# FOUR LEAF BRIEF



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# **March 2024**

March 1	State Horse Validation Opens, <u>4-H Online</u>	March 31	Virtual Texas 4-H Reel `em In Fishing Skill-A-Thon Late Entry Deadline,	
March 1	GCFR Market Broiler Pick-Up, 5- 6:30 p.m. @ Youth Bldg., Fairgrounds	April 2	<u>4-H Online</u> Texas Community Futures	
March 6	Dg Horse Judging, Photography, and Shooting		Forum, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office	
	Sports Entries Open, <u>4-H</u> <u>Online</u>	April 3	D9 Roundup Entry Deadline, <u>4-H Online</u>	
March 11-	<b>15</b> Sewing Camp	April 3	Major Show Tag Orders for 2024 SFOT and 2024-2025	
March 15	Texas Brigades Application Deadline, <u>Online</u>		Steer, <u>Online</u>	
March 20	D9 Horse Judging, Photography, and Shooting Sports Entries Due,	April 3	D9 Livestock & Meats Judging Entry Deadline, <u>4-H Online</u>	
	<u>4-H Online</u>	April 8	GCFR Youth Project &	
March 26	County Council Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Extension Office		Student Art Check-in, 5-7 p.m. @ Ed Pickett Hall	
March 26	Military Care Package Items Due to Extension Office	April 12-20	<b>o</b> Galveston County Fair & Rodeo	
March 29	Good Friday - Extension Office Closed	April 15	State Photography Entry Deadline, <u>4-H Online</u>	
		April 27-29 "Big Time in D9" Roundup		

"Be true to your work, your word, and your friend."

– John Boyle O'Reilly

# **County Updates**

### **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 meeting. The Council is open to all Galveston County 4-H'ers and parents. We will doing a Duds to Dazzle contest!

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

Future County Council meetings:

✓ May 28, 2024

### **4-H DECALS**

Buy a 4-H decal for your car window, water bottle, show box, and more!



### 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.



#### LEADERBOARD

1st— Lone Star 4-H 2nd— Dickinson 4-H 3rd— Helping Hand 4-H

# **County Updates**

2024 SFOT & 2024-2025 STEER

# SHEEP & GOAT

Early Deadline: \$17 by April 3 Late Deadline: \$29 by May 28 Validation: June 26 @ Santa Fe Ag Barn

 Fall 2024 market, breeding, and wether doe/dam sheep/goats MUST validate in June; Optional for Spring 2025 sheep/goat.

# STEER

Early Deadline: \$27 by April 3 Late Deadline: \$34 by May 28 Validation: June 25 @ Fairgrounds

 Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 steers MUST order and validate in June. There are NO other options for steers.

# Early Deadline: TBD Late Deadline: TBD

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### Validation: June 26 @ Santa Fe Ag Barn

 Fall 2024 market swine and breeding gilts MUST validate in June. Spring 2025 swine will validate in November.

# HEIFER

Early Deadline: \$27 by April 3 Late Deadline: \$34 by May 28 Validation: June 25 @ Fairgrounds

 Fall 2024 heifers MUST order and validate in June; Optional for Spring 2025 heifers

### ORDER <u>HERE</u>

### TEXAS COMMUNITY FUTURES FORUM

**Adults:** please attend Galveston County AgriLife Extension's forum for 4-H & Youth Development.

# YOU'RE INVITED

#### APRIL 02, 2024 6 - 8 PM

#### LOCATION

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

### REGISTRATION

#### https://galveston.agrilife.org

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### AGRILIFE EXTENSION

### Texas Community Futures Forum

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in Galveston Countv.

To ensure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite your participation in the Texas Community Futures Forum.

Your opinion is highly valued in our community, so we hope you can join us.

Forum Topics:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
  Family & Community
- Health • 4-H and Youth
- Development • Community Development and
- Leadership

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### RSVP <u>HERE</u>



For 2023-2024, horse show participants are invited to join Brazoria County 4-H horse shows on **April 6, April 27, 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.

### 4-H FOOD CAMP



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### **REGISTER HERE**



#### VISIT GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION INCLUDING RULES & SCHEDULES <u>HTTP://WWW.GALVESTONCOUNTYFAIR.COM</u>

Market Broiler Pickup: March 1, 2024 by 5 p.m. at Youth Building Youth Project & Student Art Check-In: April 10, 2024, 4:30-7p.m. at Ed Picket Hall

# **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:

- ✓ <u>4-H Science Fair</u>
- ✓ Ag Product ID Contest
- ✓ Consumer Decision Making
- ✓ Duds to Dazzle
- <u>Educational Presentations/Public Speaking</u>
- ✓ Fashion Show
- ✓ Fashion Story Board
- ✓ Food Challenge
- ✓ Food Show
- ✓ <u>Healthy Lifestyles</u>
- ✓ Leaders 4 Life
- ✓ Livestock Skillathon
- <u>Photography Judging</u>
- ✓ <u>Quiz Bowls</u>
- ✓ <u>Robotics Challenge</u>—Now on May 3rd
- ✓ <u>4-H Talent Showcase</u>
- ✓ Vet Science Skillathon
- ✓ Wildlife Challenge

For more information, visit: <u>https://d94-h.tamu.edu/</u> eventsandcontests/bigtime/

### Multi-District Judging Contests





April 6, 2024 Brazos County Expo Complex 5827 Leonard Rd, Bryan, TX



TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

Registration opens March 6, 2024 Registration closes March 20, 2024 Register via 4HOnline

For more information please go to: https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/horsejudging/



### MORE INFO HERE

### District 9 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



### MORE INFO HERE

# **District Updates**

### **D9 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Registration: March 6 - March 20, 2024, 4-H Online

On Display: April 26-27, 2024 Lone Star College Montgomery Campus 3200 College Park Drive Conroe, TX 77384-4500

Cost: \$5.00 per photo entered

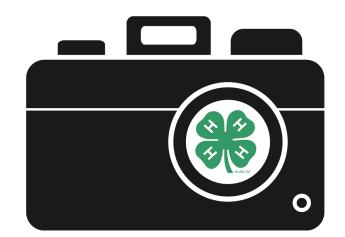
*New* **Uploading Photos:** Photos **must be uploaded** to Submittable by March 26. You will receive instructions after registering in <u>4-H Online</u> and by clicking <u>here</u>.

**\*\*\***This is not a qualifying contest for the State Photography Contest.

#### **Description/Objective:**

- To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing and awareness.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communications tool in their lives.
- To provide photography project showcase opportunity for 4-H members.
- To continue sharing the message of 4-H.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

For more information, visit: <u>https://d94-h.tamu.edu/</u> eventsandcontests/bigtime/photography/



### D9 RIFLE, AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL CONTEST



For more information: https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/rifleand-pistol/



April 6, 2024 Fort Bend AgriLife Education Building 1402 Band Road #100 Rosenberg, Texas 77471

### MORE DETAILS HERE

### **D9 LEADERSHIP LAB**

Leadership Lab is a 2-night, 3-day camp to prepare senior age 4-Hers from the 18 counties in District 9 for leadership roles.



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# **State Updates**

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

Deadlines: Opens March 1, <u>Online</u> 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> video, or, download the <u>Horse Validation walk-through</u>



### 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WORKSHOP



**TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EN IN** 2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

#### 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 <u>https://d54-h.tamu.edu/</u>

#### **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: jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

# **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: https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/

### **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.





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### **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.





#### 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 more

#### 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

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below. https://bealthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/voutb-ambassado

WHEN IS TRAINING?



#### WHERE WILL YOU SERVE



## **State Updates**

### LIVESTOCK, EQUINE, AND POULTRY AMBASSADOR

	The Mext Generation 2024 PROGRAM DATES	
r Meri	PHASE I TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR SHORT COURSE Texas A&M University-Kingsville June 17-20, 2024 Texas A&M University July 15-18, 2024	S
	West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University July 22-25, 2024 TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR SHORT COURSE Texas Tech University June 10-13, 2024	1
	TEXAS 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR SHORT COURSE Texas A&M University June 24-27, 2024 PHASE II	
AP ATEXAS A&M CRILLIFE	TEXAS 4-H ADVOCACY ACADEMY Texas Capitol - Austin, TX July 1-3, 2024 PLICATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 15TH / CLOSE APRIL 15 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.texasyouthlivestock.com	

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

For detailed information on each camp, click here.

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



# Spot Light



**Baylee Bennett** won her class at San Antonio with her wether doe, Hobo!

Searlait & Eoghan Rissmiller showed their dairy cattle at San Antonio and placed 4th and 5th in their classes!



Dayton Cheatham participated in San Antonio Wildlife Judging for his first time!



**Shane Parks** placed 2nd in his class at San Antonio with his barrow!

## **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

#### 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

#### **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

#### **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

#### HORSE JUDGING

Meeting Location: Friendswood Meeting Time & Day: 6:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly



#### 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: League City Meeting Time & Day: 6:30 p.m., Monday biweekly



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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/