

Uvalde County 4-H

Members Guide
2015-2016

“To Make The Best Better”

“Learning By Doing”



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What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth development program to develop youth through the involvement of parents, other adults and volunteers who organize and conduct learning experiences for youth in a community setting. In the 4-H program, your son or daughter can grow in knowledge, citizenship, life skills, and leadership.

1. Working with adult volunteer leaders to make new friends through 4-H meetings and activities.
2. Felling a sense of accomplishment and developing self-confidence through “learning by doing.”
3. Developing leadership skills and the ability to speak before a group.
4. Exploring projects that may lead to future careers and leisure-time skills recognizing growth and achievement in areas or interest.

**What is most
important?**

**Members have FUN
while being involved in
4-H!**

MOTTO:

“To Make The Best Better”

EMBLEM:

The 4-H emblem is the four leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18 U.S.C. § 707. Permission is required to duplicate the 4-H Clover.

PLEDGE:

I pledge:

My **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service and

My **HEALTH** to better living for

my CLUB, my COMMUNITY,

my COUNTRY and my WORLD.

PRAYER:

Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better, because Thou dost make me.

COLORS:

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green is nature’s most common color and represents life, spring time and youth. White symbolizes purity.

4-H YEAR:

September 1st through August 31st.

NOTE: Enrollment begins tentatively August 15th of every calendar year.

AGE OF 4-H MEMBERS:

Any youth may become a member of 4-H when he or she has reached 8 years old and has entered the third grade. “Entered the third grade” is interpreted as: on September 1st of the year that the member is enrolled in the third grade.

A youth’s eligibility for membership expires August 31st of the calendar year in which the 18th birthday occurs.

Special education youth who are older than 18 and have not graduated from high school may participate in the 4-H & youth Development programs as members if approved by the County Extension Agent. Participation is limited to the club or county level. The County Extension Office has the option, on a case-by-case basis, to allow special education youth older than 18 to participate in competitive events at the club or county level.



Uvalde County - 4-H Clubs

Knippa Club

Day & Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 P.M.

Place: Knippa School Cafeteria

Manager/s: Jody Griffin / Michelle Ramsey

Robotics Club

Day & Time: 1st Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

Place: Fairplex Pavilion - Dry Frio room

Manager/s: Sandra Ligocky / Liz Eddy

Sabinal Club

Day & Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M.

Place: Sabinal High School

Manager/s: Kim Stewart / Kathy Powell

Shooting Sports Club

Day & Time: TBA

Place: Uvalde Gun Club

Manager/s: William Klein

UHSC Club

Day & Time: 1st Tuesday of the month @ 12:00 noon

Place: Uvalde Baptist Church – Youth Kitchen

Manager/s: Cindy Casburn

Uvalde County - 4-H Clubs

Utopia Club

Day & Time: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 3:45 P.M.

Place: Utopia School Cafeteria

Manager/s: Gini Hobbs / Brandy Redden

Uvalde Intermediate Club

Day & Time: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 P.M.

Place: Fairplex Pavilion - Dry Frio room

Manager/s: Heather Smith / Shannon Meyer

Uvalde Junior Club

Day & Time: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 P.M.

Place: Fairplex Pavilion - Dry Frio room

Manager/s: Donna Ede / Cheryl Sanchez

Uvalde Senior Club

Day & Time: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 P.M.

Place: Fairplex Pavilion - Dry Frio room

Manager/s: Stephen Stephens / Michelle Parker

County Council & Adult Leaders

Day & Time: September 28, 2015, November 30, 2015,
February 29, 2016 and May 2016 (TBA)

Place: Fairplex - Leona Room

Council - Donna Ede Adult President Henry Lutz

4-H Calendar

August

Enrollment on 4-H Connect

September

Continuing Enrollment on 4-H Connect

Foods & Nutrition Project Starts

Uvalde County Photography

October

Clothing & Textiles Project Starts

County Novice Rabbit Entries (1st)

One Day 4-H Grows (10th)

Lamb and Goat Validation (17th)

Breeding Sheep Validation (24th)

National 4-H Week (4th – 10th)

Heart O' Texas Livestock Show - Waco (8th – 17th)

Quality Counts Verification (due by the 31st)

Uvalde County Horse Show (Entries due by the 30th)

November

Swine Validation (18th from 4 pm – 6 pm)

Swine Validation (21st from 9 am – 12 noon)

Fort Worth & Odessa Livestock Show Sign Up (9th – 12th)

Major Livestock Show Sign Up (16th - 19th from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Major Livestock Show Entries Due

Uvalde County Junior Livestock Entries Due

Junior Leadership Retreat (Brownwood)

Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)

County Food Show

December

Judging Contest Entry for Fort Worth (1st)
Calf Scramble Deadline for San Antonio (1st)
District 10 Food Show (5th @ Hill County Youth Event Center – Kerrville)
Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Dance (13th in Knippa @ Herman & Sons
Dance Hall)
Calf Scramble Deadline for San Angelo (15th)
Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)

January

Odessa Livestock Show (5th – 9th)
Judging Contest for San Antonio (14th)
Kerrville Livestock Show (17- 23rd)
Fort Worth Livestock Show (15th – Feb 6th)
Uvalde County Junior Livestock & Bake Show (28th – 30th)
Teen Retreat (8th – 10th)

February

Nutrition Quiz Bowl (9th @ Kerrville Church of Christ)
San Angelo Livestock Show (4th – 21st)
San Antonio Livestock Show (11th – 28th)
Dairy Judging (non-qualifying) (12th SALE Contest San Antonio -
Registration @ 8:00 am)
Horse Judging (18th SALE Contest San Antonio - Registration @ 8:00 am)
Consumer Judging (20th SALE Contest San Antonio - Registration @ 8:00
am)

March

Houston Livestock Show (March 1st – 20th)
Rodeo Austin Livestock Show (March 12th – 26th)
District 10 - Photography (15th)
Officer/Leader Selection for Clubs

April - District Contests

Entomology (9th @ Bexar County Extension Office – San Antonio)

Smallbore Rifle Contest (16th in Floresville)

Meats Judging (20th @ San Angelo State University – Meat Lab)

Leaders 4 Life (21st @ Guadalupe County Extension Office – Sequin)

Livestock Judging (23rd @ Gillespie County Fair Grounds –
Fredericksburg)

District Contests (27th @ Cooke Stevenson Center – Junction):

Range Evaluations

Pasture ID

Soil Judging (may be moved to a separate day)

Wool Judging

Mohair Judging

Fashion Show (29th – TBA):

Fashion Show

Textiles Show

Storyboard

Duds to Dazzle

District Roundup (30th @ Lockhart Junior High):

Beef Quiz Bowl

Educational Presentations

Horse Quiz Bowl

Public Speaking

Share the Fun

May

June

Lamb & Goat Sales Start
Junior Leadership Rally
Record Books Due
State 4-H Round-up (7th – 9th @ College Station)
Steer Validation
Horizons (@ Brownwood)
District Horse Show (14-15 @Uvalde County Fairplex – Uvalde)
District 10 Leadership Lab (22nd – 24th @ Texas 4-H Center
Brownwood)

July

Primetime Camp
District Record Book Judging
Mission Possible
Leadership & Officer Training
State Record Book Judging (7th)
Texas 4-H Congress (17th – 20th @ Austin)

August

Enrollment on 4-H Connect
Order State Validation Lamb and Goat Tags
D-10 Conference and Gold Star Luncheon

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Important Information

- Sign up for the Fort Worth Stock Show
Dates: November 9th —12th
Location: Uvalde County Extension Office
122 Veterans Lane, Uvalde, TX
- Sign up for other major livestock shows:
Dates: November 16th—19th
Location: Uvalde County Extension Office
122 Veterans Lane, Uvalde, TX

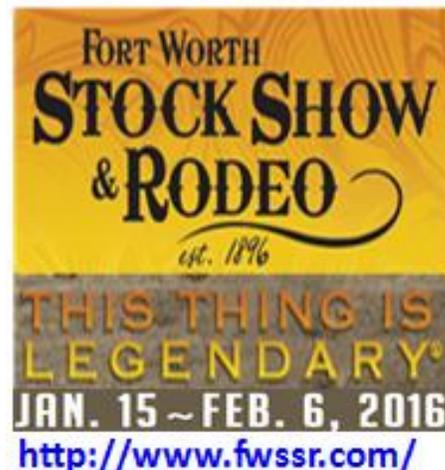


Website: <http://bigtex.com/>



Oct 8 - 17, 2015

Website: <http://www.hotfair.com/>





January 17 – 23, 2016

<http://hcdjls.org/>



<http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/default.aspx>



2016 RODEO DATES
FEB 11 - 29

<http://www.sarodeo.com/>



Livestock Show *and* Rodeo

MARCH 1-20, 2016

<http://www.rodeohouston.com/>

RODEO AUSTIN - MARCH 12-26, 2016



<http://www.rodeoaustin.com/events/stock-show/>

FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT

The food and nutrition project helps participants learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness, reduce disease and illness risks, and gain knowledge of nutrients. Major learning experiences are centered on nutrition, menu planning, food buying, preparation and food safety, careers, and cultural influences.

OBJECTIVES

- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
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PROJECT EXPERIENCES

4-H Food Show –County, District, State	Recipe Rally
Food Challenge – County, District, State	Healthy Lifestyles Invitational
4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl	Open FCS Educational Presentation
MASH Camp	(county, district, and state levels)

County Food Show – November

District Food Show & Food Challenge – December 5, 2015 Hill Country Youth Event Center, Kerrville

Visit: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_food/ for more information

Age Requirements:

County and District Age:	Age for State:
In 3 rd grade – 18 years of age	In 9 th grade – 18 years of age

Clothing & Textiles

Youth in the 4-H Clothing & Textile Project learn about fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style and design, proper grooming, poise in front of others, and personal presentation skills.

Duds To Dazzle

The Texas 4-H Duds to Dazzle Clothing & Textiles Competition goes one step beyond, utilizing the knowledge and skills learned in the project, while increasing awareness of the impact of the clothing & textile industry on the environment, specifically the waste stream. In the competition, teams of 4-H members will re-design and repurpose discarded garments.

Fashion Show

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project.

Fashion Storyboard Contest

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as additional materials (such as photos from the Internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design.

Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project

The Quilt Challenge will provide youth with the opportunity to utilize their sewing skills gained in the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project to complete a quilt that will be judged and then donated.

District Fashion Show- April 29, 2016 Location TBA

Visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/clothings-textiles/> for more information

Age Requirements:

District: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

State: 9th grade – 18 years of age



Photography Project

The photography project encourages self-expression and teaches proper use of photographic equipment and developing processes photography provides opportunities for career exploration and promoting 4-H.

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County Photography – January 4, 2015

Pictures will be displayed at the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show

District Photography - Entry Deadline – March 15, 2016

Display during District Conference/Gold Star – August

State – State Round Up - June

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_photography/

Age Requirements:

County: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

District: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

State: 9th grade – 18 years of age



4-H Animal Projects

WHAT ARE THE ANIMALS PROJECTS?

The animal projects teach youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H animal project, individuals learn decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership. They may participate in market projects, breeding projects and non-competitive projects.

Lamb Project

- Lamb sales in early June
- Order State Validation tags in August
- Validate lambs in October
- Entry forms & fees for all livestock shows are due in November
- Need to consider age when purchasing for shows
- Review rules of county and major livestock shows

Visit: [http:// http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_sheep/](http://http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_sheep/) for more information.

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

Steer Project

- Purchase Steer in March or beginning of April
- Order State Validation Tags in early May
- Validation of steers in June
- Hooves need to be trimmed throughout feeding period
- Treat for external parasites
- Entry forms & fees for all livestock shows are due in November
- Steer must be dehorned

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

Goat Project

The 4-H goat project offers outstanding opportunities for individuals to gain experience in decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.

- Purchase goat in June – September
- Order State Validation Tags in August
- Validation of Goats is in October
- Entry forms & fees for all livestock shows are due in November
- Goats must have milk teeth for some shows
 - (check each individual livestock show for rules)
- Horns must be tipped for some shows and dehorned for some
 - (check each individual livestock show for rules)
 - Note: Dehorned is preferred

Visit: http://http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_hairgoats/ for more information.

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age



Swine Project

The swine project teaches participants proper methods of selecting, feeding, raising, breeding and marketing swine. Either market or breeding animals can be raised.

- Order State Validation tags in September
- Purchase swine late August thru October
- Validation of swine in November
- Entry forms & fees for all livestock shows are due in November

Visit: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_swine/ for more information

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age



Rabbit Project

The rabbit project teaches proper methods of caring for, raising, breeding and marketing rabbits. There are three project options: Market Rabbit Project (breeding and raising rabbits for meat); Rabbit Breeding Project (breeding and raising rabbits for desired or unique characteristics); and Pet Project (maintaining rabbits for companionship).

- Order Novice rabbits from County Extension Office by October.
- Validation of all rabbits in early January.
- Pick up novice rabbits in early January.
- Rabbit clinic held during validation.

Visit: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_rabbits/ for more information.

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age



Horse Project

During this experience, you will grow in your decision making abilities, public speaking and your knowledge in horsemanship, horse development and training. We will bond as a team and build each other to a new level of accomplishment!

OBJECTIVES

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- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
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PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Horse Educational Presentation Contest (county, district, and state levels)	County to National level Horse Shows
Horse Judging Contests	Horse Quiz Bowl Contests
Ponies of America Essay Contest	Summer Horsemanship Schools
Texas 4-H Reining Clinic	Texas 4-H Roping School
Texas 4-H Team Roping School	SpecTra - Ag & Natural Resources (limited to 22 senior aged participants)

For more information visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

Dog Obedience

The dog care and training project teaches participants the care, training and production of dogs.

- Project starts in the spring
- Practice will be once a week – to be announced
- There is an end of year show with prizes awarded
- Requirements and Eligibility:
 - Your dog – no puppies
 - Collar & leash
 - Dog's favorite treats
- Participation in County, District, or State contest is not required.

Age Requirements:

8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age



Other Projects & Activities

VET SCIENCE PROJECT

The Vet Science Project deals with techniques and procedures involved in caring for animals. Includes learning how veterinarians are most effective.

Age Requirements: 8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

STOCK SHOWS

The Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show is held annually in January. The show is open to all youth who are members of a 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters in Uvalde County.

Other livestock shows include Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, San Angelo, Rodeo Austin, Sand Hills in Odessa and the State Fair in Dallas.

Age requirements: 8 and in the 3rd grade.

ENTOMOLOGY

The Entomology Project introduces youth to the fundamentals of entomology and develops skills in identification of common insects and their relatives. The basic entomological principles to be covered include: insect structure and function, metamorphosis, insect identification and the importance of insects to humans.

Age Requirements: 8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

4-H ROUND-UP, EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS **& SHARE THE FUN**

Educational Presentations

Educational Presentations are conducted annually at the District and State levels. Educational Presentations are planned presentations prepared by an individual or team of 4-H members and presented to groups with the use of posters, power points, and demonstration materials. These presentations should relate information the 4-H member has learned through work. Simply stated, these are ways of “showing and telling” others how to make or do something and sharing useful information. Subject divisions for Education Presentations include: companion animals, clothing, foods, health, beef, family life, horse, poultry, sheep & goats, electric energy, safety and an open class.

Share the Fun

Share the Fun is a short 5 to 6 minute skit, song, or dance to provide for social, cultural and leadership development on the 4-H youth.

4-H members participate in Educational Presentations and Share the Fun routines as a fun way to learn to speak and interact in front of people and develop their own leadership skills and positive self-concepts. Also, through this participation 4-H members develop knowledge and skills in several projects and subject matter areas.

Age Requirements:

District: 8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

State: 9th grade – 18 years of age

Leadership Opportunities

TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS

Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere citizenship and leadership experience for Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 – 18 years of age. Held on the even numbers years in the Texas State Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist.

LEADERSHIP LAB

This is a two and a half day leadership activity held in June or July. The lab is open to 4-H members 13 – 18 years of age from each county. This camp also gives county officers the opportunity to run for District Office.

PRIME TIME

Prime Time helps with youth ages 8 – 13 years of age learn interpersonal skills and develop lifelong friendships. Programming focuses on educational and recreational experiences, with emphasis on helping young people understand the opportunities that are available in the future. Sessions are scheduled in July.

HORIZONS

This five day, four night camp focuses around project enhancement, career exploration, and personal/professional development. Participants choose their focus area where they will receive approximately 16 hours of instruction and introduction to careers in the field. Each workshop is limited to 20 youth and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Evening activities are geared towards professional development and workforce preparation, and of course, camp recreation and games! Dances each night!

There will be six (6) Project Focused workshops.

Taxidermy

Food Challenge

Sport Fishing

Photography

Fashion

Share the Fun

Youth registration is \$280.

Registration opens March 1st for Horizons Camp.

County Awards

GOLD STAR

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

1. The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit an award program recordbook in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The member must complete a 15-30 minute interview with the panel of judges.
4. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - a. Educational Presentations/4-H presentation contest
 - b. Citizenship activities
 - c. Projects
 - d. Camps
 - e. Leadership Labs
 - f. Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)

Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising, State and National Congresses, etc.)

Gold Star Award

(Continue)

Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district, or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. The Examples are working with or counseling junior 4-H members, participating in community service projects (individual, group, or club), and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.



Uvalde County 4-H

Bronze, Silver, Gold & Diamond Awards



Points are accumulated through participation in activities and events through the Uvalde County 4-H Program. Project forms and participation in any activities/events are due on the day that records books are due in the month of June. It is up to each 4-H member to turn in their point sheet so the award committee can record the points. Blank point sheets are passed out in September at club meetings.

Bronze (250 points)

Silver (650 points)

Gold (1100 points)

Diamond (1500 points)

To be eligible to receive a 4-H project medal, a 4-H member must complete a 4-H recordbook and submit it to the County Extension Office for county completion by the assigned due date in June.

Special 4-H Awards

These awards are given by the Uvalde County Adult Leader Organization:

Alumni Award

To earn the Alumni Award, an individual must be a former 4-H member. This person must have been involved as an Adult Leader, taught 4-H projects, or given assistance to the 4-H program in some manner. Exemplary leadership, citizenship and concern for youth are further qualifications.

Friend of 4-H Award

This is awarded to an individual or business outside of the 4-H organization. This person or business has made a very special contribution to 4-H through his/her time, influence or special support.

Meritorious Service Award

This award is presented to an individual, business or organization which has given outstanding support to the 4-H program.

Honorary 4-H member Award

This award is given to a person who has served 4-H with loyalty, enthusiasm, leadership, support, and who works or has worked directly with the 4-H programs.

Appreciation Award

This award is given to acknowledge a special contribution and /or performance in support of 4-H programs.

Hall of Fame Award

Deceased 4-H supporters, who have given outstanding dedication and assistance to the program, are inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Citation for Outstanding Service

This award recognized outstanding service to the overall 4-H program.

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Texas 4-H Opportunities Scholarships

The Texas 4-H Foundation facilitates the largest 4-H Scholarship program in the nation. Each year, over 140 scholars are recognized for academic and 4-H excellence. Application forms are available in November or December and are due to the County Extension agent around the 1st day of February. For requirements and application forms go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

Uvalde County JR. Livestock Show Association (UCJLSA)

Applications are available at the County Extension Office in January.

Note: a minimum of 2 scholarships are awarded.

Uvalde County 4-H Scholarships

American Legion Post 26

Dan Davis Memorial

Dink Turner Memorial

Lorene & Richard Stitts and Hazel Baylor Memorial

Robert & Buddy Elledge Memorial

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because 4-H is
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