

BLANCO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



Food Pantry Donation Theme
For March is:

Lucky Leprechaun

Green and Gold items!

- Canned goods: green beans, corn, peas
- Pantry staples: olive oil, mustard, honey
- Drinks: Green tea, lemonade

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

Apr 14, 2026

· Leaders 4 Life (TBD)

Apr 15, 2026

· Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)

Apr 20, 2026

· Livestock Judging

Apr 21, 2026

· Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM)
· Soil Judging (AM)
· Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)

Apr 22, 2026

· Livestock Skillathon
· 4-H Storyboard & Textiles

Apr 23, 2026

· Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)
· Fashion Show Contests

Apr 24, 2026

· Talent Showcase
· Consumer Decision Making

Apr 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



4-H Volunteers Needed!



Help Support Blanco County 4-H During Paper Clover Week!



April 18, 10-2



Tractor Supply

Participate in the Bake Sale!

We need your help by-

- Bringing a baked good
- Working the table the day of the event (two hour shifts)
- One volunteer to provide as the primary point of contact the day of



[CLICK HERE](#)

Deliver baked goods to the office by April 17, or bring to the event.



April 20-24



Tractor Supply

Host a table for 1-2 hours!

- Share about 4-H with the community
- Collect Donations for 4-H
- Sell Baked Goods (optional)

[CLICK HERE](#)

The Paper Clover Campaign is a fundraiser where customers donate at checkout to support 4-H and runs through April 17 - May 3. Tractor Supply invited us to host a table to receive additional donations!

District 4-H Round-Up

Upcoming Contests

★ **Livestock Judging**

April 20

★ **Livestock Skill-A-Thon**

April 22

Seeking team members!



Details, rules, registration

CLICK HERE



Practice schedules TBD

Contact Carley with interest
carley.howell@ag.tamu.edu



4-H Summer FUN!

June 22, 23, & 24

Project workshops to include

Food & Nutrition

Clothing & Textiles

Photography

Contact: Gretchen Sanders

More details available in the coming weeks

Summer 2026

AT THE TEXAS 4-H CENTER!

Get Ready for a summer full of friends, fun, and unforgettable adventures!

MINI CAMP

July 1-3 | \$325
Ages 8-14

A perfect introduction to 4-H camping! Enjoy swimming, crafts, games, and campfires while making new friends and lasting memories.



SPECIALTY CAMP WEEK

July 6-10 | \$500
Ages 8-14

- 4-H Hunting Camp (Extra \$5 fee for Hunting Certification)
- Food Challenge Camp
- Ropes and Team Building
- Arts & Crafts Camp
- Sports & Games
- Fishing Camp
- Refashion
- Aperture Academy (Ages: 10-14)

Early Bird Special

\$25 Dollars off each camp until March 15th, 2026



COUNTY CAMPS

July 12-16
July 26-30
August 2-6 | \$500
Ages 8-14

County Camp gives youth the chance to dive deeper into their favorite activities by choosing three focus areas—plus enjoy all the classic 4-H camp fun, from games and swimming to campfires and new friends!

Location: Texas
4-H Center

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

July 19-24 | \$600
Ages 13-18

Teen Adventure Camp is packed with excitement and challenge—teens will build leadership skills, tackle outdoor adventures, and make lasting memories with friends!

Register today at:
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>
Email: makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu
Call: (325) 784-5482

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BLANCO COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

How to Apply



1

Qualifying Camps:

- Any camps hosted at the Texas 4-H Center <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>
- District 10 4-H Leadership Lab
- Texas 4-H Ambassador Camps/Workshops
- CORE Academy
- Found a camp and not sure if it qualifies? Ask us!



2

Send application to Gretchen Sanders by May 15 at gretchen.sanders@ag.tamu.edu



3

Register and pay for the approved camp or event. Youth must be approved and active member of a Blanco County 4-H club at the time of registration.



4

Attend the camp in its entirety!



5

Full scholarship will be issued as a reimbursement. Scholarships will only pay for the registration cost for youth member attending. Amount of scholarship available will be based on number of youth attending and will only be determined after registration for camp closes. Scholarships will be funded by the Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaigns.



Questions? Contact Texas A&M AgriLife, Blanco County

830-868-7167

4-H member must complete application in their own handwriting.

**District 10 4-H Camp
Scholarship Application**

Due to the AgriLife Office by May 15, 2026

A limited number of scholarships are available.



Name _____

Grade in School _____ 4-H Age _____ Years in 4-H _____

Have you ever attended a 4-H camp? ____ If yes, how many times? _____

What do you like best about being in 4-H?

What 4-H activity or project did you enjoy the most last year? Write at least two sentences about why you enjoyed it most

What 4-H community service work did you do last year and how did it make a difference?

Why do you want to go to this 4-H camp?

I understand that I must:

- ⌘ Report to my 4-H club about my experience.**
- ⌘ Complete this presentation and report it to the AgriLife Office by **May 15, 2026**.**
- ⌘ Complete this application in my own handwriting. Failure to do so may result in no scholarship award.**

4-H Member

Date

4-H Parent

Date

Registration open: CORE Academy 2026

Event Date: June 15th – 19th, 2026

2026 CORE Academy June 15-19th! CORE Academy is an educational and explorative opportunity for 4-H members who are rising sophomores through seniors to gain awareness to an assortment of possible careers. For 2026, the CORE Academy will explore the Texas Panhandle and will explore a variety of careers of hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, marketing & more. Registration deadline for CORE Academy will be April 15th!



JUNE 15-19 2026

EXPLORE Texas Panhandle

Mission

TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN A DIVERSE GLOBAL ECONOMY AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY DEGREE INSTITUTIONS ACROSS TEXAS

CORE
Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Participants that are not selected for the 2026 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250. Once selected, payments will not be refunded.

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\$250
With Application

April 15th

GOALS

Includes

- 5 Day/4 Nights Exploration
- Hotel
- Meals
- Transportation

Registration Deadline

- Payment **MUST** be Submitted

Experiences in

- Higher Education
- Career Choices
- Teambuilding
- Networking

Register NOW

CLICK HERE

Questions Please Contact

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Kara.spangler@ag.tamu.edu
830-796-7755

Jennifer Smith
Jennifer.Smith@ag.tamu.edu
830-257-6568



Youth Gardening & Horticulture

Dig into the world of plants with monthly tours led by Blanco County Master Gardeners.

Each month we'll visit a new location, ranging from Blanco County Master Gardener demonstration gardens to local landscapes and other horticulture businesses.

Discover soil, gardening, native plants, pollinators, and more while exploring real-life garden spaces in our community.

March 12, 4:30 p.m.

Bindseil City Park
Pecan St, Blanco, TX 78606

Questions? Email
carley.howell@ag.tamu.edu





Reminder for **4-H Clubs!**

Please submit your
Monthly Meeting Reports

BY THE 3RD OF EACH MONTH



Timely reports help us keep accurate records, track club activity, and support our 4-H program!

Don't Forget to Include:

- ✓ Date, time & location of meeting
- ✓ Members & leaders present
- ✓ Activities & topics covered
- ✓ Community service or projects



Thank you 
for keeping your club on track!



TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Blanco County

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Johnson City, TX 78636

Phone: 830 868 7167

Office Hours M-F 8am-4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12-12:30

Website: <https://blanco.agrilife.org>

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