

# FOUR LEAF BRIEF





## September 2023

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| <p><b>Sept. 1</b> 4-H Registration Open for the 2023-2024 Year via <a href="#">4-H Online</a></p> <p><b>Sept 4</b> Labor Day—Extension Office CLOSED</p> <p><b>Sept. 6</b> Entry Deadline for District 9 Council Meeting, <a href="#">4-H Online</a></p> <p><b>Sept. 9</b> District Council Meeting, Navasota Junior High</p> <p><b>Sept. 12</b> 4-H Robotics Informational Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office</p> <p><b>Sept 19</b> D9 Shooting Sports Coach Meeting, 6:30 p.m., <a href="#">Online</a></p> <p><b>Sept 22</b> Major Show Broiler Orders Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office, <a href="#">Form</a></p> <p><b>Sept 26</b> County Council Meeting @ Extension Office, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sept. 28</b> EARLY Major Show Swine Tag Order Deadline, <a href="#">Online</a></p> <p><b>Oct 1-7</b> National 4-H Week</p> <p><b>Oct. 4-15</b> Paper Clover Campaign @ the Tractor Supply Co. in Santa Fe</p> | <p><b>Oct. 8</b> LATE Major Show Lamb, Goat, and Heifer Tag Order Deadline - <a href="#">Online</a></p> <p><b>Oct. 11</b> D9 Junior Leadership Lab Entry Deadline, <a href="#">4-H Online</a></p> <p><b>Oct. 17</b> <a href="#">RSVP</a> Deadline for Science Night</p> <p><b>Oct. 18</b> 4-H Science Night, 6:00 p.m. @ Extension Office</p> <p><b>Oct. 21</b> Master Gardener Fall Festival, 9 a.m. @ Discovery Garden</p> <p><b>Oct. 25</b> Major Show Lamb/Goat Validation, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ Fairgrounds</p> <p><b>Oct. 26</b> Major Show Heifer Validation, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ Fairgrounds.</p> <p><b>Oct. 26</b> Freshie Fundraiser Payments Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office</p> <p><b>Oct. 31</b> LATE Major Show Swine Tag Order Deadline, <a href="#">Online</a></p> |
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*"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather, And autumn's best of cheer."*

– Helen Hunt Jackson

# County Updates

## 4-H ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

Here are 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!

**New** - Clover Kids are now \$10 per child.

## GOODY BASKET ITEMS NEEDED BY SEPTEMBER 27!

For National 4-H Week, we will be saying thank you to our commissioners for all of their support! Please consider donating **5 of the same item** to add to their gifts.

Suggestions: Snacks, Candy, Gift Cards, Jams/Jellies, Salsa, Cooking Supplies, Thank You notes etc.

**Extension Office Closed**  
**September 4, 2023 for**

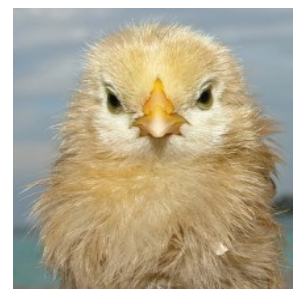


A graphic for a 4-H Robotics Informational Meeting. It features five colorful robots (yellow, pink, green, blue, and red) standing on a teal circular path. The text "4-H ROBOTICS INFORMATIONAL MEETING" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, the date and time "September 12 | 6:30 PM" and the location "Galveston County Extension Office" are listed. Further down, it says "COME LEARN ABOUT THE ROBOTICS PROJECT AND HOW TO JOIN!" and "\*OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/YOUTH INTERESTED 4-H'ER OR NOT!\*". A link "RSVP HERE" is provided. In the bottom right corner, there is a small 4-H logo with the text "4-H LEOC 707".

## 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.



# County Updates

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**When:** September 26, 2023, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Extension Office, 4102-B Main St.,  
La Marque, 7568

Join us for the next Galveston County 4-H Council meeting. The Council is open to all Galveston County 4-H'ers and parents. **We will be exploring different 4-H project areas at our first meeting and dinner is provided!**

[RSVP HERE!](#)

Future County Council meetings:

- ✓ November 28, 2023
- ✓ January 23, 2024
- ✓ March 26, 2024
- ✓ May 28, 2024





## FRESHIE FUNDRAISER

All profits go to Galveston County 4-H programs



SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 26

PICK UP PACKET AT EXTENSION OFFICE OR DOWNLOAD ON WEBSITE



Top INDIVIDUAL seller wins a Wandering Maverick Hoodie in any color!

Top CLUB wins a pizza party at their next club meeting!

More information [HERE](#)

## MAJOR SHOW TAG ORDERS

### SWINE Tags for 2024 Spring Shows

**Deadline:** September 28, 2023, [Online](#)  
(**LATE Deadline:** October 31, 2023)

*Good for validation on November 27*

- For **MARKET SWINE** attending spring major shows
- For **BREEDING SWINE** attending spring shows, check show rules to see if validation is required.

### HEIFER Orders for 2024 Spring Shows

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

*Good for validation on October 26*

- For **REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS** attending spring shows

**NEW:** All Major Show heifers will now be tagged. Previously validated heifers will **NOT** be required to get tagged unless they have changed ownership or breed.

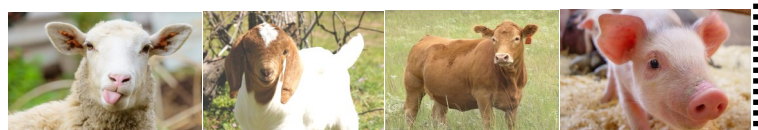
### SHEEP/GOAT Tags for 2024 Spring Shows

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

*Good for validations on October 25*

- For **SHEEP/GOAT** attending spring major shows
  - ✓ **Market** Sheep/Goat
  - ✓ **Registered** Breeding Sheep/Goat
  - ✓ **Commercial/Wether** Dam/Doe
  - ✓

**NEW:** Sheep/goats validated during June 2023 **WILL BE ELIGIBLE** for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market sheep/goats validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. The validated animal **MUST** stay in the care of the exhibitor who validated it. If the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor **MUST REVALIDATE** the project within the next validation period (October 2023).





# County Updates

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

**When:** October 1-7, 2023

National 4-H Week is a week-long celebration of 4-H. You can promote the organization and teach people in your community about 4-H. Clubs can host an open house or some members choose to do presentations about 4-H at their schools or on the local news.

## ONE DAY 4-H

**When:** Month of October  
More information coming soon!

## PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

**When:** October 4 - 15, 2023

**Where:** Tractor Supply Co., 3410 FM 1764, Santa Fe

Galveston County 4-H will receive 90% of the \$1 cost of every Paper Clover sold at the Santa Fe Tractor Supply during the dates listed above. Clovers are sold at the register and employee's will push the sale of the Clovers with each customer throughout the week.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## MASTER GARDNER FALL FESTIVAL 2023

**When:** Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Discovery Garden, 4102 Main Street,  
La Marque, 77568 (inside Carbide Park)

Galveston County 4-Her's will be volunteering at the Master Gardeners' Fall Festival as face painters!

Sign up for a shift [here!](#)

## MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION & TAG-IN

The following **MUST** be present AT VALIDATION:

1. **Animal** being validated
2. **Registration papers** for Breeding Animals
3. **Parent/guardian** - must be present to sign paperwork. Parents unable to attend must sign waiver & paperwork before validation
- ✓ Parents may sign for exhibitor if child cannot attend
- ✓ Families with conflicts must make alternate arrangements **PRIOR TO VALIDATION**. Contact Leah Stiles [leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu) or 281-309-5058

*If you are no longer validating an animal, email [darla.cox@co.galveston.tx.us](mailto:darla.cox@co.galveston.tx.us)*

### LAMB/GOAT

**October 25, 2023**

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Galveston Co. Fairgrounds

### BREEDING HEIFER

**October 26, 2023**

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Galveston Co. Fairgrounds

### SWINE

**November 27, 2023**

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Santa Fe Ag Barn



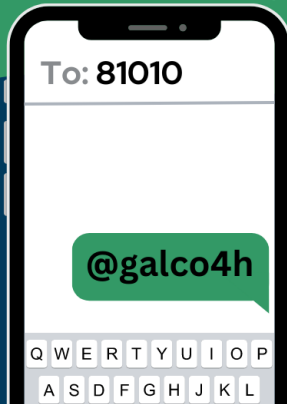
## INTERESTED IN BEEKEEPING AS A SELF-DIRECTED 4-H PROJECT?

Contact Sheila Thorne with Garden Kids of Kemah to find out more! Email: [gardenkidskemah@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenkidskemah@yahoo.com)

## County Updates



Read texts instead of emails?  
Join Galveston County 4-H  
Remind!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Major Show Sign-Up Night**

**NOV 7 or Nov 13**

**4:30-6:30**

**Must sign up for time slot**

**MORE INFORMATION [HERE!](#)**

**SCIENCE NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY  
**OCTOBER 18**  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

RSVP TODAY!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER. SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER NOW!

GALVESTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
4102-B MAIN ST, LA MARQUE, TX 77568

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**COUNTY ROUNDUP**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

## Galveston County Fair & Rodeo

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

**April 12-20, 2024**



# District Updates

## D9 FALL TRAINING & COUNCIL MEETING

**Registration Deadline:** September 6, 2023, [4-H Online](#)

**When:** September 9, 2023

**Where:** Navasota Junior High, 9038 TX-90,  
Navasota, TX 77868

**Cost:** \$10 (includes lunch, snacks and materials).

Fall Training is an opportunity to meet the new 2023-2024 D-9 4-H Council Officers as well as other 4-H members and volunteer leaders from across the district. Educational workshops and Q&As will be held.

## 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/2djy5f66>



## D9 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP LAB

**Registration Deadline:** October 11 via [4-H Online](#)

**Late Entry:** October 16, 2023

**When:** November 10-11, 2023

**Where:** Cross Roads Retreat Center, 255 Cross Rd.,  
Caldwell, Tx 77836

**Registration Fee:** \$100.00

**Late Fee:** \$125.00

**Ages:** Intermediate aged 4-H'ers (6th - 8th grade)

### Description:

The registration fee covers 1 night of lodging, all meals, program activities, insurance, and session materials. The attire is school appropriate (casual), but remember to bring warm clothes as many activities are held outside. Sessions will focus on "4-H Project Areas."

### Objective:

To prepare intermediate age 4-H'ers from the 18 counties in District 9 for leadership roles. These roles might be at the county level or their clubs. The hope is that participants will take information back from lab and share it with members back in their counties. The lab is set up to be enjoyable and fun, but there is work too. The sessions require participant involvement and concentration. Grades 6th – 8th are encouraged to attend. Play time is set up with activities that build team work skills and camaraderie in the district.

For more information, visit our D9 website:

<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/junior-leadership-lab/>





# State Updates

## 2023 TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA

**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2023,  
via [4-H Online](#)

**When:** September 15, 2023, 7 p.m. and  
September 16, 2023, 5 p.m.

**Where:** Bell County Expo Center, 301 W Loop 121,  
Belton, TX 76513

This Statewide competition is open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age and includes:

- Educational Workshops
- Rabbit Show
- Rabbit Photography & Arts Contest
- Youth Skills Contest



For more information, visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/>



## 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)

**Poster Contest  
Deadline is  
Sept. 15, 2023**



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

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

## Grow Texas Gardening for Health Contest

**Registration Deadline:** September 15, 2023, [Online](#)

Youth will grow their own food, understand the connection between agriculture and health, and develop leadership skills!

Contest is open to 6 - 12th Graders. Youth must grow a vegetable during September - December in one of the following: Container, Raised Bed, or Row Garden.

Awards and Scholarships for winners at Regional and State Levels. For more information, email Dr. Julie Gardner at: [julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu)



## MasterChef JUNIOR NOW CASTING!

Follow us on social media @MasterChefJrUSA



**MASTERCHEF JUNIOR IS ON A NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE MOST TALENTED HOME COOKS IN AMERICA BETWEEN AGES 8-13 (must be at least 8 yrs old as of February 1st 2023)**

**IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS THE NEXT MASTERCHEF JUNIOR, WE'D LOVE TO MEET THEM!**

**TO APPLY GO TO:**

[www.masterchefjuniorcasting.com](http://www.masterchefjuniorcasting.com)

FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, AUDITION GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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# Spot Light

**Congratulations** to Baylee Bennett for being selected to be in the National FFA Chorus at National Convention! Great job!





# 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

## 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

## TRAILBLAZERS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Hitchcock

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7 p.m., 3rd Wednesday monthly

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

## GREATER GALVESTON SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Santa Fe

**Meeting Time & Day:**

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

**Projects:** Shotgun

## 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

## 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

## VETERINARY SCIENCE 4-H

**Meeting Location:** League City

**Meeting Time & Day:**

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

**Projects:** Vet Science

## HELPING HAND 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Alvin

**Meeting Time & Day:**

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

**Projects:** 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

## TAILWAGGERS 4-H

**Meeting Location:** Santa Fe

**Meeting Time & Day:**

7:00 p.m., every Monday

**Projects:** Dog Care & Training

## 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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OCTOBER  
ORANGE  
PUMPKINS  
RED

SCARECROW  
SEPTEMBER  
SQUASH  
SQUIRRELS  
TREES  
YELLOW

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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/>