

Dimmit County 4-H News

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

All Club Meetings:

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 Time: 6:00PM

Parent Leader Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Time: 6:00 PM

4-H Club Officer Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Time: 7:30PM

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

2025 Virtual Fishing Skill-a-thon:

Salt water and/or Freshwater Registration is open until March 15th. \$50 Fee per division.

Late registration: March 16-April 30. late fee of \$100.

Spring tournament will be held April 5-May 30, 2025.

Fish at your own location.

For more information or a copy of the guidelines, contact the Dimmit County Extension Office.

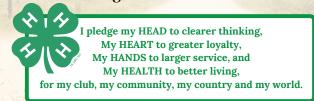
REMINDER:

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.



Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Dimmit County



Dimmit County 4-H Photography Results



Juniors

Animals - Domestic Marc Ponce 1st Kiveli Miranda 2nd Noah Villarreal 3rd

Animals - Wildlife Marc Ponce 1st

Catch-All Noah Villarreal 1st Kiveli Miranda 2nd

Details & Macro Marc Ponce 1st Kiveli Miranda 2nd

Elements of Design Marc Ponce 1st Kiveli Miranda 2nd

Enhanced Kiveli Miranda 1st

Food Marc Ponce 1st

Landscape & Nature Annie Guerrero 1st Noah Villarreal 2nd Marc Ponce 3rd

Leading Line Marc Ponce 1st Kiveli Miranda 2nd Long Exposure Marc Ponce 1st

Motion & Action Noah Villarreal 1st Marc Ponce 2nd Kiveli Miranda 3rd

Patriotism Kiveli Miranda 1st

People Kiveli Miranda 1st Noah Villarreal 2nd

Plant/Flora Marc Ponce 1st

Reflection Kiveli Miranda 1st

Shadow/Silhouette Kiveli Miranda 1st Marc Ponce 2nd

Transportation Noah Villarreal 1st Marc Ponce 2nd

Intermediates

Animals - Domestic Katalina Miranda 1st Matthew Ponce 2nd Grainger Talamantes 3rd Jadira Villanueva 4th Mia Ponce 5th

Animals - Wildlife Matthew Ponce 1st Mia Ponce 2nd Grainger Talamantes 3rd

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Seniors

Animals - Domestic Austin Keen 1st Philip Doria 2nd Esme Rios 3rd

Animals - Wildlife Philip Doria 1st Esme Rios 2nd

Catch-All Philip Doria 1st

Elements of Design Philip Doria 1st

Food Philip Doria 1st

Landscape & Nature Philip Doria 1st Austin Keen 2nd Esme Rios 3rd Leading Line Philip Doria 1st

Patriotism Esme Rios 1st

Plant/Flora Philip Doria 1st Austin Keen 2nd

Reflections Philip Doria 1st Austin Keen 2nd Esme Rios 3rd

Shadow/Silhouette Philip Doria 1st





Last day to order: April 7, 2025

Stop by the Extension office or contact Alyssa Cruz to order your tags.

Email: alyssa.cruz@ag.tamu.edu

Phone: (830) 876-4216

<mark>539 Industrial Blvd Carrizo Springs, TX 78834</mark>

*Be on the lookout for updated guidelines and Ethics Policy in the coming months.

Website: https://texasyouthlivestock.com/

2025-2026 Sheep & Goat Validation Tag Orders

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*Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats roll over validation for three years, they do not need to be validated every year.

For more information visit: https://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/

2025 County/District Roundup Roundup

The core goal of 4-H Roundup is to provide 4-H members with enriching educational experiences. It gives them the opportunity to explore new areas of interest, enhance their skills, and acquire hands-on knowledge in fields such as agriculture, leadership, health, and more. The event serves as a platform for 4-H members to showcase their talents and engage in friendly competition with their peers. This constructive competition encourages participants to push their limits and fosters personal growth. By taking part in 4-H Roundup, individuals often develop valuable skills such as confidence, communication, and responsibility, contributing to their overall development.

Contests Include:

- Ag Product ID *
- Livestock Skill-a-thon *
- Horse Quiz Bowl**
- Livestock Quiz Bowl**
- Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl
- Leaders4Life Skill-a-thon
- Range & Pasture Grass ID
- Educational Presentation **Please Educational Presentation guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.
- 4-H Talent Showcase: **Please Talent Showcase guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.
- Public Speaking
- Vet Science Skill-a-thon

* indicates an Invitational Contest at District 12 4-H and at Texas 4-H Roundup ** indicates Quiz Bowls may not offered if there are not sufficient team entries to establish a quality contest.

County roundup is set for March 7th from 3pm-5pm immediately following the Food Show District Qualifier Workshop which will be held from 1pm-2pm. If you are interested in participating in county 4-H Roundup, you must notify the Extension Office of the contest you will be competing in, the topics/name of your presentation/speech/performance, and if you will be competing individually or with a partner. Entries must be emailed to Alyssa Cruz at alyssa.cruz@ag.tamu.edu

The deadline to register with the Extension Office is Thursday March 6, 2025 at 5PM.

For more information visit:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/ or contact the Dimmit County Extension Office

Upcoming District 12 4-H Contests

District 12 4-H Postal League - Match period March 1-31, 2025

District 12 4-H Trap Skeet & Whiz-Bang - Will be held on March 22nd, 2025 in Mission, TX. Registration is open through 4-H Online

District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest - will be held on April 10, 2025 in Alice, TX. Registration will be open through 4-H online from March 12 - April 2, 2025.

District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Rifle 3-D and Silhouette Match - will be held on April 26, 2025 in Benavides, TX. Registration will be open through 4-H Online from March 19 - April 12, 2025



5PM



A good thank you note includes:

- A greeting with the buyer's name or company. Make the letter personal by starting with a salutation
- An acknowledgement of the specific reason for thanks (purchase of your animal project)
- The reason why you appreciate the buyer. For instance, they supported you and your 4-H project, have been generous to 4-H, or took time to benefit the youth.
- How you plan to use the money from the sale.
- A comment or details about yourself or an update on your life.
 For Example, you can explain why you enjoy 4-H or something you learned in your project work.
- A repeat of your thank you. A closing and your signature (with thanks, name or sincerely, name)
- Make sure that your letter is clear, you want to thank them for their time, donation, money, etc.

It is best to have your thank-you note be handwritten, neat and legible, on a thank you note card, and written in blue or black ink. It is always great to invite the buyer to attend the auction again in the future and thank all of your bidders.

Animal Project record forms and Thank You cards are due by May 1st.



3/8 Jeremiah Jaime

3/12 Colleen Denniston

3/13 Katalina Menchaca

3/15 Elijah Fisher

3/28 Kaleb Perez

Junior High Club:

3/5 Jace Briseno

3/12 Rhyan Gomez

3/24 Adrianna Rodriguez

High School Club:

3/22 Kennia Chong

3/31 Jose Urenda

TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

Program Highlights

- Fish in YOUR location
- Earn YOUR Sportfishing Certification
- Test YOUR knowledge in the 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon contest
- Live EDUCATIONAL programs
- FRESHWATER and SALTWATER Divisions
- Upload pic of YOUR catch in FishDonkey Tournament app to win PRIZES

Registration

Register via 4HOnline
February 15 - March 15
Late Tournament
Registration - \$100
March 16 - April 30

Participation Fees

4-H Youth Grades 3-12 **\$50 per Tournament Division \$5 Skill-a-Thon Contest** Clover Kids Ages 5-8 **No Fee to Participate**

Questions? Contact Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu



4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM OPTIONS

Live Educational Programs

March 20, April 3, & April 17 via Zoom link No charge - registration required via Google **below**

Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments

April 5 - May 30 (register via 4HOnline)

\$50 per division per 4-H angler; no fee for Clover Kids

Texas 4-H Skill-a-thon Virtual Contest

May 15 - 31 (register via 4HOnline)

\$5 per 4-H youth

Earn your annual 4-H Sportfishing Certification by doing all 3!

Click HERE to enroll in Texas 4-H or register for tournament & skill-a-thon

Click HERE to register to participate live or receive your Zoom recording

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Program Registration and Dates

- Enroll in Texas 4-H @ texas.4honline.com
- Register via 4HOnline in 2025 Spring Texas
 Virtual Sportfishing program for tournament
- Download the FishDonkey Tournament App to a mobile device (your phone or your parents) (4-H Youth ONLY) Participate in Sportfishing
- Educational Programs via Zoom, live or via recording (see schedule) Fish in Virtual
- Tournament April 5 May 30 Test your
- knowledge in the NEW Virtual Fishing Skill-athon contest May 15 - 31. Register via 4HOnline in 2025 Sportfishing Skill-a-thon Contest Follow us on Facebook @ 2025 4-H Virtual Fishing or
- Texas 4-H Natural Resources or website for updates, placings & winner list @ https://texas4h.tamu.edu/projects/sportfishing/

Click HERE to enroll in Texas 4-H or register for tournament & skill-a-thon

Click HERE to set up your FishDonkey profile



VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Program Schedule

March 20th @ 5:30 pm

Sportfishing Program Participant Orientation & Using the FishDonkey Tournament App

April 3rd @ 5:30 pm

Measuring Fish on the Check-it-Stik & Responsible Handling of Fish

April 17th @ 5:30 pm

Fishing 101: Basic Skills to Get You on the Water

Question & Answer Time to be Provided

Click HERE to register to participate live or receive your Zoom recording

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VIRTUAL TOURNAME APRIL 5 - MAY 30

Indging Rules

4-H YOUTH PARTICIPANTS 1. Fish caught by rod and reel

- 2. Correct species of fish caught
- 3. Fish photographed laying on its side, on a Check-it-Stik brand measuring board (except for CATFISH which are measured on their belly) in the FishDonkey app
- 4. Mouth/lips/snout of fish is CLOSED and touching the front of the Check-it-Stik
- 5. Tail PINCHED soft-tailed fish species Tail SLANTED - hard-tailed fish species
- 6. Fish pic must include entire fish with legible measuring board numbers
- 7. 4-H youth photographed in FishDonkey app posing with their fish (does NOT need to be on Check-it-Stik for this photo) (This is called your **HERO** pic!)

ALL OTHER FISH DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING Click HERE to download detailed tournament rules

FRESHWATER DIVISION TOURNAMENT

- Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted & Guadalupe)
- Catfish (channel, blue & flathead)
- Panfish group (black or white crappie and sunfish family)

Contests

- Longest Bass or Catfish
- Stringer of 5 Panfish (enter all panfish caught and app will auto cull your longest five)
- Freshwater Slam (one of each species must be entered to qualify for this contest)
- Weekly Wild Card (random drawing of all qualified freshwater fish. Results posted weekly on FB page)

Follow regulations on bag & length limits Click HERE to download 2025 TPWD Outdoor Annual

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SALTWATER DIVISION TOURNAMENT

- Redfish or Red Drum (Sciaenops ocellatus)
- Flounder (Paralichthys sp.)
- Spotted Seatrout (Cynoscion nebulosus)

Contests

- Longest Redfish, Flounder or Spotted Seatrout
- Spot Pot (enter the number of spots on ONE side of a Redfish (pic of fish on Check-it-Stik))
- Saltwater Slam (one of each species must be entered to qualify for this contest)
- Weekly Wild Card (random drawing of all qualified saltwater fish. Results posted weekly on FB page)

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TOURNAMENT PLACINGS & PRIZES

Check-it-Stik via mait

Qualifying photos uploaded in FishDonkey will be judged and verified

- 3-placing prize limit for each contest leaderboard
- Official placings posted to FB page by June 14 Ties broken by earliest pic of fish timestamped in
- FishDonkey
- Depth of prizes awarded are based upon number
- of 4-H youth registered Electronic gift cards (\$5 to \$300) will be emailed to 4-H youth receiving awards
- A 4-H fishing buckle will be mailed to the winner
- of the Spring Freshwater and Saltwater Slam

Be sure to read all the details on judging entries!

Click HERE to download detailed rules of play

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CLOVER KID PARTICIPATION

- Email hero pics with fish caught to tournament director at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu for posting on Facebook pages A 4-H fishing lure will be
- mailed to Clover Kids at the end of program A Texas 4-H Sportfishing
- certificate will be mailed to youth emailing at least one hero pic with fish and participating in the educational learning programs Clover Kids are NOT eligible to compete and DO NOT need a FishDonkey

profile

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SPRING VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING SKILL-A-THON MAY 15 - 31

4-H YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

4-H youth desiring to compete in the annual virtual sportfishing skill-a-thon will register via 4HOnline. The fishing skills and knowledge based quiz will be emailed to you on May 15 to complete and remit no later than May 31.

2025 skill-a-thon components:

- Skill demonstration via video
 - Knot Tying
 - Tackle Assembly
 - o Casting with a Rod and Reel
- Knowledge (based upon age division)
 - Fish Identification
 - Fish Habitat and Conservation
 - Fishing Ethics and Regulations

Click HERE to register in 4HOnline for the Sportfishing Skill-a-thon



IRTUAL SPORTFISHING CERTIFICATION

Earn Your Sportfishing Certification

4-H YOUTH PARTICIPANTS 4-H Youth desiring to become a 4-H certified sportfishing angler will complete all three of the following:

- Fish in either the Spring and/or Summer Freshwater or Saltwater tournament and upload at least one qualifying fish and hero pic
- Participate in all 3 educational learning programs (live or watching the recording) and complete the Qualtrics survey for each program
- o Compete in the the annual Spring or Summer Virtual Sportfishing Skill-a-thon.
- A Texas 4-H Sportfishing project pin & certificate will be mailed to youth completing all 3 program components

Great information to add to your Texas 4-H Record

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Rifle 3-P and Silhouette Match

The District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Rifle 3-P and Silhouette Match will be held on April 26, 2025, at the Duval Shooting Complex in Benavides. This event serves as the Texas 4-H Roundup Rifle Match Qualifier for the 3-P match.

Event Registration - Registration for this event will be open to all counties in District 12, with no limit on how many 4-H members can register from their county. Registration will take place on 4-H Online and must be done by individual 4-H members. Coaches will not be able to register members, unlike the Postal League. Registration will open on March 17th with a deadline of April 11th at \$30 for one event or \$50 for both events.

There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

3-P Match Information – Standard Texas 4-H 3-P Indoor Rifle Rules (v2019) apply except as noted on the District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Match: Guiding Principles and Contest Rules. Below are some important details to note about the Rifle Match that may not be in the rules but are important to share with shooters and coaches.

- 3 Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Positions & Course of Fire
 - O Junior Prone (3 targets)
 - o Intermediate Prone (1 target), Standing (1 target), Kneeling (1 target)
 - O Senior Prone (2 targets), Standing (2 targets), Kneeling (2 targets)

All Infles must always remain in a case with an OBI (open-bolt indicator) until instructed by range officer to uncase rifles. One rifle per case. The muzzle end of the case should be marked.

Kneeling for Intermediates & Seniors cannot be substituted with sitting. While sitting is an alternative in training resources, shooters must compete using the kneeling position for this event.

Intermediates and Seniors will shoot targets in the following order: Standing, Kneeling, then Prone

Smallbore Silhouette Match Information – The Texas 4-H Smallbore Silhouette Rifle Rules (v2019) apply except as noted on the District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Match: Guiding Principles and Contest Rules. Below are important details to note regarding the match and may not be in the rules but are important to share with shooters and coaches.

- 3 Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- 2 Sight Divisions (Metallic & Telescopic/Magnified). No laser sights are permitted.
- All rifles must always remain in a case with an OBI (open-bolt indicator) until instructed by range officer to uncase rifles. One rifle per case. The muzzle end of the case should be marked.

The event letter, rules and additional information can be found in our District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle Match event page at http://agrilife.org/d124h/4-h-event/shooting-sports/4h-smallbore/

Schedule – District 12 will be looking at two different check in/rifle checks in the AM and PM for contestants. For this purpose of being NEW to the 2025 contest, the District 12 Office will release a schedule after the registration deadline. This schedule will be communicated to the District 12 County Extension Agents for them to share with their appropriate coaches. A copy of the schedule will also be published to the District 12 4-H Website.

A tentative schedule:

- 8:00- 8:30 am Registration & Team Designation
- * 8:30-9:00 am Mandatory Orientation/Safety Mtg/Rifle Checks
- 9:00 am Rifle Match Begins
- 12:00 12:30 pm Mandatory Orientation/Safety Mtg/Rifle Checks
- 12:30 pm Rifle Match Continues
- Match Awards will be held at the conclusion of the Rifle Match.

Again, this schedule is for contestants, coaches, and agents to have an idea of how the match will run. An official schedule will be released to County Extension Agents for them to share with coaches and contestants AFTER the deadline. Match Schedule will include scheduled relays in county groups, "Shoot & Go", and an awards presentation at the conclusion. Changes will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

Rifle Checks – Please note that all rifle equipment, safety equipment and shooting clothing can be checked during this time. Review the Texas 4-H Rules and District 12 4-H rules to make sure you are following proper protocols. Participants can be disqualified if not following proper dress code, safety guidelines, or proper rifle equipment during rifle checks or while on the shooting line.

NEW! A remind group will be created for the day of the event. The intention behind the Remind Group is to provide communication for updates or changes throughout the District 12 Rifle Match on the day of the Please keep in mind, if you have questions throughout the day or before the event, please contact your County Extension Agent.

CEA Assignments/Responsibilities – Agent assignments will be released closer to the day of the event. Help setting up will be required the Friday before the contest. Please ensure you will be there to help with set-up for the event, if not, please notify the District 12 4-H Specialist. *County Agents, if you have a 4-H member that is selected for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship interview AND participating in the District 12 Rifle Match, please communicate that with the District 12 4-H Specialist before the deadline.*

Approval of registrations on County level needs to be approved by April 12th. Location & Facilities – The Duval

Shooting Complex will host both Rifle Matches. Participants are

welcome/encouraged to bring their own food/refreshments as there will not be concessions available. It is important to note that there is no running water or electricity at the facility, however, portable restrooms will

be

available. Participants are welcome to bring RV's (plenty of space) but there are no hookups for electricity, water, or waste. You are welcome to bring your own power supply. If you plan to bring a camper, please

confirm
with your County Extension for more information. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own shade (canopies) and chairs. All canopies must be properly and adequately secured to avoid safety issues.

Please share this information with your 4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and coaches. It is also posted on the District 12 website. Sincerely,