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**BLANCO COUNTY 4-H
NEWSLETTER**

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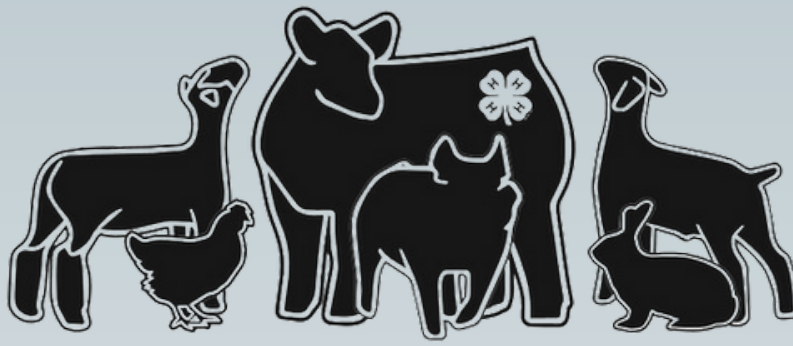
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **September 1** - 2023 -2024 Texas 4-H Year Begins
- **October 16** - Sheep & Goat Validation - LBJ High School Ag Shop 4 - 6 PM
- **October 23** - Sheep & Goat Validation Blanco High School Ag Barn 4 - 6 PM
- **November 3** - Fort Worth Stock Show Entry Forms DUE
- **November 7** - Swine Validation at LBJ High School Ag Shop 4-6 PM
- **November 13**- Swine Validation Blanco High School Ag Barn 4-6 PM
- **November 30** - Rabbit Validation- Johnson City Ag Shop 4-6 PM
- **December 1**- Entry Deadline for Blanco Co. Youth Exhibit Hall Entries
- **December 1** - Entry Deadline for Blanco Co. Youth Show

[2024 Blanco County Youth Stock Show Rule Book](#)

[2024 Blanco County Youth Exhibit Hall Division Rules & Guidelines](#)

Entry Forms Due by December 1st - Click on links above for more details



2023-2024 Texas 4-H Enrollment Guide & Instructions

The new 4-H year is here, and ALL members & ADULTS will need to re-enroll on 4-H Online in order to participate in local clubs, contests, & events.

Access 4-H Online here:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

See next page for Family Enrollment tips



NEW FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding members. Enter one member profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs.
Find your local county office online at: <http://counties.agrilife.org>

RETURNING FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)
Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.	Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. **Do not create a new profile.**

The system will send automatic notifications to the family email address in the system.

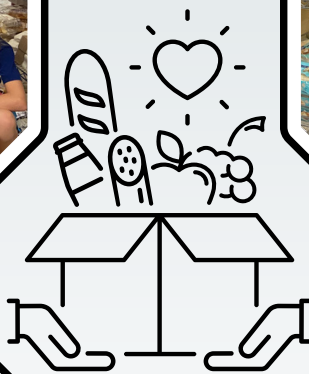


4-H LUCKY LEAF CLUB NEWS

Reported by: Emily Singletary

Members of the Lucky Leaf 4-H Club met with Good Samaritan Food Pantry & learned how food pantry works. The members also learned how the store benefits for the food pantry along with how it helps our community. Then all the members helped restock the shelves.

Members of the Lucky Leaf 4-H Club that attended: Emily, Brailee, Jake, Gabi, Michelle, Nessah, Brissa, Sadie, Liberty, Willow, and Brayson.



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LUCKY LEAF KICK-OFF PARTY

The Lucky Leaf Club started off with installation of 2023-2024 Officers, then they made 30 birthday boxes for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Then everyone enjoyed playing Mosquito tag, Fruit Rollup Challenge, & Head Shoulders, Knee and Bowling Pin



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4-H ROBOTICS PROGRAM

PROJECT LEADER: JOSHUA RIVERS

MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 25

OCTOBER 2

OCTOBER 23

OCTOBER 30

NOVEMBER 6

NOVEMBER 13

PROGRAM

Bot or Not?

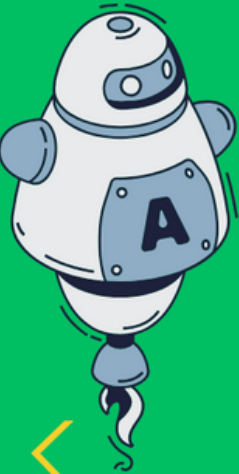
Spaghetti-Engineering

Armed with Knowledge

Buddy-bot Programming

SEMOR Draws, Paints & Races

Taste Mapping Sensor

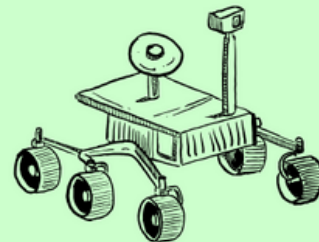


LOCATION:

METHODIST CHURCH - OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL IN
JOHNSON CITY

TIME:

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM



Additional cost for supplies & snacks: \$15 per person
RSVP to melinda.ledetter@ag.tamu.edu - Make checks
payable to County 4-H

Blanco County Fair & Rodeo Queen & her Court



CONGRATULATIONS!

Queen- Kaydince Arigullin
1st Runner Up- Kylie Ridner
2nd Runner Up - Caylee Corpus
3rd Runner Up - Sky Hurlbut
Head Princess - McKaylenn Crider Amberg
1st Princess - Tinley Thomas
2nd Princess - Kennedy Baker
3rd Princess - Eden Lackey

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BROILER ORDER DUE BY OCTOBER 11, 2023



STOP BY THE AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE TO GET YOUR ORDER PLACED

- Payment for Broiler Order - \$1.74 per chick - order in increments of 25 - paid to County 4-H
- Payment for Blanco Co. Stock Show Entries is \$10 each - Paid to BCYC
- Signature of the 4-H or FFA member along with a parent/guardian signature on both entry and rules/ethic forms are required.

Orders will not be placed without payment.

*If you have questions, please contact
Melinda Ledbetter at 830 868 7167 or
melinda.ledbetter@ag.tamu.edu*

Blanco County Youth Beekeeper Program

Blanco County Beekeepers Association (BCBA)



What: Introduction to beekeeping with classroom and outdoor live bee hive instruction, including a beginner beekeeping book.



Curriculum:

Basic Bee Biology; Basic Beekeeping Equipment;
The Beekeeper's Calendar; Pests and Diseases;
Protective Gear; Lighting a Smoker; Hive Tools;
Honey Extraction

Who: Interested youth of Blanco County, ages 12-17 yrs., who are NOT allergic to bee stings, up to 10 students per class. .

When: Class meetings 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays:
9/11/23, 9/13/23, 9/25/23, and 9/27/23 AND
Field days 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Saturdays 9/16/23 and 9/30/23

Where: *Class meetings at the Blanco Public Library
1118 Main St., Blanco, TX 78606

*Field day instruction at the BCBA Youth Teaching Apiary
at Arnosky Family Farm (The Blue Barn),
13977 FM 2325, Blanco, TX 78606



Instructors:

Classroom - Kimberlee Kealiher, Teri Albright

Field Days - Kimberlee Kealiher, Teri Albright, and experienced beekeeper members of the BCBA.

* For sign-up or questions, please email BlancoYouthBeeProgram@gmail.com, or
saintabisbees@gmail.com

**Parents will be required to sign a permission slip and waiver, and will need to be present at a distance (not necessarily in the apiary) while field days are going on, in the case a student has an allergic reaction to a bee sting. Arnosky Blue Barn has a beautiful outdoor back porch that has tables and chairs, so you are welcome to wait there.

***This instruction is being offered free of charge thanks to a grant from the Texas Honey Bee Education Association/Texas Beekeepers Association. Students will be given The Backyard Beekeeper book at the end of the course if they attend at least 5 of the 6 classes. Certain beekeeping items, such as bee suits, smokers, etc can be purchased at a substantial discount at the end of the course.

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**SAVE THE DATE:
2024 Ignite by 4-H
March 13-17, 2024**



About Ignite by 4-H

Spark your imagination and passion! [Ignite by 4-H](#), an inclusive teen event, returns in **March 2024 to Washington, D.C.** Join us for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment and creating amazing connections. The summit will provide high-school aged youth from across the country the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-Being. Don't miss this opportunity to discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to ignite change in your community!

Stay tuned for more information on registration.

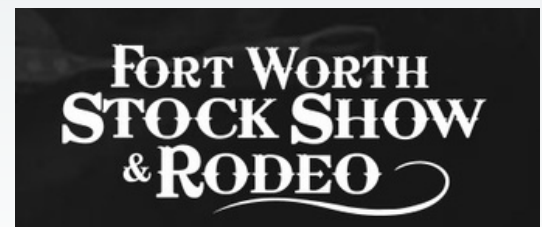
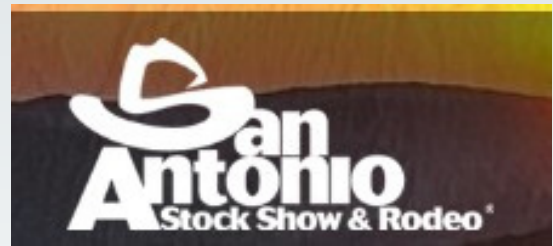
Click to view YouTube video on Ignite by 4-H



Livestock Show Information



Click on the show logo for more information.



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