

Starr County 4-H Newsletter

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February 2026

Events

2025-2026 4-H
Enrollment

Starr County 4-H
Photography Contest

2026 D12 4-H Shooting
Sports Postal League

2026 D12 4-H Educational
Presentation +

2026 D12 4-H Fashion
Sensation

2026 D12 4-H Talent
Showcase

2026 D12 4-H Ag Product
ID

BUC DAYS - Food
Challenge

Upcoming Event
Schedule

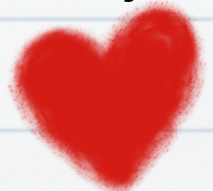
Leading with Heart

As we prepare for our upcoming local and major stock shows, we'd like to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of good sportsmanship. Let's continue to represent Starr County 4-H with respect, integrity, and pride- supporting one another, showing kindness in and out of the ring, and remembering that the true value of 4-H is in the learning and character we build along the way.

With Valentine's Day approaching, it's also a perfect reminder that February is Heart Health Month. We encourage all our youth, families, and volunteers to take care of their heart health by staying active, eating well, managing stress, and getting adequate rest as we gear up for a busy and exciting season of events.

Thank you for your dedication to 4-H and for helping make our programs positive, supportive, and healthy for all.

-Starr County Extension Agents & Staff



**HEAD
HEART
HANDS
HEALTH**

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JOIN 4-H TODAY

STARR COUNTY 4-H



Enroll Today!! 4-H Online:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



Photography Contest

Registration: 1/7/2026 - 2/13/2026

Theme: "Volunteers in Action"

Fee: \$5.00 per photo entry

The participant will be awarded both a blue, red, or white ribbon and a participation certificate. The winners in each category will advance to District 12 4-H Photography Contest.

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>#of Entries</u>
Junior (3rd - 5th)	19 (1 per category)
Inter. (6th - 8th)	19 (1 per category)
Senior (9th - 12th)	19 (1 per category)

For more information call the Extension Office.



2026 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match

Expanding Shooting Sports Opportunities for 4-H members in South Texas

Smallbore Rifle



- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-P Rules & NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules
- ◆ 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12-Bull Target (provided)
- ◆ 3-P for Seniors & Intermediates, 1-P for Juniors
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Team & Individual Awards

Shotgun



- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules, & ATA/NSSA Rules
- ◆ 2 Events: Trap & Skeet (*no combined HOA*)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Individual Awards

Smallbore Pistol



- ◆ District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules, Texas 4-H Pistol Rules & NRA Intl Pistol Rules
- ◆ 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) w/ NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Individual Awards

Archery



- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles
- ◆ 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
- ◆ Target faces provided (1 per archer)
 - Barebow/Recurve/NASP - 60cm targets (5-color)
 - Compound Aided/Unaided - 40cm targets (5-color) or 40cm 3 triangle target (5-color)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Year Junior Divisions
- ◆ Barebow/Recurve/NASP Genesis/Compound Aided & Unaided
- ◆ Individual Awards

Registration Period:

January 19 - February 17, 2026

Match Period:

March 1 - March 31, 2026

For complete
**Rules, Guidelines &
Match Information**
<http://d124-h.tamu.edu>

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Grace Henicke at 956-968-5581 by February 17, 2026.

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Registration for these events will be administered through 4-H Online. Select the “District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League” event. The registration period will begin on January 19, 2026, and conclude on February 17, 2026. Participants of these 4-H events should coordinate with their respective coach or county office to register. The shooting period will be between March 1st and March 31st. Coordinate with your County Office on your designated shooting period.

District 12 4-H Roundup - March 27th Educational Presentation



DISTRICT 12 4-H

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION +

FALFURRIAS - MAR 27

REGISTER: FEB 23 - MAR 16 VIA 4-H ONLINE

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
11 CATEGORIES

TALENT SHOWCASE
7 CATEGORIES

PUBLIC SPEAKING

AG PRODUCT ID AND MORE

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\$15.00
per
contestant



- Contestants will be allowed to select one contest from group A and/or group B for the 2026 Educational Presentation contest. All GROUP A & GROUP B contests will take place simultaneously. Based on entries, if it is possible to manipulate Group A & B contests to allow participation in both, we will oblige, but make no guarantees. Contestants should work with their County Extension Agent if they have questions about this format.

Seniors Only

- To participate in 1 (one) contest, a 4-H member may select a contest from either Group A or Group B.
- To participate in 2 (two) contests, a 4-H member may select only 1 contest from Group A and only 1 contest from Group B. There may be judging delays for all 4-H events because of 4-Hers' entering contests from both groups, so expect that. Also, it is possible that a 4-H member may not be able to participate in the other contest if the conflicts negatively impact other contestants.

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District 12 4-H Roundup - March 27th Fashion Sensation



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**District 12 4-H
Fashion Sensation**

Fashion Show: Buying & Construction
Duds to Dazzle
Texas Natural Fiber (Senior Only)
NEW! Upcycle Your Style

Falfurrias - March 27
Registration: Feb 23 - Mar 16
4-H Online

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- Fashion Show \$ 15.00 per contestant
- Texas Natural Fiber \$ 15.00 per contestant - **(Senior ONLY)**
- **NEW!** Upcycle Your Style \$15.00 per contestant
- Duds to Dazzle \$ 15.00 per contestant

Duds to Dazzle: Each team will have at least three and no more than four members per team.

*Office
Deadline
March 11th*

*Please submit all necessary
paperwork via email to:
mariella.rivas@ag.tamu.edu*



*Payment can be made by scanning
the QR code provided.
<https://square.link/u/ONV4M7zj>*

District 12 4-H Roundup - March 27th Talent Showcase



Category Descriptions:

- All acts can consist of one (1) to nine (9) members.
- Acts will have 4 minutes for set-up/tear down and 6 minutes for their performance.
- A penalty of five (5) points per minute of part of a minute over the time limits allowed will be deducted from the total score.
 - 4-H Skit
 - Choreographed Routines
 - Variety Show
 - Instrumental Music
 - Poetry/Prose
 - Solo/Band Performance
 - Vocal

**Office
Deadline
March 11th**

\$15.00 per contestant



District 12 4-H Roundup - March 27th

Ag Product ID

**Office
Deadline
March
11th**



**DISTRICT 12 4-H
AG PRODUCT ID**

MARCH 27 | FALFURRIAS

REGISTRATION
4-H ONLINE

FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 16

The Ag ID contest will be held as a part of Group A, 2026 District 12 4-H Round-Up Educational Presentation+ on March 27, 2026, in Falfurrias, Texas, at the Falfurrias High School located at 100 Jersey Dr., Falfurrias, TX

- Individual - \$15.00 per contestant
- Team - \$ 15.00 per contestant – with a minimum of three (3) people competing on a team and a maximum of four (4) people in each team.
- You must take your own Clipboard and #2 Pencils
- The contest will begin at approximately 1:00 PM

**\$15.00 per
contestant**

**Please submit team name, and
contestants name via email to:
mariella.rivas@ag.tamu.edu**



**Payment can be made by
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<https://square.link/u/vz96D3Rz>**



BUC Days Contests

Check out the 4-H contests at BUC Days this year! Registration closes April 1, 2026, except for Horticulture, which closes March 2, 2026.



BUC DAYS
FOOD
Challenge

H-E-B
Helping Here

\$75 Entry Fee per team
Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions

 **FRIDAY**
MAY 8, 2026

\$7,500
in prize money
awarded

Food Challenge

Date: May 8, 2026 | Entry Fee: \$75/team

<https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/food-challenge>



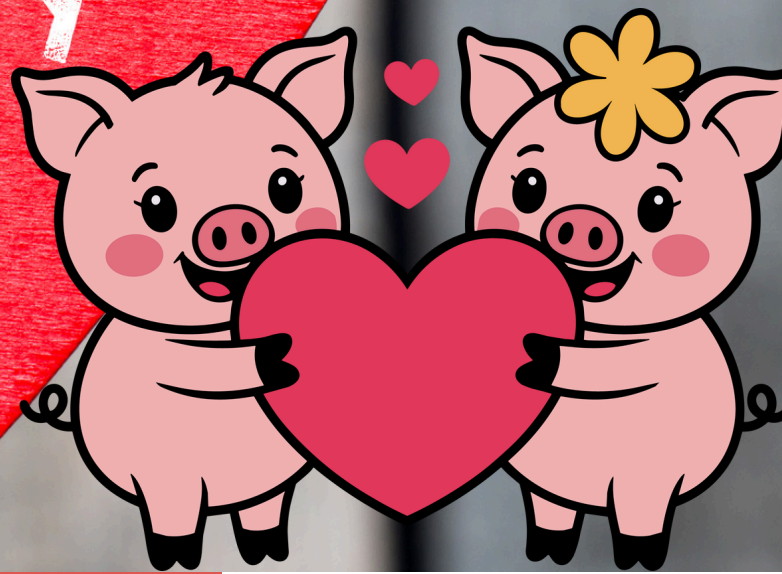


UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 2nd	D12 4-H Photography Contest (Opens)	Contact: Extension Office
Feb. 5th	Consumer Decision Making - Training	Extension Office
Feb. 13th	Starr County 4-H Photography Contest (Deadline)	Starr County Extension Website
Feb. 16th	Presidents' Day	Extension Office Closed
Feb. 17th	D12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League (Deadline)	4-H Online
Feb. 23rd	D12 4-H Food Show (Opens)	Contact: Extension Office
Feb. 23rd	D12 4-H Food Challenge (Opens)	Contact: Extension Office
Feb. 23rd	D12 4-H Roundup Events (Opens)	Contact: Extension Office
Feb. 23rd	Ag Product ID	Starr County Fair
Feb. 26th	Culinary Skill-A-Thon	Starr County Fair



Happy Valentine's Day



For additional information, contact:

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