



Sutton County 4-H Forecast



April 2026



Special points of interest:

- Club Meeting
- District Events
- Scholarships
- Judging Teams
- Stock Show Results

4-H Meeting— The meeting will be at the Civic Center on **April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**

Club Officer Elections:

It's time to consider running for 4-H office. Only candidates who regularly attend club meetings should run. Being selected to office means being committed to serving. Applications may be submitted via email or by dropping them off at the office. **Applications due May 1, 2026.**

District 10 Spring RoundUp-

Our county will be competing in the following events at district. We wish them well.

Range & Pasture ID, Range Evaluation, Wool Judging, Mohair Judging— April 21 (Gillespie County Fairgrounds)

4-H Talent Showcase— April 24 (First Baptist Church— Fredericksburg)

Texas 4-H Photography Contest -

A senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). The rules are posted on the state Photography page:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_state_contest_2025_2026.pdf. The timeline for entry is April 1-15.

Spring Clean-Up:

Our spring community service is a clean-up in support of the Texas Trash Off. Meet at the **Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. on April 9th** With enough help, we should finish in an hour. Bring gloves.

County Livestock Show Committee Meeting-

5:30pm on April 15th, at the Civic Center. At this meeting, we review the county livestock show. Other agenda includes 2026 and judge suggestions. Items for consideration must be on agenda by April 10. All parents of exhibitors are welcome to attend.

Texas 4-H Horse Validation—

For the 2026 season, horse validation will be open from March 1 – May 1, 2026 in a new platform, **Texas Show Pass**:
<https://4h.texasshowpass.com/login>

•ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

•**From March 1 – April 15, cost for each horse is \$10.00; April 16 – May 1, cost is \$20.00.**

**NEW IN 2026* -*

** Families may add and save all of their horses to their profile and then pay for all horses in one credit card transaction!*

** All horses are now family validated under your created family profile in Texas Show Pass. Any eligible 4-H members within a family that are properly added to the family profile prior to submitting horses for validation will be eligible to enter horses in the district and state 4-H shows.*

Check out the walk-through video and validation guide at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> for more information.

Sonora Invitational Contests & Fleece Show— April 11, 2026

Schedule is as follows:

8AM • Registration (GRASS ID & RANGE JUDGING) If not pre-registered

8:45AM • Depart for Range Judging Site

9:00AM • Range Judging On-Site Orientation - Contest immediately following

11:00AM • Grass Id Contest Begins **** Will use Scantron**

1PM • Awards (GRASS ID & RANGE JUDGING)

1PM • WOOL & MOHAIR/FLEECE SHOW Registration

1:30PM • Orientation

2PM • WOOL & MOHAIR Contest/FLEECE SHOW Begins

5PM • Awards (WOOL & MOHAIR JUDGING/ FLEECE SHOW)

Core Academy-

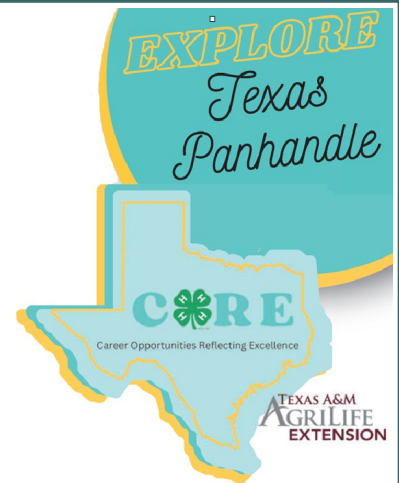
The objective of this event is to provide high school youth an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas.

The cost is \$250 and includes: 5 Day/4 Nights Exploration Hotel; Meals; Transportation.
Registration deadline is April 15th.

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Seeking National Anthem Performers for Roundup

Register via 4HOnline by selecting "2026 Roundup National Anthem Audition"

Information: Texas 4-H Roundup is seeking 3 senior level (Grade 9-12) 4-H members/groups to perform that National Anthem during each assembly night!

Upload submission on YouTube as an unlisted link. Singing must be in a cappella style.

Video must be of the individual/group (up to 4 4-H members) singing the National Anthem.

If submitting as a group, only 1 member needs to register on 4HOnline & list the team members. All members **MUST BE ENROLLED** in 4-H.

3 individuals/teams will be selected to perform, one at each assembly held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 3-5, 2025). Individuals/teams will be notified the week of April 20, 2026.

4-H member does not have to be a contest participant of Texas 4-H Roundup but must register for the event ([Registration requirements listed in the 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook](#)).

72nd Annual Texas Youth Range Workshop- June 21–26, 2026.

Are you the outdoor type?

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an enriching experience that goes beyond plant collections to provide a competitive edge for future endeavors. Learn about rangelands and natural resource management. Spaces are limited, so act fast!

June 21–26, 2026; Ages 14–18; Texas Tech University Junction Campus

APPLY NOW: <https://tinyurl.com/yrw2026>

Call if interested. Scholarships available.

Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassador

Application Deadline April 15, 2026

Information: Texas 4-H is looking for the next co-hort of Texas 4-H [Livestock](#), [Equine](#) and [Poultry](#) Ambassadors in your county and recruit them to the program. Ambassadors will attend in-depth short courses and will be equipped with the knowledge and leadership skills to assist with educational programs in their County and beyond. Details can be found at <https://www.texasyouthlivestock.com>.

2026 Short Course Offering:

Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 8-11, 2026

Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University-Kingsville – June 15-18, 2026

Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 22-25, 2026

Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 13-16, 2026

Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M /Texas Tech University – July 20-23, 2026

Selection Criteria:

Senior level (grades 9-12 in fall 2026) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects

Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy

Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others

Top 25% class rank preferred

Application Available at: <https://www.texasyouthlivestock.com>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2026</h1>						
			1 State Fair Swine Validation Tags Starts	2 Deadline to order State Fair Lamb & Goat Validation Tags & Heiffer/Steer Validation tags Due	3 Good Friday - Extension Office Closed	4
5 <i>Happy Birthday Blair Blackbird & Andie Harter</i> Happy Easter!	6	7 Range Science @ 4 pm - Civic Center	8 Sports Fishing @ 4pm - 4:50 pm - Civic Center	9 <i>Happy Birthday Camila Diaz</i> 4-H Spring Clean-up @ 4 pm - meet at Civic Center	10 Midland County Wool & Mohair Invitational Contest	11 <i>Happy Birthday Stella Harter</i> Sonora Invitational Contest - Civic Center
12 Kimble County Invitational (Wool & Mohair)	13 4-H Club Meeting @ 5:30 pm - Civic Center	14 Range Science @ 4 pm - Civic Center	15 <i>Happy Birthday Isaac Dyar</i> Sports Fishing @ 4pm - 4:50 pm - Civic Center Livestock Meeting @ 5:30 pm - Civic Center	16	17	18
19	20 Photography Awards @ 4 pm - Civic Center	21 District 10 Judging Contest - Fredericksburg	22	23	24 District 10 Talent Show - Fredericksburg	25
26	27 <i>Happy Birthday William Griffin</i>	28	29	30 Deadline to order Swine Validation Tags		