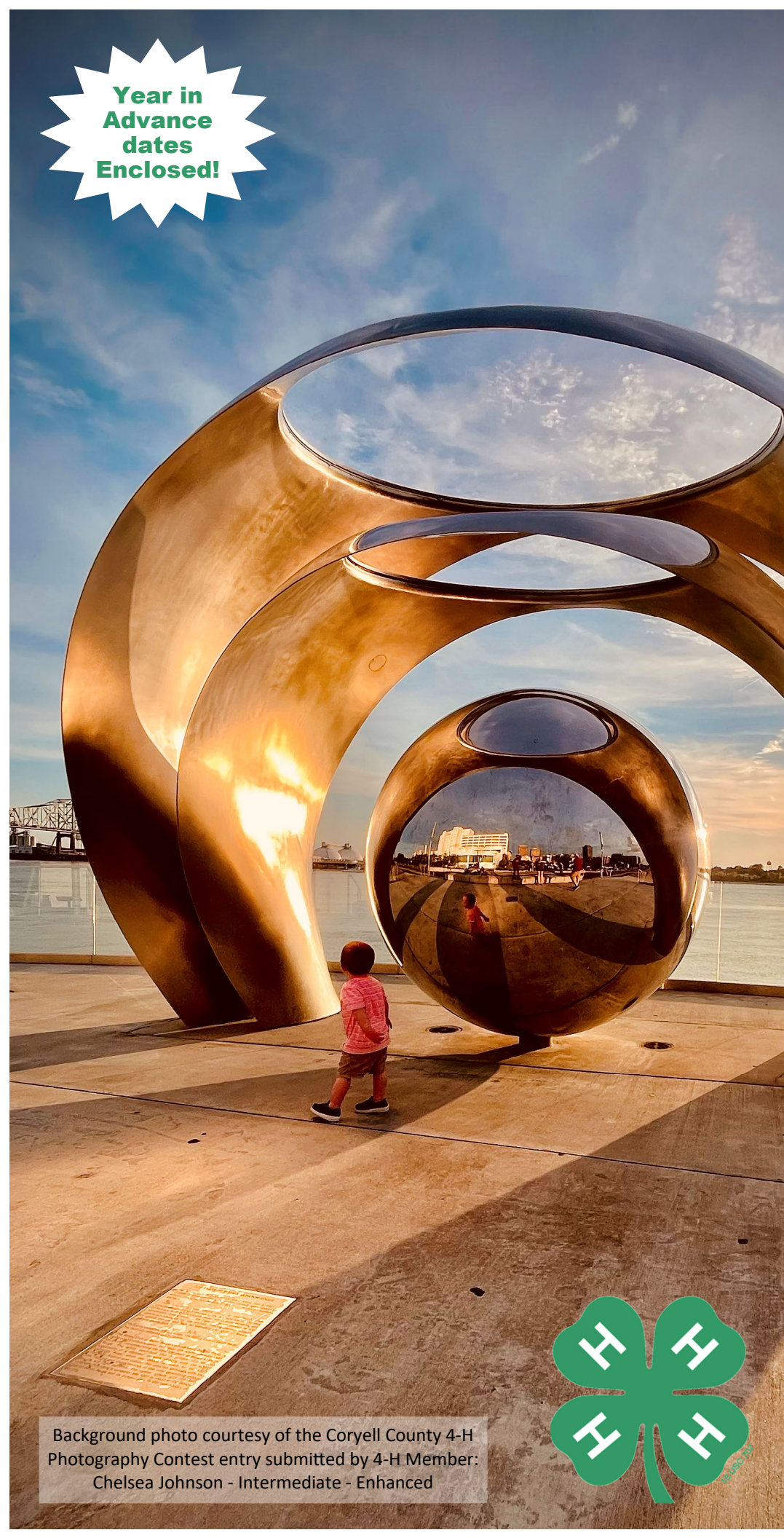


**Year in Advance dates Enclosed!**

# Coryell County 4-H

# MEMBER

## 2023-2024 Member Guide



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# COUNTY CONTACT LIST

## MY 4-H CLUB

Club Name:

Meeting Location & Time:

Club Manager's Name:

Club Manager's Phone #:

Club Manager's Email:

### CORYELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

303 Veterans Memorial Loop

Gatesville, TX 76528

254-865-2414

254-865-7404 fax

Office Manager: Bridgette Alvarado

[BAAlvarado@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:BAAlvarado@aq.tamu.edu)

### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Becky Coward

[Becky.Coward@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:Becky.Coward@aq.tamu.edu)

Your main  
contact for  
all things  
4-H!

**Specific 4-H Project Areas Include:**

Plant ID, Quiz Bowls, Horse Judging,  
Livestock Judging, Public Speaking, etc

### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Robert Ferguson

[Robert.Ferguson@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:Robert.Ferguson@aq.tamu.edu)

**Specific 4-H Project Areas Include:**

Livestock Shows, Shooting Sports,  
Livestock Skill-A-Thon, Wool Judging

### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Donna Schwausch

[Donna.Schwausch@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:Donna.Schwausch@aq.tamu.edu)

**Specific 4-H Project Areas Include:**

Health, Food Show, Food Challenge,  
Junior Master Gardener, Healthy Texas  
Youth Ambassadors

## WEBSITES

Coryell County Extension Office

<http://coryell.agrilife.org>

Coryell 4-H Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/coryell4h>

Coryell County Youth Fair

<http://www.coryellyouthfair.com>

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<http://www.facebook.com/coryellcountyyouthfair>

Texas 4-H

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

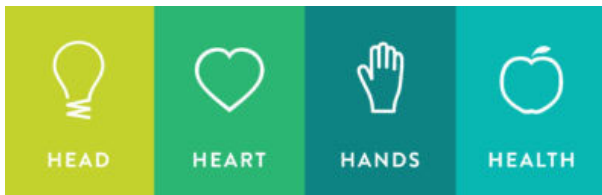


# WHAT is 4-H?

Texas 4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills, make friends, learn about the world around them, and have fun! Youth join a 4-H club and participate in a project of their choice while they make friends, learn together, and serve their community!

# WHERE is 4-H?

From the High Plains to the Rio Grande Valley... county livestock barns, school classrooms and more... 4-H is all around and there is a club near you! There are 13 clubs that meet inside Coryell County!



# THE BIG 5

Texas 4-H has 5 main project areas. Youth can put their knowledge to the test at the county, district, state and national levels!



Family & Community Health



STEM



Leadership & Citizenship



Natural Resources



Agriculture & Livestock

# WHY should I join?

As the largest youth development program in the nation, Texas 4-H impacts more than 550,000 youth each year, with over 400 youth in Coryell County alone! 4-H youth are...

**4X** more likely to contribute to their communities

**2X** more likely to participate in science programs outside of school

**2X** more likely to make healthier choices

# WHO can be a member?

Youth ages 8-18 in grades 3-12. Texas 4-H also thrives on adult volunteers! Head to the Texas 4-H website to learn more! Coryell County also has a non-competitive Clover Kid program for youth ages 5-7 in grades K-2.

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service,

And my **HEALTH** to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.



# HOW do I sign up?



To sign up, contact your local County Extension Office or head on over to 4-HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com>. Enrollment for the new year opens August 15th!



# WELCOME TO TEXAS 4-H

Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H! Here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and approved. All membership records change to an inactive status in August. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1 but enrollment opens on August 15th. Texas 4-H is for kids of almost any age – grades K-2 can be in Clover Kids if offered in your area. From 3rd-12th grades, you can be a regular 4-H member.

1	<b>CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE (<a href="http://counties.agrilife.org/">counties.agrilife.org/</a>)</b> <b>Enrollment instructions vary by county, so check with your local county office for more information.</b>				
2	<b>FIND A CLUB</b> <b>4-H Clubs are groups of youth and volunteers who meet on a regular basis.</b>				
3	<b>FIND A PROJECT</b> <b>Learn about topics that interest you. These are referred to as members projects.</b>				
4	<b>ENROLL IN TEXAS 4-H</b> <b>Signup on 4HOnline after you have found a club and project that is right for you!</b>				
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### ABOUT 4HONLINE

- 4HOnline is the official registration system for adult and youth members directly involved with 4-H.
- 4HOnline is a partnership between the 4-H family and the local county office.
- 4HOnline is a secured system that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. Texas 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Each year at the start of the enrollment cycle all 4-H membership in Texas goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.

### WHAT TO KNOW

- Most questions can be answered by calling the local county office. ([counties.agrilife.org](http://counties.agrilife.org/))
- An approved youth or adult member record means a person is officially enrolled with Texas 4-H.
- An approved youth or adult member record means a person can register for state or district level events.
- Adult volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Volunteer Standards every three years. The screening process can take up to two weeks.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1.



## NEW FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding members. Enter one member profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs.  
Find your local county office online at: <http://counties.agrilife.org>

## RETURNING FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)
<b>Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.</b>	Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. **Do not create a new profile.**

The system will send automatic notifications to the family email address in the system.

# CORYELL 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

## STEPS TO ENROLL & PARTICIPATE IN 4-H

- Complete online enrolment and select at least one (1) project area of interest.
- Select a 4-H club in the county to join.
- After enrolling in a club, 4-H member (and family) attends club meetings. At these meetings, members plan club events, vote on items, swap ideas and information, and do fun and educational activities.
- Read 4-H Email Blasts/Newsletters!
- Like the Coryell 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages!
- Attend 4-H Project activities, practices, and contests.

Beyond local club participation, 4-H families can participate in a variety of county sponsored events, such as projects workshops, camps, county fair, and more!

## WHAT CONTESTS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Quiz Bowl
  - Livestock (Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goat)
  - Horse
  - FCH (CDM, Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition)
  - Team of 4
- Consumer Decision Making
  - Consumer Education Project
  - Team of 3 or 4
- 4-H Roundup
  - Teams of 1 to 2
  - Presentation to teach others about a project or activity
  - Talks or demonstrations
- 4-H Talent Showcase
  - Teams of 1 to 9
  - Contest categories are Poetry/Prose; Vocal; Musical, Solo/Band Performance, Choreographed Routines; Celebrate 4-H
- Fashion Show & Design Contests
  - Clothing & Textiles Project
  - 4-Hers express their knowledge and skills by constructing or buying an outfit or designing items on paper or display boards
- Shooting Sports
  - Individual and Teams
  - Members are trained by leaders for safety & competition
  - Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery
- Food Show & Food Challenge
  - Food & Nutrition Project
  - Individual and team contests
  - Food Show individual's display a dish and answer questions on nutrition, etc.
  - Food Challenge teams of 3 to 5 prepare a dish and talk about the food.
- Holiday Classic
  - Livestock Showmanship Clinic & Prospect Show on beef, swine, lamb, and goat projects.
  - Educational opportunity for 4-H families
- Horse Show
  - Horse Project
  - Individual
  - Compete in riding event on your own horse.
- Plant Identification & Range Evaluation
  - Range Science Project
  - Teams of 3 to 4
- Photography Contests
  - Variety of opportunities on county, district, and state levels
- Judging & Skill-A-Thon
  - Team of 3 or 4
  - Judging events available: livestock, swine, sheep, beef, horse, soil, wool, and meat.

## 4-H AGE & PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- 4-Hers MUST be "Active" according to 4-H Connect Enrolment System to participate in 4-H Opportunities
- 4-H Age is determined as of August 31st of the current year.
- Clover Kids may only participate at the county level.

**Clover Kid**  
Grades K, 1, 2  
*Must be 5 and in Kindergarten*

**Junior Division**  
Grades 3, 4, 5  
*Must be 8 AND in 3rd grade*

**Intermediate Division**  
Grades 6, 7, 8

**Senior Division**  
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12



# Where can I attend a meeting?

CLUB	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLUB MANAGER
Cattle Drive 4-H	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:00 PM	Mountain Baptist Church 6319 US Hwy 84 - Gatesville	Amanda Clarke <a href="mailto:aectx2001@yahoo.com">aectx2001@yahoo.com</a>
Coryell 4-H Gun Club	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:30 PM	Boys & Girls Club 2533 E. Main St - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen <a href="mailto:hugh.nielsen@outlook.com">hugh.nielsen@outlook.com</a>
Coryell 4-H Gun Club Practice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	9:00 AM	Coryell 4-H Shooting Range FM 215 - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen <a href="mailto:hugh.nielsen@outlook.com">hugh.nielsen@outlook.com</a>
Coryell 4-H Horse Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:00 PM	C&H Ranch 762 County Road 131 - Gatesville	Jenna Murphy <a href="mailto:CoryellCountyHorseClub@gmail.com">CoryellCountyHorseClub@gmail.com</a>
Coryell City 4-H	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	St. John's Lutheran Church 10801 FM 929 - Gatesville	Julie Gardner <a href="mailto:julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu">julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu</a>
Evant 4-H	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:00 PM	Evant ISD 339 N. Memory Lane - Evant	Lauren Goins <a href="mailto:laurengoins00@gmail.com">laurengoins00@gmail.com</a>
Five Hills 4-H	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:00 PM	SC Lee Middle School 1205 Courtney Ln. - Copperas Cove	Bobbi Aulabaugh <a href="mailto:bobbiaulabaugh@gmail.com">bobbiaulabaugh@gmail.com</a>
Gatesville 4-H	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	6:00 PM	Hidden Gem Family Center 115 S. 7 <sup>th</sup> St. - Gatesville	Brandy Rhoades <a href="mailto:brhoades910@gmail.com">brhoades910@gmail.com</a>
Hard Bargain 4-H	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Club 2533 E. Main St - Gatesville	Brandi Mitchell <a href="mailto:brandi.hale89@gmail.com">brandi.hale89@gmail.com</a>
Hay Valley 4-H	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hay Valley Baptist Church 3110 Hay Valley Rd. - Gatesville	Jennifer Mann <a href="mailto:jmann@gatesvilleisd.org">jmann@gatesvilleisd.org</a>
Hornet Gold - Intermediate	Every Monday Fall, 2 & 4 Spring	3:45 PM	Gatesville Intermediate School 311 Hornet Way - Gatesville	Tracy Coursey <a href="mailto:tracy.coursey@gmail.com">tracy.coursey@gmail.com</a>
Hornet Gold - Junior High	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday Prime Time	11:15 AM	Gatesville Junior High School 307 S. Lovers Lane - Gatesville	Wendy Bye <a href="mailto:wbye@gatesvilleisd.org">wbye@gatesvilleisd.org</a>
Jonesboro 4-H	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:00 PM	Jonesboro Community Center 11625 N. State Hwy 36 - Jonesboro	Tina Janke <a href="mailto:tinajanke70@gmail.com">tinajanke70@gmail.com</a>
Muddy Boots 4-H	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	5:30 PM	House Creek Elementary School 351 Lutheran Church Rd. - Copperas Cove	Cassandra Ray <a href="mailto:rayc@ccisd.com">rayc@ccisd.com</a>
Pecan Grove 4-H	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	White Mound Baptist Church 642 County Road 320 - Gatesville	Santanna Bay <a href="mailto:sm.bay@hotmail.com">sm.bay@hotmail.com</a>

**\*\* Most clubs meet September - May but meetings are subject to change!  
Please reach out to the club manager to confirm meeting information. \*\***

# 2023-2024 Coryell County 4-H Year at a Glance

Most 4-H Projects are ongoing throughout the year as well as club meetings. This "Year at a Glance" will help families plan for upcoming events. Dates are subject to change, so always read your 4-H emails and the information that is associated with your project area such as the Coryell County Youth Fair Rulebook.

## August

3-Evant ISD Meet the Teacher 4-H Booth  
5-Back to School Bash 4-H information Booth  
8-Gatesville ISD Meet the Teacher 4-H Booth  
10- House Creek Elementary Meet the Teacher 4-H Booth  
11-CCYF/Major shows Turkey orders due  
14- Entries due for State Fair and Heart O' Texas Fair  
15-CCYF Commercial Steer Validation  
16-Jonesboro ISD Meet the Teacher 4-H Booth  
19-Coryell County Youth Fair Annual Fundraiser  
21-County Ambassador Meetings  
22-County Adult Leader Workshop  
28-County Adult Leader/Club Manager Meeting  
TBA- Competitive Judging Teams will organize for the year.

## September

1-Enroll in 4-H for the new year  
9-County 4-H Color Run Kick-off Event  
11-County Team hosts West TX Fair Livestock Judging Contest  
15-County Ambassadors host Ag Day Field Trip  
15-17- Tri State Fair Range and LS Quiz Bowl Trip  
16-Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza in Belton  
18-County Ambassador Meetings  
20-County 4-H Recordbook Workshop in Cove  
29-Oct-22- State Fair of Texas

## October

1-7-National 4-H Week/One Day 4-H Service Projects  
3-National Night Out 4-H Booth  
5-15- Waco Heart O' Texas Fair  
6-Copperas Cove Eco Harvest 4-H Booth  
16-County Ambassador Meeting  
18-CCYF/Major show Sheep/Goat/Heifer Validation  
23-County Adult Leader/Club Manager Meeting  
TBA-Food and Nutrition Workshop  
TBA-CCYF Breeding Rabbit Validation

## November

TBA- CCYF Online entry window open (early November)  
4-5-Holiday Classic Progress shows/Workshops  
9-District 8 Quiz Bowl & Ag Product ID Contests  
11-CCYF Horse Validation  
16- District 8 Leaders 4 Life Contest  
18-Cen-Tex CDM Contest  
18-4-H Day in Aggieland Football Game  
20-County 4-H Food Show/Food Challenge  
20- CCYF/Major Show Swine Validation  
27-County Ambassador Meetings  
15-CCYF/Major Show Swine Validation

## December

8-County 4-H Christmas Dance and Game Night  
13-District 4-H Food Show/Food Challenge  
TBA-CCYF Market Rabbit Validation  
18-County Ambassador Meetings

## January

2-CCYF Commercial Cattle final weigh in  
8-13-Coryell County Youth Fair (see rule book)  
12-Feb 3- Ft. Worth Stock Show  
22- County Ambassador Meetings  
24-Feb 18- San Angelo Stock Show  
29-County Adult Leader/Club Manager Meeting

## February

1-Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Applications due  
8-25-San Antonio Stock Show  
19- County Ambassador Meetings  
27-Mar 17 Houston Livestock Show

## March

18- County Ambassador Meetings & Leader Meeting  
TBA-County 4-H Roundup Share the Fun Talent Showcase  
TBA- District Consumer Decision Making Contest  
TBA-County and District Photography Contest

## April

6-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest  
15-District 8 CDM & 4-H Fashion Show  
20-District 4-H Judging Contests (Livestock, Meats, Soil, etc.)  
22- County Ambassador Meetings  
27- District 8 Rifle Match  
TBA-County 4-H Roundup Educational Presentations

## May

4-District 4-H Roundup Contests  
TBA-Sign up for County 4-H Camp/D8 Surge and other camps.  
TBA-District 4-H Rifle Match

## June

1-County Recordbooks/Award/Ambassador applications due  
1-District 8 Council Officer Interviews  
3-7-Texas State 4-H Roundup for Seniors  
18-19-District 4-H Horse Show  
24-27-District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab)- HS members  
TBA--Texas 4-H Roping School  
TBA- County 4-H Camp at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood  
TBA- Wildlife Brigades (Bass, Buckskin, Bobwhite)  
TBA- County Ambassador/Award Interviews

## July

5-7-District 8 Southeast County Camp at Palestine  
11-District 4-H Record book Judging  
TBA-County 4-H Awards Celebration Event  
TBA-Texas 4-H State Shooting Sports Games  
TBA-State 4-H Horse Show  
TBA-State 4-H Dog Show





## MOTTO

To Make The Best Better.

## PLEDGE

I pledge:

My **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
My **HANDS** to larger service and  
My **HEALTH** to better living for My club, my community,  
my country and my world.

## PRAYER

*"Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world may be a  
little better because Thou didst make me. Amen."*

## CREED

I believe in 4-H for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.  
I believe in the training of my **HEAD** for the power it will give me to think, to plan  
and to reason.  
I believe in the training of my **HEART** for the nobleness it will give me to become  
kind, sympathetic and true.  
I believe in the training of my **HANDS** for the dignity it will give me to become  
useful, helpful and skillful.  
I believe in the training of my **HEALTH** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life,  
resist disease and make for efficiency.  
I believe in my country, my state and my community and my responsibility for  
their development.  
In all these things, I believe and I am willing to dedicate my service to their  
fulfillment.



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