



# Lubbock County 4-H News



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## LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK

Be sure to “like” the Lubbock County 4-H Facebook page. Visiting the page will help remind you about upcoming 4-H activities and events. Our page will also inform you about meeting changes, cancellations or notices. For example, if you are signed up for recordbook training (or thinking about attending) and we have “bad or iffy” weather - check the facebook page to see if we are still going to have the meeting. This will hopefully save extra phone calls, missing the meeting or coming to the office and finding out the meeting was cancelled. We hope this will become a more efficient way to communicate with each of you!

### 4-H Project Forms

Just a reminder that 4-H’ers need to complete at least one project form, found in your 4-H Handbook in order to receive a project and year pin at the County 4-H Achievement Banquet in August. These forms may be picked up from the Extension Office. \*Once forms and projects are completed, they need to be turned in to club managers or to the County Extension Office.



Let us know if you have questions about completing these forms. The forms are also at the website under 4-H. They were also emailed with one of the February email updates.

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If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Ronda Alexander at 806-775-1740 at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event.

### 4-H TEENS

#### *Teen Council*

The March 4-H Teen Council Meeting will be held on Monday, **March 23** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be at the County Extension Office on **April 27** at 7:00pm. Just a reminder that we will elect 2026-27 officers at the April meeting. All 4-H'ers age 13 and older are invited to participate in Teen Council activities. If you would like more information about this group, please give Ronda a call at 775-1740.

#### *District 4-H Council Officer Applications*

Senior age 4-H'ers may want to consider running for an office on the District 4-H Council. To run, you must submit an officer application to District by May 14, elections in the past have been conducted during Power Camp. Please contact us if you are interested.

#### *State 4-H Council Delegate At Large*

Senior 4-H'ers who are interested in serving on the State 4-H Council may consider running as a Delegate At Large. Information is available at the following link:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

and will be listed under Texas 4-H Council. Applications are due on 4-H Online by *March 26*. Please note that there is a significant cost associated in serving on the State 4-H Council.

### 4-H PARENT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

All parents and leaders are invited and encouraged to attend the Parent Leaders Meetings which are held monthly. This month's meeting will be on **Monday, March 23** at 6:30 pm, at the County Extension Office. April's meeting will be held on **April 27** at the County Extension Office at 7:00pm. If you really want to know what all is going on in the Lubbock County 4-H program or if you just want to get involved, then plan on attending these meetings. Make sure that your club is represented so your club will know what all is going on. Spring gets really busy and there are many opportunities for both youth and adults to participate in. So, don't be left out and get involved today!

### 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30pm** at the County Extension Office. All volunteers are welcomed

to attend to assist in planning for the Annual County Achievement Banquet.

### 4-H CLUB MANAGER TRAINING

We will have a 4-H Club Manager training on **Tuesday, April 28** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. The training topic for the meeting will be on 4-H Meetings, 4-H Management and Chartering for 2026-27.

### 4-H ENTREPRENEURS

There is a new opportunity to have young people who are selling goods they make at Roundup. There aren't restrictions on what you can sell, jewelry, hats, leather works, canned goods, etc. There is a fee to reserve booth space in the concourse at Reed Arena. Any 4-H member can do this. If they are competing in a contest or event, they can use help to man the booth during that time, other than that, they really want to see the youth in their booth. It is suggested that there is an adult near by at all times to assist especially with younger youth. To learn more or to get registration information, please contact Ronda.. Please help us spread the word by sharing this information with 4-H members who might be interested! We can't wait to see these young entrepreneurs shine at Texas 4-H Roundup 2026.

### JUDGING TEAMS/CONTESTS

4-H'ers are reminded that if they are interested in participating on a judging team, they need to call the Extension Office to sign up and find out about practice schedules. County teams will be determined prior to participation at the District Contest. District 4-H Judging Contest dates are tentatively set for:

- Horse - **April 23** - Tri-State Fairgrounds, Amarillo  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 8)
- Livestock - **May 1** - Texas Tech Arena  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online-April 22)
- Wool - No District Qualifying Contest
- Soil - **April 13** at Plainview  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online -April 2)
- Rifle - **April 6 & 11** Lubbock  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online-April 2)
- Grass ID - **April 13** at Plainview  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 2)
- Entomology - **May 2** - am - Lubbock  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 21)

Archery - **May 2** - Plainview  
- (District Registration due on 4-H Online - April 17)

If you are interested in participating on a judging team and you have not signed up yet, you need to do so immediately. Practices are getting started and you don't want to miss out.

***Livestock Judging***

If you would like to participate in Livestock Judging, please contact Robert Scott, CEA-Agriculture, at the Lubbock County Extension Office 806-775-1740 or email him at [rj-scott@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rj-scott@ag.tamu.edu). The first practice will be **March 30** at 5:30 pm at the County Extension Office. Watch the Lubbock 4-H Livestock Facebook page for details.

***4-H Soils Judging***

This is now an invitational contest for State (not qualifying). Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in participating in the project by March 13; practices will be scheduled at this time.

**CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS**

***Summer Camp Sign-Up***

Registration and payments must be made utilizing 4-H Online. \*The following summer camp dates and costs are ***tentative***:

- South Plains 4-H Junior Leader Lab Camp, **May 27-29**  
..... \$250  
This camp is normally full within 1 hour - 180 campers may attend; Sign-up for Camp will open on April 1 at 7am.  
Youth Grades 3rd-7th grade - Location: Floydada, Plains Baptist Camp
- Senior 4-H Power Camp, **June 11-13**..... \$185  
Registration will open on April 21 through May 8  
Youth Grades 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Plains Baptist Camp - Floydada

Texas 4-H Center Camps:

- Mini Camp **July 1-3** ..... \$325  
Youth Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- County Camp I, II, III; **July 12-16, 26-30, or Aug 2-6**  
Youth Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> ..... \$400

For a list of all available camps offered at the Texas 4-H Center, Please visit the 4-H Center website for details on each camp.

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

There is a early bird special for registration, early for any 4-H Center Camp.

- Youth Range Workshop, **June 21-26** ..... \$500  
Youth 14-18; Junction, TX - TTU Campus; applications are do early as possible. Payment is due by June 8th. ; Limited to 36 students  
Applications available at: Youth Range Workshop:  
<https://tssrm-youthrangeworkshop.com/faqs/#:~:text=YRW%20is%20held%20each%20summer%2C%20usually%20during%20the,graduated%20from%20high%20school%20are%20eligible%20to%20attend.>

***4-H Center Staff Opportunities***

Do you want a summer job where you can play with kids, swim, dance, and have fun while gaining valuable leadership experience? Consider applying for a Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff position. The 4-H Conference Center provides an opportunity for you to work in an atmosphere where you will not only impact the lives of young people, but also learn a lot about yourself and make life-long friends. Each position provides valuable leadership training, work experience, fun and profit for individuals who truly desire to be part of a positive summer experience for over 3,000 youth.

Requirements of applicants:

- \* Successful completion of one year of college or other work by *June 1, 2026*.
- \* Be enthusiastic, creative, hardworking and dependable
- \* Be able to get along with others and work as a team

If interested in being a part of the summer staff at the 4-H Center, please visit our website at: Texas 4-H Conference Center to fill out an application. ***Visit the website for more details.***

***Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp***

4-H'ers may submit applications to be considered to attend either of the Texas Brigades Wildlife Camps. Tuition is \$500 per camp, which covers meals, lodging and supplies. Applications are due by *March 15*. Camps are available to youth ages 13-17.

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, **June 7-11**, Rising Star;
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, **June 21-25** at McCoy;

- Bass Brigade, **July 8-12**, outside of Santa Anna;
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, **June 7-11**, LaPryor;
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, **July 26-30**, Santa Anna;
- Ranch Brigade, **July 13-17**, Santa Anna;
- South Texas Ranch Brigade, **June 27-July 1**, Freer
- Coastal Brigade, **July 28-Aug 1**, Anahuac
- Waterfowl Brigade, **July 22-26**, Garwood

Application information is available at  
<https://www.texasbrigades.org/camps>

## TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS

### *Position Opportunities*

Applications are now open for Lobbyist and Press Corps positions at the 2026 Texas 4-H Congress. Youth interested in serving in either of these positions should read more about the opportunity at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> and apply on 4HOnline. Press Corps and Lobbyist applications are due March 31st. Applications for the youth to attend as a delegate (not serving on press corps or lobbyist team).

### **TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS 2026 – July 19-22, Austin, Texas**

#### **District 2 Information**

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review. All 4-H'ers attending are required to write and submit a bill for consideration.

#### **Age Eligibility**

Official grades for Texas 4-H Congress are members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). This is a prestigious event reserved for older 4-H members. **All youth wanting to participate as a District 2 delegate must submit this**

#### **application to be considered:**

<https://forms.gle/GVbvVwwj6DgCnTUY8>

#### **Participation Costs and Accommodations**

Registration costs include hotel, meals, snacks, and production fees. Other costs that delegates may incur include transportation to and from Austin, meals in route to and from Austin, three (3) breakfast meals while in Austin, and incidental spending money.

## 4-H CLOVER PROJECT

For Clovers, we are now having quarterly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **April 7 at 5:30 pm**. *Please RSVP to Ronda by April 2*, if you plan to attend. The Clover meeting is for youth K-2nd grade who are interested in learning more about 4-H. This meeting topic will be on 4-H Quiz Bowl opportunities.

## 4-H RECORDBOOKS

The next County 4-H Recordbook Workshop for Beginners will be held on **Tuesday, March 31** beginning at 6:00 pm. The workshops will be held at the County Extension Office Conference Room. *Please RSVP the day before* if you plan to attend, or if you will be late to the meeting.

April's training will be held on **Thursday, April 16** at 6pm.

If you are interested in completing a recordbook, but are unable to attend any of the trainings, please contact Ronda to obtain the correct forms (they will also be posted on the county website.) Do not just go to the State website. For juniors and seniors we utilize different forms at the County and District level. These forms are distributed at the County Recordbook Training.

County Recordbooks will be due to the Extension Office on **Monday, June 15**.

#### ***District and State Recordbook Judging***

Attention all 4-H Leaders, if you would like to judge Recordbooks at State or District, please contact Ronda for application information. Applications are due by *June 1<sup>st</sup>*. This is one of the best ways to learn more about recordbooks.

## 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

### *South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship*

The application for the South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship was sent out in the September 4-H Newsletter. Graduating seniors who meet the required criteria, will turn in the completed application by *June 15*. For current Freshmen-Senior age 4-H'ers, you need to start documenting the application now – so it will be kept up with as you go through your Senior 4-H career. Please call Ronda if you have questions or need a copy of the application.

## 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE

If you've missed a few of the community service challenge options, don't worry – there's still some time to make-up. Please check out the updated verification forms. It is up to each of you to keep up with your activities and document it on the challenge form. There is also a verification form for when you've brought items to the Extension Office. If you have questions, please contact Ronda. Don't forget those who meet the challenge in each division will be recognized at the County Achievement Banquet in August.

### *Texas 4-H Council Community Service Challenge*

Texas 4-H Council wants to invite you to join them in Hands Helping Heroes, the 2026 Texas 4-H Community Service Project Challenge. Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and all first responders are there in life's toughest moments. Their work takes strength, resilience, and compassion under intense pressure. This year, we're collecting items to support first responders across Texas and say thank you for all they do. We are asking counties and clubs to collect water, Gatorade, electrolyte packets, beef jerky, protein or granola bars, professional grade first aid kits, and small toys (balls, stuffed animals, or card games). Each county will collect donations locally and report totals using the official QR code on the flyer or the link below. All items are to be distributed within the same community, ensuring support goes directly to local first responders. The county with the most donations will win a banner! You may bring your donations by the Extension Office before May 15.



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

# HANDS HELPING HEROES

2026 Texas 4-H Community Service Project Challenge

Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and all first responders are there in life's toughest moments. Their work takes strength, resilience, and compassion under intense pressure. This year, we're collecting items to support first responders across Texas and say thank you for all they do.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE | MAY 15TH**

**Items to Collect**

- Water
- Gatorade
- Electrolyte Packets
- Beef Jerky
- Protein or Granola Bars
- Professional Grade First Aid Kits
- Small Toys (Balls, Stuffed Animals, Card Games)

Each county will collect donations locally and report totals using the official QR code. All items are to be distributed within the same community, ensuring support goes directly to local first responders. The county with the most donations will win a banner!

## 4-H PROJECTS

### FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

## CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT

### 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project Opportunities

Sign-up for any of these workshops is due the working day prior to the scheduled workshop. Please refer to the 4-H Clothing and Textiles Newsletter for more information.

### **WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?**

- Upcycled Jeans - #1
- March 11 - 4-8 pm
- bring 1 pair jeans that fit
- bring cotton fabric to make the inset; could be 1-3 different fabrics - about ½-1 yard total
- matching thread



**Upcycled Jeans #2****March 13 - 4-8 pm**

- 1 pair jeans/pants that fit
- 3-4 (½ yard each) different coordinating cotton/cotton blend woven fabrics,
- matching thread

**PJ Bottoms/Shorts Workshop****- March 9 - 4-8 pm****- March 17 - 1-5 pm or 5-9 pm**

- pattern - Butterick 6531 (or similar)  
(Contact Ronda if you have questions)
- fabric - read back of pattern envelope to determine fabric amount based on size (fleece or cotton/woven fabric)
- matching thread
- 1" elastic (enough to go around waist)

**Recycled Sweater Jacket****- March 16 - 1-5 pm or 5-9 pm**

- 1 long-sleeve sweater that fits
- 1 woven or denim shirt or jacket that fits
- thread

**MAKE-UP DAYS**

The following days will be offered if you can't make it to one of the scheduled workshops: **March 18 - 1-5 or 5-9 pm; or March 26 - 4-8 pm.** You may construct any of the offered workshops on these days, just let Ronda know what you plan to do.

***Advanced Sewing Workshops***

For advanced sewers who want to come and sew at the Extension Office, Please contact Ronda to schedule a time.

***4-H Fashion Show*****County Fashion Show Entries***Due -March 23 to CEO*

- entry form is in 4-H Clothing and Textiles project newsletter
- County Fashion Show will be held on **March 30** at the County Extension Office.

**District 4-H Fashion Show**

Entries for the District 4-H Fashion Show are due on 4-H Online by *April 13*; you don't have to place at the County Fashion Show to compete at District. There is a \$15 registration fee for the District competition. For specific information, please refer to the Clothing and Textiles project newsletter which was emailed to all families in February; the information is also on the County website.

If you have questions, please contact Ronda. The District 4-H Fashion Show will be held on the evening of **Monday, April 20 in Lubbock.**

**District 4-H Narrator Applications**

This year District Task Force members will be utilized as Narrator's; if you're interested you need to submit a task force application.

**Spring Task Force – 4-H Volunteers**

4-H'ers may submit applications to serve on the District Fashion Show and Duds to Dazzle Task Forces. The application isn't available yet. Be on the look out for it.

***Duds to Dazzle Contest*****County and District Duds to Dazzle Contest**

Entries for the County Duds to Dazzle practice Contest are due to the County Extension Office by *March 23*; the Practice contest will be held at the County Extension Office on **Monday, April 6 at 6 pm.** The District Duds to Dazzle entries are due on 4-H Online by *April 13*; the District Senior Contest will be held in heats beginning at 8:30 am on **April 20** at Christ the King Cathedral School. There is a \$15 registration fee per team member for the District competition.

**HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team!

***Online applications due by April 1 at:***

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

***Application deadline is April 1.*** Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program.

**HTYA Timeline**

- April 1 – Deadline for completion of online applications

- May 1 – State Coordinator will notify youth of acceptance

### 2026 STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SUMMER HOSTING PROGRAM

For over 20 years, Texan families have opened their hearts and homes to international youth across the globe, sharing our rich Texan culture and learning about theirs.

#### Program Details:

- Interested host families & host siblings must commit to a 4-week homestay for a Japanese youth (12-18 yrs.). The host period will take place over the summer (July-August, 2026).
- Families must have a child of the same gender and within 4 yrs. of the hosted youth. Families without children may host an adult chaperone for a 2-week or 4-week homestay.
- Interested families may [check out the details and apply online today!](#)



#### 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING - ROUNDUP CONTEST

County 4-H Roundup will be held on **April 9**, with sign-up due by *April 1*; District will be **April 27** during the day in Floydada.



#### SHOOTING SPORTS

In order to be eligible to compete in a District Shooting Sports competition, 4-H'ers must have attended at least 3 Lubbock County Shooting Sports practices with a 4-H Certified Coach. When you enter on 4-H ONLINE, you will list the coaches name. If you have questions, please contact Ronda.

#### Archery Project Information

The Archery project is meeting at The David Holt Education Center (5840 49th) on Tuesday nights from 6-8 pm; a \$10 project fee is required for each practice to pay for the range fee.



#### Rifle Project Information

The Rifle project is meeting at The David Holt Education Center (5840 49th) on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-8 pm. A \$10 project fee is required for each practice to pay for equipment, the range fee and ammunition.


#### 4-H Shotgun - Trap & Skeet Project

Shotgun practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2:30pm, beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact Ronda. Practices are held at Rocking P Vet Services in Idalou. Address is 8309 CR 5970 in Idalou. There is a fee for each practice to pay for targets.

#### 4-H Air Rifle Project Practices

Spring dates for the 4-H Air Rifle project are scheduled for **March 13, 27, April 17, 24 and May 1**. There is a \$10 fee to attend each practice. 4-H'ers must also email: [southplainsprecisionshooters@gmail.com](mailto:southplainsprecisionshooters@gmail.com); for pre-registrations to attend.

#### 4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

If you are interested in participating in the Entomology ID project, please call the Extension Office by March 13 to sign up. Practices will be determined and you will be contacted with the schedule. 

The District Contest will be held on **Saturday, May 2** in Plainview. Registration is due by April 11 on 4-H Online.

#### 2026 TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

We currently have not received information for this year. If you are interested in participating, please visit the Texas 4-H website.



**4-H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

**4-H Photography Contest**

Complete rules and guidelines for the Senior and Junior/Intermediate Photography Contests are available from the County Extension Office; or may be obtained from the County Website 4-H at: <http://lubbock.agrilife.org/>



**Beginner 4-H Photography Workshop**

We will have a beginner 4-H Photography Workshop on **Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 pm** at the County Extension Office. Please RSVP by *March 11*, if you plan to attend. This will truly be for beginner's.

**COUNTY JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CONTEST**

**INFORMATION:** Entries for the County 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by *Monday, March 23* .

1<sup>st</sup> place entries at county, will then advance to the District Junior/Intermediate Photography Contest. **Please review the categories and entry information for specific guidelines, located in this newsletter.**

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 18 entries)

- Junior/Intermediate Entries must be 4"x6" print; they do not need to be mounted. For District this year photos will be submitted electronically; instructions will be provided to first place winners.

- Entries must be labeled on the back of the photo with the following information: Name, Grade/Age Division and Category.

Please read the D2 photo rules and guidelines, and category descriptions are available on the County website under publications - 4-H.

The categories and class requirements are due for both Junior/Intermediate and Senior entries.

CLASSES:

Animals-Domestic	Leading Line
Animals-Wildlife	Long Exposure
Catch-All	Motion/Action
Details & Macro	People
Dominant Color	Plant/flora
Elements of Design	Reflections
Enhanced	Shadow/Silhouette
Food	Theme - Volunteers in Action
Nature & Landscape	Transportation

**SENIOR CONTEST INFORMATION:** Entries for the County Senior 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by **Monday, March 23**. 1<sup>st</sup> place entries at county, will then advance to the District and State 4-H Photography Contest.

For County, any size of photo may be entered (preferred size is 4x6), however the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will upload their entries on 4-H Online, so be sure to keep up with the digital version of the photos you enter.

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 18).

**4-H Parents - Photography Contest**

This year we will offer a County Photography Contest for 4-H parents to enter. Entries are the same as for 4-H'ers: due *March 23*, 4x6 print. Include name, and category on the back of the photo.

**DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST REIMBURSEMENT**

4-H'ers who have competed in District 4-H contests will be eligible for reimbursement of their registration fees for up to two contests. Reimbursement is limited to \$50 per year. Please contact Ronda if you have further questions. The reimbursement request is due by **June 15**. The form will be in the May/June 4-H Newsletter. 4-H'ers must have volunteered at 2 PLA Fundraisers to be eligible for the reimbursement.



### 4-H HORSE PROJECT

#### *Horse Validation*

**Just a reminder that 4-H'ers planning on showing/ competing in the State Horse Show. (Must validate their horses between March 1- April 15); late application of \$20 per horse is accepted through May 1. No validation after May 1<sup>st</sup>.**



If you validated horses last year, they are still in the system, you will just need to reactivate them this year. For new families or new horses you will have to upload 3 pictures (front, left and right side views) and registration papers to the website. There is also still a \$10 validation fee per horse - which is paid online this year. Please do not wait until *April 15* to complete this! Contact Ronda for more information.

Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at the State 4-H Horse Show. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded to 4H Online at the time of validation.

#### *Horse Judging Practices*

County practices for Horse Judging are being held on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm at the County Extension Office. District will be held on April 23 in Amarillo

### TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADOR OPPORTUNITIES

There are several 4-H opportunities to serve as an Ambassador. Visit the Texas Youth Livestock & Agriculture website at: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/> for more information.

**Applications open on February 15 through April 15, 2026.**

### LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

If you are in need of a 4-H t-shirt, please stop by the County Extension Office. We have a variety of 4-H t-shirts (different styles and sizes) available to be purchased for \$5. They are available during regular office hours: 8-12 and 1-5 pm on weekdays

### DISTRICT 4-H COUNCIL T-SHIRTS FOR STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

District Council has set up a shirt store again this year. They designed the shirt and have selected to wear the cream option on Monday night at Roundup. Please share with your families all ages are welcome and encouraged to get their D2 gear. <https://gogandy.com/26-4-h-shirts> The store will close on 3/17.

#### **Parents and 4-H'ers:**

If you have questions about the Lubbock County 4-H program, need assistance or need more information about an event, activity or project, please give us a call.

We're here to serve you, but you must let us know when you need assistance or have special interest areas.

Ronda Alexander  
County Extension Agent, 4-H  
Lubbock County

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# 4-H AIR RIFLE *project*



South Plains Precision Shooters works with Lubbock County 4-H to offer families an air rifle project in which students learn firearm safety and practice the disciplines of precision shooting under the watchful eye of certified coaches. Cost is \$10 per practice with participants expected to make most practices

## SPRING 26 DATES

- 🍀 March 13
- 🍀 March 27
- 🍀 April 17
- 🍀 April 24
- 🍀 May 1st Project End Celebration



**EMAIL FOR SIGN UP**

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# 2026 TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

## Educational Opportunities

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

## TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

### Program Highlights

#### Zoom Educational Programs - No charge

March 17, 24, & 31 and May 19, 26 & June 9 @ 5:30 pm  
 Registration required via Google <https://forms.gle/Rsvw78zzdf4bMfV77>

#### Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments - \$50

Fish in YOUR location across the state!  
 Spring: April 4-May 30 Summer: June 13-August 8  
 Register via 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com>

#### Texas 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon Contest - \$5

Spring: May 15 - 30 Summer: July 17-August 8

#### Texas 4-H Sportfishing Angler Certification - No charge

Participate in 3 educational programs, one tournament and one skill-a-thon

**NEW!**

### New for 2026

- Complimentary tail-pinching tool & Check-it-stik
- Saltwater Fishing 101 & Managing Fish Resources programs
- *First Fish Species Caught* - Angler News Spotlight
- Black Drum and Rio Grande Cichlids permitted

Questions? Contact  
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All information for the 2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing program can be found at either site:



2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing

This Facebook page is a private group that you will need to receive permission to join. Already following? No need to rejoin!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202432833284039>




Texas 4-H Sportfishing website

Information on Texas 4-H sportfishing programs can be found on this website. Check back on this site for official placings at the end of each tournament and skill-a-thon.


<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/sportfishing/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H <b>MARCH 2026</b></p>						<b>NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.</b>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time - move clocks up 1 hour 	9 ● 4-8pm Sewing Workshop/PJ Bottoms/Shorts, CEO	10 ● 5:30pm 4-H Vet Science Project Meeting, CEO ● 5:30-7:30pm Meat Judging, TTU ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO ● 6:30pm Duds to Dazzle Coaches Training, CEO	11 ● 4-8pm Sewing Workshop/Upcycled Jeans #1, CEO <i>*RSVP for Photo Workshop on 3-12</i>	12 ● 5:30pm Beginner 4-H Photography Workshop, CEO ● 5:30-7:30pm Meat Judging, TTU	13 ● 4-8pm Sewing Workshop/Upcycled Jeans #2, CEO ● 4-H Air Rifle Project Practices begin	14
15	16 ● 1-5pm or 5-9pm Sewing Workshop/ Recycled Sweater Jacket, CEO	17 ● 1-5pm or 5-9pm Sewing Workshop/PJ Bottoms/Shorts, CEO	18 ● 1-5pm or 5-9pm Sewing Makeup Session, CEO (Contact Ronda prior to attending)	19	20	21
22	23 ● 6:30pm PLA & Teen Co., CEO <b>**County Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle &amp; Photography ENTRIES DUE</b>	24 ● 5:30-7:30pm Meat Judging, TTU ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO	25	26 ● 4-8pm Sewing Makeup Session, CEO (Contact Ronda prior to attending) ● 5:30-7:30pm Meat Judging, TTU	27	28
29	30 ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO <b>**RSVP for 3-31 Recordbook Wkshop</b> ● County Fashion Show, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	31 ● 5:30-7:30 Meat Judging, TTU ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO ● 6pm 4-H Beginners Recordbook Workshop, CEO				

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		Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H <b>APRIL 2026</b>				<b>NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.</b>	
			1 <i>*Sign-up for County 4-H Roundup</i>	2 <i>*RSVP for 4-7 Clover Project</i> ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	3 Good Friday - County Holiday, CEO Closed	4	
5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	6 <b>**AM District Meat Judging, TTU</b> ● 6pm County Duds to Dazzle Contest, CEO ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	7 ● 5:30pm 4-H Clover Project, CEO ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO	8	9 ● County 4-H Roundup, CEO ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	10	11	
12	13 <b>**District 4-H Fashion Show and Duds to Dazzle Entries Due</b> ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	14 ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO	15	16 ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ● 6pm 4-H Beginners Recordbook Workshop, CEO	17	18	
19	20 <b>**District 4-H Fashion Show and Duds to Dazzle Contest, Lubbock</b> ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	21 ● 6pm Horse Judging, CEO	22	23 <b>**District Horse Judging Contest, Amarillo</b> ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	24	25	
26	27 <b>**District Roundup, Floydada</b> ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO ● 7:00pm PLA & Teen Co., CEO	28 ● 5:30pm Awards & Recognition Committee Meeting, CEO ● 6:30pm 4-H Club Mgr. Training, CEO	29	30 ● 5:30pm Livestock Judging Practice, CEO	MAY 2 - District 4-H Entomology Contest  JUNE 15 - County Recordbooks DUE		