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
ADULT LEADER AWARD (One or more awards)	Adult Leaders in Lubbock County who are Actively Involved	June 1, 2024	Lubbock County 4-H Nomination Form
CLOVER AWARD (One or more awards)	New Adult Leader (3 or less years of involvement)	June 1, 2024	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 17, 2024	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, 2024	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, 2024	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 4, 2024  
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
<b>REQUIRED EACH YEAR:</b> South Plains Fair Children's Barnyard OR Extension Sponsored Exhibit (minimum 5 hours/year)	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date
<b>REQUIRED 3 OUT OF 4 YEARS:</b> 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





# TEXAS COMMUNITY FUTURE FORUM

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!**

**WE NEED OUR COMMUNITY  
TO HELP US LOOK TOWARD  
THE FUTURE!**

- **Tuesday,  
April 9**  
  
6:30-8:30pm  
916 Main Street  
1st Floor Meeting Room  
Lubbock
- Assist Lubbock  
County Agrilife  
Extension Agents  
identify  
community wide  
issues.
- *All Lubbock  
County residents  
are invited.*

For more information call or come by the Extension Office: 806-775-1740





# Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp



*presented by*

## Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

**April 26-28, 2024**

Texas 4-H State Conference Center, Lake Brownwood



### CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are led by Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors and Texas 4-H Conference Center staff. Activities will include:

- Water Fair
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Seining
- Water model building
- High ropes course
- Dance & games
- & much more!



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides resources, means and opportunities for youth to learn, lead and teach others about water.  
[www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com](http://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com)

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**\* Open to 6th - 8th grade students \***

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

**Registration open February 5 - April 5 on the Texas 4-H @**  
**<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>**

**Check-in: Friday, April 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Pick-up: Sunday, April 28 11:00 am**

**Cost: \$210 per camper**  
(includes 2 nights dorm lodging, meals, t-shirt, water bottle and activities)



**Adult Chaperones Needed.** (Chaperones may attend free of charge but must register and be approved Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)



## TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned". Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature.

Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.



## **2023-2024 County 4-H Photography Contest**

Entries Due - March 18, 5 pm to County Extension Office

Must include the following information on the back of the photo:

Name:

Grade:

Division: Clover, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult

Category:

For County: Entries are a 4" x 6" print;

All entries are exhibited for public viewing in the Extension Office.