



San Patricio County

4-H NEWSLETTERS



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3

4-H Council Meeting

May 5 - 6

District 11 Spring Spectacular

May 8

Deadline to register for Leadership Lab

May 8

Deadline to register for the District 11 Horse Show

May 18

State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders Due

May 25

Extension Office Closed

May 27 - 28

District 11 Horse Show

June 8

4-H Recordbooks, Awards, Scholarship & Ambassador Applications Due

June 16

Steer & Heifer Validation

June 9 - 11

District 11 Leadership Lab

June 26

A&H Show & Major Show Turkey Orders Due



May 2026



San Patricio County Extension Office will be closed
May 25, 2026

2026 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BROILER ORDERS

Deadline: May 18, 2026

\$1.50 per bird

BIRDS ARE FOR STATE FAIR ONLY!

A minimum of 25 & maximum of 75 per exhibitor
Order forms are available at the Extension Office



A&H SHOW AND MAJOR SHOW TURKEY ORDERS

Deadline: June 26, 2026

\$4.75 per bird

NOTE: A minimum of 25 per order and a maximum of 75 per order.

Order forms are available at the Extension Office or

<https://sanpatricio.agrilife.org/4-h/show-tag-order-forms/ah-show-turkey-order-form/>



Save
the
Date

*4-H Achievement Night is
Thursday, August 13, 2026*

Major Show Information

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

January 15 - February 6, 2027

Fort Worth, Texas

www.fwssr.com

Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

Mercedes, Texas

www.rgvls.com

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 11 - 28, 2027

San Antonio, Texas

www.sarodeo.com

State Fair of Texas

Sept 25 - Oct 18, 2026

Dallas, Texas www.bigtex.com

Heart O' Texas

October 8-18, 2026

Waco, Texas www.hotfair.com

Texas' Elite Showcase

Kerrville, Texas

www.texaseliteshowcase.com

San Angelo Stock Show

San Angelo, Texas

www.sanangelorodeo.com

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

March 2 - 21, 2027

Houston, Texas

www.rodeohouston.com

Star of Texas Rodeo

March 12 - 27, 2027

Austin, Texas

www.rodeoaustin.com



4-H COUNCIL MEETING

May 3
3:30pm

It is very important
that all club
presidents, council
delegates and Club
Representatives
attend meeting!

4-H
MEETING
REMINDER

 4-H GROWS HERE

Meeting Schedule

May 3 - Harbor Hands
May 13 - Gregory-Portland
May 10 - Clover T
Aug 9 - Ingleside
May 3 - Rocking O
May 10 - San Pat Horse
May 10 - Taft
May 11 - Mathis
May 12 - Wildcat
May 17 - Blue Ribbon
May 17 - West Sinton

2026 District 11 Spring Spectacular

May 5 - 6, 2026

Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex

For more information visit:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-4-h-spring-spectacular/>

2026 District Photography Results



Junior Division

Everlee Beyer, Blue Ribbon 4-H: Animals Domestic - Participation; Catch All - Participation; Landscape & Nature (Non-Animal) - Participation; Leading Line - Participation; Shadow / Silhouette - Participation

Intermediate Division

Masiela Tijerina, West Sinton 4-H: Catch All - Participation

Brady Beyer, Blue Ribbon 4-H: Landscape & Nature (Non-Animal) - 2nd Place Participation; Leading Line - Participation; Reflections - Participation; Shadow / Silhouette - 2nd Place Ribbon



CONGRATULATIONS



District 11 4-H Leadership Lab

June 9 - 11, 2026

Splashway Campground, Sheridan, TX

**LIFE IS A
HIGHWAY**

Entry / Registration Deadline: May 8, 2026

Fee: \$250 - Youth grades 8th - 12th grade for the 2025-2026 4-H year. Graduated seniors will be allowed to attend.

Event Information: Leadership Lab is a 3 day / 2 night leadership training for 4-H youth. Designed to equip participants with programs that can be replicated in the county to allow the District 11 4-H Council to hold an annual meeting to conduct needed business for the year & elect officers.

Theme: Cars: Life is a Highway, Lead Every Mile

For more information visit: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/leadership-lab/>

District 11 Horse Show

May 27 - 28, 2026

Brackenridge Event Center, Edna, Texas



Registration: April 20 - May 8 via 4-H Online

Fee: \$20 management fee per exhibitor & \$20 per class

There are two Youth registration selections, "Youth" and "Youth (Additional Entry)". Every participant must select "Youth". If a participant is entering more than one horse, they need to select "Youth (Additional Entry)" for each additional horse.

Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules can be found at <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/horse-show/>



4-H RECORDBOOKS

Due to the Extension Office on **June 8, 2026** by 5:00pm

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Recordbook covers are available for purchase at the County Extension Office.

Cost is \$4 each

Recordbook forms are available at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>



Recordbook Categories

- Beef
- Citizenship, Civic Education & Community Service
- Dog Care & Training
- Consumer Education
- Entomology
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Food & Nutrition
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat
- Health & Personal Safety
- Horse
- Leadership
- Natural Resources
- Photography
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- **Open / Self-Directed**
- Rabbit
- Range Science & Agronomy
- STEM
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Swine
- Visual & Performance Arts
- Veterinary Science

2026 4-H AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline: June 8, 2026

Gold Star: Highest award a 4-H'er can receive at the County Level. The purpose of the achievement is to recognize outstanding leadership & contribution to the County 4-H program.

Silver Star: Equivalent to the Gold Star but will be awarded to an intermediate aged 4-H member.

Bronze Star: Equivalent to Gold & Silver Star but will be awarded to a Junior aged 4-H member.

Other Awards: Rookie Award, County Medals and year pins to all 4-H members that submit a 4-H Recordbook.

Senior Division Awards: Diamond Award and Outstanding Community Service Award.

Intermediate Division Awards: Rising Star Award and Outstanding Community Service Award.

Junior Division Awards: Shining Star Award and Outstanding Community Service Award.

Interviews: June 17, 2026. You will be assigned a time & notified by mail and / or e-mail.

YOU MUST COMPLETE A RECORDBOOK TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE AWARDS!

All forms are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org>

4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline to Apply: **June 8, 2026**

Senior Ambassadors: Incoming 9th - 12th grade; **Junior Ambassadors:** Incoming 7th - 8th grade

Interviews: TBA ~ All applicants must attend.

Applications are available at the Extension Office or <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/san-patricio-county/>

4-H Scholarship Opportunities



1. 4-H Council Scholarship
2. Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

- Application completed & returned to the San Patricio County Extension Office by **June 8, 2026**.
- Recordbook completed and turned in to the San Patricio County Extension Office by **June 8, 2026**.
- Must be an **active** 4-H member until **end** of senior year. Club attendance will be checked and applicant must have a minimum of 3 present for the January-May meetings of senior year.
- Applicants **must** participate in an interview **June 17, 2026**.
- Applicants **must** attend the 4-H Awards Banquet on **August 13, 2026**.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.
 - ⇒ A prominent person in the community;
 - ⇒ Your 4-H leader; and
 - ⇒ Your High School Principal, Counselor or Teacher

All forms are available at the Extension Office or <https://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/san-patricio-county/>

2026 San Patricio County \$1,000 Crops Committee Scholarship

Deadline: May 8, 2026

The San Patricio County Crops Committee is an organization of row crop producers and affiliated agricultural professionals.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- * Applicants should be from San Patricio County and have a desire to work in agriculture following graduation
- * Applicants must be a 2025-2026 graduating high school senior or currently enrolled and attending a University, College, or Technical school
- * Applicants must include an official high school or college transcript
- * Recipient will be expected to attend the San Patricio County Crop Tour on **June 2, 2026**, to receive the award and must be willing to introduce themselves to the group.
- * Scholarship recipient will be decided and informed on the 4th week of May.
- * Submit applications to San Patricio County AgriLife Extension Office, 219 N. Vineyard, Sinton

Applications are available at the Extension Office

STEER VALIDATION

June 16, 2026

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

San Patricio County Fairgrounds



REGISTERED HEIFER VALIDATION

June 16, 2025

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

San Patricio County Fairgrounds

All registered paper work is due to the Extension Office by June 12, 2026 by 4pm.





2026 States' 4-H International Exchange Program



HOST TODAY!

13 Japanese Delegates seeking placement!

HOSTING DETAILS & REQUIREMENTS

- **Hosting Period:** July 21 - August 16, 2026
- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone.
- You must have a child of the same gender & within 4 yrs. of age of the hosted youth. (Children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone.
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Eligible Families must submit an application: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>
- Note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application & screening process, as well as student availability & personality compatibility.
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided.
- Questions? Contact your Texas Inbound Coordinator:
 - Natalie.Cervantes@ag.tamu.edu

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

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

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On the Road with Food Science



Ignite your curiosity of food science with tours of product development, manufacturing, hands-on experiences, and innovative learning!

JUNE 16-18, 2026
Texas Tech University
\$275 Per Person
Incoming 9th -12th Graders May Apply

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Food Science Career Exploration
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- Industry Speakers
- Hands-On Activities
- Leadership Development

Application Deadline is MAY 15. Application includes essay and video submission.
<https://forms.gle/mBhBQvEx9b9PwHv6>

Those accepted will receive registration information and instructions.

A Maximum of 20 Youth Will be Accepted into the Program.

More Info: Dr. Julie Gardner, julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu

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REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

TEXAS 4-H



OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

LONG ACRES RANCH, RICHMOND, TX

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

JOIN US FOR A FAST PACED, HOT & SWEATY, FUN FILLED, AND CHALLENGING WEEKEND IN THE OUTDOORS ON THE LAST WILD PLACE IN FORT BEND COUNTY!

REGISTRATION: APRIL 1 - MAY 18, 2026

Helpful Links:

Texas 4-H Website

<http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/>

Register for 4-H

<http://texas.4honline.com>

San Patricio County Website

<http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org>

District 11

<http://d114-h.tamu.edu/>

San Pat/Aransas A&H Show

<http://sanpatahshow.com/>

Online 4-H Record book

<http://4hreports.com/>

4-H Mall

<http://4-Hmall.org/>



To be eligible to compete in the A&H Show in any division, (including Homemaking) you must attend at least 60% of club meetings. Attendance for the 2026 Show starts in January, 2025. You must also meet **UIL academic eligibility requirements** by passing all of your classes. Start out the 4-H year right by attending club meetings and keeping your grades up!

New 4-H members must also attend 60% of their club meeting, however, their club attendance begins on Sept. 1, 2025. Only new 4-H members will be allowed to count January 2026 attendance.



Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram! Feel free to share any pictures you have of you or your fellow 4-Hers in action!



If your address changes,
PLEASE correct it on 4-H Online:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>



The address needs to be corrected on the family profile AND in each individual's profile. The labels for the newsletter and other miscellaneous mailings are generated by the information entered by you or your family. Don't risk missing out on the monthly 4-H newsletter or other important mailings!



Reminder:

If your animal loses its validation tag, call the Extension Office ASAP with the tag number so that a replacement can be ordered.

ADULT VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK

To protect our 4-H members, the Texas 4-H Program administers an adult screening program. This screening is conducted every 3 years. All adults who will be working directly with youth (other than their own children) must complete the adult registration form on 4-H Online to be screened. Once their registration has been approved from the State office, then we can certify those adults as San Patricio County volunteers. Only those adults who have been screened and cleared through YPS will have the privilege of working with 4-H members. There is a \$10 annual fee for each adult who will be a Volunteer. This fee is paid on 4-H Online.



May 2026



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3 4-H Council Meeting	4	5 Spring Spectacular	6	7	8	9
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 State Fair Broiler Orders Due	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27 District 4-H Horse Show	28	29	30

TEXAS 4-H AGE CATEGORIES (9-1-25 through 8-31-26)

Clover Kids: Kinder through 2nd grade

Juniors: 3rd - 5th grade as of Sept. 1, 2025

Intermediates: 6th - 8th grade as of Sept. 1, 2025

Seniors: 9th - 12th grade as of Sept. 1, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2026

- 8: Recordbooks, Awards, Scholarship & Ambassador Applications Due
- 9-11 District 11 Leadership Lab
- 16: Steer & Heifer Validation
- 19: Extension Office Closed
- 26: A&H Show & Major Show Turkey Orders Due

July 2026

- 3: Extension Office Closed