

Coryell County 4-H

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2023-2024 Member Guide

Year in
Advance
dates
Enclosed!

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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

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COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Becky Coward

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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

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Specific 4-H Project Areas Include:

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

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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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 County Youth Fair

<http://www.coryellyouthfair.com>

Texas 4-H

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

Coryell 4-H Facebook

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

Coryell County Youth Fair Facebook

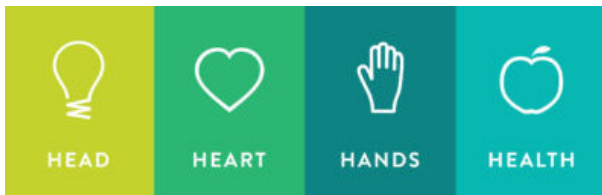
<http://www.facebook.com/coryellcountyyouthfair>

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...



more likely to contribute to their communities



more likely to participate in science programs outside of school



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 CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE (counties.agrilife.org/)
Enrollment instructions vary by county, so check with your local county office for more information.

2 FIND A CLUB
4-H Clubs are groups of youth and volunteers who meet on a regular basis.

3 FIND A PROJECT
Learn about topics that interest you. These are referred to as members projects.

4 ENROLL IN TEXAS 4-H
Signup on 4HOnline after you have found a club and project that is right for you!

Youth Club Member Participation Fee

Clover Kid Participation Fee

Volunteer Application Fee

\$25.00 - August 15 - October 31st
\$30.00 - November 1 to completion of the 4-H year

\$10.00



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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)
- 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	
<p>Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.</p> <p>Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.</p> <p>Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.</p> <p>Complete all family information.</p>	<p>Start adding members. Enter one member profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.</p> <p>Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.</p> <p>Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.</p> <p>Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.</p>	<p>Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.</p> <p>Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.</p> <p>Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.</p> <p>Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.</p>	YOUTH	Adult
			Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
			Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
			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.
			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	
<p>Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.</p> <p>Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.</p> <p>Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.</p> <p>Review and update family information.</p>	<p>Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.</p> <p>You can only enroll one member at a time.</p> <p>Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.</p> <p>Complete the Health and Consents Screens.</p>	<p>Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.</p> <p>Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.</p> <p>Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.</p> <p>Select payment</p>	YOUTH	Adult
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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?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Quiz Bowl<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Livestock (Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goat)• Horse• FCH (CDM, Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition)• Team of 4<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Decision Making<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer Education Project• Team of 3 or 4<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Roundup<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams of 1 to 2• Presentation to teach others about a project or activity• Talks or demonstrations<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Talent Showcase<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams of 1 to 9• Contest categories are Poetry/Prose; Vocal; Musical, Solo/Band Performance, Choreographed Routines; Celebrate 4-H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Show & Design Contests<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clothing & Textiles Project• 4-Hers express their knowledge and skills by constructing or buying an outfit or designing items on paper or display boards<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual and Teams• Members are trained by leaders for safety & competition• Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery<input type="checkbox"/> Food Show & Food Challenge<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Classic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Livestock Showmanship Clinic & Prospect Show on beef, swine, lamb, and goat projects.• Educational opportunity for 4-H families<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Show<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horse Project• Individual• Compete in riding event on your own horse.<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Identification & Range Evaluation<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Range Science Project• Teams of 3 to 4<input type="checkbox"/> Photography Contests<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variety of opportunities on county, district, and state levels<input type="checkbox"/> Judging & Skill-A-Thon<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team of 3 or 4• Judging events available: livestock, swine, sheep, beef, horse, soil, wool, and meat. |
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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 rd Tuesday	6:00 PM	Mountain Baptist Church 6319 US Hwy 84 - Gatesville	Amanda Clarke aectx2001@yahoo.com
Coryell 4-H Gun Club	4 th Wednesday	6:30 PM	Boys & Girls Club 2533 E. Main St - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen hugh.nielsen@outlook.com
Coryell 4-H Gun Club Practice	2 nd Saturday	9:00 AM	Coryell 4-H Shooting Range FM 215 - Gatesville	Hugh Nielsen hugh.nielsen@outlook.com
Coryell 4-H Horse Club	2 nd Thursday	6:00 PM	C&H Ranch 762 County Road 131 - Gatesville	Jenna Murphy CoryellCountyHorseClub@gmail.com
Coryell City 4-H	1 st Wednesday	6:00 PM	St. John's Lutheran Church 10801 FM 929 - Gatesville	Julie Gardner julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu
Evant 4-H	2 nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Evant ISD 339 N. Memory Lane - Evant	Lauren Goins laurengoins00@gmail.com
Five Hills 4-H	1 st Tuesday	6:00 PM	Copperas Cove Junior High School - 702 Sunny Ave. - Copperas Cove	Bobbi Aulabaugh bobbiaulabaugh@gmail.com
Gatesville 4-H	1 st Thursday	6:00 PM	Hidden Gem Family Center 115 S. 7 th St. - Gatesville	Brandy Rhoades brhoades910@gmail.com
Hard Bargain 4-H	2 nd Tuesday	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Club 2533 E. Main St - Gatesville	Brandi Mitchell brandi.hale89@gmail.com
Hay Valley 4-H	1 st Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hay Valley Baptist Church 3110 Hay Valley Rd. - Gatesville	Jennifer Mann jmann@gatesvilleisd.org
Hornet Gold - Intermediate	Every Monday Fall, 2 & 4 Spring	3:45 PM	Gatesville Intermediate School 311 Hornet Way - Gatesville	Tracy Coursey tracy.coursey@gmail.com
Hornet Gold - Junior High	2 nd & 4 th Friday Prime Time	11:15 AM	Gatesville Junior High School 307 S. Lovers Lane - Gatesville	Wendy Bye wbye@gatesvilleisd.org
Jonesboro 4-H	2 nd Tuesday	6:00 PM	Jonesboro Community Center 11625 N. State Hwy 36 - Jonesboro	Tina Janke tinajanke70@gmail.com
Muddy Boots 4-H	2 nd Monday	5:30 PM	House Creek Elementary School 351 Lutheran Church Rd. - Copperas Cove	Cassandra Ray rayc@ccisd.com
Pecan Grove 4-H	2 nd Wednesday	6:00 PM	White Mound Baptist Church 642 County Road 320 - Gatesville	Santanna Bay sm.bay@hotmail.com

**** 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

New & returning members, we are excited to welcome you to the world's largest youth organization - 4-H! We invite you to join us in making new friends and having fun!

Like any new adventure, there are always many questions. We hope this guide helps answer some of your questions and directs you along the way. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Just call the Coryell County Extension Office at 254-865-2414.

MY 4-H NOTES:

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.



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Coryell County Office at 254-865-2414 at least two weeks prior to the event.