

Uvalde County 4-H October 2025



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UVALDE COUNTY

OCT 1	Utopia 4-H Club Meeting
OCT 2	4-H Entomology Workshop
OCT 5	ONE-DAY Bingo- Uvalde 4-H Jr/Sr Club Meeting
OCT 6	Uvalde 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meeting
OCT 8	Knippa 4-H Meeting
OCT 8	Sabinal 4-H Meeting
OCT 9	4-H Entomology Workshop
OCT 10	Novice Program Notifications DUE
OCT 11	Rabbit Workshop
OCT 14	Robotics Workshop
OCT 16	4-H Entomology Workshop
OCT 17	Novice Program Animals PAYMENT DUE
OCT 21	Juntos 4-H
OCT 23	4-H Entomology Workshop
OCT 23	Sheep & Goat Validation—Sabinal
OCT 25	Sheep & Goat Validation—Uvalde
NOV 3	Broiler Orders DUE
NOV 3	Photography Entries DUE
NOV 6	Swine Validation—Sabinal
NOV 8	Swine Validation—Uvalde

**For meeting times & locations to our website or click [HERE](#).*

DISTRICT 10

OCT 1	D10 Fall Roundup Registration BEGINS
OCT 5	National 4-H Week
OCT 11	One Day 4-H
OCT 28	D10 Fall Roundup Registration ENDS

STATE

OCT 5	National 4-H Week
OCT 11	One Day 4-H

What we have been doing!

Food & Nutrition Workshop

Local 4-H members recently gathered for a Food & Nutrition Workshop to prepare for the upcoming **2025 Food Show and Food Challenge contests**. During the workshop, youth learned about contest rules, guidelines, and strategies to help them succeed in these popular competitions.

In addition to contest preparation, members participated in a fun round of **MyPlate Bingo**, reinforcing their knowledge of healthy food groups and nutrition. The hands-on portion of the workshop gave participants a chance to put their healthy eating into practice by creating their own snacks using rice cakes, bananas, and other nutritious toppings.



The workshop not only helped youth build knowledge and skills for competition but also encouraged healthy eating habits they can take home and share with their families.

UVALDE COUNTY 4-H WELCOMES CLOVER KIDS!

Do you have a child in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade**? Uvalde County 4-H is excited to welcome our youngest members into the **Clover Kids program**! Clover Kids gives children the chance to explore the world of 4-H through fun, hands-on activities designed just for their age group.

Parents can enroll their children online at: <https://www.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.
For more information on Clover Kids, click **HERE**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to build confidence, make friends, and get an early start in 4-H. We encourage all of our 4-H families to **share this information with friends, neighbors, and relatives** who may have young children interested in joining. Let's spread the word and grow the next generation of 4-H members!

“Our greatest glory
is not in never falling, but
in rising every time we fall.”
—Confucius

Coming up!

NEW ONE-DAY Bingo! - COMMUNITY SERVICE

*October 5, 2025, Martin Street Assisted Living—3:00 PM
214 Martin St., Uvalde, TX*

As part of the **National One-Day 4-H Community Service event**, local 4-H members will gather at **Martin Street Assisted Living Facility** to enjoy an afternoon of **Bingo with the residents**. The event will take place at **3:00 p.m.** and will serve as this month's activity in place of the regularly scheduled **Uvalde 4-H Junior/Senior Club Meeting**.

This special service project gives youth a chance to connect with community members, share smiles, and brighten the day for residents, all while celebrating the 4-H commitment to service and leadership.

NEW UVALDE COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR & SENIOR CLUBS —OCTOBER COMMUNITY SERVICE

DEADLINE: October 10, 2025

This month's community service project is a **Teacher Gratitude Card Campaign!** Let's show our teachers how much they mean to us. All cards will be delivered teachers as a reminder of how valued and appreciated they are. No gesture is too small — your words could be the encouragement a teacher needs that day!

What to do:

- ◆ Write **10 or more cards** with words of appreciation or encouragement for a teacher.
- ◆ Turn your cards in at the Extension Office **or** bring them to the **October 5th club meeting**.

Together, we can brighten a teacher's day!

NEW UVALDE COUNTY 4-H COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sweet October Service Project

This month, Uvalde County 4-H is participating in the **Sweet October Service Project** to share kindness and brighten someone's day.

Each club is asked to prepare **10 clear cellophane bags** filled with **assorted, individually wrapped candies**. These candy bags will be delivered to **FLS students at each school** as a thoughtful gesture of encouragement and support.

How to Participate:

- Bring your candy bags to your **October club meeting**, **or**
- Drop them off at **Ede & Company, 133 N. Camp St.**

Deadline: All candy bags must be turned in **by October 21st**.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

– Mahatma Gandhi

Coming up!

NEW

ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Thursdays October 2—November 20, A&M Research & Extension Center, Uvalde, TX

Discover the Fascinating World of Insects!

Did you know that nearly **three-fourths of all animals on Earth are insects**? Because they are so numerous, insects impact our daily lives in both good and bad ways.

Through the **4-H Entomology Project**, you'll explore the incredible world of insects by **studying, collecting, and identifying** different species. You'll discover how helpful and harmful insects live, multiply, and affect humans — and gain a new appreciation for the tiny creatures that share our world.

Participants will also have the opportunity to **compete in Entomology Judging Contests**, putting their knowledge and skills to the test!

Workshops are held every Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Questions? Contact the Extension Office at **830-278-6661** or reach out to **Noel Troxclair**.

Join us to discover the mysteries of the insect world — you might be surprised at what you find!

NEW

UVALDE COUNTY FOOD SHOW & FOOD CHALLENGE

STAY TUNED for more information on the date and how to register for the upcoming Uvalde County 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge. Uvalde County 4-H will follow the same rules and guidelines as the District 10 Food Show and Challenge. You can find them [HERE](#).

TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE DISCOVERY EVENT

DEADLINE: October 27, 2025

This is NOT the annual Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge event held in June. This **Discovery event** is a smaller 5-activity event held on **one day only**. The purpose of the event is to provide a closer look at the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge event during a shorter time period. The five events will be Outdoor Skills, Biologist Skills, Air Rifle, Archery and Biking. The contest will follow the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Study Guide attached to this email and found here <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>. Please read the rules for each event carefully as they provide all the study materials needed. ([FLYER](#))

WHERE: Davis Mountain Preserve, Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County **WHEN:** November 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: September 29th- October 27th on 4-H Online. There is also free registration option for agents where interested in attending.

COST: \$35 per participant

LODGING/MEALS: Lodging & meals will be the responsibility of the families, please plan tbring a lunch. The Davis Mountains State Park is close by and a great place tcamp or stay at the lodge. Fort Davis alshas hotel options.

Updated Meat Judging Resources NOW AVAILABLE!

4-H Members now have access ta playlist of videos from the 2021 Virtual Meat Judging Clinic and the 2020 Virtual 4-H Meat Contest to help this year's participants prepare for upcoming events and contests. See links below!

The playlist can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIITU9YR3y_bfaAasxoZZlpUU_-LRn0D

It can also be found on the 4-H Meat Judging Website: [Meat Judging Online Training - 4-H Meat Judging](#)

Coming up!

NEW

DISTRICT 10 FOOD SHOW & FOOD CHALLENGE GUIDELINES RELEASED

December 3, 2025—District 10 Food Challenge

December 4, 2025—District 10 Food Show

The 2025 District 10 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Guidelines have been released! You can access all documents below. Please remember that our District 10 4-H rules may be different from these guidelines. Please stay tuned for more updates.

- [District 10 4-H Food Challenge Rules](#) [JUNIOR Supply Kit List](#) [INTERMEDIATE Supply Kit List](#) [SENIOR Supply Kit List](#)
- [District 10 4-H Food Show Rules](#) [25-26 Texas 4-H Food Show Recipe Submission Paperwork](#) [OTHER RESOURCES](#)

NEW

STATE FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN CONTEST GUIDELINES RELEASED

◆ The 2026 Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Contest Guidelines have been released! You can access the documents below. Please remember that our District 10 4-H rules may be different from these guidelines. Please stay tuned for more updates!

- ◆ [2026 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Guidelines](#) New “Upcycle your Style” & “Promote Texas Natural Fiber” Categories
- ◆ [2026 Texas 4-H Duds to Dazzle Guidelines](#)
- ◆ [2026 Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard Guidelines](#)

NEW

TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

2026 Guidelines are now released — all scholarship information posted [HERE](#)

[Outside Scholarship List](#) [Outside Scholarships - Google Sheets](#)

NEW

AI CHALLENGE

Students and educators can participate in a unique opportunity to [advance AI education for American youth!](#) The Trump Administration is launching a yearlong challenge for K-12 students across the country to spark interest in Artificial Intelligence! Students who join the Presidential Challenge can access training & resources to help them complete a project that can either be a study or development of an AI method or tool to solve a local community problem. Participants can choose

NEW

2025 AGGIEFEST LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

October 25, 2025, College Station, TX

Be a part of the tradition! See [FLYER](#) for more information.



NEW

FALL PROSPECT SHOWS

The Atascosa County Fair Association invites all 4-H members to exhibit at their Fall prospect shows! Details and flyers are linked below:

“Sonny” Domsch Memorial Annual Prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer & Steer Show – Saturday October 4, 2024

- ◆ [FLYER](#)
- ◆ Early Entry Deadline is Sept. 26, 2025 Late Entries will be accepted the day of the Show

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show (Steer & Heifer Show) – October 25, 2025

- ◆ [FLYER](#)

Coming up!

Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Seguin, TX)

- ◆ **When:** October 18-19, 2025 ([Event Letter](#))
- ◆ **Registration Period:** September 15 – 30, 2025 (\$130) via 4HOnline
- ◆ **Late Registration:** October 1– 3, 2025 (\$150) via 4HOnline
- ◆ **Cost:** \$130 (Includes meals & materials)
- ◆ **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage & Hunting & Wildlife

District 6 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Andrews, TX)

- ◆ **When:** November 1-2, 2025 (Event Letter)
- ◆ **Registration Period:** September 19 – October 23, 2025 via 4HOnline
- ◆ **Cost:** \$140
- ◆ **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol

District 9 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Conroe, TX)

- ◆ **When:** November 8-9, 2025 ([Website](#))
- ◆ **Registration Period:** October 8 - 22, 2025 via 4HOnline
- ◆ **Cost:** \$140 (Includes meals, snacks, curriculum, and all training materials)
- ◆ **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol & Hunting & Wildlife

District 1 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Amarillo, TX)

- ◆ **When:** November 8-9, 2025 ([Event Letter](#))
- ◆ **Registration Period:** September 8 – October 24, 2025 via 4HOnline
- ◆ **Cost:** \$140 (Includes meals, snacks, curriculum, and all training materials)
- ◆ **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (La Vernia, TX)

- When:** November 15-16, 2025 ([Flyer](#))
- Registration Period:** October 6 – 28, 2025 (\$130) via 4HOnline
- Late Registration:** October 29– 31, 2025 (\$150) via 4HOnline
- Cost:** \$130 (Includes meals & materials)
- Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol & Muzzleloading (tentatively)

UCJLS NEWS!

RABBIT WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 18, 2025 2-4 pm

El Progreso Memorial Library

Join us for a hands-on **Rabbit Workshop** on **Saturday, October 18, from 2–4 PM at the El Progreso Memorial Library**. Youth will learn about feeding, caring, grooming, and handling rabbits, along with show rules and what to expect on show day. The workshop will also feature a **live showmanship demonstration**. Don't miss this great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming show season!



MARKET BROILERS ORDERS DUE!

November 3, 2025

Students interested in showing market broilers at the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show (UCJLS) must order their chicks through the following link: [Market Broiler Order Form](#). All chicks come from a single hatchery, ensuring every participant starts on an even playing field.

Market broilers are a great entry project, especially for families who may not have space for larger livestock. They're easy to handle, cost is relatively low, housing is simple, pens are lightweight, and at the end of the project, they provide meat for the table.



Raising broilers is an excellent first step for youth to gain experience, responsibility, and confidence in animal care while participating in UCJLS. Contact Jill Cox at 830-333-5777 for more information.

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES

November 3, 2025 @ 5:00 PM—**NEXCEPTIONS OR LATE ENTRIES ALLOWED**

Don't miss the chance to showcase your unique perspective in the UCJLS Photography Contest—it's the perfect opportunity to showcase your passion—whether it's livestock, nature or something else. See page 25 of the [UCJLS+RULES++2025-2026.pdf](#) for more information.



NEW QUALITY COUNTS INFORMATION

Quality Counts enrollment is required for **new members who have not shown before** or for those **moving up to a new division** (for example: Junior, Grades 3–5 → Intermediate, Grades 6–8 → Senior, Grades 9–12).

Enrollment is completed online by following the instructions here: [Quality Counts Enrollment Instructions](#).

- ◆ **Please note:** Quality Counts is required for all **major livestock shows**. Each exhibitor must complete the course **before entry deadlines**.

UCLS NEWS!

2025 NOVICE ANIMAL PROGRAMS

As we begin the 2025–2026 4-H Program Year, we want to remind you that our Novice Animal Programs are once again available for eligible members.

This year, we will continue to offer the **Novice Doe (Goat)** program as well as the **Novice Breeding Sheep & Market Lambs** program.

To be eligible the 4-H member must:

- ◆ Be 8 yrs old by September 1st and in the 3rd grade. Maximum age is 12 yrs old.
- ◆ Be an active 4-H member
- ◆ Not have shown in 2 county shows

Members may only compete in the Novice Division for a maximum of 2 consecutive years.

Novice Doe (Goat)

Cost \$150

Contact Felisha Tinker by phone at 830.279.3729 or by email at ftinker12@gmail.com on or before September 26th to be put on the list.

See [FLYER](#) for more information

Breeding Sheep

Cost: \$300

Contact: Donna Ede at 830-591-7904

See [FLYER](#) for more information

Market Lambs

Cost: \$300

Contact: Jody Griffin at 210-381-8110

See [FLYER](#) for more information



For questions regarding UCJLS Entries please contact **Larri Wright** at **830-486-6952** or send her an email at lwright@tempestclaims.net

Go to <https://www.ucjls.org/> for more information.

OCTOBER VALIDATIONS

SHEEP & GOAT VALIDATION

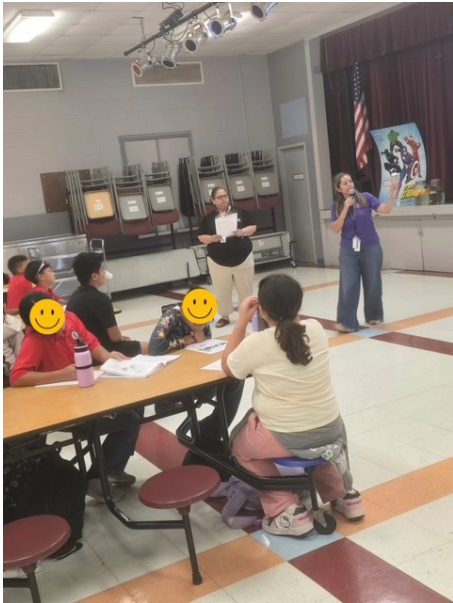
October 23, 2025, 4:00—6:00 pm | Sabinal High School

October 25, 2025, 8:00—12:00 pm | Uvalde High School

County tags are \$3 each.

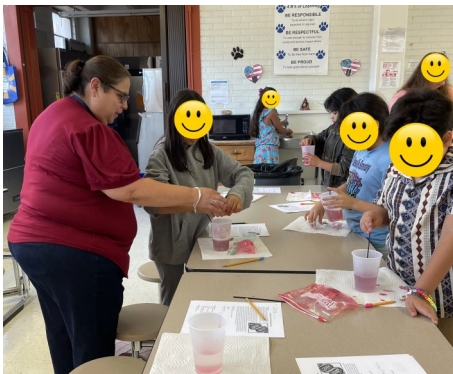
Agents' Corner

Extension Programming Highlights This Month



Jennifer Barnett from PVAMU and Molly Flores from AgriLife have been actively teaching the *Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness* curriculum at UDLA in partnership with the ACE program. Through this initiative, students are learning valuable lessons about nutrition labels, physical fitness, and healthy eating habits.

In addition to the nutrition programming, the team also visited **Batesville School** to lead a hands-on **STEM activity on how to extract DNA from a strawberry**, sparking curiosity and excitement about science among students.



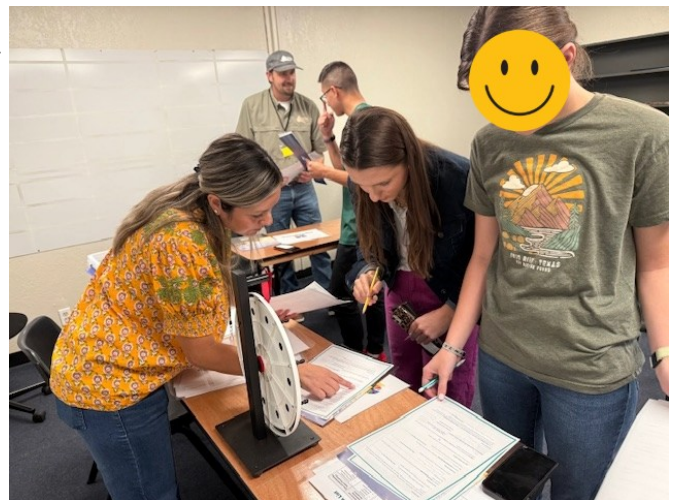
Financial Literacy Programming in Action

Our PVAMU Extension Agent, Jennifer Barnett, is introducing a new financial literacy program titled "**It's Your Money.**" This program consists of **five interactive les-**

sons and a **real-world financial simulation**, developed in partnership with **Capital Farm Credit.**

Jennifer has already completed sessions with **juniors and seniors at Uvalde Classical Academy** and is currently delivering the program at **Crossroads Academy, Uvalde High School's ACE Program, and Morales Junior High.**

Through this initiative, students are gaining valuable knowledge about budgeting, saving, and making smart financial decisions—skills that will serve them well throughout life. Thank you, Capital Farm Credit!



Agents' Corner

Students Explore the World of Insects at Agri-Women Fair

At this year's Agri-Women Fair, Extension Agent Noel Troxclair presented on entomology, giving local students a chance to learn which insects are helpful to agriculture and which can be harmful. The interactive session highlighted the important roles insects play in everyday life.



Students left with insect-themed snacks and a new appreciation for the tiny creatures that make a big impact on our world.



4-H Members Complete Hunter's Education Class

Extension Agent **Noel Troxclair** recently led a **Hunter's Education Class**, providing youth with the knowledge and skills they need to be safe and responsible in the outdoors. Participants learned about fire-arm safety, hunting laws and regulations, wildlife conservation, and the importance of ethical hunting practices.


The training prepared participants to become safe, informed hunters while also encouraging stewardship of natural resources. By completing the class, youth not only met state requirements for hunter's certification but also gained lifelong skills that promote responsibility, safety, and respect for wildlife.



Veterans Suicide Awareness Ruck Hike

Uvalde County Extension Agent, **Molly Flores**, participated in this year's **Veterans Suicide Awareness Ruck Hike** at **Garner State Park**. During the event, she handed out educational resources and awareness materials to hikers, showing the Extension's support for veterans and their families. This community outreach effort reflects the organization's commitment to service and to promoting mental health awareness.





“Just like school starts fresh in September, every day is a new chance to learn and grow.”

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