

MAY 2023 EDITION



BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H INSIDE SCOOP



the scoop on upcoming and past events

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better



4-H 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.

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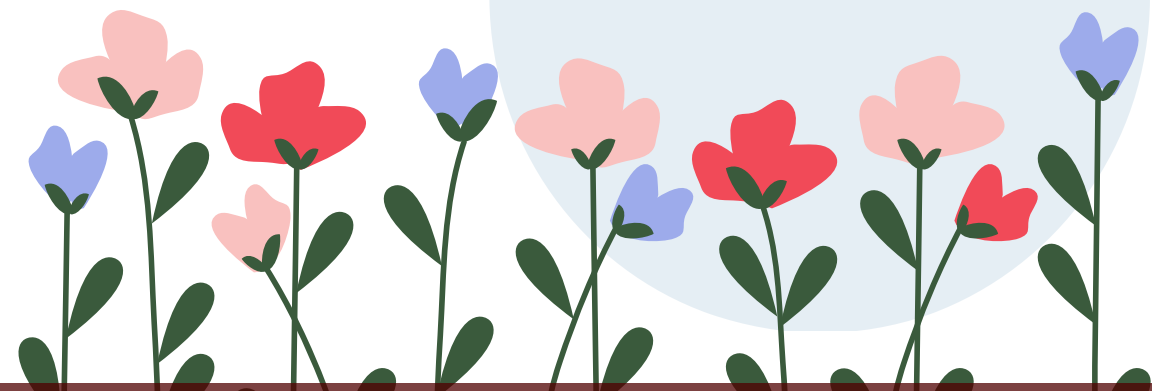
HIGHLIGHTS

BCYLS/Major Turkey orders due
May 12

State Fair broilers orders due
May 12

Tag Orders Due
May 19

Memorial Day Holiday/ Extension Office
Closed- May 29



COUNCIL AND ADULT LEADERS



We are about halfway through the 4-H Year! But it is not too late to ENROLL or RE-ENROLL.

Enroll at

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Important Reminder from Brazos County Adult Leaders New for 2022-2023:

The Brazos County 4-H Adult Leaders would like to recognize our outstanding senior age division youth who qualify for a National 4-H Contest and/or National 4-H Trip. We readily understand and appreciate the time, effort, and hard work it takes to advance to the national level. Each of you make us proud! Thank you for representing the Brazos County 4-H Program! With that being said, The Brazos County 4-H Adult Leaders organization has voted to increase the amount given to senior age division 4-H members attending a qualified National 4-H Trip or qualified National 4-H Contest to \$1,000 per trip. The 4-H member must have participated in at least one fundraiser for the Brazos County 4-H Adult Leaders. The fundraisers include selling pecan and peanuts in the fall or baking a cake/cookie/pie/cobbler for the 4-H cake show in the summer. Eligibility will be verified with the Brazos County Extension Office. The 4-H member is required to attend the adult leaders meeting after their trip or contest to only describe the trip and what they learned. The \$1,000 will be paid after the requirements are completed. A copy of the paid invoice must be sent to the Brazos County Extension Office to this email address: iana.smith96@gmail.com. Any questions, please send to the Brazos County Extension Office.

COUNCIL AND ADULT LEADERS

2023-2024 Brazos County Council Officers



**Kyler
Wendt**



**Riley
Stokes**



**Makenna
Johnson**



**Camryn
Skaggs**



**Cooper
Smith**



**Caitlin
Smith**



**Lily
Bolen**



**Olivia
Davis**



**Zach
Smith**



**Sam
Aguirre**



**Drew
Catlin**

Upcoming Scholarships

DUE JUNE 15, 2023:

Brazos Adult Leaders Association Scholarship

Wallace Kimbrough Scholarship

Brazos Extension Horse Committee Scholarship

Kiwanis Club ARCH MEEKMA Scholarship



****Application packet can be found on the Extension office Website**

Brazos County 4-H Award Applications

Applications Due to the Extension Office by June 15th

Interviews to be held June 30th

Rookie Award

4-H Honor Roll

4-H All Star

4-H Letterman

Bronze Star

Silver Star

Gold Star

Danforth "I Dare You" Award



****Application packet can be found on the Extension office Website**

Congratulations!



Salute to Excellence

Emily
Besser

For her leadership,
dedication, and support
of the 4-H Program



Salute to Excellence

Stacy
Schneider

For her leadership,
dedication, and support
of the 4-H Program

CONGRATULATIONS



BIG TIME IN D-9

PARTICIPANTS &
STATE ROUNDUP
QUALIFIERS

BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle

Dairy Cattle

Dog Care & Training

Goats (Dairy & Mohair)

Goats (Meat)

Horse

Horticulture

Junior Master Gardener

Livestock Judging

Meat Science

Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)

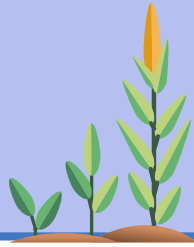
Rabbits

Sheep

Soil & Crop Science

Swine

Veterinary Science



Steers

- Major Show (good for BCYLS) tag orders due **May 19th**. \$32/tag

Heifers

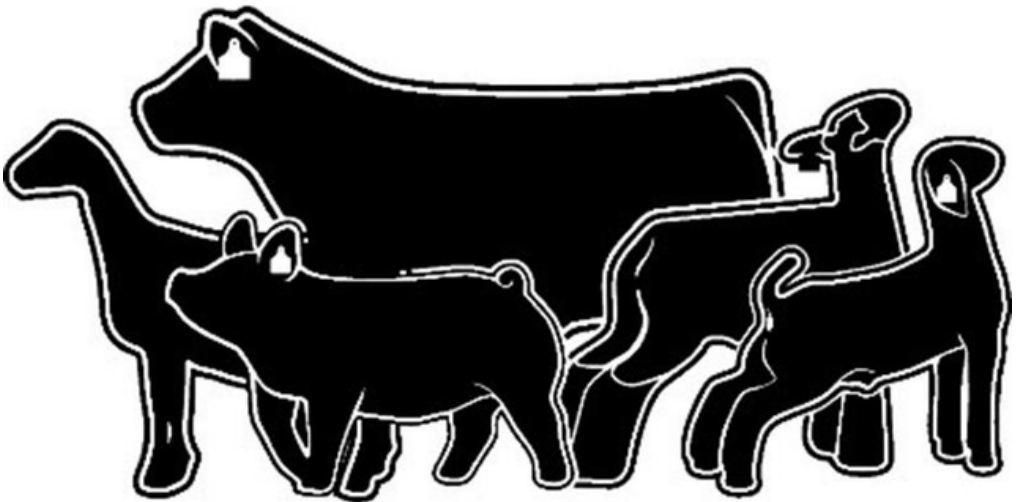
- Summer Heifer Validation tag orders due **May 19th**. \$27/tag
- Brazos County Commercial Heifer Show & Sale Tag in **April 15th, 8:00 AM**

Sheep & Goat

- State Fair tag orders due **May 19th**. \$20/tag

Swine

- State Fair & Heart of Texas tag orders due **May 19th**. \$20/



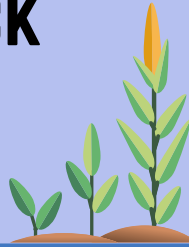
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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle
Dog Care & Training
Goats (Dairy & Mohair)
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Horse

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Junior Master Gardener
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Order
Now

GUEST CHECK			
Check	Guests	Server	
			800251
APPT - SOUP/SAL - ENTREE - VEG/POT - DESSERT - BEV			
State Fair Broilers due May 12th \$37.50 per set of 25			
BCYLS & Major Turkeys due May 12th \$118.75 per set of 25			



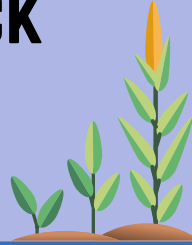
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VALIDATIONS

MAJOR STEER & HEIFER:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 7:30-10:00

BRAZOS VALLEY LIVESTOCK

STATE FAIR SHEEP & GOAT:

MONDAY, JUNE 26 7:00-9:00

PEARCE PAVILION

STATE FAIR & HOT SWINE:

MONDAY, JUNE 26 7:00-9:00

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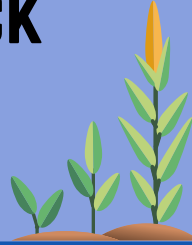
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2023

SUMMER POULTRY CAMPS

Youth Poultry Judging Camps

Age: 9-13 : June 14-15, 2023

room block available

Age: 14-18 : June 15-17, 2023

lodging included

Coaches & Ag Teacher Poultry Judging Camp

June 29-30, 2023

room block available



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Poultry Science

BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS

Natural Resources



- AQUATIC SCIENCE
- ENTOMOLOGY
- FORESTRY
- OUTDOOR EDUCATION & LIVING SKILLS
- RANGE SCIENCE
- SHOOTING SPORTS
- SPORTFISHING
- WATER CONSERVATION & EDUCATION
- WILDLIFE & FISHERIES



2023
Summer

Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning April 17th
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

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

Fee:

- Regular Registration: April 17-May 21, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: May 22-June 30, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswaineag.tamu.edu



Summer Tournament

Fish at YOUR Location:
June 12 at 12:00 am thru
August 31 at 11:59 pm

2023 Texas 4-H Virtual Reel 'em in Fishing Skill-a-thon

New for 2023 – Theme: Clean Waterways

1. Follow the Texas 4-H Virtual Reel'em in Fishing program on our new Facebook location: Texas 4-H Natural Resources. The 2023 4-H Virtual Fishing Facebook page will be going away as we migrate to the state FB page. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=texas%204-h%20natural%20resources>
2. Wear your 4-H shirt or cap in your hero pics for a weekly chance to have your pic showcased on the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page.
3. No pre-survey. Youth must complete the post survey to receive any prizes. Optional adult post survey to get your feedback on the program.
4. Use of 2-digit decimal place for measuring fish.
5. All fish must be caught using rod and reel.
6. Update to Grand Champion Slam contest.



7. New contest: We are adding a “theme” each year based upon a current issue that is applicable to both saltwater and freshwater.

- All youth and Clover Kid participants can record a short 10 to 20 second video on *Why You Should Not Litter Our Waterways*.
- Video clips should be emailed to Corley-Ann Parker at corleyannparker@tamu.edu, Sea Grant – Texas for judging. One 4-H member and one Clover Kid video will be posted on the State 4-H Natural Resources page.

• All entries are due by July 1, 2023 for judging. Winning videos will receive a Sea Grant swag package of fishing goodies!



2023 Summer

Virtual
TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN
 2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights

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- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted at <https://tss4-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheephead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

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*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

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BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS

Leadership & Citizenship



Citizenship

Public Speaking

Community Service

Theater & Performing Arts

Global Education Awareness

Workforce Preparation

Leadership

Youth Entrepreneurship



BIKE RODEO



FOR KIDS



agility course ★ safety brief ★ raffle drawings



When: Saturday, May 6, 2023

**Where: Bryan HS Parking Lot
(next to pool)**

Time: Registration 9am-9:30am

Bike Rodeo 9:30am-11:30am

Age Groups: 5&U, 6-7, 8-9, 10-13



Bring your
child's bike!



States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

2023 INBOUND PROGRAMS

Host a delegate in your home this summer and give your family a global perspective!



Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2023 through States' 4-H International and Texas 4-H!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

HOSTING PERIOD: 3 1/2 weeks from July 23 to August 16

You can host a youth aged 12-18 or an adult chaperone
Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)

Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone

No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family

You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host

For more information

Visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>

Email: darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu 979.845.1023



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>



Instagram: [@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility



Summer 2023 Texas 4-H is going to...

Barcelona & Madrid

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



Dear Texas 4-H Parents & Guardians,

There is still time to be a part of this years Global Citizenship Tour in Spain!

Please note that youth must be 14 years old and be an approved member in 4-H Online. Parents and guardians who are approved volunteers in 4-H Online may travel with the group.

We are still waiting on our travel dates. We have requested July 5-12th, however, everyone who is planning on attending is being asked to hold July 1-16th as the travel company will work within that bracket. We should have the final travel dates 2-3 months before the tour.

Cost of the trip:

- Students (20 and under) \$4,093
 - Broken into 5 monthly payments of \$800+
- Adults \$4,493
 - Broken into five monthly payments of \$880+

To learn more about our tour, what we will be doing, what it includes, etc. Please visit the link attached to the QR code.

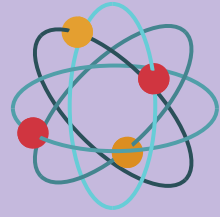
For more information contact:
megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu

Link to the
Texas 4-H Trip



BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)



ENERGY

ROBOTICS

ROCKETRY

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

BRAZOS COUNTY 4H STEM SUMMER CAMP

AABSTEM.com/4h-summer-camp

LEARN MORE

CONTACT US
(979) 429-2018



Robo Mania
STEM LEARNING



PRAIRIE VIEW
A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND HUMAN SCIENCES



TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

Cooperative Extension Program

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORM

ACADEMIC STATUS FORM

Things to know



- From here on out please use the form attached (Academic Status Form) when requesting an excused absence for a 4-H activity .
- We have removed the old form from the website and have added the new form.
- Texas 4-H is doing their best in making sure ALL of our 4-H'ers have a positive experience no matter the situation.

http://counties.agrilife.org/brazos/files/2021/08/management_adjunct_eligibility_form_21_22.pdf

CALENDAR: NEXT 3 MONTHS



MAY 2023

BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR 2022-2023

Community Service
Flags for Memorial Day



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1*Recordbook Workshop 6:30 PM	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Council Officer Installation! *Youth & Adult Leaders Meeting 6PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 D9 4-H Pre-Leadership Lab Officer & Candidate Planning Session	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Texas 4-H Round Up & LEAD Academy - College Station, TX						
11	12	13	14	15 Application Deadline: *Brazos County Awards and Scholarships	16 County Record Books Due 12:00 PM	17
Brazos County Day Camps						
18	19 Club Charters Due	20 D9 Instructional Horse Show Brazos Expo Complex	21 D9 Horse Show Brazos Expo Complex	22 D9 Horse Show Brazos Expo Complex	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 *County Award Interviews Sign up for Interview Time	
D9 Leadership Lab - Tomball						

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
	3	4 <i>Holiday Office Closed</i> 	5 D9 Qualifying Record Books due back to office	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 D9 Recordbook Judging	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		*Council Officer Training			

COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

For more information about Brazos County 4-H and Youth Development contact us at the Brazos County Extension Office of
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program



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Bryan, Texas 77802

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<https://www.facebook.com/brazos4h/>



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