



# Guadalupe County 4-H Gazette



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

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## District 10 4-H Photo Contest, Deadline Feb 20

The District 10 4-H Photo Contest is coming up, with the deadline as February 20 on 4-H Online. You may enter three photos in this contest! You need to send the photos to Matt with files properly named so he can upload them and pay the district contest fee!

For more info on the district contest, check out the district letter at <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/files/2024/01/2024-District-10-4-H-Photography-Letter.pdf>

If you need more information on categories, check the following link! [https://d104-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24\\_Photography\\_Rules.pdf](https://d104-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24_Photography_Rules.pdf)

### Labeling/Naming the Photograph

Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the Age Division, County, 4-H member's first and last name and the name of the category (see below for label name). For example: Junior 4-H member John Smith from Bandera County entering the Animals-Wildlife category would upload a file labeled:

Junior\_Bandera\_John\_Smith\_Wildlife.jpg

Below, you can see the name of the categories and how that category should be labeled on the photo file.

#### Categories

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC: Domestic

ANIMALS – WILDLIFE: Wildlife

CATCH ALL: All

DETAILS & MACROS: Details

LEADING LINES: Leading

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN: Elements

ENHANCED: Enhanced

FOOD: Food

LANDSCAPE & NATURE: Landscape

MOTION/ACTION: Motion

PEOPLE: People

PLANT/FLORA: Plant

MOTION/ACTION: Motion

THEME: Theme— Abandoned (Could be places or things)

LONG EXPOSURE: Long Ex

SHADOW/SILHOUETTE: Shadow

**PLEASE NOTE: The cost listed in this link is for the STATE contest...ONLY 1st place senior photos at county will be allowed to enter the state contest**

## Upcoming Deadlines

- FEB 1—Applications for Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors Open (Due April 1), D10 Photo Contest Opens
- FEB 5—Leaders 4 Life Informational, 6pm at Extension Office
- FEB 7—Consumer Decision Making Informational, 6pm ; Grass/Range/ Soil Informational, 7pm.
- FEB 15—Deadline for State 4-H Scholarships online
- FEB 15—State Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador Applications OPEN (Due April 15)
- FEB 20—District 10 Photography Contest entries DUE
- MAR 1—Entries for County photo Contest DUE
- MAR 27—County Council Meeting
- APR 1—Healthy Texas 4-H Youth Ambassador Applications DUE

## New County 4-H Fundraiser: Selling Sponsorship Signs

At the November Council meeting, Guadalupe County 4-H Council voted on our new fundraiser that will hopefully send us to new levels of fundraising! 4-Hers will be selling sponsorships for the year! Each year, 4-Hers will be asked to try and sell at least one sponsorship! If they do, their 4-H fee will be paid for the 2024-2025 4-H year! Please read over the form! You can pick them up here at the extension office or I can email you the PDF. ***The deadline to sell sponsorship signs is May 31, 2024.***

It is our hope that if we have good success with this, we will be able to pay for more things for 4-Hers here in our county! An example of the sponsor signs are on the form.

This is for any and all 4-Hers to sell! They can send the sponsorship form to anyone! The sponsors could be parents, grandparents, businesses, here in county or out of county. If they kids can ask, that's always nice, and we will give the signs to the kids to deliver to their sponsor, but **every kid that sells one will get their 4-H fee paid for next year.**

Depending on the sponsorship level, we will do for each sponsor:

- \$200 – Sponsor sign
  - \$300 – Sponsor Sign and Metal 4-H Cup
  - \$400 – Sponsor Sign, Metal 4-H Cup, Name on banner  
we will be making to hang at 4-H events all year. Announced at banquet
- All sponsors will also be recognized on social media



The monies will help to pay for a number of things including:

- County 4-H Awards Ceremony and Banquet
- District and State 4-H Contest Fees
- National & International 4-H Experiences, National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest
- Enrollment fees of youth that sell a sponsorship
- School Curriculum Enrichment programs
- And more, depending on the outcome of the sponsorship drive

Parents can sell them for kids as well...We just wanted to have an incentive for participating

Finally, all participants will be entered in a drawing for a prize at the end of the sponsorship drive, and the person who sells the most sponsorships will get something as well! We are looking at maybe a jacket or something like that! The forms are at the back of the newsletter!

## Texas 4-H Scholarship Applications DUE Feb 15

Texas 4-H Scholarships are DUE Feb 12. We will sit down together to go over your application and get it ready to submit in February! I highly encourage you to let me see it BEFORE you submit it to see if there are any changes that need to be made to make it more competitive,! Don't miss out on this GREAT opportunity! Be sure to check out the county website for more information on these and other great scholarships at <https://texas4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/>

# County Photography Contest: Photos Due March 1

**COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** The rules for the 2023-2024 State Contest are posted **HERE**. 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!** Please upload all of your county photo entries to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/tqQFHEyFOIvvBJlxQATx>

**Eligibility of Photos:** Each 4-H member may enter up to three (10) photos. **No more than two photos in a single category.** These photos must be taken by the 4-H member between March 2023 and March 2024.

**Type of Photos:** Can be digital OR printed. All digital photos will be uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/tqQFHEyFOIvvBJlxQATx> All photos must be labeled the same as the district photos.

## FOR DIGITAL PHOTOS

**Type of Photos:** Can be from digital camera or cellphone. Must be saved as a .jpg or .jpeg file and be less than 5 MB per photo. Aspect ratio should be standard photo size (3x5, 7x9, 8x10, etc) and should NOT be edited on a digital device. There is a category for that.

## FOR PRINTED PHOTOS

**Size of Photographs:** Each photograph must be 8 inches by 10 inches in dimension

**Mounting of Photographs:** All prints must be securely and permanently mounted solid on black or white PHOTOGRAPHIC MOUNT BOARD (mat board material) or a THIN FOAM BOARD no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. Double faced tape, glue or rubber cement is not allowed for mounting purposes. (Use dry mounting if possible.) Matting (of any kind) is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Some resources for mounting supplies include: Hobby Lobby, Michaels

# County Leaders 4 Life, Consumer, Clothing and Range/Soil/Grass

It is February so its time to get started with our spring projects! Below are links to gauge interest in the following projects/contests! If you are interested in any of the following projects for the spring, please click the link to it and put your information down! If you have already done this, you don't need to again! I will do an informational for each of these in the coming weeks!

**Soil, Grass ID or Range Evaluation - Informational and Initial Meeting :Wednesday, Feb 7 at 6pm**  
<https://forms.gle/uKhU2mJVkfCuAdna7>

**Consumer Decision Making - Informational is Wednesday, Feb 7 at 6pm**  
<https://forms.gle/Eifavun5MS2BjggR9>

**Duds to Dazzle - Informational is TBA, waiting on District letter**  
<https://forms.gle/QxkfKFhZtPvD5RZYA>

**Leaders 4 Life (Parliamentary Procedure) - Informational is Monday, February 5 at 6pm**  
<https://forms.gle/c47yHefVWBpsbunFeA>

## Texas 4-H Livestock, Poultry & Equine Ambassadors, Open Feb 15

Texas 4-H Offers each year multiple state ambassador programs to help youths take their projects to the next level. They learn indepth information on these areas, as well as how to become an advocate for 4-H and agriculture in general. The ag-related ambassador programs are:

- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador—<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/livestock-ambassador-program/>
- Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador—<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/equine-ambassador-program/>
- Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador—<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/poultry-ambassador-program/>

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding livestock/ equine/poultry
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others & Top 25% class rank

### **Application Process:**

- Applications will be released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website ([www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)) on February 15,
- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising CEA (Matt Miranda)
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
- Applications are due April 15, 2024

## Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors (Food Ambassadors)

**Applications OPEN February 1** at <https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

**Application deadline is April 1.** Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program.

All returning ambassadors must also reapply and will be eligible to continue in the program pending approval and completion of their required annual hours. Ambassadors must attend the annual training summit. There will be NO virtual or “last chance” summit offered in 2024.

### HTYA Timeline

- January - March, 2024 – Market and recruit for the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program
- February 1 - April 1, 2024 – Online application available
- April 1, 2024 – Deadline for completion of online applications
- April 1-15, 2024 – County Extension Agents review applications & determine selection criteria
- April 15, 2024 – Agents submit roster of selected ambassadors to Julie Gardner
- May 1, 2024 – State Coordinator will notify youth of acceptance
- May 15, 2024 – Deadline for registration for Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit (Estimated cost \$100)
- June 2-3, 2024 – State-wide Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit in College Station.

Please see the schedule below, as well as the attached handbook, overview, and marketing flyer for more information. For more information, please contact Dr. Julie Gardner, [julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu) or Kelli McPherson, [kelli.mcpherson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kelli.mcpherson@ag.tamu.edu) **Summit Training**

HTYA Handbook—<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-HTYA-Handbook.pdf>

Link to Application—[https://agrilife.azl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3Uk9LjYPZTIPdau](https://agrilife.azl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Uk9LjYPZTIPdau)

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

## FALL & WINTER DATES

<b>District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues., Oct. 31, 2023	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed. – Fri. Nov 1-3, 2023	
<b>Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
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
<b>District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR</b>	
<b>**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.</b>	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Jan. 15, 2024	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Feb. 6, 2024	
<b>DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Feb. 7-9, 2024	
Mar. 4, 2024	Horse Judging @ HLSR
<b>District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tue. Feb. 20, 2024	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration <b>CLOSES</b>
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography Results Released
<b>Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship</b>	
<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN:</b> November 1, 2023	
<b>APPLICATIONS CLOSE:</b> 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	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Foundation Website</a>

## SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Friday, March 1, 2024	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
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
April 26, 2024	Duds 2 Dazzle
	Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)	
4-H Storyboard Results Released	
<b>District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues. May 14, 2024	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
<b>EVENT DATE:</b> June 13, 2024	
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> May 28, 2024	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION:</b> May 29-31, 2024	
<b>TENTATIVE EVENT DATE:</b> June 26-28, 2024	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS:</b> Saturday, June 1, 2024	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b> Tues., June 25, 2024	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
<b>EVENT DATE:</b> July 11, 2024	





# GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H SPONSORSHIP LIST

## White

**\$ 200.00**

Gets a metal 4-H Window Sign

I Support  
Guadalupe County 4-H



## Green

**\$ 300.00**

Gets a metal 4-H Window Sign

Gets a 4-H  
Branded Metal  
Cup

## Gold

**\$ 400.00**

Gets a metal 4-H Window Sign

Gets a 4-H  
Branded Metal Cup

Included on County  
4-H Sponsor  
Banner, Signage at  
4-H Events, Etc

## Renewal

**\$150.00**

Gets a metallic  
sticker for each  
year of support to  
add to metal sign

All sponsors will get thanked on our Social Media as well

All 4-Hers who sell at least one sponsor will get their fee for joining 4-H paid for the 2024-2025 4-H year! All will be entered into a drawing for a prize!

**Deadline to sell all sponsorships will be May 31, 2024!**

Contact Matt Miranda, County 4-H Agent, with any questions

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Dear Friend of 4-H,

We are looking for your help and support! Guadalupe County 4-H is starting a new 4-H Sponsorship Program to raise money for our county 4-H program. Guadalupe County has about 550 4-Hers in local 4-H Clubs, as well as nearly 5,000 youth reached each year in our county school districts. Our 4-Hers are incredibly active, with over 250 attending district 4-H contests, and 150 attending state level contests, not counting major Texas stock shows. Additionally, we have had youth attend national contests and events for the last 13 consecutive years. This is why we need your help!

In order to better help our youth attend these contests, expand our programming into schools, increase enrollment in 4-H clubs and more, we will be starting our first ever County Sponsorship Program. Sponsorship levels are listed on the reverse side of this flyer. The money raised from these sponsorships will go to fund multiple projects and programs including:

- *County 4-H Awards Ceremony and Banquet*
- *District and State 4-H Contest Fees*
- *National & International 4-H Experiences, National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest*
- *Enrollment fees of youth that sell a sponsorship*
- *School Curriculum Enrichment programs*
- *And more, depending on the outcome of the sponsorship drive*

From your donation, at minimum, you will receive a 24x18 metal sign that says "I SUPPORT GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H" that you can hang at your home, business, etc. We thank you in advance for your vital support and for your consideration in contributing to this sponsorship program. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our Guadalupe County 4-H members!!

As Determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the **Guadalupe County 4-H Council (74-2913068)** is exempt from Federal Income Tax under the provisions which correspond to section 501(c) 3 of the IRS Code under the banner of Texas 4-H Inc., the umbrella organization for 4-H Clubs in Texas. Donors may deduct contributions to Texas 4-H Inc. such as bequests, legacies, devices, transfers, or gifts as applicable under the IRS code.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of support for this endeavor. Together, we can help 4-H "Make the Best better!"

**Name of Sponsoring Person,  
Business or Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Sponsoring Person,  
Business or Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level of Sponsorship (Circle One)**

**White**  
**\$ 200.00**

**Green**  
**\$ 300.00**

**Gold**  
**\$ 400.00**

**Renewal**  
**\$ 150.00**

**Name of 4-Her who asked you for  
sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Guadalupe County 4-H Council OR you can pay by PayPal @  
<https://paypal.me/guadalupecounty4h>**

☐ **Check If Pay by Check/Cash**

☐ **Check If Pay by PayPal**

**Deadline for All Sponsorships for the 2024-2025 4-H Year is May 31, 2024**

# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

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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