



PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H

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April 2026

- 8 **State Steer & Heifer Tag Order Deadline** - *If you plan to show a steer at the 2026 State Fair, Heart O' Texas, 2027 Palo Pinto County Show, or 2027 Major Livestock Shows, you will need to place your order for state tags by **April 8, 2026**. The tags are **\$25.00 each** and that is due when you order. Please contact the Extension office to place your order. Also, if you plan to show a heifer at the State Fair or Heart O' Texas, your tag order will be due on **April 8th** as well. All heifers will be tagged similar to steers. The tags will be **\$25.00 each** and that is due when they are ordered. Steer & Heifer Validation will take place in June. Heifers only need to be validated once in their show career unless they are changing ownership.*
- 8 **State Fair Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline** - *If you plan to show a lamb or goat at the 2026 State Fair of Texas, or Heart O' Texas, you need to order your validation tags by **April 8, 2026**. Tags are \$25.00 each; please pay when you order.*
- 21 **Record Book Workshop** - *This will be held at the Extension office beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 if you would like to attend.*
- 25 **4-H Promotion & Float Decorating at Tractor Supply** - *Palo Pinto County 4-H Members are invited to promote 4-H at the Tractor Supply Company in Mineral Wells on April 25th at 2:00 p.m. for the Spring Paper Clover Campaign. Funds collected through this campaign are used to provide leadership experiences for 4-H members in Palo Pinto County.*

Also, Palo Pinto County 4-H will have a float again this year for the Rodeo Parade. We will begin decorating the float at 4:00 p.m. in the Tractor Supply parking lot, and the parade will start at 5:30. All 4-H members are invited to help decorate and ride on the float! Please give us a call at 940-659-1228 if you have any questions!
- 26 **4-H Volunteer Opportunity** - *United Way of Palo Pinto County needs 4-H volunteers to help at their Prom in the Park event on April 26, 2026 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please give us a call at 940-659-1228.*
- 27 **State Fair of Texas Pig Tag Order Deadline** - *If you plan to show a pig at the 2026 State Fair of Texas or Heart O' Texas your tag order will be due by **April 27, 2026**. Tags are \$25.00 each and they need to be paid for when you order.*



United Way provides support to
Palo Pinto County 4-H

May 2026

- Apr 30 **PPCLA Pro Rodeo - Volunteers Needed!!!**
- May 1 *This event will be held in Mineral Wells and they are asking for volunteers to work the gate each night. If you are interested in helping, please call the Extension office at 940-659-1228 or sign up using the QR code below.*
- May 2



JUNE
29th -

SAVE THE DATE!!! TEEN LEADER LAB
June 29 - July 1, 2026

July
1st

District 3 4-H Council Officers invite all District 3 4-H members grades 8 - 12 as of August 31, 2025 to Teen Leader Lab June 29 - July 1, 2026 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX. If you would like more information about this amazing opportunity, call the Extension office at 940-659-1228!

JUNE
22

4-H Record Books and Criteria Based Award Applications Due
*Complete Record Books need to be emailed to lynette.babcock@ag.tamu.edu by **June 22, 2026**. If you need help with your record book, please call the office at 940-659-1228. Record book forms and Criteria Based Award Applications can be found by visiting our website:*

<http://palopinto.agrilife.org>



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Criteria Based Awards

The Criteria Based Awards were developed as an additional way to recognize our members. Members must apply for these awards which are based on the member's age, their level of participation, and leadership experiences. Use the QR codes below to submit the application online, or you may go to <http://palopinto.agrilife.org> if you would like a printed version. Applications for these awards are due to the Extension office by June 22nd. The awards will be presented at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet.

The Criteria Based Awards include:

- **Rookie Award** - Any Age First Year 4-H Member
- **Honor Roll Award** - Available to Junior members, 3rd - 5th Grades who meet the established criteria
- **All Star Award** - Available to Intermediate members, 6th-8th Grades who meet the established criteria
- **Letterman Award** - Available to Senior members, 9th-12th Grades who meet the established criteria

4-H Rookie
Award



4-H Honor
Roll Award



4-H All
Star Award



4-H Letterman
Award



Gold Star Award

The Gold Star Award is the most sought-after 4-H award at the county level. It is awarded each year to two (2) outstanding Senior 4-H members in Palo Pinto County who have submitted a complete record book. Youth will have to be a sophomore or higher to receive this award. Most youth who qualify may apply at the end of their freshman year. The award is given based on their activities and participation throughout their entire 4-H career.

- The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must participate in an interview.

Printable Award Applications are available at:

<http://palopinto.agrilife.org>

Application deadline is June 22nd.