



Guadalupe County 4-H Gazette



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ALL Stock Show Entry Night, Nov 15

On Wednesday, November 15, the county extension office will be hosting its annual County Stock show Entry Night till 6:30. Entry Night will be held at the COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 210 E. LIVE OAK! This is REQUIRED for any-one wanting to show at the County Youth Show or Major Stock Shows in 2024. You will be able to come in and fill out forms before then, but this WILL BE THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY!!! Your first stop at entry night will be with Matt to check your enrollment on 4-H Connect. If you are not enrolled, then you can not show! YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN UP FOR MAJOR SHOWS OR THE YOUTH SHOW UNLESS YOU ARE ENROLLED.

Finish the night with Jeff, Kim and Travis to fill out your paperwork, get final questions answered and all registered for the shows! Remember to have your QUALITY COUNTS tests done! If you need to take them, visit <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>. You must complete this BEFORE you come to entry night, as the test can take up to two hours to complete. Entry Night is for all stock show contests including robotics, science fairs, shooting contests, photography and more. If you have any questions, let us know! REMEMBER, you MUST have your SSN on the forms when you turn them in or the entry is NOT complete!!!

NEW, Late Fee Now In Place for Late Stock Show Entries

New for the 2023-2024 4-H Year, there will be a late fee of \$100 per exhibitor incurred for entries submitted on or after November 20, 2023. Entry forms for Ft. Worth Show are now available at the office and on our website. We hope to have all forms for the other major shows and the Guadalupe County Youth Show available very soon. Ft. Worth Forms are DUE NO LATER than November 10. All others are DUE NOVEMBER 15.

Upcoming Deadlines

- NOV 1—Apps for Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team OPENS on 4-H Online
- NOV 15—County Stock Show Entry Night & Stock Show DEADLINE, 5-6:30pm at Extension Office
- NOV 15—Guadalupe County Council Meeting & Adult Booster Club, 7pm at County Extension Office
- NOV 16—Swine Validation, 2-7pm at the county fair grounds
- NOV 20—\$100 late fee for any stock show entries on or after this date PER EXHIBITOR
- NOV 27—County Christmas Tree Contest @ 1st United Bank, Downtown Seguin, 5pm
- NOV 28-30—District 10 4-H Roundup
- DEC 5—Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Apps DUE on 4-H Online
- DEC 10—SALE School Tour Guide Applications DUE
- DEC 12-13—County Rabbit Validation
- DEC 15—Deadline for Texas 4-H Natural Resources Contest
- DEC 20—Youth Show Rookie of the Year Applications DUE to extension office
- JAN 10—Youth Show Container Box Pick Up Night
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New 4-H Year Publications for the 2023-2024 4-H Year

<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://](https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Livestock-Handbook.pdf)

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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.

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

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

Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Apps

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto.

We are excited to be making some changes to Texas 4-H Congress! Texas 4-H Congress will be held in Austin, TX on July 14-17, 2024. At Texas 4-H Congress we have a Youth Leadership Team that who serves in the various Legislative Roles at Congress, including but not limited to: Governor, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and Floor Leaders. This year, the opportunity to serve in one of these leadership roles is being opened to Texas 4-H members who have or are currently serving on Texas 4-H Council, any District 4-H Council, or any of the STATE LEVEL Ambassador programs. Applications will open on 4-HOnline on November 1, 2023, and will close on December 5.

If you need more information, please click this link!

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A0fe289f7-98e3-42b9-a756-2f4636f909c0>

County Youth Show Rookie of the Year Award Apps

Guadalupe County Youth Show Rookie of the Year Award is picked from applications from each club. This award, sponsored by the Allan Dreibrodt Memorial, is chosen from the nominees from each club to be recognized at the 2024 Guadalupe County Youth Show. It is only given to a first year 4-Her, regardless of age. Clover Kids are not eligible. Each club will elect their nominee by ballot and then the nominee will fill out the form. The club then turns their nominee into the county office ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE INTO THE COUNTY OFFICE BY DECEMBER 20, 2023 From that pool, a judge will choose the best candidate from the applications that can be found on our county website at http://guadalupe.agrilife.org/?page_id=75

All of the Rookie Nominees will be recognized around noon at the Youth Show Saturday Auction! Please be aware, there is ALSO a Guadalupe County 4-H Rookie of the Year awards that will be distributed at the 4-H Banquet in August 2024.

County 4-H Christmas Tree Contest, Tentative Nov. 27 at 5:00pm

We will be working with 1st United Bank of Seguin again this year, and they will be buying pizza for all the 4-Hers! I therefore need a number of how many will be coming from each club by November 17! ALL 4-H CLUBS in Guadalupe County should participate in this event! The point of the contest is to give the county a chance to mingle and display their trees in the same place. You are allowed to set one up somewhere else, but your primary tree will be at the location in Seguin! We will decorate November 27 at 5pm. Remember, lights are not allowed unless they are battery-powered. Additionally, ONLY the tree and the decorations on it (Including tree skirt) will be judged.

San Antonio Stock Show School Tour Guides Needed for 2024

We are looking for 4-Hers in the 8-12 grades to be tour guides for the SALE Stock Show. Entry Deadline, December 10. The days for school tours this year will be February 13-16 AND February 20-23. I need to know if you are doing it with a partner and who that partner is, as well as which day you want to do it. Do not pick a day when you must enter or show your animal projects. This is a great opportunity to get state-wide leadership for your recordbook and college applications, not to mention it is a LOT of fun!

You must be at least 8th grade to participate in this event! As a tour guide, you will be responsible for around 30 kids, leading them around the SALE fair grounds! You must also dress properly, as you are representing 4-H and the San Antonio Stock show!! Remember, you must enter through the county, and not individually!

4-H Ag Project Information for October

Horse Project

The Horse Project will be in for its 5th year in 2023-2024. This includes horse riding (western, possibly English too), speed events, horse judging, horse quiz bowl and care/maintenance of horses. Contact the County Extension office for more information. We are looking for new volunteers to lead the club and the horse project!

Swine Validation

This will take place at the county fair grounds on November 16 from 2-7 (Tentative). Contact Jeff at the extension office for information.

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 very soon. Please note, there will be a new late fee for late entries this year...all entries on or after November 20 will be charged a \$100 fee per exhibitor.

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 next practice of the year will be Sunday, November 19, 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

County Rabbit Validation

Validation will be held TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 at the Navarro Ag. Building in Geronimo from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 at the Marion Ag. Buildings in Marion from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming 4-H Photography Contests

Texas 4-H is excited to announce the promotion of 2 state level photography contests this year! See information below for details. ALL County, district and state photo contests are virtual, so photos will be uploaded.

NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: We are excited to announce a brand new state-level photography contest open to junior, intermediate, and senior members that will focus solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Invitational (no qualifying required) to all counties
- All Age Divisions can compete (Juniors, Intermediate, and Seniors)
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- Rules posted at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_natural_resources_rules_24.pdf
- Entry timeline is December 1-15

COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: The rules for the 2023-2024 State Contest are posted here a https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_rules_24.pdf

Some of the rules have been revised (noted in the PDF), please note that the COUNTY DEADLINE is FRIDAY, MARCH 1st. Only the 1st place senior photos from county will go to the state contest!

DISTRICT 10 PHOTO CONTEST

The deadline for this contest is Feb 20. More details will come as it gets closer

SAN ANTONIO STOCKSHOW PHOTO CONTEST

This contest is due at the same time as ALL stock show entries, November 15. All photos must be uploaded on the website. The rules can be found on page 273 of the premium book, here https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_rules_24.pdf

GUADALUPE COUNTY YOUTH SHOW

New this year, the grand and reserve champion photos will be added to the auction! You can enter photos in the youth show photo contest. The deadline is November 15. All categories will follow the 4-H Rules. Photos will be dropped off on Container Box night on January 10 at the County Extension Office, OR during the week before that.

November County Council Meeting, Nov 15 @ 7

Join us for the 2nd county council and adult leader booster club meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm, county extension office. The booster club will also be meeting upstairs and those meetings are open to all parents and adults. Any youth member can attend the council meetings, but only the voting delegates may vote. If you attend three council meetings during the year, you will be eligible to run for council office next May, provided you also complete a recordbook!

Texas 4-H Roundup Contest Updates & State Guides

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Information: The following contest guides & changes for Texas 4-H Roundup State Contests have been posted below! ***NOTE:** Please make sure to read and review all District 10 4-H Rules to make sure you are following the accurate rules for our District contests. Some modifications have been made to our District rules for Junior & Intermediate age divisions.

Texas 4-H Ag Produce ID Updates:

[23-24 State Ag Product ID NEW Guide & Contest Rules](#)

Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Updates:

[23-24 Quiz Bowl Contest Rules & Guide](#)

[Horse Quiz Bowl Resources](#)

[Livestock Quiz Bowl Resources](#)

[FCH Quiz Bowl Resources](#)

Texas 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Updates:

[23-24 Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest Rules & Guide](#)

New Change: Teams at Texas 4-H Roundup will complete two team exercises. This change will help our state contest move closer to the National Contest which has 5 team exercises.

Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Contest Updates:

[23-24 State Fashion Show Rules & Guidelines \(Buying & Construction\)](#)

[23-24 State Fashion Show NATURAL FIBERS Rules & Guidelines](#)

[23-24 State Duds to Dazzle Rules & Guidelines *Teams of 3-4](#)

NEW CONTEST [23-24 State Duds to Dazzle SOLO SHOWCASE Rules & Guidelines *Individual ONLY](#)

[23-24 State 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational Rules & Guidelines](#)

NEW CONTEST [23-24 Quilts of Valor Block & Top Challenge Rules & Guidelines](#)

Texas 4-H Talent Showcase Updates:

[23-24 State Talent Showcase Contest Rules & Guide](#)

New Change: 4-H Skit description wording was altered slightly for more clarity.

Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Updates:

[23-24 State CDM Categories/Contest Rules & Guide](#)

New Change: New Categories for the 23-24 year. District Contest will now be held during our Spring Roundup Contest Lineup.

Texas 4-H Educational Presentation Updates:

[23-24 State Educational Presentation Rules & Guide](#)

2023-2024 District 10 4-H Calendar (Subject to Change)

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 31, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed. – Fri. Nov 1-3, 2023	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Nov. 28, 2023	Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
Nov. 29, 2023	Food Show FCH Quiz Bowl Entomology Judging
Nov. 30, 2023	Food Challenge
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 6, 2024	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024	
Mar. 4, 2024	Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography Results Released
Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023	
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Jan. 25, 2024	Applications DUE to Matt
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	Texas 4-H Foundation Website

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 9, 2024	Leaders 4 Life (Seguin)
April 10, 2024	Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
<i>Spring Round-up will take place: April 15 -20, 2024</i> <i>Exact dates of each contest TBD.</i>	Livestock Judging
	Consumer Decision Making
	Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation
	Wool & Mohair Judging
	Share the Fun
	Soil Judging
	Duds 2 Dazzle
	Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
	Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	4-H Storyboard Results Released
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024	
TENTATIVE EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024	

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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