

FOUR LEAF BRIEF



November 2023

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| Nov. 1 | 4-H Online Enrollment Price Increases | Nov. 28 | County Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Extension Office |
| Nov. 7 | Major Show Entry Night, 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office | Dec. 1 & 2 | GCFR Winterfest @ Fairgrounds |
| Nov. 9 | GCFR Scholarship Workshop @ Fairgrounds | Dec. 3 | GCFR Goat & Lamb Tag-In @ Fairgrounds |
| Nov. 10 - 11 | Jr. Leadership Lab, Caldwell, Tx | Dec. 18 | Science Night RSVP Deadline |
| Nov. 13 | Major Show Entry Night, 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office | Dec. 19 | Science Night, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office |
| Nov. 15 | Dg Scholarship Training, Virtual | Dec. 9 | GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds |
| Nov. 18 | GCFR Steer & Heifer Clinics @ Fairgrounds | Dec. 13 | GCFR Turkey Pick-Up, 5-6 p.m. @ Fairgrounds |
| Nov. 23-24 | Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday | Dec. 20 | GCFR Turkey Re-Banding @ Fairgrounds |
| Nov. 27 | Major Show Swine Validation, 4:30—6:30 p.m. @ Santa Fe Ag Barn | Dec 25-26 | Extension Office Closed for Christmas Holiday |

*It is not happy people who are thankful,
It is thankful people who are happy.*

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.



QUALITY COUNTS REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR SHOW ENTRIES

Required for all youth:

1. Exhibiting livestock
2. Submitting calf scramble applications

Visit [Quality Counts](#) website for instructions on how to take the test.

*****Youth who took Quality Counts test last year do not have to retake the test **EXCEPT** for any child who**

- entered 6th grade for the 2023-2024 school year
- entered 9th grade for the 2023-2024 school year

MAJOR SHOW ENTRY NIGHT

This applies to 4-H'ers entering 2024 Major Shows:

- ✓ **Livestock & Poultry Projects**
- ✓ **Calf Scrambles** (participants AND applicants)
- ✓ **Team and Individual contests** (Coaches ONLY)

Participants **must attend this mandatory** Major Show Entry Night at Galveston County Extension Office:

- **November 7, 2023** from 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- **November 13, 2023** from 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Fort Worth Stock Show entries **must** be submitted by **November 7, 2023**. No exceptions!

Each family must sign up to attend a specific time slot to submit entries. Time slots are limited in order to manage and expedite the entry process.

SIGN UP HERE ASAP for Nov. 7 or Nov. 13

Prior to dates above, contact Leah Stiles if you have conflicts (281-309-5058 or leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu). A \$25 LATE fee will be charged to any entries submitted after Nov. 13!

BEFORE ENTRY NIGHT

1. Pass [Quality Counts](#)
2. Complete 4-H Enrollment online via [4-H Online](#)
3. Complete entry forms
 - Download from [county webpage](#) (they will be uploaded as they become available)
 - **DO NOT** sign **Houston Livestock Show** forms prior to entry night

BRING WITH YOU TO ENTRY NIGHT

1. **Completed** entry forms
2. **Parent and youth** must be present to sign
 - **EXCEPTION:** for **TEAM contests**, **ONLY** the coach needs to attend entry night, unless otherwise stated on entry form.
3. **Drivers License** (parents)
4. **Social Security** (youth)
5. **Payment** (cash, check, or with credit card via Square reader for additional processing fee)

Major Show entry night DOES NOT apply to Galveston Fair entries or youth showing under FFA.

County Updates

MAJOR SHOW CALF SCRAMBLES

Calf scrambles are a great opportunity for youth to receive funds to help them purchase an animal project. Families are then financially responsible for the nutrition, housing, and grooming program. Things to consider before scrambling:

- Is family financially able to purchase, house, and feed an animal project?
- Do you have suitable facilities to raise animal?
- Would you devote the necessary time and attention?
- Would you be able to spend the necessary time away from school to care for and exhibit the project?

Entries due by dates below to Extension Office



November 7



November 13



November 13



November 13



In observance of Thanksgiving, the Extension Office will be closed, November 23 & 24.



MAJOR SHOW SWINE VALIDATION

When: November 27, 2023, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Santa Fe High School Ag Barn,
13405 4 1/2, St. , Santa Fe, Tx 77510

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 or 281-309-5058

If you are no longer validating an animal, email darla.cox@co.galveston.tx.us

County Updates

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

When: November 28, 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.

[RSVP HERE!](#)

Future County Council meetings:

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



2023 4-H FOOD SHOW THEME

This year's 4-H Food Show theme is: **"Cooking Through the Decades."**

Take a trip back in time and explore different dishes that were popular in years past!

The goal of the Texas 4-H Food Show is to provide an opportunity for 4-H contestants to highlight their culinary skills while also improving their presentation and interview skills. There are opportunities to compete at the county, district, and state level!

[Food Show Rules & Guidelines.](#)

Food Show Categories

- ✓ Appetizer
- ✓ Main Dish
- ✓ Side Dishes
- ✓ Healthy Desserts



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Science

Night

Tuesday, December 19th

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Calling all young detectives! Put your scientific skills to the test and help us solve the case of the mysterious stolen treasure.

Galveston County Extension Office
 4102-B Main St, La Marque, TX 77568

Scan the QR code to register. Space is limited to first 25 participants.

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RSVP [HERE](#)

County Updates



Does your club have what it takes to be the next Game of Clovers Champion Club?

Game of Clovers is a yearlong tournament between 4-H clubs in Galveston County!

Earn Points for your club!

- **Enrollment**—make sure you are enrolled on 4-H Online! Then encourage new friends to join and enroll.
- **Participation**—attend County Council meetings, County events, and County contests.

Check out the [Game of Clovers Page](#) to find more information and a complete set of rules.

Current Top Leaderboard Totals

1. Arcadia 4-H
2. Helping Hand 4-H
3. Vet Science 4-H



Galveston County Fair & Rodeo April 12 - 20, 2024



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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Scholarship Workshop:
November 9, 2023 @ Fairgrounds ✓ Steer & Heifer Clinic:
November 18, 2023 @ Fairgrounds ✓ Winter Fest:
December 1 & 2, 2023 @ Fairgrounds ✓ Market Goat & Lamb Validation:
December 3, 2023 @ Fairgrounds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Steer & Heifer and Lamb & Goat Clinics:
December 9, 2023 @ Fairgrounds ✓ Turkey Pickup (Tentative):
December 13, 2023 by 5 p.m. @ Youth Building ✓ Turkey Re-Banding
December 20, 2023, @ Fair Office |
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District & State Updates

DISTRICT 9 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP



**NOVEMBER 15, 2023
VIA TEAMS @ 7:00 P.M.**



<https://tinyurl.com/db8njw3h>

The workshop will focus on the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship application and process.



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The **Dg Scholarship Workshop** is geared towards graduating seniors, but all 4-H families can join in.

Invitational Quiz Bowl

Family/Community Health,
Horse and Livestock

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Friday, January 12, 2024

Walker County Storm Shelter
455 State Highway 75N
Huntsville, TX 77320

10:30 a.m. to End

Registrants will be emailed
week of event with exact
order of game time slots



- **Team competition** for Junior (3rd - 8th grades) and Senior (9th - 12th grades) Divisions
- **4-person teams only, no exceptions**
- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/>)
- 4-H members enter individually through their 4-H Online profile (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
- FFA members enter team by completing form (<https://forms.office.com/r/drc1LVZCex>) and mailing a Chapter Check (Texas A&M AgriLife -D-9 4-H at 1470 William D. Fitch Parkway, College Station, TX 77845)
- **Registration Deadlines & Fees**
 - **December 6 - December 20**, \$10/4-H member and \$40/FFA Team
 - **December 21 - January 8**, \$15/4-H member and \$60/FFA Team
 - **NO on-site registrations accepted**

Prizes awarded to 1st place winning Junior & Senior teams of
Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu

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WHAT IS SOUTHERN CLASSIC?

Southern Classic is an educational opportunity for new 4-H/FFA families participating in livestock projects to teach the basic principals of livestock management.

Breakout Sessions Include:

- Showmanship
- Feeding
- Animal Health
- Selection
- & MORE



TO REGISTER VISIT:

<https://walker.agrilife.org/4h/southern-classic-registration/>

Early Bird Registration:
\$40/family
until Dec. 4



December 8-10, 2023

Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807

FRIDAY

4:00-7:00 PM
Barns Open/
Check-In

SATURDAY

7:00 AM
Check-In
9:30 AM
Speed Judging/
Breakout Sessions

SUNDAY

Prospect Shows
(You MUST
attend Saturday
to participate)



NO OUTSIDE BEDDING MATERIALS

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TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduating seniors: 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications and guidelines are [available here](#).

*** Collegiate Scholarships will not be given out in 2024.

Things to do now: [the FAFSA](#)

Completion of the FAFSA is required for all scholarship applications and will be available in December. See deadlines on their website: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines>

Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the application and what you will need to complete it.

Make sure you are enrolled in 4-H Online and have selected 12th grade to make sure you receive emails about all scholarship information.



State Updates



JOIN US FOR THE 4-H WEEKEND IN AGGIELAND!

Friday, Nov. 17

- **4-H Day at COALS** hosted by the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Interact with current COALS faculty and staff
- Campus tour
- Admissions and college opportunities discussion
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- Agendas and more information will be sent to registrants
- Questions: Contact kacee.gasper@ag.tamu.edu

Saturday, Nov. 18

- **4-H Day in Aggieland** hosted by Texas 4-H
- Indoor 4-H Tailgate with food, fun, and networking at the Joe and Shirley Swinbank AgriLife Center, 8 - 11 AM
- Financial aid and 4-H workshops 8 - 10 AM
- Group tickets to the Texas A&M football game, kickoff at 11 AM
- 2023 t-shirts purchased **MUST BE PICKED UP AT TAILGATE**
- Questions: Contact Callie.cline@ag.tamu.edu

Purchase game tickets at:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/aggieland4hday/>

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TEXAS 4-H CHRISTMAS CARD contest

Submit your best design for the 5th Annual Christmas Card Design Contest. Design must include a 4-H Clover. Winning art will be used as the official Texas 4-H Foundation Christmas cards and will also be available to purchase!

DIVISIONS		Winning artists will receive \$100!!!
Clover Kids	8 and Under	
Junior	9 to 13	
Senior	14 to 18	

See entry form for contest rules and details.

TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Deadline: December 15, 2023, [4-H Online](#)

The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest encourages observation within specific Natural Resources project areas and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs. This contest provides another opportunity to showcase the photographic work of 4-H members in all age divisions.

Rules and Guidelines can be found [HERE!](#)



Spot Light



A big thank you to Judge Henry and our Galveston County Commissioners for their continued support of Galveston County 4-H. Through their support 4-H'ers are able to attend leadership trainings, represent Galveston County at state and national competitions, and attend educational workshops to help advance them into their future. Thank you to all of our club managers, parents, and 4-H'ers who donated gifts!!



Heart o' Texas - Congratulations to Baylee Bennett from Lone Star 4-H for winning in her class at Heart O' Texas with her wether doe and winning Reserve Champion Goat Showman!

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Heart o' Texas Congratulations to Laine Socias who placed 3rd in class with his wether doe Pinky and 5th in class with his wether doe CB.

Laine was pulled for top 35 out of 140 for Sr. Showmanship! Way to go, Laine!

East Texas State Fair - Congratulations to Caitlyn Edwards from Lone Star 4-H for placing 2nd in her class with her lamb at East Texas State Fair! Nice job, Caitlyn!



A big congratulations to our Galveston County Horse Judging Team who took 1st place at the Harris County Fair & Rodeo! Raynee Shaw won 2nd place high point individual!

Pictured is Raynee, Lincoln, Elizabeth, and Haylie.

Spot Light

Learning Lab Kits - Lonesome Dove 4-H recently had a study night at their club meeting using the Swine Learning Lab Kit they checked out from the Extension Office. The kids and parent loved them! The kits make learning fun! If your club is interested in checking out one of the Learning Lab Kits, please contact Leah Stiles or Darla Cox.



Spot Light - Science Night



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

HORSE JUDGING

Meeting Location: Friendswood

Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly

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

ROBOTICS

Meeting Location: Texas City

Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., Biweekly



Puzzle

November

WORD SEARCH



AUTUMN
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY
DINNER
FALL
FAMILY
FRIENDS
GRACE

HAM
HUNTING
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
NOVEMBER
PARADE
PIES
PILGRIMS

PUMPKINS
SHARING
STUFFING
THANKFUL
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
VETERANS DAY
YAMS

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

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

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