



GUADALUPE CO. 4-H GAZETTE

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County 4-H Recordbooks, Awards & Ambassador Applications DUE June 13 by 5pm

County 4-H Recordbooks will be DUE on Friday, June 13 at 5pm. You can access the recordbook training on YouTube at https://youtu.be/S_ytfkp9Z0Y. The following are the parts of the recordbook you will need to complete one! These links will take you to the specific parts of the recordbook:

- **4-H Story and Photo Portfolio** (You create this in Word...there is no pre-designated format)
- **Record Book Forms in Word Format** (This includes the Personal Information Page, and Record Forms)
- **4-H Record Book Family Guide** (This is the big book of rules for the recordbook!)

The **Guadalupe County 4-H Recordbook Helper Guide** will help you to figure out how to fill out the recordbook. You can find it at <https://guadalupe.agrilife.org/files/2024/04/Record-Book-Made-Easier.docx>

Additionally, County 4-H Awards and Ambassador Applications are DUE June 13 as well and the application is available online on our [Guadalupe.agrilife.org](https://guadalupe.agrilife.org) website, then click 4-H, then click awards applications OR thru this link

- <https://forms.gle/qHJfRVipbgaBK12q9>

AWARDS/ AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS

All interviews will take place on Monday, June 23 at the County Extension Office. You **MUST** be present for your interview unless at another sanctioned 4-H event. You will be sent a link to sign up for your interview time after applications are DUE.

Recordbook Judging and JUDGES NEEDED!

All county 4-H recordbooks will be judged Thursday, June 19 at the Comal County Extension Office starting at 8:30 am! **We need volunteers to help judge books and to leave good comments** to prepare them for district! Please let me know if you can help!

Upcoming Deadlines

- MAY 18—County Ambassador & Awards Workshop
- MAY 20—ENTO Photo and Bug Collection Due
- MAY 21—Final County Council Meeting of the Year
- MAY 27—Deadline for Leadership Lab & District 10 Officer Elections (THIS WILL FILL UP)
- MAY 28—Turkey Orders DUE
- JUNE 13—Recordbook, Awards & Ambassador Applications DUE
- JUNE 18—State Fair Sheep/Goat Validation @ Extension Office
- JUNE 19—County Recordbook Judging in Comal Co.
- JUNE 23—Awards and Ambassador Interviews
- JUNE 23—Steer & Heifer Validation @ Engel Farm
- JUNE 27—Steer & Heifer Validation @ Engel Farm
- JUNE 25– 27—District 10 Leadership Lab
- JUNE 26—Steer/Heifer Validation @ Engel Farm
- AUG 1— Banquet RSVP, Bucket Raffle, & Yearbook Artwork DEADLINE
- AUG 12— County 4-H Banquet

County 4-H Ambassador & Awards Informational Workshop, May 18

Matt and our current county 4-H Ambassadors will put on a workshop on Sunday, May 18 from 3-5pm for current 5th graders (going into 6th grade next year) to Juniors (going into seniors next year) to learn how to become a county 4-H ambassador. There will be leadership and communication activities that the ambassadors will conduct, a Q&A for current ambassadors for questions you might have about being an ambassador, and Matt will teach about the application process for county ambassadors AND county 4-H Awards.

Guadalupe County 4-H Banquet is Tuesday, August 12

Mark your calendars now because Tuesday, August 12 the day for our 4-H Banquet!! We will be glad to see all of you there! You must RSVP by August 1 so we have enough food. Remember, you need to attend this event if you are chosen as an award winner, ambassador or County Council Officer for this next year! We will be collecting toiletries to donate to the local Women's Shelter!

This year, we will be having a Bucket Raffle to help cover the cost of the banquet! We need items donated for our bucket raffle! You will be able to buy tickets that night and put them in the bucket for the items you would like! We will draw the tickets at the conclusion of the banquet and you must be present to win! Please turn in ALL items by August 1!

Guadalupe County 4-H Council Meeting & Elections

We will have our final meeting of the year for council on Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm at the county extension office! This will also be elections for the 2025-2026 4-H Year. Remember, you must have attended at least two county council meetings this year to run. There will be sheets on the wall to nominate yourself for a position. Be prepared to give a one minute speech about why you should be the next officer! Remember, you must be at least 13 to run for District Delegate, President and Vice President!

Guadalupe County 4-H Year Book Artwork Contest, DUE August 13

This year, we will be doing an artwork contest for the cover of the 2025-2026 4-H Yearbook! The Guadalupe County 4-H ambassadors will choose a theme for next year in June and we will have the contest during the summer. The Deadline for artwork to be turned in for judging will be August 13. The ambassadors will then vote on the artwork they like the best for the 2025-2026 yearbook cover and other promotional materials in the coming 4-H Year.

Steer & Heifer Validations, State Fair Validation & Turkey Orders

The following dates will be State Fair Sheep & Goat, state steer and heifer validation this June:

- State Fair Sheep & Goat Validation from 8-10am at the County Extension Office
- June 23 from 8am-4pm at Engel Farm (half mile south of FM 78 on Schwab Road on the right)
- June 27 from 8am-12pm at Engel Farm (half mile south of FM 78 on Schwab Road on the right)

A parent or guardian must be present to sign at validation. Please note for Heifer Validations, **you MUST have the ORIGINAL papers with you at validation** or your heifers will not be validated until the October heifer validation. Kim will email out the validation schedule to sign up for validation times in the coming days!

- TURKEY ORDERS are DUE May 28. The cost will be: 25 - \$118.75, 50 - \$237.50, 75 - \$356.25.

If you have any questions, please call Kim or Jeff at the extension office at 830-303-3889.

District 10 Leadership Lab Registration DUE May 27

WHERE: Alto Frio Baptist Camp, Leakey, Texas. 1385 Ranch Rd 1120, Leakey, TX 78873: June 25-27, 2025

THEME: SPACE COWBOYS!

COST: \$250 per Youth & \$220 per Agent. The cost includes all meals. It DOES NOT include transportation to and from the camp or Lunch on Wednesday (June 25st). Matt will NOT be able to take kids this year.

Lab Registration will be held from **May 1 – 27, 2025 for \$250** per youth. We will have a short late period of May 28-30, 2025 for \$300 per youth. NO EXCEPTIONS. You must sign up for this yourself! DO NOT WAIT TILL THE DEADLINE! Alto Frio does require youth to submit a Medical Information Release Online form prior to attending their facility. They need their own copy – and A&M requires we retain our own copies of waivers. What does this mean?

- Like previous years, youth will fill out a waiver packet that will be uploaded on 4HOnline along with a copy of their insurance card – [DOWNLOAD WAIVER PACKET](#)
- Additionally, Alto Frio Baptist Camp requires all attendees to submit a Medical Information & Release Online Form on their website here: [Medical Form 2025](#) - Summer Private Retreats - Formstack Select "4H Youth - Uvalde - June 24-27" under "Church Attending With" at the top of this form.
- Both of the items need to be done in order for a youth to attend!

WHAT TO BRING: Campers should review this Packing Checklist [HERE](#) to make sure they have all personal items needed for camp. If cell phones, headphones/earbuds, etc. become a distraction, they will be confiscated & returned at the end of camp. They will NOT be allowed during activities and must be left in the rooms at all times! All participants must be at least 13 years of age by the date of the Leadership Lab.

District 10 Council Officer Application DUE May 31

2025-2026 District 10 4-H Council officers will be elected during District Leadership Lab on June 25- June 27, 2025 at the Alto Frio Baptist Campgrounds. Any 4-H'er who has ATTENDED LEADERSHIP LAB AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THIS YEAR is eligible to seek an office.

- How to Apply: Qualified delegates interested in seeking Council office must apply by completing the application on 4HOnline later than May 31, 2025. Applications will be accepted online only, and it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure their application was received. No late applications accepted, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Process: Following application, candidates will need to prepare a 4 min speech about why they would like to run for District Office, Campaign Poster & participate in a question/answer session in front of the voting delegates.
- Campaign Materials: Candidates who apply will be allowed to bring ONE poster board size (22 inches X 28 inches) campaign poster to Lab! They are also allowed to create a "digital" poster to be submitted to the District Office to be shared on social media. No other campaign materials will be allowed

Elected District/State Officers: REQUIRED WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

The District Council President and 1st Vice-President also serve as members of the Texas 4-H State council and must be 16 years of age by August 31, 2025. In addition, they must be a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade the year they are serving on council. State Council Members are REQUIRED to attend the State 4-H Council workshop & Texas 4-H Roundup. If you cannot attend these events you cannot run for these offices.

- Texas 4-H Council Workshop - July 28-31, 2025 Location TBD & Texas 4-H Roundup – May 31 – June 4, 2026
- Please make sure to review & sign the State Council Contract ([HERE](#)) prior to running All other officers must be 14 years of age and cannot be older than 18 years on or before August 31, 2025. All District 10 Officers are REQUIRED to attend the District Officer Training.
- District 10 Officer Retreat October 24-25, 2025 Location TBD

Guadalupe County 4-H Scrapbooks DUE August 1 to Extension Office

If your 4-H Club is planning on turning in a club scrapbook, they are due in the office by August 1. <http://counties.agrilife.org/guadalupe/files/2018/06/Scrapbook-Guidelines-Scoring.pdf>

District 11 4-H Horse Show and Texas 4-H Horse Show Registration

While there will not be a District 10 4-H Horse Show this year, District 11 has opened their horse show to the youth of District 10!

Date: Wednesday & Thursday, May 28 & 29, 2025

Location: Brackenridge Event Center, 284 Brackenridge Pkwy, Edna, TX 77597

Entry/Registration: May 7 – 19, 2025

Late Registration (for an additional \$25): No Late Registration

2024 – 2025 Horse Show registration: There are two Youth registration selections, “Youth” and “Youth (Additional Entry)”. Every participant must select “Youth”. If a participant is entering more than one horse, they need to select “Youth (Additional Entry)” for each additional horse.

Entry Fee: \$20 management fee per exhibitor & \$20 per class

Register on 4-H Online by May 19. You can find more information [HERE](#) <————

For the Texas 4-H Horse Show, anyone may enter this show! Entries for the 2025 State 4-H Horse Show are open in 4-H Online through **July 1, 2025**. For state show rules and regulations, a schedule of events, hotel information, and other helpful resources, please visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/>. Please join the 4-H Faculty on **Tuesday, July 1st from 12:00-1:00 p.m. via Zoom** for a pre-show informational meeting! This is a great time to ask any questions they may have prior to arrival on the grounds.

Pre-Show Informational Meeting Link: <https://agrilife.zoom.us/j/93455077969?pwd=pZOHUkhACJPDNRxQPxb6W9ajLBA6a.I>

Families will have the option to purchase t-shirts through marketplace for the state show. Shirts can be pre-purchased and will be available for pick-up during the show. More details regarding the show and t-shirt ordering will be coming in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please let me know. As always, thank you for all you do!

Texas 4-H Summer Virtual Sportfishing Program

Registration – May 1 - 31, 2025 (Late registration is June 1-30, 2025)

Information: It's time to start preparing those rods and reels to **Reel 'em In** during the 2025 SUMMER Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing Program! You can download the marketing document [HERE](#) which includes live links to register in Texas 4-H, enroll in the tournament and skill-a-thon, detailed rules of play, and to review Texas Parks and Wildlife fishing regulations.

- Follow the program on Facebook at **2025 Texas 4-H Virtual Fishing** or **Texas 4-H Natural Resources** pages. Also, all information is now posted on the Texas 4-H website under the Sportfishing project page.
- Three live, but virtual, **educational presentations** via Zoom
- An 8-week **tournament** to fish in YOUR location for freshwater and saltwater species
- An opportunity to demo and test your fishing skills and knowledge in a new **Virtual Sportfishing Skill-a-thon contest**
- A way to earn your annual **Texas 4-H Sportfishing Certification** pin and, of course, outstanding **prizes** for those BIG catches!

National 4-H Index Survey: Deadline June 30, 2025 Online

All Texas 4-H members ages 13–18 should have received an email invitation to participate in the 2025 National 4-H Index. You can find it at https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Ow651oozVm23qK

This annual survey gathers data on youth outcomes in civic engagement, college and career readiness, healthy living, and science, while also assessing experiences through the 4-H Thriving Model. Results from the survey help inform national reporting and shape future programming. Counties with 30 or more completed surveys will receive a local impact report for use with commissioners and stakeholders.

To boost participation, the Sequor Youth Development Initiative will award Amazon gift cards to the top three counties with the highest completion rates: \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third. The survey remains open through June 30, 2025.

Entomology Photo & Bug Collection Contests Due May 20

Do you enjoy collecting and photographing or collecting insects? Budding 4-H entomologists in grades 3-12 are encouraged to register for the annual Texas 4-H Entomology Photography and Collection contest. Registration is open now on 4HOnline through May 20th. Learn more about the contest and registration details HERE at <https://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/4-h-entomology-contest-guidelines/>

Applications NOW AVAILABLE for 2025 National 4-H Congress

2025 National 4-H Congress event is set for November 28-December 2, 2025, in Atlanta, GA. Therefore, it is now time to have all youth who are interested in attending to apply to serve as a 2025 Texas 4-H Delegate at National 4-H Congress. Attached you will find the National 4-H Congress Announcement with details about the application process as well as additional details about travel, costs, etc. Please share with any interested parties that you have. Applications will be open from May 14th – May 29, 2025, on 4HOnline. There is no cost to apply for consideration as a delegate Applications are all on 4-H Online.

- National 4-H Congress Application Information - https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/national_congress_2025.pdf

2025 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games Registration

The 2025 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games registration STEP ONE is now open on 4-H online. Registration closes on June 15th. Please make sure to read the “State Games Handbook” on our webpage: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/> **before** you register. Participants must register on 4-H online. THEN go to iclays.com to register for STEP 2. This registration will open on May 28th and go through June 15th. iclays is a scheduling program, NOT a registration. They MUST register on 4-H online, then go to iclays. You will need your registration number from 4-H Online to do step two. If you cannot find it, please contact Matt at 210-860-3769.

Texas 4-H Summer Camps at the Texas 4-H Center

Texas 4-H Offers NUMEROUS camping opportunities at the Texas 4-H Center this summer! Camps take place all summer and are on different topic and activities. Deadlines are coming soon, as each camp has its own deadline. If you would like to sign up for one of these camps, please visit the link below to register and see which camps are available!

- <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>



2025 GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Congratulations to the following youths on receiving a county 4-H scholarship!!

WINNERS FOR 2025:

- ✓ Justin Braune - Bartoskewitz Foundation Scholarship
- ✓ Caleb Anderson - Bartoskewitz Foundation Scholarship
- ✓ Hunter Stevens - Margie Reinhard Trust Scholarship
- ✓ Montana White - Guadalupe County 4-H Scholarship & Genevieve Moore Memorial Scholarship
- ✓ Cecily Hanselka - Guadalupe County 4-H Booster Club Scholarship
- ✓ Rhett Rohde - Guadalupe County 4-H Booster Club Scholarship
- ✓ Bailey Baker - Guadalupe County 4-H Booster Club Scholarship & County EEA Scholarship
- ✓ Megan Ohnheiser - Guadalupe County 4-H Booster Club Scholarship
- ✓ Eduardo Barrera Jr. - Miranda Memorial Scholarship

Info will be sent to each 4-Her on how to obtain the scholarship and who to send thank you letters to! Congratulations!!!



I would like to take a moment to recognize one of our MANY long time volunteers in Guadalupe County 4-H! When we got together to do our Get Your Goat fundraiser for the county 4-H Exchange program a few weeks back, we took a few minutes to recognize Mary Rohde as a recipient of the 2025 Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence 4-H Alumni Award! Mrs. Rohde started her 4-H career in this county as a youth, and has continued to be involved with her kids, and now grandkids! For 20+ years, she has worked with Tammy Bargfrede as the leaders for the exchange program! Congratulations Mrs. Rohde!!

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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