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Guadalupe County 4-H Banquet, August 9 at Seguin Coliseum

Mark your calendars now because August 9 is the day for our 4-H Banquet. We will be glad to see all of you there! You must RSVP by August 1 so we have enough food. Remember, you need to attend this event if you are chosen as an award winner, ambassador or County Council Officer for this next year! We will be collecting school supplies at the door! This link will let you RSVP, or you can contact Brittany at the extension office! If you are RSVPing for more than 5, please contact us!

<https://forms.gle/56FiPbqTHtDYroLX9>

4-H Club Scrapbooks Due August 1

If your 4-H Club is planning on turning in a club scrapbook, they are due in the office by August 1. <http://counties.agrilife.org/guadalupe/files/2018/06/Scrapbook-Guidelines-Scoring.pdf>

Upcoming Due Dates:

- JUL 6—District 10 Record Book Judging, Fredericksburg TX—Volunteer to Judge by 3 July
- JUL 7-9—Texas 4-H Dog Show
- JUL 11—Clover Kid Club Leader Training, 6pm @ County Extension Office
- JUL 10-14—County 4-H Clothing Day Camps in McQueeney: RSVP by July 7
- JUL 30— Club Manager Training (2pm) and Club Manager Training (3:30pm)—RSVP by July 25
- JUL 30—Guadalupe County 4-H Wave Pool Party, 6pm at Seguin Wave Pool. All Welcome!
- JUL 31 – Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Application DEADLINE is July 31
- AUG 1—Deadline for 4-H Banquet Registration and Club Scrapbook DEADLINE
- AUG 1—Guadalupe County 4-H Year Book Artwork Contest DUE
- AUG 9—County 4-H Banquet @ Coliseum—RSVP by August 1
- AUG 15—4-H FCH Coalition Food Project Meeting and Leader Training, 6:30pm @ Extension Office
- AUG 27—Food & Nutrition Workshop: Time TBA @ at the Extension Office
- AUG 25— County 4-H Block Party and Open House, 5pm @ County Extension Office

Guadalupe County 4-H Year Book Artwork Contest, DUE August 1

This year, we will be doing an artwork contest for the cover of the 2023-2024 4-H Yearbook! The Guadalupe County 4-H ambassadors will choose a theme for next year in June and we will have the contest during the summer. The Deadline for artwork to be turned in for judging will be August 1. The ambassadors will then vote on the artwork they like the best for the 2023-2024 yearbook cover and other promotional materials in the coming 4-H Year.

County 4-H Summer Project Workshops & Clover Kid Training

• July 11—Clover Kid Club Leader Training, 6pm @ County Extension Office

— For the past few years, Clover Kids have taken a back seat to doing things for the 4-H Age kids, as well as club activities for them due to COVID-19. We want that to end! On July 11, we will have a workshop for Parents or kids wanting to be club clover kid leaders to learn what to do with clover kids at the club level, and what contests are available for them. We will need Adult Volunteers AND Older 4-Hers to help be our coaches for the day, as well as judges. RSVP by JULY 15! Cost will be \$10 each to help pay for lunch! Parents welcome!

• July 10-14—Clothing Day Camps at Fiberworx in McQueeney

— The people at Fiberworx are hosting a sewing workshop for anyone interested the week of July 10-14 at their store in McQueeney. It is located at 9242 FM 725. This will be some good in-depth training in sewing and related fields. Please RSVP by July 7! There will be more information emailed out about this ASAP!

4-H Club Manager & Officer Training, then WAVE POOL PARTY!!!

Club Manager Training— July 30 at 2pm

This will take place at 2pm at the extension office; all new managers, and at least one manager from each club must be in attendance! We will cover expectations, rules, help for managers, clover kids and more!

Club Officer Training— July 30 at 3:30pm

We will be holding a club officer training for newly elected officers for the new 4-H year at 3:30pm on Sunday, July 30 here at the extension office. We will do some leadership and parliamentary procedure trainings, followed by sessions on what you should do as each club officer.

Wave Pool End of Summer Party—July 30 at 6pm

We will be celebrating the end of the summer and our new 4-H officers at the Seguin Wave Pool in Starcke Park. This event is free for all 4-H families! Toobs are provided at the pool, but bring your own floaties for the little ones! Bring your bag chairs, ice chests (no alcohol of course) and have a good time from 6-9pm! We also hope to provide pizza for the kids (While supplies last!). Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/xueo88AHrekDcpZZA>

4-H FCH Coalition Food Project Meeting, August 14 @6:30pm

4-H Food Project Development Coalition Meeting (Formerly PDC) is August 14 at 6:30 pm at the Extension office. This group will elect foods officers and discuss the foods and nutrition project FOR 2023-2024. Other upcoming contests and due dates include:

- Guadalupe County Fair Desserts on Display Contest – Coliseum, Saturday, October 14th, 2023, 2pm at the Coliseum. Deadline: September 29
- County Fair Food Challenge contest -Coliseum—Sunday, October 15th, 2022. Deadline: September 29
- County 4-H Food Challenge, Food Show and *FCH Quiz Bowl contest (*if needed) – Red Barn, Sunday, October 29th, 2023. Deadline to Register: Friday, October 20th

For more info, check out our website at https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/?page_id=104

Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Apps DUE July 31

Applications for the 2023-2024 STEM Ambassadors will open on **July 1** and close **July 31, 2023**. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_Qpolx2HI4.

Application Link

<https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit> (will activate on July 1)

Applicants will need to create a simple profile on Submittable to complete the application. The application requires (among other details) several written narratives, a 2–3-minute personal video narrative, as well as two letters of recommendations. Candidates are encouraged to begin work on the latter two as soon as possible.

Mission

As STEM Ambassadors, our mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork.

Eligibility for New Members

- A Texas 4-H member entering the 9th – 12th grade (as of September 1, 2023).
- Complete and submit the application by July 31, 2023.
- Have a willingness to learn about and promote STEM.
- Attend a mandatory virtual orientation along with his/her parents/guardians on August 29 at 7 PM.
- Attend the mandatory fall and spring in-person meetings (dates will be listed in the application).
- Be willing to work collaboratively on a team with other youth and adults.
- Be responsive and engaged in team communications.
- Share knowledge and skills with others.
- Not serving on the 2023-24 Texas 4-H Council.

Applications will be reviewed in early August and applicants notified by the 25th.

If you or a potential candidate has questions, please feel free to contact Derrick Bruton at d-bruton@tamu.edu

Guadalupe Co. 4-H Block Party and Open House, Aug 30

Last year, our 4-H Block party was a HUGE success with over 500 attendees! The plan is to have games, food and more at the extension office starting at 6pm! We will have the 4-H clubs set up booths with a food or activity of their choice! Food booths will need to be in the office! At 7:30, Matt will do a quick informational about the basics of 4-H and how to join! This will be open to the public and take the place of the old information night! Invite everyone and bring some friends! We want to kick off the year right!

Project Development Committee Signups for Food, Plant, Etc

Each year, we get questions on how to find a team for Food Challenge or other team contests! Below are links to google forms that you can fill out to let us know you are interested! It will also give me a way to find who all is interested when I start emailing information about these contests! Please sign up today!

Food Challenge—Team of 3 to 4 youths, all ages including clover kids. Contest is in late October so practice time should start in August! This contest gives youths a group of ingredients and they must be able to make a dish and presentation in a 40 min time frame.

<https://forms.gle/H6qegVLqNCAMwAfs9>

Consumer Decision Making—Team of 3 to 4 youths, all ages. Contest is in February. Teaches kids how to make shopping decisions, logical decision making and more. County contest is in October!

<https://forms.gle/HkPYZXpnfZFg7tk7A>

Grass ID, Range Evaluation, Soil Judging—Teams of 3 to 4 youths, all ages. Contest is in April but we need to start practicing in the fall! Grass ID is just identifying and collecting grasses; Range Evaluation has plant ID, soils and more; Soil Judging is determining the utility of the soil for various scenarios.

<https://forms.gle/98nA5Ww3UeT2rvz58>

If you have questions, please let us know at mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

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What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that provides kids with the life skills they need to become a responsible, productive, community minded citizen. This is done through 4-H Project Work, a collection of educational experiences that give the child a chance to learn, grow, think and do.

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In Support of the 4-H Club Motto, "To Make the Best Better," 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 County and my world.



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