



March 2024

Blanco County 4-H

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024

Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES

April 9, 2024	• Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	• Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	• Consumer Decision Making • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	• Share the Fun • Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	• Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	• 4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i>

District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024

EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024

District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024

LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024

EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024

District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg

REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024

EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024



Quick question....



Texas A&M AgriLife, Blanco County is curious what our 4-H members pay for with their stock show and exhibit hall proceeds. We often have donors ask us where their money is going and we'd love to be able to tell them. Is your child saving for cosmetology school? Maybe they are saving for next year's animal? Or, maybe they bought a car! Please let us know by taking this one minute survey. You can select as many answers as you'd like. No need to sign in as this survey is completely anonymous. There is no requirement to participate. We will post the results in the April 4-H Newsletter and the newspapers, so please answer by March 22. THANK YOU!

Survey Link:

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6huOj2gr7BDKy4S

QR Code:



4-H CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

EARLY BIRD 4-H CLUB

- CLUB MANAGER - DEBBY SULTEMEIER
- TSULTE_RANCH@YAHOO.COM
- DATE: NO MEETING IN MARCH

HILL COUNTRY SPURS 4-H CLUB

- CLUB MANAGER - KARI & WESLEY THOMAS
- KTHOMAS@REALIBLEACCESSIBILITY.COM
- DATE: NO MEETING IN MARCH

LUCKY LEAF 4-H CLUB

- CLUB MANAGER - JESSI HAAS-SNOW
- LUCKYLEAF4H@GMAIL.COM
- DATE: MARCH 25
- TIME: 6 PM
- LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BLANCO

4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION PROGRAM

- EVERY TUESDAY
- TIME: 6:30 PM
- LOCATION: BLANCO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



March Food Pantry donations

MACARONI MADNESS:

PASTA, PASTA SAUCE,
PARMESAN CHEESE, SALT, PEPPER,
OREGANO, GROUND MUSTARD,
OLIVE OIL, MINCED GARLIC

Your donations of food items help the Johnson City
Christian Food Pantry and the
Blanco Good Samaritan Center.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

BLANCO COUNTY 4-H ROBOTICS



PRESENTED BY 4-H LEADER: JOSHUA RIVERS

DATES & LESSONS:

MARCH 18-LIGHT UP MY LIFE & MAGNETIC NORTH

MARCH 25-CAN CAN ROBOT DESIGN & CAN CAN ROBOT BUILD

APRIL 15-GEAR WE GO AGAIN & GEARS AND MORE GEARS

APRIL 22-GEAR TRAIN DESIGN & BUILD

APRIL 28 ES-CAR-GO DESIGN & BUILD

3:45 TO 5:00

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-FELLOWSHIP HALL

105 N. LBJ DR.

JOHNSON CITY

SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

\$10.00 PER 4-H MEMBER

PAYABLE AT FIRST CLASS BY CHECK OR CASH

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY E-MAILING:

GRETCHEN SANDERS AT GLSANDERS@AG.TAMU.EDU

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

Major Show Updates



Hill District Grandstand

Sheep & Goat: Heston Hohenberger – (Reserve Champion Dorper Market Lamb), Addison Hohenberger (1st, 3rd), Lila Graham, Hank & Ollie Doyle, Cole Moeller, Taylor Strauch (1st), Laney Strauch.

Steer: Ava Craig – (3rd), Preston Craig, Isla McCoy

Turkey: Michael & Daniel Axtell



Fort Worth

Steer: Ava and Preston Craig

Lamb and Goat: Addison & Heston Hohenberger

San Angelo

Sheep and goat: Heston & Addison Hohenberger, Cole Moeller

San Antonio

Sheep and Goat: Heston & Addison Hohenberger, Cole Moeller, Hank & Ollie Doyle, Lila Graham, Taylor & Laney Strauch

Barrow: Jaxon McKennis



Shooting Sports Corner

Upcoming Events

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza: Perfect for first-time competition! Open to archery, BB gun, shotgun, rifle, and more. It will be held in Brownwood, TX on April 20th. Register by March 31.

More info here: [https://texas4-](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_extravaganza_2024.pdf)

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Updates

Archery

We are taking a vote to change practice days! Please visit this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKRJNG3>

If you would like to become a certified coach, please email or call Carley at carley.howell@ag.tamu.edu / 830-868-7167



Let us know if you are interested in attending the Texas Range Workshop. Scholarships are available.

T S S R M

Youth Range Workshop

JUNE 16-21, 2024

Texas Tech University Center at Junction, TX

Priority acceptance will be given to students that apply by April 15th.

Join other high school students across Texas for a fun week with rangeland and natural resource experts!

Students will gain hands-on experience including:



Plant ID & Collection

Students will learn how to identify range plants and start their own plant collections!



Field Trips to Local Ranches

We've partnered with local land stewards to give students boots-on-the-ground experience to emphasize learning objectives



Range & Wildlife Habitat Management

Students will be exposed to the fundamentals of proper grazing management and forage preferences of livestock and wildlife



& Much More!

Other topics include soil health, fire ecology & prescribed burning, carbon cycle relationships, brush management, rainfall effectiveness, and rangeland health evaluation



Students must be 14-18 years old and have completed 8th grade to attend.

Cost is \$500 per student and includes all meals, lodging, and educational materials.

Check with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ranches, or businesses for sponsorship opportunities!

Apply now at tx.ag/YRW2024



tssmyrw@gmail.com

tssrm-youthrangeworkshop.com

Contact us!

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425





2024
Spring



Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN** 2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

NEW!

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D.,
Extension Program Specialist at
jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu



Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 15 at 12:00 am thru
May 27 at 11:59 pm

UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP - COLLEGE STATION - MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC - NACOGDOCHES - APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS - LUFKIN - APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHEP) STATE CONTEST - TBD - MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) - COLLEGE STATION - JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE - RICHMOND - JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP - JOHNSON CITY - JULY 15-20

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:

[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:

- FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES

- INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions

LUCKY LEAF 4-H CLUB REPORT

On February 26th, we had our monthly 4-H meeting. We had guest speaker Sam Smith talk to us about being a Game Warden for Blanco County. He talked to us about his training at the academy, some of the different rules that he enforces, different things he does every day, how he patrols, some past experiences and then he let us ask questions.

We also talked about some upcoming events including the upcoming Photography Workshop at Bamberger Ranch, Keep Blanco Beautiful, Founders Day, Wellness Day and Spring Roundup. Club Manager, Jessi Haas-Snow also said that we may have a leader for a photography and robotics workshop.

~Submitted by Emily Singletary, Lucky Leaf 4-H Club Reporter



HILL COUNTRY SPURS 4-H CLUB REPORT

The meeting started at 6:46. Calen Mcnett from Texas Regional Bank was a guest speaker at our meeting. He talked to us about depositing our stockshow checks in the bank and about interest. We voted to skip the March meeting.

We also agreed to do a bake sale as a fundraiser instead of selling lemonade at the lavender fest. The hill country spurs is trying to start a livestock judging team to compete in April. The thank you notes are due in April.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

~Submitted by Hank Doyle, Hill Country Spurs 4-H Club Reporter



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