

Uvalde County 4-H December 2025



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“May this Christmas
remind us of the
blessings we carry, and
may the New Year
inspire us to grow,
dream, and
keep moving forward.”

UVALDE COUNTY

DEC 6	Market Broilers Pick Up
DEC 12	Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Party & Dance
DEC 13	Wreaths Across America
DEC 24-26	OFFICE CLOSED
JAN 1	OFFICE CLOSED
JAN 4	Rabbit Validation
JAN 5-8	UCJLS Baked Foods & Salsa Container Pick Up
JAN 12	4-H Adult Organization Meeting

*For meeting times & locations click [HERE](#).



The flyer for the 4-H Christmas Party & Dance is set against a dark background with festive decorations like a string of lights and ornaments. It features the logos for 4-H, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and Uvalde County. The text includes:

4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY & DANCE
DJ + PIZZA + GAMES + CRAFTS
Entry: 1 unwrapped toy & 3 non-perishable food items

FRIDAY | 12 DECEMBER, 2025
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
WILLIE DE LEON CIVIC CENTER, UVALDE

CLUB MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

Uvalde Jr : Individually wrapped chips and vegetables
Uvalde Sr: Canned Drinks/Water
Shooting Sports : Individually wrapped sweets or fruit
Horse Club : Individually wrapped salty snacks (no peanuts)
Knippa : Canned Drinks/Water
Sabinal : Paper Plates and Napkins
Utopia / ACE / Juntos : Individually wrapped sweets

*Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

Coming up!

NEW Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Party & Dance

December 12, 2025 | 6:30 pm

Get ready for a fun and festive evening! The Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Party & Dance will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the **Willie De Leon Civic Center**. All 4-H members and families are invited to join us for a night filled with **snacks, games, and DJ-led dancing**.

As part of our community service efforts, **entry to the event is one unwrapped toy and three non-perishable food items**. These donations will help bring holiday cheer to local families in need.

NEW Wreaths Across America

December 13, 2025

Uvalde County 4-H members, families, and community volunteers are invited to participate in this year's **Wreaths Across America** wreath-laying ceremony. This meaningful service project honors and remembers the veterans laid to rest in our local cemeteries.

We will begin at **Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde at 9:30 a.m.**, followed by wreath placement at the **Knippa Cemetery in Knippa**. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, and no registration is required—just come ready to help.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back, show respect, and ensure that no hero is forgotten during the holiday season. We hope you'll join us in supporting this important tradition.



NEW Holiday Office Hours

December 24-26, 2025 & January 1, 2026

Just a quick reminder that the Uvalde County AgriLife Extension Office will be **closed December 24–26** for Christmas, and again on **January 1** as we welcome the New Year. ☺

As we wrap up the year, we want to share our heartfelt appreciation for all of our 4-H families and community partners. Your support, hard work, and dedication make everything we do possible. ☺

We hope your holidays are filled with peace, joy, and meaningful moments with the people you love. Thank you for being part of

NEW Paper Clover at Tractor Supply

Ends: December 14, 2025

Add a little extra good to your holiday shopping list! For the 15th year in a row, 4-H & Tractor Supply are teaming up for the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign. From November 28–December 14, purchase a Paper Clover at any Tractor Supply store to support our local 4-H youth in our community.



Coming up!

NEW

DISTRICT 10 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Registration: January 20, 2026—February 17, 2026

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.

NEW

2026 TOWA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Deadline: March 15, 2026

The TOWA Photography Contest encourages self-expression & allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography. They are passionate proponents of the North American Conservation Model and have a mission to encourage young photographers to use their craft as a medium to communicate their appreciation of the Texas outdoors. [Find out more here.](#)



NEW

2025-26 Texas 4-H Record Book Guide Now Available

The 2025-2026 Texas 4-H Record Book Family Guide is now available. Take notice of a few changes to the record book format for this coming year cited below. [DOWNLOAD the 25-26 guide](#). If you missed our virtual District 10 4-H Record Book Training you can watch the [RECORDING HERE!](#)

Summarized Changes:

- ◆ **Replaced** the 4-H Story with Narratives:
 - ◊ About Me Narrative (All Ages)
 - ◊ College & Career Exploration Narrative (Intermediate & Senior Only)
 - ◊ Essay Prompt Narrative which changes annually (Senior Only)
- ◆ **Added** "My Year in Photos" section - This page is separate from the written narratives & forms.
- ◆ Section I – Projects o All project information will be noted in this section (page limits have increased) o Encouraged to include at least 4 projects with their main project (to reflect the record book category they are competing in) being the first entry.
- ◆ **Removed** Section IV – Other 4-H Projects (added into Section I) • Forms can reflect all years in 4-H, not just current and previous 3 years o Mirrors requirements of the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship
- ◆ Section V - Non 4-H Activities should still focus on more recent years.
- ◆ **Removed** Animal Agriculture Category and **replaced with** Open/Self-Directed
- ◆ All record books should be typed. Handwritten books should not be submitted.
- ◆ **DISCONTINUED** ZSuites. We are exploring alternative online platforms for the future years.

Coming up!

TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

2026 Guidelines are now released — all scholarship information posted [HERE](#)
[Outside Scholarship List Outside Scholarships - Google Sheets](#)

Southern Classic ([FLYER](#)) & TAMU AGR Christmas Cash Jackpot ([FLYER](#))

December 13-14, 2025

The 2025 Southern Classic Youth Livestock Project Experience is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at the Brazos County Expo Complex! We are excited to offer individualized learning opportunities in Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, & Poultry. NEW for 2025- Our workshops & show will be condensed into one day, Saturday, December 13. Exhibitors will still have the option to check in on Friday evening, December 12. Updates and details will be shared through the Facebook Event, which you can find [HERE](#)! Make plans to stick around for the Christmas Cash Jackpot hosted by the TAMU chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho [HERE](#).

4-H ZOO APPRENTICE CAMP

December 8, 2025 Deadline

Explore the world of animals at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida! In this experience, the world's largest zoological organization partners with 4-H to offer a unique camping experience where 4-H'ers become amateur zookeepers, assist zoo staff behind the scenes, and observe animal care sessions. Two Camps are open to all 4-H Members - 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 11-13 & 4-H Zoo Apprentice for youth 14+! Truly a great way to spend winter break! Registration and complete details can be found: [CLICK HERE](#) Questions can be sent to Marcia Shannon, State 4-H Ag & Natural Resource Specialist, University of Missouri 573.882.7859 carlsonm@missouri.edu.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT GROUP (VIRTUAL)

Are you interested in improving your public speaking skills? Join this virtual 4-H group to connect with other youth and build confidence through fun, interactive learning. Meetings are held on the **third Thursday of each month**. For more information, contact **Cory Hundl** at cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu .

4-H CLOVER CONNECTION RESOURCE

Recent 4-H alumni (those in college or in their early career years) can upload their resume to be shared with employers looking for new hires or interns. High school 4-H members & 4-H alumni in college can also find mentors to reach out to! Employers can browse through a library of resumes to find their next great hire and post job listings. Those established in their career can serve as a professional mentor!

[Access the 4-H Clover Connection TODAY](#)

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 to enter their projects into a competition for the chance to showcase their work at a White House event next summer. More information to follow. Visit [AI.gov](#) to learn more.

Coming up!

TEXAS 4-H DOG VALIDATION

Deadline: January 10, 2025

All validations must be completed by January 10th (this is a Saturday!!!) Below are some helpful resources.

[Guide - New Validation](#)

[Guide - Renew Validation](#)

[Guide - Incomplete Validation](#)

[Guide - Delete Validation](#)

[Guide - Resubmit Validation](#)

[Validation Status](#)

The video available for validation from last year is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eogx1Dv3WQI>

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU CONVENTION YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

January 11, 2026

Calling All 4-H Members! Attend the Youth Leadership Program at the American Farm Bureau Convention — FREE! The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is excited to offer a unique national opportunity for 4-H, members on January 11, 2026! From January 9-14, 2026, AFBF will host its 107th Annual Convention and Trade Show in Anaheim, California. As part of this event, a special Youth Leadership Program will be held on Sunday, January 11th, exclusively for youth members of our partnering youth agricultural organizations. This one-of-a-kind experience will allow students to: Connect with farmers and ranchers as well as industry leaders from across the country; Network with other youth leaders, learn together and build valuable leadership skills; Attend the Empowering Young Leaders reception with AFBF President Zippy Duvall. Learn more and register now by clicking [HERE](#).

MORE UPCOMING CONTESTS!

Guadalupe County 4-H Sumo Bot Contest—Saturday, December 6, 2025

- ◆ [FLYER](#)
- ◆ Deadline to register is November 21, and the cost is \$60 per team (2-4 kids per team). View the registration flyer at the link above for the link to register and the contest rules.

Wilson County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest—Saturday, December 13, 2025

- ◆ [FLYER](#)
- ◆ Enter on Judging Card by December 12th at 12:00 PM, register at the contest or mail entries to Wilson County AgriLife Extension. Details on Flyer.

District 10 Archery Match—Saturday, December 13, 2025

- ◆ [FLYER](#)
- ◆ Register on 4HOnline. Regular registration ends November 18, 2025. Late registration ends November 21, 2025
- ◆ Details on Flyer. Guidelines found [HERE](#).

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UCJLS NEWS!

MARKET BROILERS PICK Up!

December 6, 2025

Pick up your market broilers on Saturday, December 6th at the Willie De Leon Civic Center—Cactus Room.



UCJLS BAKED FOODS SHOW CONTAINER PICK UP

January 5-8, 2026

Recipe Cards – 2 total

Both copies of the recipe must be the **exactly the same**.

The recipe cards must be typed and printed on **5 X 8 cards** or a **half sheet of letter size paper** cut to **5 ½ x 8 ½ size**.

1st Card – Must be turned **in when picking up container from the Extension Office** on **January 5-8, 2026**.

Recipe Card MUST contain **THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME** and **DIVISION**.
Ex: Cindy Smith - Junior - Cookies

2nd Card – Must be **taped to the top of the container** on the **date of the show**, Friday, **January 23, 2026**

NO NAME on this card.

Recipe Card must clearly indicate **AGE DIVISION** and **CATEGORY**.

Ex: Junior – Cookies

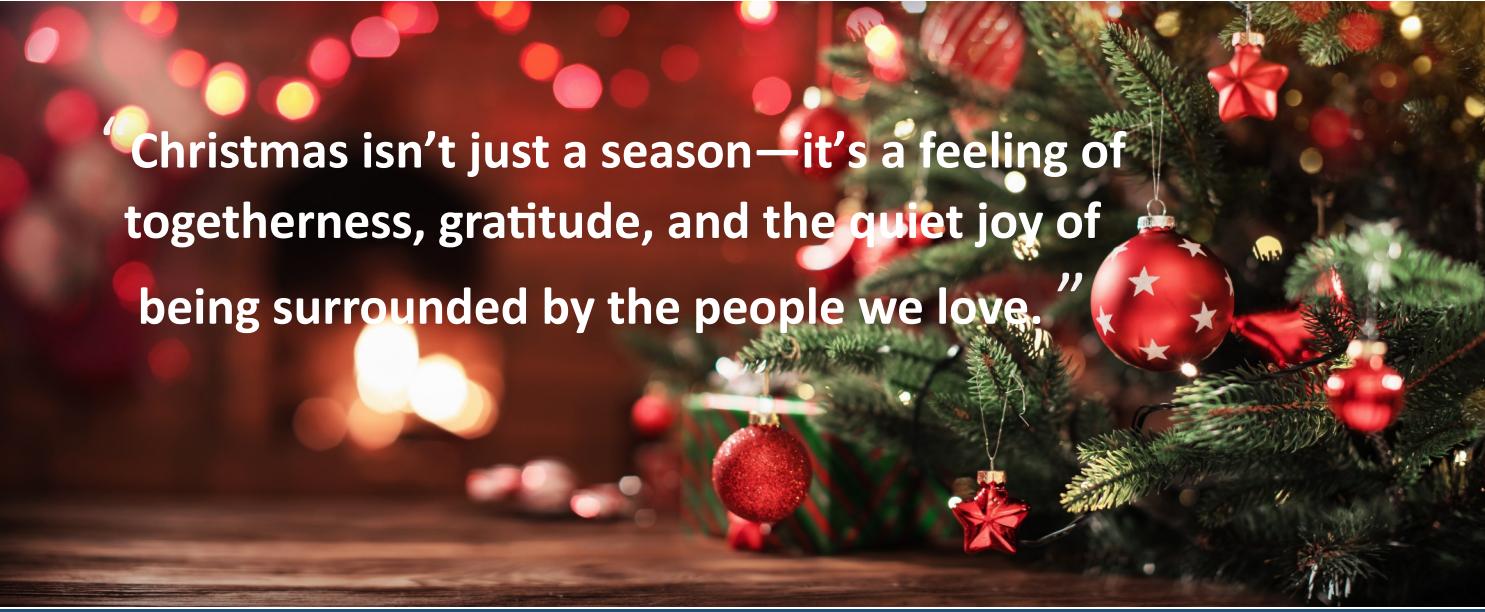
Please note: **NO COPIES** will be made of the recipes on the day of the show. **Please do not ask** the Extension Office, Uvalde Fairplex or Uvalde County Jr. Livestock Office.

RABBIT VALIDATION

January 4, 2025 | 11:00 AM

Validation will be held on Sunday, **January 4, 2026** at the Uvalde County Fairplex Pavillion.





“Christmas isn’t just a season—it’s a feeling of togetherness, gratitude, and the quiet joy of being surrounded by the people we love.”

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