



Dimmit County 4-H News

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

High School Club

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025
Time: 8:00PM

Elementary Club

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Time: 5:30PM

Junior High Club

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Time: 6:30PM

Parent Leader Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Time: 6PM

4-H Club Officer Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Time: 7:30PM

All meetings will take place at the Dimmit
County Conference Center.

REMINDER:

Youth 4-H members **MUST** sign in upon arrival. Anyone who does not sign in will be counted absent.

You **MUST** be present for the entire meeting.

Each exhibitor will be required to attend at least three (3) meetings or clinics conducted by their 4-H Club during the current year prior to show date to be eligible to show at the Dimmit County Junior Livestock Show.

County Photography Contest Deadline:



**Friday, February 21,
2025**



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Extension Service Dimmit County

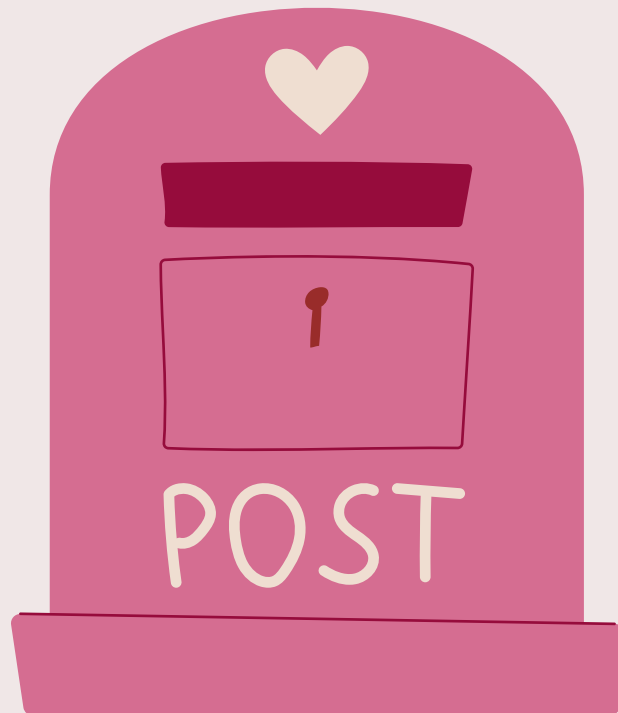


I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

Clover Kids: Box of Valentines

Join us at our February Club meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025 where our Clover Activity will be decorating Valentine's Day boxes, which can be use to collect Valentine's cards from friends at school.

Please bring a small, empty box to the meeting. This can include shoe boxes, cereal boxes, or any other small box. All decorating items will be provided.



If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office (830) 876-4216

2025 Dimmit County Junior Livestock Show

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's livestock show a tremendous success! We deeply appreciate the dedication of our 4-H parent volunteers, 4-H members, silent auction donors, buyers, the Dimmit County Junior Livestock Association, and the many others who played a crucial role in ensuring this event continues to thrive. Your support truly makes an impact!





TEXAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: FEB 15, 2025 @ 11:59 PM

Overview: The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion). The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Over 200 academically competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$30,000. No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than \$1,000. The Texas 4-H Foundation seeks to ensure that each recipient receives the highest dollar amount of scholarship for which that recipient is eligible. For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration.

New this year:

- A CEA Verification Form will require a CEA signature. The form will need to be signed/uploaded before submitting.
- There will also be a \$30,000 dollar scholarship for the top rank interviewers and applicants.
- **NEW!** District 12 will be using a google form to assist with the 4-H portion of the scholarship! If you know of someone that needs assistance please have them reach out! Deadline to reach out is January 15, 2025!

Important Dates & Deadlines:

- November 1, 2024 - Application Opens
- December 1, 2024 - FASFA Opens
- January 31, 2025 - FASFA Deadline
- February 15, 2025 - DEADLINE to Apply
 - Online portal will close at 11:59 PM
- April 25-27, 2025 - Interviews (College Station)
- May 2025 - Award Notifications
- June 4-5, 2025 - Scholarship Banquet in College Station at Texas 4-H Round-Up

Apply on the Texas 4-H Foundation Website: [HERE](#)

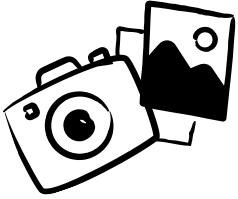


DISTRICT 12 TRAP, SKEET, AND WHIZBANG

District 12 is hosting the Trap, Skeet and Whizbang contest in March 22nd! This contest is open to the STATE to register for the event. Please ensure you advise your 4-H members to start registering as soon as soon as possible due to the event being limited to 100 4-H members.

4-H members will also need to register on Iclay's to count as completely registered for the event. 4-H Online will charge the 4-H members the registration fee for the event of \$180. Iclays should show a \$1.00 fee, but will not charge the individuals if registered correctly.

2025 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY



County Photography Contest

Judging will be held **February 24-28, 2025**, and will take place electronically.

- Deadline to submit photos is **February 21, 2025 by 5pm.**
- Photos must be sent via email to Alyssa Cruz at alyssa.cruz@ag.tamu.edu
- Photos must be submitted in the following format: Name, County, Category.
- Example: Firstname_Lastname_County_Category
- All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of **January 1, 2025, and the time of entry.**
- Photos winning their respective category will automatically advance to the district contest. All advancing photos will need to be registered through 4-H Online.

Format & Quality: Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

Photos that do not meet these requirements may be disqualified from the contest.

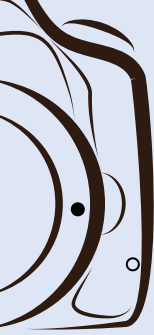
- Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .png format
- Files submitted may not be larger than 5,120k (5MB)
- Photos must be a minimum of 300dpi, and at least 1MB
- Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait) except for the PANORMIC category.

District Photography Contest

- Online registration will open Monday, February 3, 2025 and will end Friday, March 7, 2025.
- Online judging will take place between March 18 and March 29, 2025
- A summary of the results will be available beginning April 7, 2025
- 3 new categories have been added for a total of **19 categories!**

Categories:

Animals- Domestic	Dominant Color (NEW!)	Landscape &	Motion/Action
Animals- Wildlife	Elements of Design	Nature (Non-Animal)	People
Catch-All	Enhanced	Leading Line	Plant/Flora
Details & Macro	Food	Long Exposure	Reflections (NEW!)
Shadow/Silhouette	Transportation (NEW!)	Theme - PATRIOTISM	
Panoramic (Only offered in District 12)			



Photography Tips & Tricks

Capture the World Around You

Understand Your Camera Settings

Learn the Basics: Familiarize yourself with the key settings of your camera (ISO, aperture, shutter speed) and how they affect your photos

- **Use manual mode:** While automatic settings can be helpful, switching to manual mode gives you more control over the final image.

Focus on Composition

- **Rule of Thirds:** Imagine dividing your frame into a 3x3 grid. Place important elements along these lines for a balanced and engaging photo

- **Leading Lines:** Use natural lines (roads, fences, rivers) to lead the viewer's eye into the scene and create depth.

- **Framing:** Use elements like windows, trees, or doorways to "frame" your subject, drawing attention to the focal point of your image.

Play with Lighting

- **Golden Hour:** The best light for outdoor photography is early in the morning or late in the afternoon, when the sun is low and soft.

- **Avoid harsh midday sunlight:** if you can't avoid shooting in the middle of the day, find shaded areas to reduce harsh shadows.

- **Use natural light indoors:** Position your subject near windows or open curtains for soft light.

Experiment with Focus

- **Depth of Field:** To make your subject stand out, use a wide aperture (small f-number) to blur the background and create a dreamy effect.

- **Focus on the Eyes:** For portraits, make sure the subject's eyes are sharply in focus to create a strong connection with the viewer.

Stabilize Your Camera

- **Use a tripod:** For sharp, steady images, especially in low light or when shooting at slow shutter speeds, use a tripod to eliminate camera shake

- **Hold your camera correctly:** Keep both hands on the camera and your elbows close to your body for more stability.

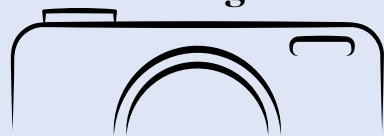
Edit Your Photos

- **Simple edits go a long way:** Enhance your photos by adjusting exposure, contrast, and color balance.

- **Use editing apps:** Explore free apps like "Lightroom" or "Snapseed"

Practice! Practice! Practice!

The more you shoot, the better you'll become. Experiment with different settings and angles!



Valentine's Day 4-H Food Show Workshop



Join us Wednesday, February 12th for an interactive workshop where participants will prepare a healthy Valentine's Day themed snack box!



**In this hands-on workshop participants will learn
useful cooking skills and practicing
Health and Nutrition Awareness
Food preparation
Practice knife skills
Presentation skills**



To RSVP for this workshop, contact the Extension Office (830) 876-4216 by Friday February 7, 2025

Happy Birthday

February 2025

Elementary Club

2/13 John Cervantez

2/14 Annie Guerrero

2/15 James Saldivar

2/17 Genesis Perez

2/23 Angel Guerrero

High School Club

2/5 Bernice Romero

2/11 Esme Rios

2/12 Wesley Allen

2/20 Hayden Jaime

Junior High Club

2/1 Kaylee Jaime

2/9 Adam Alaniz

2/27 Katalina Miranda

