

# Four Leaf Brief




## August 2023

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| <b>Aug 11</b> | Major Show Turkey Orders Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office, <a href="#">Form</a>            | <b>Sept 19</b> | Dg Shooting Sports Coach Meeting, <a href="#">Online</a>                                 |
| <b>Aug 15</b> | 4-H Registration Opens for the 2023-2024 Year, <a href="#">4-H Online</a>                  | <b>Sept 22</b> | Major Show Broiler Orders Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office, <a href="#">Form</a>         |
| <b>Aug 18</b> | SFOT/HOT Entries due to Extension Office by 5 p.m.   | <b>Sept 26</b> | County Council Meeting @ Extension Office, 7 p.m.  |
| <b>Aug 24</b> | Dg Club Manager Training, <a href="#">Online</a>   | <b>Oct 1-7</b> | National 4-H Week  |
| <b>Aug 30</b> | Major Show Sheep, Goat, and Heifer Early Tag Order Deadline - <a href="#">Online Only!</a> | <b>Oct 8</b>   | Major Show Lamb, Goat, and Heifer Late Tag Order Deadline - <a href="#">Online Only!</a> |
| <b>Sept 4</b> | Labor Day—Extension Office Closed  |                |  |
| <b>Sept 9</b> | District Council Meeting, Navasota Center  |                |  |

*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”*

- Aristotle

# County Updates

## MAJOR SHOW TURKEY ORDERS

**Deadline:** August 11, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. to Extension Office, 4102-B Main St., La Marque

For Galveston County 4-H exhibitors showing turkeys at 2024 San Antonio, Houston, or Austin. Submit completed [order form](#) with payment by deadline.

**INDIANS 4-H EXTREME OBSTACLE RACE**

Come join us for a day of extreme obstacles. There will be a rope gate, Mail box, branding, Teeter totter bridge, water bottles, pool noodles and more. Top time from each division will win a buckle. Pee-wees will get a grab bag.

Ranch sorting clinic on August 13th. Books open at noon and event starts at 1pm. \$10 per run

A portion of proceeds to benefit HIS ministry back-to-school drive.

**RACE FROM 2-7PM EXHIBITIONS FROM 12-2PM**

Jackpot run \$40  
Youth 8-13 \$20  
Youth 14-18 \$20  
Pee-wee 7&under \$10  
Exhibition run \$5

**AUGUST 12, 2023**  
BOOKS OPEN AT NOON & CLOSE AT 3PM  
EXHIBITIONS FROM 12-2PM  
RACE FROM 2-7PM  
JACK BROOKS ARENA IN HITCHCOCK  
CONTACT 832-226-7959 FOR MORE INFO

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS AND HEART O' TEXAS ENTRIES

**Deadline:** Entries due August 18, 2023 to Extension Office by 5 p.m.

**This applies to 4-H'ers entering:**

- ✓ Team and Individual Contests
- ✓ Livestock and Poultry Projects

**By deadline:**

1. Complete entry forms - Available on our [website](#) or we have printed copies available at office.
  - ✓ **State Fair exhibitors:** you must also login [online](#) beginning August 1 and electronically sign the Indemnity/W-9, and, submit livestock entry online.
2. Pass Quality Counts [Test](#) (livestock/poultry/calf scramble entries only! doesn't apply to judging teams)
  - ✓ Youth who previously passed test DO NOT have to retake test EXCEPT for those that moved to a new age division on or before August 31, 2023 (going into 3rd grade, 6th grade, or 9th grade)
3. Complete 4-H Enrollment via [4-H Online](#)
4. Bring to Extension Office by deadline—Please call/email before coming to confirm Leah/Darla is in the office
  - ✓ Entry Form(s)
  - ✓ Social Security # (Youth)
  - ✓ Quality Counts #
  - ✓ Payment (cash, check made payable to Galveston County 4-H Fund, or card via Square (processing fee applies))

**Check show rules & schedules for the most up-to-date info**

•State Fair of Texas [Handbook](#) and [Schedule](#)

•Heart O' Texas [Handbook](#) and [Schedule](#)



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## Galveston County

### HORSE JUDGING TEAM



#### WHAT IS HORSE JUDGING?

Members learn the principles of horse judging and how to evaluate differences in various breeds and groups of animals. Horse judging members test their skills in evaluating horses in halter and performance divisions. \*\*\*High scoring teams and individuals can earn scholarship money.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any Galveston County 4-H member. Teams are divided into junior (3-5 grades), intermediate (6-8 grades) and senior (9-12 grades). Individuals can also compete.

#### WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Members attend weekly practices on Wednesday evenings. Team members compete throughout the year in contests. Members are responsible for their entry fees and travel to these contests.

**OUR FIRST PRACTICE FOR 2023-2024 IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 6:30 PM. LOCATION TBD (ALVIN/FRIENDSWOOD AREA)**

WANT TO KNOW MORE? EMAIL [GALCOHORSEJUDGINGTEAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GALCOHORSEJUDGINGTEAM@GMAIL.COM)





# County Updates

## MAJOR SHOW TAG ORDERS

### SHEEP/GOAT Tag Orders for 2024 Spring Shows

**Deadline: August 30, 2023 [Online](#)**  
(LATE Deadline: October 8, 2023)

*Good for validations in October, exact date TBA*



- For **SHEEP/GOAT** attending spring major shows: Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin
  - ✓ **Market** Sheep/Goat
  - ✓ **Registered** Breeding Sheep/Goat
  - ✓ **Commercial/Wether** Dam/Doe
- Sheep/Goats validated in June 2023 **DO NOT** need to validate again to show at Spring majors!
- Previously major show validated breeding animals (registered, wether/commercial) **DO NOT** need to be validated **UNLESS** ownership has changed.

### HEIFER Tag Orders for 2024 Spring Shows

**Deadline: August 30, 2023 [Online](#)**  
(LATE Deadline: October 8, 2023)

*Good for validations in October, exact date TBA*



- For **REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS** attending spring shows: i Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin
- Previously major show validated heifers **DO NOT** need to be validated **UNLESS** ownership or breed has changed.

## TIME TO ENROLL!

Enrollment begins **August 15, 2023**

Here is the [4-H Online Help Guides](#)

### Enrollment Instructions:

1. Visit <https://v2.4honline.com/>
2. Update or create a profile

Use an email you check regularly! This is the email the Extension Office will use to send newsletters, upcoming events and all other important information.

**Returning Members** - Log in using the same email and password you used last year. **Do not create a new profile.** You can change your email once logged on.

**New Members** – you must create a new profile.

### 3. Enrollment Deadline and Fees

If you enroll before October 31, 2023 your participation fee is only \$25 per member.

After October 31, 2023, the fee will increase to \$30 per member, so sign up ASAP!

## MARKET BROILER ORDERS SAN ANTONIO, HOUSTON, AUSTIN

**Deadline:** September 22, 2023 by 5 p.m. to the Extension Office, use **[Order Form](#)**

**Galveston 4-Her's** wanting to show Broilers at 2024 San Antonio, Houston, or Austin must submit payment and order form by deadline above.

## Galveston County Fair & Rodeo



VISIT GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION  
INCLUDING RULES & SCHEDULES [HTTP://WWW.GALVESTONCOUNTYFAIR.COM](http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com)

- ✓ **Awards Banquet:**  
August 5, 2023

# District & State Updates

## D-9 4-H Club Manager/ Volunteer Training

Thursday, August 24th  
6:30 p.m.



Scan Code or use link below:  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdcaiz7r>



## D-9 4-H Shooting Sports Project Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
via TEAM's at 6:30 p.m.



Scan Code or use link below:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2dij5f66>



## D-9 Fall Training and Council Meeting

SAVE  
-THE-  
DATE

9 SEPTEMBER

Navasota Center  
101 Stadium Dr., Navasota



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## Smokey Bear Poster Contest

### Texas A&M Forest Service presents Smokey Bear Poster Contest for Texas Students

Students from Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in a Smokey Bear Poster contest to help us celebrate his 80th birthday in 2024. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention through their original artwork of Smokey Bear. Independent school districts, homeschools, youth programs, scout groups, and other informal education or youth organizations may submit entries from school-aged participants.

Smokey Bear is nationally recognized as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. His message of "Only you can prevent wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention since nine out of ten wildfires are caused by people. Smokey Bear uses five rules to teach children and adults to be careful with campfires, outdoor debris burning, and matches.

Texas communities have been impacted by wildfires every year. People and their activities account for 90% of wildfires in Texas with the most common preventable cause being careless debris burning. Other causes include welding and other equipment use, vehicles, discarding smoking materials, and arson. Entries should feature wildfire prevention for issues seen in Texas.

#### The Poster Contest will be divided into six divisions:

1. Kindergarten through 2nd grade
2. 3rd through 5th grade
3. 6th through 8th grade
4. 9th through 12th grade
5. Special education
6. Computer-assisted design (CAD)

Two winners will be chosen from each division with each winner earning a spot in the 2024 Smokey Bear 80th Birthday Calendar plus more!

For more information and complete rules visit:

<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/SmokeyPosterContest/>



## D9 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP LAB

Registration Deadline: October 11 via 4-H Online

When: November 10-11, 2023

Save the date! More details to be announced soon.



# Spot Light

**Congratulations** to Ryleigh Meek for all her successes at her last 4-H Dog Show! She won Overall High Point Senior, 1st in Rally, 1st in Conformation, and 1st in Showmanship as well as countless other awards.



**Congratulations** to Elizabeth Banuelos for her success at the Texas 4-H State Horse Show! She placed Reserve in 5 & over Geldings and was Reserve Grand Champion in Geldings. She also placed top ten in Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Trail, and Hunter Versatility.



**Congratulations** to Katarina Wilson on receiving a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship! Katarina will be attending Southwestern University in the Fall.

**Sewing Camp 2023** was a huge success! All 12 girls graduated as beginner seamstresses and rocked their pajama pants on the runway!



# Galveston County 4-H Clubs



## DICKINSON 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Dickinson

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

**Projects:** Consumer Education, Fashion & Interior Design, Food & Nutrition, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking

## INDIANS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday monthly

**Projects:** Horse

## GREATER GALVESTON SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Santa Fe

**Meeting Time & Day:**

4:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday monthly

**Projects:** Shotgun

## HELPING HAND 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Alvin

**Meeting Time & Day:**

6:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday monthly

**Projects:** Swine

## LONESOME DOVE 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

**Projects:** Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## LONE STAR 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday monthly

**Projects:** Beef Cattle, Fashion & Interior Design, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Leadership, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## RANCH HANDS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** League City

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

**Projects:** Beef Cattle, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Photography, Rabbits, Sheep, Sportsfishing, Swine

## SANTA FE COLTS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 3rd Thursday monthly

**Projects:** Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## TAILWAGGERS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Santa Fe

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., every Monday

**Projects:** Dog Care & Training

## TRAILBLAZERS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7 p.m., 3rd Wednesday monthly

**Projects:** Beef cattle, Goats, Leadership, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## VETERINARY SCIENCE 4-H

**Meeting Location:** League City

**Meeting Time & Day:**

6:30 p.m., 4th Thursday monthly

**Projects:** Vet Science

## WILDCATS 4-H CLUB

**Meeting Location:** League City

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., 2nd Monday monthly

**Projects:** Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine



# Puzzle



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## Other Websites:

District 9 4-H: <http://dg4-h.tamu.edu/>

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

4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo: <http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com/>