

# FOUR LEAF BRIEF



## December 2023

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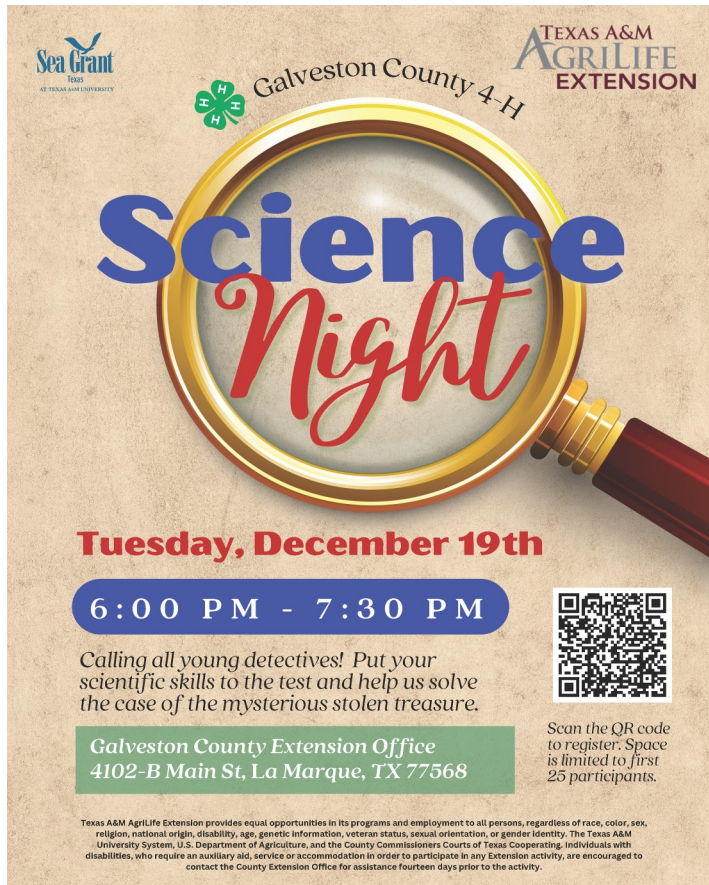
<b>Dec 1-2</b>	GCFR Winterfest @ Fairgrounds	<b>Jan 10</b>	State Dog Validation Due on 4-H Online
<b>Dec 3</b>	GCFR Goat & Lamb Tag-In @ Fairgrounds	<b>Jan 10</b>	4-H Sewing Workshop, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office
<b>Dec 9</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds	<b>Jan 11</b>	GCFR Broiler Orders Due by 5 p.m. @ Fair Office
<b>Dec 13</b>	GCFR Turkey Pick-Up, 5-6 p.m. @ Fairgrounds	<b>Jan 12</b>	District 9 4-H Invitational Quiz Bowl, Huntsville, TX
<b>Dec 18</b>	Science Night RSVP Deadline	<b>Jan 13</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds
<b>Dec 19</b>	Science Night, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office	<b>Jan 14</b>	GCFR Swine Tag-In, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. @ Fairgrounds
<b>Dec 20</b>	District 9 4-H Invitational Quiz Bowl Registration Deadline	<b>Jan 15</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Extension Office Closed
<b>Dec 20</b>	GCFR Turkey Re-Banding @ Fairgrounds	<b>Jan 19</b>	Tri-County Food Challenge Contest @ Extension Office
<b>Dec 25-26</b>	Christmas Holiday—Extension Office Closed	<b>Jan 19</b>	4-H Foundation Scholarship Draft Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office
<b>Jan 1</b>	New Year's Day — Extension Office Closed	<b>Jan 20-21</b>	Dg Archery Contest, Bryan, TX
<b>Jan 2</b>	Dg Winter Council Meeting, Virtual	<b>Jan 23</b>	County Council Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Extension Office
<b>Jan 3</b>	Dg Archery Entries Due on 4-H Online	<b>Jan 25</b>	GCFR Livestock Show Entries Due by 6 p.m. @ Fair Office
<b>Jan 4</b>	GCFR Recommended Breeding Date for Rabbits	<b>Jan 27</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds

*Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.*

- Edna Ferber, American Novelist



# County Updates



Sea Grant Texas  
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Galveston County 4-H

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

## 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](#)

## WANTED - Livestock Quiz Bowlers

Galveston County 4-H is looking for kids interested in competing in Livestock Quiz Bowl to join this year's teams. All ages welcome!

Quiz bowl is an opportunity to demonstrate all of the knowledge a child has gained through past project experiences. This team contest helps kids learn more about their project while getting opportunity to compete on a district and state level. Teams compete against one another and whoever buzzes in first, gets to answer the question. Live animals not needed.

If you're interested, contact **Phoenix Rogers** at 281-309-5064 or [plrogers@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:plrogers@ag.tamu.edu).



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

## TRI-COUNTY FOOD CHALLENGE

BRAZORIA, FORT BEND, & GALVESTON

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

**GALVESTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**6:30PM OR 7:15 PM**

**\$20/TEAM**

**REGISTER HERE**

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REGISTER [HERE](#)

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**When:** January 23, 2024, 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 FOR DINNER!](#)

Future County Council meetings:

- ✓ March 26, 2024
- ✓ May 28, 2024



# County Updates

## COUNTY ROUNDUP

**When:** February 3, 2024

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

Start getting your teams together for practices, warm up your vocal chords, and think about your educational presentation topics. Registration coming soon.

**\*NEW\*** Clover Kids can now participate in all contests except Food Challenge.

### Contests Offered:

- Ag Product ID
- Consumer Decision Making
- Digital Storyboard
- Educational Presentation
- Food Challenge
- Food Show
- Science Fair
- Talent Showcase

## 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.](#)



## JOIN A FOOD CHALLENGE TEAM!

During Food Challenge, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, and nutritional value.

Contest information and resources can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>

Food Challenge Teams can compete at:

**Tri-County Food Challenge** on January 19 at the Extension Office

**County Roundup** on February 3 at the Extension Office

**District 9 Roundup** (aka Big Time in D9) on April 27

If you are interested in joining a team or if you are an adult who would like to volunteer, please contact Leah Stiles: [leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu)

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

# Galveston County 4-H Sewing Camp

Come learn about sewing basics and leave with a pair of pajama pants!

**March 11-15, 2024**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Galveston County Extension Office**

**Ages 8-18 & open to non 4-H'ers**

**Register here!**

**\$40 per camper**

REGISTER [HERE](#)

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# 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. Lone Star 4-H & Trailblazers 4-H
2. Dickinson 4-H
3. Tailwaggers 4-H



## COUNTY HORSE SHOW

For 2023-2024, horse show participants are invited to join Brazoria County 4-H horse shows on **January 6, February 3, April 6, and May 11.**

You must register [here](#) AND let the Galveston County Extension Office know you are competing at least 3 weeks before each show.

## 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"> <li>✓ <b>Winter Fest:</b><br/>December 1 &amp; 2, 2023 @ Fairgrounds</li> <li>✓ <b>Market Goat &amp; Lamb Validation:</b><br/>December 3, 2023 @ Fairgrounds</li> <li>✓ <b>Steer &amp; Heifer and Lamb &amp; Goat Clinics:</b><br/>December 9, 2023 @ Fairgrounds</li> <li>✓ <b>Turkey Pickup (Tentative):</b><br/>December 13, 2023 by 5 p.m. @ Youth Building</li> <li>✓ <b>Turkey Re-Banding</b><br/>December 20, 2023, @ Fair Office</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Recommended breeding date for Market Rabbits:</b><br/>January 4, 2024</li> <li>✓ <b>Market Broiler Order/Money Due:</b><br/>January 11, 2024 by 5 p.m. to Fair Office</li> <li>✓ <b>Steer/Heifer and Lamb/Goat Clinics:</b><br/>January 13, 2024 @ Fairgrounds</li> <li>✓ <b>Market Swine Validation:</b><br/>January 14, 2024 @ Fairgrounds</li> <li>✓ <b>Steer/Heifer and Lamb/Goat Clinics:</b><br/>January 27, 2024 @ Fairgrounds</li> </ul> |
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# District Updates



## 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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## Invitational Quiz Bowl

Family/Community Health,  
Horse and Livestock



**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> place winning Junior & Senior teams of  
Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock**

**Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or [kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu)**

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## DISTRICT 9 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

**When:** January 2, 2024, via TEAMS

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Attend the Virtual District 9 Winter Council Meeting to learn more about 4-H opportunities and meet your district officers! Click [here](#) for meeting.



# State Updates

## 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!](#)



### Purpose:

to encourage observation within specific Natural Resources project areas and allow youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography.

### Categories:

Aquatic Science Entomology  
Shooting Sports Forestry  
Sportfishing Range Science  
Hunting Outdoor Education  
Wildlife & Fisheries  
Water Conservation & Education

### REGISTRATION

**\$ 10/photo**

Open to:

Any enrolled 4-H Member (Jr. Int. Sr.)

**\*\*NOT A QUALIFYING CONTEST\*\***

Rules to be posted on Texas 4-H Natural Resources webpages

**\*\*Do not have to be an active in a Natural Resources project area\*\***

Registration through 4HOnline:

Entries Open: December 1, 2023

Entries Close: December 15, 2023

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

Participants will upload photos in a separate system called Submittable. Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.

## DOG VALIDATION

**Deadline:** January 10, 2024

**Where:** Due on [4-H Online](#)

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held July 11-13, 2024. To be eligible, dogs must be validated through 4-H Connect by January 10, 2024.

There is no fee for validation, just fill out the information and upload two pictures. Any mixed breed or purebred dog over six months old by July 12, 2023 is eligible. Here is a [YouTube tutorial](#) on how to validate your dog.



## TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Draft due to Leah by **January 19, 2024**, email or paper

Completed application due [online](#) by **February 15, 2024**

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

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

Completion of the [FAFSA](#) is required for all scholarship applications and will be available in December. See deadlines on their [website](#).

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



# Spot Light



**Dickinson 4-H Community Service** - Dickinson 4-H club members recently collected 11 care/gift boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** via [Samaritan's Purse](#).

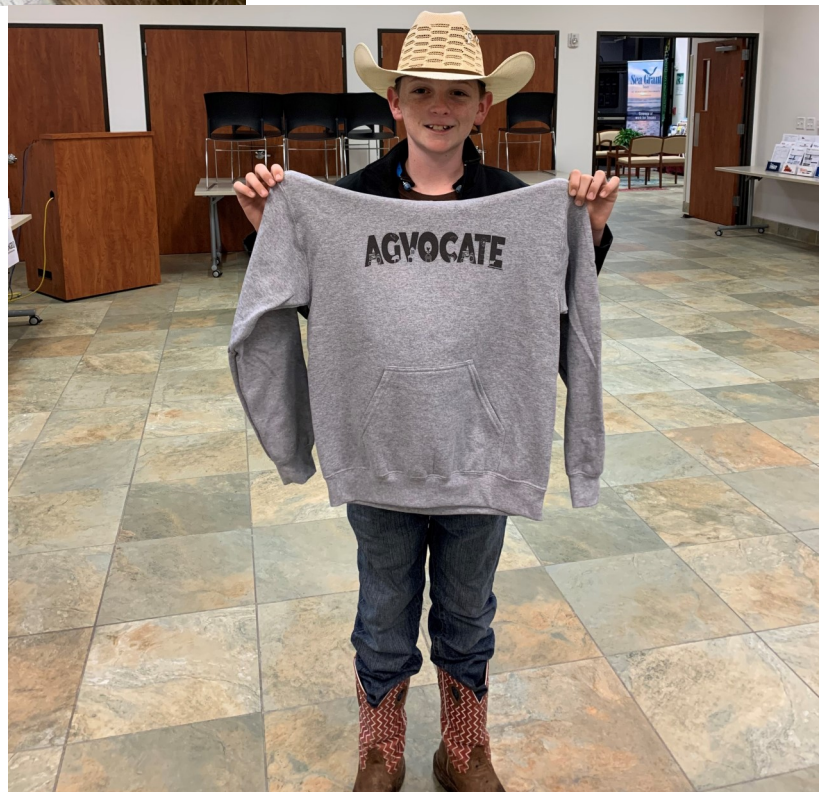
They donated six [Adopt a Senior](#) bags and 12 pounds of food for the [Galveston County Food Bank](#).



Club members tapped into their creative side and made Christmas tree decorations out of pine cones for Cottages of Clear Lake, a local memory care facility.

## Freshie Fundraiser Winners—Dayton Cheatham & Lone Star 4-H

Congratulations to Dayton Cheatham for being our top individual seller and Lone Star 4-H for being our top selling club of our Freshie Fundraiser. In total, we sold \$1,104 worth of Freshies!



# 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## HORSE JUDGING

**Meeting Location:** Friendswood

**Meeting Time & Day:**

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



## ROBOTICS

**Meeting Location:** League City

**Meeting Time & Day:**

6:30 p.m., Biweekly



# Puzzle

## December WORD SEARCH



BELLS  
BOWS  
CHRISTMAS  
COCOA  
COOKIES  
ELVES  
EVERGREEN  
FIREPLACE

GIFTS  
LIGHTS  
MISTELTOE  
ORNAMENTS  
POINSETTIA  
REINDEER  
SANTA  
TANNENBAUM

SLEIGHBELLS  
SNOW  
SNOWMAN  
STOCKINGS  
TOYS  
WINTER  
WREATH

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## Other Websites:

District 9 4-H: <http://d94-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/>