

BLANCO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



4-H members participated in a Vet Tech program September 22nd. They learned important skills & even got to visit Johnson City Veterinary Clinic!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Broiler Orders Due Livestock Judging 4:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Wild Game Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> 6
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<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Sheep & Goat validation Blanco <input type="checkbox"/> 22	Junior Master Gardener 4:30 <input type="checkbox"/> 23	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 26	<input type="checkbox"/> 27
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JOIN BLANCO COUNTY 4-H FOR OUR FIRST

CAKE PICNIC



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

3:00-4:00

BLANCO COUNTY EXHIBIT HALL

619 US HWY 281N

JOHNSON CITY, TX 78636

\$10 PLUS A CAKE GETS YOU ENTRY AND A BOX TO FILL WITH CAKE



USE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR
OFFICE TO BUY TICKETS

PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMMING AT THE
BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH EXHIBIT HALL EVENT,

HELPING PROVIDE A BETTER EXPERIENCE FOR LOCAL 4-H, FCCLA, AND FFA PARTICIPANTS.

District 10 2025-2026 Calendar

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Oct. 1, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, Oct. 29 - 31, 2025	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Dec. 3, 2025	· Food Challenge
Dec. 4, 2025	· Food Show · FCH Quiz Bowl
Dec. 5, 2025	· Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 20, 2026	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 17, 2026	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 18-20, 2026	
Mar. 9, 2026	· Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 20, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 17, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. Feb 18-20, 2026	
Feb. 17, 2026	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 31, 2026	Photography <i>Results Released</i>

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 14, 2026	· Leaders 4 Life (TBD)
April 15, 2026	· Meat Judging (San Angelo TX)
April 20, 2026	· Livestock Judging
April 21, 2026	· Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation
April 22, 2026	· Livestock Skillathon · 4-H Storyboard &
April 23, 2026	· Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)
April 24, 2026	· Talent Showcase · Consumer Decision
April 25, 2026	· Smallbore Rifle (Floresville TX)
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026	
EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. June 24-26, 2026	
EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026	

4-H REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

2025-2026 Texas 4-H Enrollment Guides & Instructions

Information: Please utilize the PDF resources below to help new and returning families navigate the 4HOnline system and re-enroll as soon as possible. Remember to access 4HOnline here: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

- **Youth Enrollment Fee (\$25):** Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:
 - o Minimum Age – 8 (as of September 1, 2025, in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
 - o Maximum Age – 18 (as of September 1, 2025)
- **Clover Enrollment Fee (\$10):** Youth who are minimum of five years old AND eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year and have no started the 3rd grade on September 1.
- **Adult Enrollment Fee (\$10):** Adults who have surpassed their 18th birthday and are no longer enrolled in school by September 1.

[DOWNLOAD](#) – Welcome to 4-H Handout & 4HOnline [DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Profiles

[DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Enrollment Guides [DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Account Editing

Youth – [NEW](#) | [RENEW](#) | [Processing](#) [DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Account Duplicate Error

Volunteer – [NEW](#) | [RENEW](#) | [Processing](#) [DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Credit Card Deleting

[DOWNLOAD](#) – Family Password Reset

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER!

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 5–12

Show your 4-H pride by wearing green on Monday!

Throughout the week, grab a friend and take part in a community service activity. Don't forget to snap a photo and send it in. **Clubs with the highest percentage of participation will win an ice cream float party at a club meeting!**

Community service projects must take place between October 5–12. A photo of your activity must be submitted for it to count



Need ideas?



- Write cards for nursing homes, hospitals, or the military
- Make and donate bookmarks to the library
- Read a book to younger students
- Put together hygiene kits for nursing homes
- Collect or make items for animal shelters (blankets, toys, pet food)
- Organize a neighborhood or park clean-up

Food Pantry Donation Theme

For October is:

- “Chili Cookoff” -



- Dried or canned beans, canned tomatoes, chili seasoning, canned jalapenos, canned chili, shelf stable meats, crackers, rice.





Youth Gardening & Horticulture

2025-2026 Schedule

*subject to change

October 21- Soils, Old Blanco County Courthouse

November 18- Water Conservation, Location TBD

December 9- Herbs & seasonal plants, Science Mill

February 17- Propagation, Blanco Library

March 10- Native Plant ID- Gem of the Hills

April 21- Pollinators, Blue Barn

May 19- Awards and Klepac Greenhouse tour

All ages welcome! Every meeting starts at **4:30**.

**Join the GroupMe for reminders and schedule
updates- [Click here!](#)**



Blanco County YOUTH SHOW



2025-26

Rule Book



SHOW

December 29-30, 2025

SALE

January 3, 2026

Sponsored by the Blanco County 4-H and FFA Youth Council whose purpose is to promote agriculture and other activities of 4-H and FFA

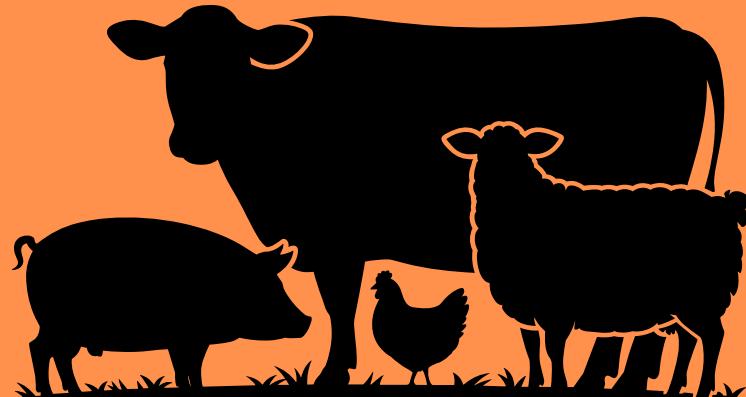
Blanco County Youth Show-
blanco.agrilife.org/youth-show

Did you know??

When you validate a livestock project for the major shows, you are agreeing to follow the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy. One of the most important parts of this policy is Rule #3, which requires that you, as the exhibitor (with help from your family), provide the primary daily care of your animals from the time they are validated until the end of their show eligibility. This means feeding, housing, training, and looking after their overall health and well-being.

A key part of Rule #3 is that the address listed on your validation form should be your property (not a friend's barn or another facility). **Your animals are expected to remain at that address unless you have prior approval for them to be housed somewhere else.** There is also a new process this year for requesting those approvals, so if you know your animal may need to be moved, please contact Carley Howell right away so we can make sure the proper form is submitted. Not following Rule #3 can put your validation and eligibility at risk, so it's very important to plan ahead!

To read the full ethics policy, [click here.](#)



SPARK!

Light Up Luau



- Includes 4-H exploration, dancing, camp activities, and FUN!
- Hosted by Texas 4-H Council
- Camp for Junior & Intermediate 4-H Members
- November 7-9, 2025
- Held at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood
- \$175 per participant
- Registration opened September 1st on the Texas 4-H Center website

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EXTENSION



Livestock Judging

This week we were thrilled to have Cahil Murchison join us! He shared his expertise on hogs, told some amazing stories from his time traveling with his 4-H team, and reflected on how those experiences helped shape his path to becoming a successful lawyer. We were grateful to have him coach our final practice before the State Fair!



Hill Country Spurs

At their September meeting the club discussed upcoming events and reminders for validation and tag orders. We agreed on putting together a fishing basket for the wild game dinner on the 4th as well as what community service project we will do for National 4-H week. The club agreed to make care bags for the nursing home. Our next meeting will be on October 15th at 6:30 at the exhibit hall. We will go over hunting season procedures and good gun handling.



Early Bird

Early Bird 4-H Club Meeting

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Pleasant Hill School

- Early Bird 4-H Club:

- * Welcomed New Members: Bobbi Henkes and Waelynn LaCrone
- * Welcomed Council Delegates Mallory Steele and Baylee Stanko
- * Katelyn Shanks read the Minutes from the May 13, 2025 Meeting
 - * Travis Shanks gave the Treasurer's Report
- * Baylee Stanko gave the Council Delegates Report from the September 9, 2025 Council Delegates Meeting

- Wild Game Dinner Donation:

- * Early Bird 4-H Club is donating 2 Silent Auction Baskets for the Wild Game Dinner.

*Julie Shanks has set up a Sign Up Genius with a list of items needed for each basket.

- * Each family is asked to Donate 1 Dozen Desserts, Pre-cut/packaged and delivered to the Blanco County Show Barn by 2 pm Saturday, October 4, 2025.

- Raffle Fundraiser:

- *Early Bird 4-H Club voted to proceed with the Port Aransas Raffle (Details Pending)

Bridgitte Hurlbut is working out the Raffle details.

- Lights Spectacular Fundraiser:

- *Early Bird 4-H Club voted to proceed with the Lights Spectacular Fundraiser,
Sausage Wraps and Hot Dogs.

Dates are Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13, 2025.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 6:30 pm



The Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall Rules are posted at

blanco.agrilife.org/blanco-county-youth-exhibit-hall

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