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# February 2024

Feb. 1	GCFR Scramble Applications Open, <u>Online</u>	Feb. 24	GCFR Showmanship Showdown @ Fairgrounds
Feb. 1	GCFR Scholarship Applications Due by 5 p.m. (a) Fair Office	Feb. 26	GCFR Student Volunteer Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Fair Office
Feb. 1	GCFR Student Volunteer Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Fair Office	Mar. 1	State Horse Validation Opens, Online
Feb. 3	County Roundup @ Extension Office	Mar. 1	GCFR Market Broiler Pick- Up, 5- 6:30 p.m. @ Youth Building, Fairgrounds
Feb. 10	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds	Mar. 11-15 Sewing Camp	
Feb. 15	4-H Foundation Scholarship Due, <u>Online</u>	Mar. 15	Texas Brigades Application Deadline, <u>Online</u>
Feb. 16	4-H Parents Night Out, 6 - 9 p.m. @ Extension Office	Mar. 20	D9 Horse Judging, Photography, and Shooting Sports Entries Due, <u>Online</u>
Feb. 16	GCFR Las Vegas Night @ Ed Pickett Hall, Fairgrounds	Mar. 26	County Council Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Extension Office
Feb. 26	RSVP Deadline for Science Night, <u>Online</u>	Mar. 26	Military Care Package Items Due to Extension Office
Feb. 28	GCFR Scramble Applications Close, <u>Online</u>	Mar. 29	Extension Office Closed for Good Friday Holiday
Feb. 29	Science Night @ Exploration Green		

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." - Charles M. Schulz

# **County Updates**



#### **REGISTER HERE**



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#### **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

When: March 26, 2024, 7 p.m.

Where: Extension Office, 4102-B Main St., La Marque, 77568

Join us for the next Galveston County 4-H Council

4-H'ers and parents.

#### **RSVP HERE FOR DINNER!**

meeting. The Council is open to all Galveston County

**Future County Council meetings:** 

√ May 28, 2024



# **County Updates**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We are collecting donations for active duty military members through Operation: Care and Comfort. We will be packing care packages and writing letters at the March Council meeting. Please drop off any donations by March 26.



#### **COUNTY HORSE SHOWS**

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

You must register <u>here</u> AND let the Galveston County Extension Office know you are competing <u>at least 3</u> weeks before each show.



# GAME OF CLOVERS LEADERBOARD

1st— Lone Star 4-H

2nd— Dickinson 4-H

3rd—Trailblazers 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

- ✓ GCF&R Scholarship Application Deadline February 1, 2024 by 5 p.m. @ Fair Office
- ✓ <u>Scramble Online Applications Open:</u> February 1 - 28, 2024, <u>GCFR website</u>
- ✓ Steer, Heifer, Lamb, & Goat Clinics: February 10, 2024 @ Fairgrounds

- ✓ Las Vegas Night: February 16, 2024 (a) Fairgrounds
- ✓ Showmanship Showdown February 24, 2024
- Market Broiler Pickup: March 1, 2024 by 5 p.m. at Youth Building

# **District Updates**

## **DISTRICT 9 ROUNDUP**



Deadline: April 3, 2024 on 4-H Online

When: April 26 – 27, 2024

Where: Lone Star College, 3200 College Park Dr.

Conroe, TX 77384

Are you ready?!

Contests at District Roundup will include:

✓ 4-H Science Fair

✓ Ag Product ID Contest

✓ Consumer Decision Making

✓ Duds to Dazzle

✓ Educational Presentations/Public Speaking

✓ Fashion Show

✓ Fashion Story Board

✓ Food Challenge

✓ Food Show

✓ Healthy Lifestyles

✓ Leaders 4 Life

✓ Livestock Skillathon

✓ Photography Judging

✓ Quiz Bowls

✓ Robotics Challenge

✓ 4-H Talent Showcase

✓ Vet Science Skillathon

✓ Wildlife Challenge

For more information, visit: <a href="https://d94-h.tamu.edu/">https://d94-h.tamu.edu/</a> eventsandcontests/bigtime/

# MULTI-DISTRICT JUDGING CONTESTS

#### HORSE JUDGING

Where: Brazos County Expo Center, Bryan, TX

**When:** April 6, 2024

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2024 on 4-H Online

Horse Judging increases knowledge of equine evaluation and selection techniques, employs decision making skills, creates a sense of team work, and teaches how to make individual decisions and support them with oral reasons.

Rules & Guidelines: <a href="https://d94-h.tamu.edu/">https://d94-h.tamu.edu/</a> files/2023/11/2024-D9-4-H-Horse-Judging-Contest-Information.pdf

#### LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Where: Brazos County Expo Complex

5827 Leonard Rd Bryan, 77807

When: April 20, 2024

Registration Deadline: April 3, 2024 on 4-H Online

Livestock Judging is a great way to learn decision making and public speaking. In livestock judging, you will compete on a team and will rank each animal within a class by analyzing how the animals compare against industry standards and preference for that specie. Rules & Guidelines: https://dg4-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/livestock-judging/

#### MEATS JUDGING

Where: Rosenthal Meat & Science Technology Ctr.

488 Olsen Blvd., College Station, TX

When: April 20, 2024

Registration Deadline: April 3, 2024 on 4-H Online

By participating in meat science judging contests, youth learn science-based information to consider when evaluating and making decisions, as well as learning proper meat storage and handling procedures.

Rules & Guidelines: https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/meats-identification-andevaluation/

## **State Updates**

# 2024 TEXAS DOG SHOW T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Deadline: February 15, 2024, 11:59 p.m., upload to

http://tinyurl.com/kbkpzujj

Eligible: 4-H'ers Members enrolled in 4-H Online,

including Clover Kids.

Be creative with your designs. **Do not use any copyrighted images!** Entries uploads must be in JPEG or PNG format.



For more information on Rules &

Guidelines, visit the <u>Texas 4-H Dog Show Page</u>.

# 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Registration Deadline: February 16, 2024, Online

When: March 8-9, 2024

Where: Texas 4-H Conference Center, 5600 FM 3021,

Brownwood, TX 76801

**Cost:** Early Registration, \$125; Late Registration, \$150 Green Injection Training is required before attending.

### **TEXAS 4-H HORSE VALIDATION**

**Deadlines:** Opens March 1, Online

By April 15, \$10/horse By May 1, \$20/horse

ALL horses must be validated, even those that have been validated previously.

Families should validate each horse only one time.

Once the horse is validated, any sibling within that family is eligible to show the horse at their district show and/or the State 4-H Horse Show.

For step by step instructions, watch the <u>YouTube</u> <u>video</u>, or, download the <u>Horse Validation walk-through</u>

# TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EIN IN

2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2024

Late Registration: March 31, 2023/\$100

**Cost:** \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H'er (saltwater and/

or freshwater)

#### **Spring Tournament**

Fish at your location: March 15, 2024 thru May 27, 2024

#### **Program Highlights:**

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via <u>4-H Online</u>.
- Clover Kids—FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate.
- Prizes to be announced March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!).
   Rules posted at <a href="https://d54-h.tamu.edu/">https://d54-h.tamu.edu/</a>

#### **Special Divisions:**

- Saltwater Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater Bass, Catfish & Panfish group

#### More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

For questions, contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at:

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# **State Updates**

# STATE ROUNDUP REGISTRATION NOTICE

If you plan to attend state roundup In June, you must be fully registered in 4-H online by **March 1**!

More details can be found here.

#### **TEXAS BRIGADES**

Deadline: March 15, 2024

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

The Texas Brigades is looking for 13-17 year old students (incoming 8th graders to incoming high school seniors) who are highly motivated, active in a variety of extracurricular activities, and interested in learning more about the outdoors, wildlife, and natural resource conservation.

For applications and more information, visit: <a href="https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/">https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/</a>

## **4-H MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

Did you know being a 4-H member has awesome perks such discounts at hotels and stores? Find the list of discounts here.



# HEALTHY YOUTH TEXAS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Looking for a new way to engage in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador!

More details can be found here.



#### WHO CAN JOIN?

Nembership is open to all yearth entering at least 5th grade egardless of accioes conomis level, race, color, see, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12 month commitment, beginning June 2023 to Alue 2024.

#### WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attent a state wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas". Summit, This Summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and suites opening arms the state.

#### WHERE WILL YOU SERVE

how training is complete, youth mbassadres will provide 40 hours of revice to their community. Hous on be earned through peer to peer threations, solved programs, ormunity programs, and service arming opportunities.

#### WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much morel

#### WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community. Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

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

## **State Updates**

# LIVESTOCK, EQUINE, AND POULTRY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS



If you are looking to become an ambassador, Short Course applications, for all species, will be available February 15th - April 15th.

More details can be found here.

## **TEXAS 4-H SUMMER CAMPS**

Deadline: Varies by camp, register online

Where: Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX

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For detailed information on each camp, click <u>here.</u>

To register, visit <u>Texas 4-H Conference Center - Lake</u> Brownwood, TX (tamu.edu)

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time 1- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp 1- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425



# **Spot Light**



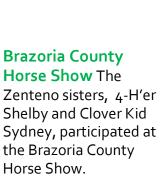




**Galveston County Horse Judging Team** Congratulations to the Galveston County 4-H Horse Judging Team for their success at the Brazos County Horse Judging contest! The **Senior team** placed third overall. **Individual** placings include Raynee Shaw who placed fifth and Elizabeth Banuelos who placed ninth. The **Junior team** also had a strong showing, with Lincoln Spotts placing sixth. Pictured from L to R: Haylie Chambliss, Elizabeth Banuelos, Lincoln Spotts, Raynee Shaw, and Hana Baker.



FWSSR Range & Pasture Plant ID Dayton Cheatham competed in Fort Worth for his 1st time! He is the first Galveston County 4-H'er to compete in the Range contest in the last 30 years!





# **Spot Light**







## Galveston County 4-H Sewing Workshop

During this two hour workshop, participants learned to sew tote bags out of feed sacks!





# **Spot Light**















# **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

#### **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., Monday biweekly

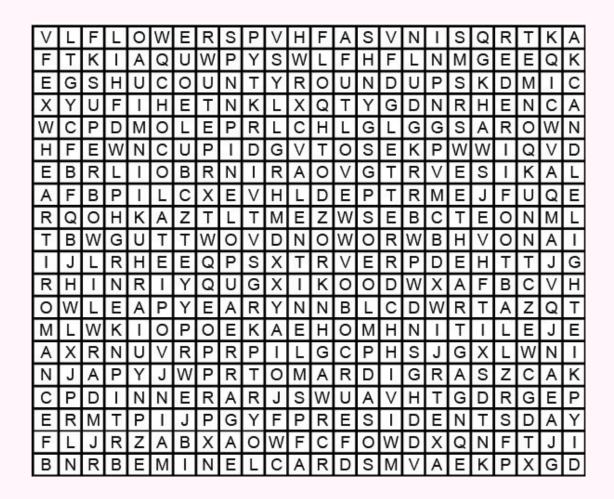
## **Puzzle**



# FEBRUARY



## **WORD SEARCH**



BE MINE
CANDLELIGHT
CARDS
CHOCOLATE
COUNTY ROUNDUP

CUPID DINNER FLOWERS FOOTBALL HEART LEAP YEAR
LETTER
LOVE
MARDI GRAS
PRESIDENTS DAY

RED ROMANCE SUPERBOWL SWEETHEART VALENTINE

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#### Other Websites:

District 9 4-H: <a href="http://d94-h.tamu.edu/">http://d94-h.tamu.edu/</a>

Texas 4-H: <a href="http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/">http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/</a>

4-H Online: <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo: <a href="http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com/">http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com/</a>