



# PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H

## Update



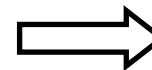
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### September 2025

- 12 Sheep & Goat Tag Orders for Major Stock Shows**  
*Sheep and Goat tags for major shows (2026 County Stock Show, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, and Austin) are due to the Extension office. Tags are \$25 each and that needs to be paid when you order. Late tags (after Sept. 12) will be \$30 each. **New this year!! ALL sheep, goat, cattle, and swine projects shown at the county stock show are REQUIRED to be state validated. Give us a call at 940-659-1228 if you have any questions.***
- 14 United Way Penny Auction** - Volunteers are needed to help at the United Way Penny Auction that will be held at the Crazy Water Hotel on September 14th. Both youth and adult volunteers are needed anytime between 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. to help with drinks and concession. United Way of Palo Pinto County provides funds to Palo Pinto County 4-H to help support activities throughout the year. Please use the QR code below to sign up to help. Thank you!!
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- United Way provides support to Palo Pinto County 4-H
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- 18 4-H Food & Nutrition Project Leader Meeting** - this meeting is for 4-H Leaders, Parents, and Coaches. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Palo Pinto. Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 if you plan to attend.
- 21 4-H Rifle & Pistol Mandatory Firearm Safety Class/Orientation**  
*This class is required for both new and returning shooters. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Expo Building in Mineral Wells. Please call or text Ky Carter at 817-304-7094 to register for the class.*
- 22 Rabbit Orders Due** - If you plan to order a rabbit from Ronnie Lee to show at the County Stock Show, you need to have your orders to him by September 22, 2025. Call 940-659-1228 to get an order form. **Payment is due at the time of ordering!**
- 22 4-H Council Meeting & Leadership Workshop** - This will be held at the Extension Office in Palo Pinto from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 4-H club officers and other members who are interested in leadership are encouraged to attend.
- 25 Deadline to order Chicks for Major Shows** - If you plan to show broilers at Houston, San Antonio, or Austin in 2026 please come by the Extension office on or before the 25th so we can get your order in.
- 26 Deadline to order Swine Tags for County & Major Shows** - If you plan to show a swine project at 2026 County, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston or Austin, contact the Extension office at 940-659-1228 to order your tags.

### October 2025

- 2 Knife Skills & Kitchen Safety Workshop** - This will be held at the Extension Office from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 2nd and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 4th. **OR** Currently enrolled 4-H members can choose which day they would like to attend. The content will be the same, so it is only necessary to attend one session. Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 if you would like to attend.
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- 6 Entry Deadline for County Food Challenge Contest** - Please call the Palo Pinto County Extension office at 940-659-1228 to enter your team!
- 15 County Food Show Entries Due** - Entry forms and recipes are due to the Extension office. Call 940-659-1228 for more information.
- 7, 14 & 28 Livestock Judging Practices** - each practice will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto and begin at 6:00 p.m.
- 19 County Food Challenge Contest** - This is a team event that will be held at Palo Pinto I.S.D. Entries are due **October 6, 2025.**
- 20 Sheep & Goat Validation for County & Major Shows** - This will be held at the EXPO Center in Mineral Wells from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All lambs or goats that will be shown at County or Major shows **MUST** be present to be eligible to show. County show entries will be done at this time as well. **Exhibitors and parents must be there for state validation.**
- 20 Broiler Orders & Entries for County Show due** - If you would like to show broilers at the County Stock Show, you need to be at the Expo Center in Mineral Wells between 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 20th to pay for your County Show entries and order and pay for your chicks.
- 20 Heifer Validation for County and Major Shows** - Heifers that will be showing at County or Major Shows will need to be at the EXPO center between 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be validated. County entries will be done at this time too. If your heifer was validated back in June and your county entry was paid, then you are **NOT** required to bring it again. **Please bring heifer papers to validation. A parent must be present to do state validation paperwork.**
- 23 County Food Show** - This contest will be held at the Palo Pinto County Extension office. Rules and guidelines can be found on our website <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/palo-pinto-county/> Entries are due to the Extension Office by **October 15, 2025.**

## It's Time to Enroll or Re-enroll for the New 4-H Year

We are glad that you have chosen to be a part of Texas 4-H and the Palo Pinto County 4-H program! Below is some important information about enrolling for the 2025-2026 4-H Year.

- Texas 4-H requires every 4-H youth member and volunteer leader to enroll or re-enroll each 4-H year.
- Texas 4-H has an annual participation fee for youth members of \$25.00 up to October 31, 2025, and a \$30.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 2025-2026 4-H year. The enrollment fee for Clover Kids (grade K-2) will be \$10.00.
- To be a 4-H member, the enrollment form and fee must be submitted and entered into the 4-H Online system. To access 4-H Online to enroll or to register for an event, please contact the Palo Pinto County Extension Office to obtain your login information.
- 4-H volunteers that work directly with youth must be screened before becoming a volunteer. The fee for volunteer enrollment each year is \$10.00, and Palo Pinto County 4-H will reimburse that fee upon request. They are then are rescreened every three years.

## Attention Major Livestock Show Exhibitors

Quality Counts verification is required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require exhibitors to pass an online test with a minimum of 80% . Exhibitors only need to be verified once as a junior (grades 3-5), once as an intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a senior (grades 9-12). This must be completed before entering any major livestock show.

**Please contact the Extension office at 940-659-1228 to get instructions.**

## PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H



## CLUB OFFICER & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

**Monday, September 22, 2025 | 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Palo Pinto County Extension Office | 221 S. 5th Ave. | Palo Pinto**

**Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 by Monday, September 15th**

**For 4-H Officers &  
Members Interested  
in a Leadership Role**

### Agenda to Include:

- Officer Roles
- Tips for Planning Successful Club Meetings
- Games to Share with Your Club
- Kick-off of County 4-H Council for the Year
- Food & Fun

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**Join us!**

## 4-H Food & Nutrition Project Update & Planning Meeting

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 6:00 PM**  
**PALO PINTO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**221 S. 5TH AVE. | PALO PINTO**

This meeting is for leaders, parents, and older 4-H'ers interested in learning more about project opportunities and resources. We will also plan project workshops and county contests. Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

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