



Guadalupe County 4-H Gazette



Your Source for Everything 4-H in and Around Guadalupe County

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New 4-H Year, New 4-H Publications

Welcome to the new 4-H Year! This 4-H Gazette will be the main source for 4-H information in the county! We will also use Facebook and Instagram to provide the most up to date info. Be sure to log onto our County Extension Website, <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/> for all of our new publications! They can also be found at https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/?page_id=65 The first thing I want to give you is the Enrollment document (all of these links are from our 4-H Website, Guadalupe.agrilife.org) <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/23-24-Enrollment-Process.pdf>

This has the information to enroll in 4-H. It is \$25 from now till November 1 at which point it goes to \$30. 4-H is for kids 3rd grade and 8 years old to 12th grade; for the clover kids, aged Kinder-2nd grade, the cost is \$10 because there are some things clovers cannot do. Clover kids cannot show animals, do shooting sports or ride horses, but we try to give them as many opportunities as possible. We would like each family to have at least one screened and cleared parent which is also done on 4-H Online and is \$10.

You will need to choose a 4-H club to join and a project to put down. The next document has a list of our 4-H clubs, when and where they meet. <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/23-24-CLub-Manager-List.pdf> Next is the 4-H Yearbook. This document is long, but has a lot of great information about what is offered in Guadalupe County; <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-4H-Year-Book-FINAL-Small-Club.pdf>

If you are planning to show livestock, the Livestock guide is helpful for new 4-Hers starting out, as well as for learning how to get buyers at the county youth show. Kids can show at the county youth show in livestock, baked goods, handicrafts, photography and ag mech...this show is in January and the deadline to enter is November 15. There are also the major stock shows in Texas you can enter. Those are also due November 15. <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Livestock-Handbook.pdf>

The monthly planner has a rough calendar of when major events in the county are, as well as pages to write down records for a recordbook next June! More training on that later in the year. <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Monthly-Planner-4-H.pdf>. Finally, the QR Code list which has all of these links, as well as to our newsletter page, website, Facebook page and more <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/Guad-Co-4-H-Info-Codes.pdf>

Nearly everyone today has some kind of social media! With smart phones everywhere, event times, photos, videos and more are at our finger tips! For Guadalupe County 4-H, we have types of Social media! We have the **Guadalupe County 4-H REMIND App**. Please contact us for that!

We also have a county 4-H INSTAGRAM app for smartphones. Look for GUADCO4H! The 4-H Council, Ambassadors and 4-H Agent post photos of events as they happen! We have our Facebook Page as well. Finally, we have the Guadalupe County 4-H YouTube Page which I will post trainings and meetings on so if you missed out on a training, we will post it to where you can view it at a later date.

Upcoming Deadlines

- SEPT 1 – Begin Registering on 4-H Online for the New 4-H Year—Complete by November 1
- SEPT 1—Shooting Sports Coaches Training, September 30- October 1, REGISTER by Sept 15
- SEPT 12—Rabbit Extravaganza Deadline
- SEPT 16—Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest @ County Fair Grounds
- SEPT 19—Swine Tag Orders DUE, \$20 at County Extension Office
- SEPT 20—Junior Master Photographer DEADLINE
- SEPT 24—County Outdoor Challenge Practice
- SEPT 29—Due Date for County CDM, Food Challenge and Desserts on Display Contest
- SEPT 29—County Show Broiler Order Deadline

2023 Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer Workshops—Due Sept 20

JMP Workshop #1: September 23, 2023 (Sat.), Event Registration: Aug. 30th – Sept. 20th - 4HOnline

District 10 4-H Photography Project Members looking to take their photography project to the next level should register to attend the upcoming Junior Master Photography Workshops. The Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer program is designed to develop intermediate and senior youth leaders through a series of in-depth workshops and hands-on practice events. Once awarded, the Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer certification does not expire, nor does it require renewal. Members must attend (2) mandatory workshops with \$50 registration fee for each. Fee includes all materials and lunch for the day-long workshops. See JMP Brochure [HERE](#).

To advance to a State Photography Ambassador, youth must first become a certified Junior Master Photographer to be eligible to become an ambassador. Applications for certification and ambassadorship come later for those who have completed the trainings and a few additional requirements. See Photography Ambassador Brochure

JMP Workshop I ([FLYER](#)) [Click here](#)

Date: Saturday, September 23

Time: 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Fee: \$50, Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX

Age divisions: Intermediate and Senior

Registration: Opens on 4HOnline August 30 and CLOSES September 20

DSLR Camera Required (some will be available for loan on the day of the workshop)

Limited to the first 50 youth to register.

Event Details

2023 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza, Registration Due Sept 12

Date: September 15-16, 2023

Location: Bell County Expo Center, Belton TX

Event Website: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/>

Information:

The Extravaganza is a State-wide educational event and competition that is organized and hosted by the Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board. The event is open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. The Extravaganza will include: a single Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skill Contests, Art & Crafts, and Educational Workshops on the 4-H Rabbit Project. For full rules, guidelines, schedule and other event information, please see the [2023 Rabbit Extravaganza RULE BOOK](#).

District 10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training: Sept 30— Oct1

Coach Training – Seguin, TX ([EVENT LETTER](#))<—Click Here

Registration Period: August 28 – September 15, 2023

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

Location: Seguin, Texas (210 East Live Oak Street)

Disciplines Offered: Shotgun, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Hunting & Wildlife Participants may only choose ONE discipline to receive certification. Space in each discipline training is limited. Participants will be required to provide a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd discipline choice.

Registration: Registration will be held on 4HOnline from August 28-September 15, 2023. Adult & Youth participants MUST be enrolled on 4HOnline to register for this event. Re-enrollment begins on August 15, 2023. Please re-enroll in a timely manner to register for this event.

Late registrations will only be accepted if we have space to accommodate you.

23-24 AgRobotics Game Rules RELEASED!

Information: The challenge rules for this year's AgRobotics game have been posted and can be found on the state robotics page here in the contest section: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/> These rules apply to the following major stock show AgRobotics contests:

State Fair of Texas

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Rodeo Austin

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo (**NEW CONTEST!**)

We are excited to announce that San Angelo has adopted the AgRobotics game format for this year's show, and their contest is scheduled for April 13, 2024. Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo will have a different set of challenge rules, so please see their website and exhibitor handbook for those details.

2023 Quality Counts Information Now Available

Enrollment Instructions 2023: ([Download](#)) <— [Click Here](#)

Information: The newly updated Quality Counts learner experience is LIVE! Please encourage your exhibitors to begin completing the course and exam. As a reminder, all exhibitors are required to provide a verified QC number at the time of major livestock show entry. Again – this new process/exam is NOT required for everyone. Only those users who are new or are moving to the next grade level course (junior: 3-5th grade, intermediate: 6-8th, senior: 9-12th) are required to take Quality Counts this year. It is critical that users follow the **NEW QC Enrollment Instructions 2023** for the new experience. Please share this document every time you remind your exhibitors/families. Please refer to the CEA/AST FAQ documents for help with locating numbers, etc. below:

[Quality Counts FAQ – Students & Parents](#)

[Quality Counts FAQ – County Extension Agents](#) // [Quality Counts FAQ – Teachers](#)

[Instructions to Access Quality Counts Numbers](#)

For all technical questions related to the course, please email: learnonline@ag.tamu.edu

4-H “4 More” Marketing Campaign 2023

The 4-H 4 More marketing campaign is designed to increase Texas 4-H membership. We're challenging each 4-H member to invite **four** friends to join 4-H. Volunteers, agents & parents can invite new members too!

For returning 4-H **members** who invite new members in, we've set up an incentive program. Incentives include:

1 new member: 4-H 4 More T-Shirt

2 new members: Membership Refund

3 new members: Leather portfolio

4 new members: Backpack & State Recognition

How is this tracked? When a new member registers on 4HOnline, they will have the availability to input who referred them 4-H. Utilize the marketing materials below. For more information, contact Matt at the extension office.

4-H Ag Project Information for September

Broiler Orders Coming Due

- Major show broiler orders will be due Friday, Sept. 1. Birds are \$1.50 each and will be ordered in increments of 25 (25, 50 or 75) per exhibitor or family.
- County broiler orders will be due Friday, Sept. 29. Birds are \$1.75 each and will be ordered in increments of 25 or 50 per exhibitor or family.
- Pick up dates will be posted at a later date.

Swine Tag Orders Coming Due

Swine tag orders due Tuesday, September 19. Tags will be \$20 each. Validations will be held November 16, 2-7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Heifer Validation

your heifer is already validated, you need not do it again unless she has changed ownership or breed. If you ordered tags in the spring but did not validate in June, and want to validate in October, please let us know. Your tags will still be available to use.

County Stock Show Entry Night

Will be held Wednesday, November 15 until 6:30pm at the county extension office. Do not wait until the last minute to register for the youth show and major shows! Forms should be out by the beginning of October!

Quality Counts Program (Required for ALL Major Shows)

Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out live-stock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. Exhibitors will have to complete the test once it is started. Exhibitors must achieve 80% or great to pass the exam, but can take it as many times as needed. Exhibitors will be tested on the content potentially three times in their livestock showing career: junior (grade 3-5), intermediate (grade 6-8), and senior (grade 9-12).

- Exhibitors will access the course and exam at web site: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
- For instructions on how to register, visit <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/Documents/QCEnrollment.pdf>

IMPORTANT: One thing to be aware of is that login to the curriculum site requires unique email addresses for each user. This is explained further in the *attachment*. We realize there will be cases of families with multiple youth and limited email addresses. If the family cannot use a parent email, create one, or use a student email address, we will assist on a case-by-case basis.

County Outdoor Challenge and Wildlife Project

Our first practice of the year will be Sunday, September 24 at 2pm, at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center! This project includes shooting sports, canoeing, wildlife biology, safety and much more. For more information, contact club manager Randy Rohde at randy@rlrohde.com

2023 Guadalupe Co. 4-H Golf Tournament, October 28

The Guadalupe County 4-H Golf Tournament will be October 28 at Starcke Park Golf Course! We need sponsors at \$200 each, Teams at \$400 each or GOLD SPONSORS at \$550 which includes a team & sponsorship. Prizes available for participants (Teams) and all sponsors will get promotional signage at the 18 holes of the course. Please call the county extension office if you have questions or would like to sponsor!

County Edu. Presentation and Public Speaking Contest, Nov. 1

Mark your calendars for **November 1, 2023 at 6:30pm.** This will only be for educational presentations & public speaking speeches.. Share the Fun will take place in the spring. All educational presentations can use props and should be no more than 12 minutes...they are similar to the old method demonstrations! Public speaking contest speeches are five to eight minutes and should no props...they are more of a platform or argumentative speech where you take a position on something! RSVP with Your NAME, PRESENTATION TITLE AND CATEGORY by Friday, October 28.

2023 County Fair Desserts on Display, October 14

Location: The 4-H Booth at the back of the Coliseum—Cost: \$15.00 Per Entry - Limited to 20 entries.

Mail or drop off entry form to County Extension Office, 210 East Live Oak, Seguin, Texas 78155 OR email entry to mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu by Friday, September 30

Schedule

2:00p.m. - Participants set up entries—2:30 - Judging of entries—4:00 (or following judging) Awards presentationies
An entry includes an individual or a team of up to (2) Two youth in grades 3-12. Individuals/teams may come from schools, churches, 4-H, etc.. Desserts cannot contain alcohol of any kind or require refrigeration such as cheese-cakes, cream cheese icings or filling, meringue, and whipped toppings. Flavor extracts are allowed! (vanilla, rum extract, lemon extract, etc) For the contest, each entry will bring their prepared dessert, the printed/typed recipe and a card table for their display. Other display items could include tablecovering, place settings, theme decorations, etc. Be creative and have fun. NO OTHER TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Co. CDM Contest (Oct 14) & Food Challenge (Oct 15)

This year, we will be hosting both a county Consumer Decision Making contest on October 14, AND a Fair Food Challenge on October 15. Be sure to check the Fair website or catalog for more details. Cost for either contest is \$30 per team and includes a small prize for each participant. Winners will receive a larger award! This will be your first opportunity to practice for the new 4-H year for the food challenge & CDM contest. Food Challenge rules will follow the new changes for 2023-2024! **Deadline is September 29!**

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What is the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service?

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service provides innovative solutions at the intersection of agriculture, natural resources, youth and health, thereby improving the well-being of individuals, families, businesses and communities through education and service. From the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Website

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.



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, gender identity, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local law and will strive to achieve full and equal employment