

Uvalde County 4-H

Members Guide
2017 - 2018

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...To Make the Best Better.

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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. Feeling 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 of interest.

Volunteer with 4-H?

4-H is a volunteer organization. We need adult volunteers to mentor 4-H youths, be project leaders, chaperone and/or run events. No experience necessary. Please consider sharing your gifts, talents and knowledge with 4-H members.



MOTTO:

“To Make The Best Better”



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.

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.

PRAYER:

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

4-H Website:

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



Texas 4-H

What is 4-H
summary & history

Volunteer
give your time

Projects
activities you can do

Scholarships
types & how to apply

AGE OF 4-H MEMBERS:

Age Requirements: Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of third grade through August 31st following completion of twelfth grade, with these age restrictions:

- ⇒ Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2017 in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- ⇒ Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2017)
- ⇒ Special education youth who are older than 19 and have not graduated from high school may participate in 4-H Youth Development programs as members, with approval by the County Extension Agent. Participation is limited to the club or county level. County Extension staff have the option, on a case-by-case basis, to allow Special Education youth older than 19 to participate in competitive events at the club or county level.

Texas 4-H Member Categories

- Junior - Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12



Uvalde County - 4-H Clubs

Knippa 4-H Club

Day & Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 P.M.
Place: Knippa Elementary School
Manager/s: Jody Griffin / Michelle Ramsey

Sabinal 4-H Club

Day & Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 P.M.
Place: Sabinal High School – F.C.S. classroom
Manager/s: Kim Stewart

Shooting Sports Club

Day & Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 P.M.
Place: Dry Frio Room - Uvalde County Fairplex
February Meetings: Uvalde Gun Club – Sul Ross Road
Manager/s: Olivia Rish

Utopia Club

Day & Time: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 3:45 P.M.
Place: Utopia School Cafeteria
Manager/s: Gini Hobbs

Uvalde 4-H Council

Day & Time: Last Sunday of the following months:
August 2017, November 2017, March 2018,
and May's picnic
Place: St. Henry de Osso Family Project
Manager/s: Donna Ede & Heather Bunch Smith

Uvalde County - 4-H Clubs

Uvalde Junior Club

Day & Time: August 27th, October 1st, November 28th,
December 3rd, January 7th and March 25th
from 3 - 5 P.M.

Place: St. Henry de Osso Family Project
114 E. Nopal

Manager/s: Donna Ede

Uvalde Intermediate Club

Day & Time: August 27th, October 1st, November 28th,
December 3rd, January 7th and March 25th
from 3 - 5 P.M.

Place: St. Henry de Osso Family Project
114 E. Nopal

Manager/s: Heather Bunch Smith

Uvalde Senior Club

Day & Time: August 27th, October 1st, November 28th,
December 3rd, January 7th and March 25th
from 3 - 5 P.M.

Place: St. Henry de Osso Family Project
114 E. Nopal

Manager/s: Teri Gaston

Uvalde 4-H Adult Organization

Day & Time: Last Monday of the following months: Sep-
tember 2017, November 2017, March 2018,
and July 2017 at 6:15 P.M.

Place: Fairplex - Leona Room

President: Jody Griffin

4-H Calendar

August

Achievement Night Banquet
Order State Validation Lamb and Goat Tags
Enrollment on 4-H Connect

September

Continuing Enrollment on 4-H Connect
Club Meetings begin
Foods & Nutrition Projects begin
Photography Project begins
District 10 4-H Conference - Comfort, Texas
State Fair of Texas—Dallas
Commercial Heifer Validation
Judging Contest Entry for Fort Worth (due by the 15th)

October

State Fair of Texas—Dallas
Clothing & Textiles Project Starts
County Novice Rabbit Entries
National 4-H Week 1st - 7th
Heart O' Texas Livestock Show - Waco
One Day 4-H Grows 7th
Lamb and Goat Validation
Breeding Sheep Validation
Quality Counts Verification (due by the 31st)
County Food Show
District 10 Fall Round-Up: Registration begins

November

All Major Livestock Show Entries Due
Swine Validation
Junior Leadership Retreat (Brownwood)
Calf Scramble Deadline for Fort Worth & San Antonio
Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
National 4-H Congress (23rd - 28th)

December

Uvalde County Junior Livestock: ALL Entries Due by December 1, 2017

Horse Validation

Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Dance

Calf Scramble Deadline for San Angelo and Houston

Shooting Sports Coach Training - Brownwood

Vet Science Camp - Brownwood

District 10 4-H Fall Round-Up:

Food Challenge & Food Show

Beef & Horse Quiz Bowl

Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Public Speaking

Entomology

Educational Presentations

January

Rabbits Tattooed (around first week of January)

Uvalde County Photography (due the first Friday of January)

Sandhills Stock Show - Odessa

Teen Retreat (Brownwood)

Fort Worth Livestock Show

HCDJLS - Kerrville

Uvalde County Junior Livestock & Bake Show

Youth Hunters' Education Safety (tentative)

February

San Angelo Livestock Show

San Antonio Livestock Show

Shooting Sports Texas Team Rendezvous

March

Houston Livestock Show

Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

District 10 - Photography

Officer/Leader Selection for Clubs

Nation 4-H Conference

April

District 10 4-H Spring Round-Up:
Range Evaluations/Range & Pasture ID
Wool Judging & Mohair Judging
Leaders 4 Life
Soil Judging
Duds to Dazzle
Fashion Show & Storyboard
Livestock Judging & Meats Judging
Smallbore Rifle Contest (Floresville, Texas)
Share the Fun
Steer Validation Tags - ordered

May

Family 4-H Picnic
Project Record Forms are due at the end of May
Gold Star Application form is due at the end of May

June

Leadership Lab
State Rife Match
Recordbooks Due
State 4-H Roundup
Steer Validation
District 10 District Horse Show
District 10 Leadership Lab
Leadership & Officer Training

July

Horizons, Mission Possible, Primetime, 4-H Fishing Camp
District Recordbook Judging
State Record Book Judging
State Horse Show

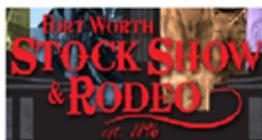
LIVESTOCK SHOWS

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. *** Junior FFA members will not be eligible to participate under FFA in the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show.

Major livestock shows are: The State Fair - Dallas, Heart O' Texas - Waco, Sand Hills in Odessa, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, HCDJLS - Kerrville, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Rodeo Austin.

Important Information

Sign up for the following major shows: Sand Hills in Odessa, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, HCDJLS - Kerrville, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Rodeo Austin, will be from **November 1st - 9th** at the Uvalde County Extension Office. We will have extended hours on the 2nd and the 6th from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.



PICK YOUR PROJECT

In 4-H, the activities are organized by topics and are called 'Projects.' All 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one project. When you choose a project, you will learn everything there is to know about that topic. You will participate in various hands-on activities, learn new skills, do community service, or even make speeches about your project. How to choose your 4-H project:

- Select a project you like.
- Select a project that can be completed.
- Consider the money and time it will take. Can parents/guardians help?
- Consider the space and equipment that you have at home.
- A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose, and be worth the effort.
- Select only the number of projects you can complete.
- Contact your local county club to see which projects are offered where you live.

Browse the list of projects below to see what you would like to do and don't forget to have fun! * Visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/> for a complete list of projects.

Beef Cattle	International Travel	Science, Engineering & Technology
Careers & Workforce Prep	Leadership	Sheep
Citizenship	Meat Science	Shooting Sports
Clothing & Textiles	Natural Resources	Small & Companion Animals
Community Service	Outdoor Education & Living Skills	Swine
Consumer Education	Photography & Video	Sportfishing
Dairy Cattle	Plant & Gardening	Theater & Performance Arts
Dog Care & Training	Public Speaking	Veterinary Science
Entomology	Poultry	Water Conservation & Education
Food & Nutrition	Rabbits	Wildlife & Fisheries
Forestry	Range Science	Youth Entrepreneurship
Goats	Robotics	
Horse	Rocketry & Aerospace	
Interior Design & Green Living	Safety	

FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECTS

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.

- **Food Show** – At the Food Show you choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis.
- **Food Challenge** – At the Food Challenge, teams of 3 to 5 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost. Students qualify at the country and district level to compete at the state contest. Review all the rules in the Food Challenge Manual.
- **Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl** – A “Quiz Bowl” is a quiz game that tests teams of 3-4 on their knowledge of food and nutrition. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn points for correct answers. Teams advance in a tournament-system bracket to win the competition.
- **The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational** – This contest is for intermediate (age 9-13) and senior age (14-18) students. The invitational is held at 4-H Roundup; teams do not have to qualify to enter. First, you are given a story (in each of 8 classes) related to a healthy lifestyles topic and four possible outcomes or choices. You must rank the four choices and are scored on your answer. Then, in the presentation portion, teams must work together to analyze a problem, develop a solution and make a presentation to the judges. Review all the guidelines and rules in the Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Manual.

County Food Show & Food Challenge – October

District Food Show & Food Challenge – December

State Food Show & Food Challenge – June

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

For more information, visit:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>

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.

Age Requirements:

County: District: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

3rd grade – 18 years of age

State: 9th grade – 18 years of age

Visit for more information:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>

Photography & Video Projects



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.

OBJECTIVES

- ⇒ To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- ⇒ To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- ⇒ To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- ⇒ To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for senior 4-H members.
- ⇒ To continue to share the message of 4-H.
- ⇒ To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

County Photography – Photos due first Friday in January, 2018
Pictures will be displayed at the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show

District Photography - Entry Deadline – mid March
Display during the District Roundup

State – State Round Up - June

Age Requirements:

County: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

District: 3rd grade – 18 years of age

State: 9th grade – 18 years of age

For more information, visit:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

Shooting Sports

If you enjoy the outdoors and hunting, you'll love the shooting sports project! This project covers firearm safety and teaches responsible handling and use. Get ready because this project is hands on. You'll learn about a variety of firearms – including pistols, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading, and even archery!

Some groups focus on competitive events, and others practice basic shooting programs. In the shooting sports project, you'll learn:

- ⇒ how to load and shoot a variety of firearms
 - ⇒ proper maintenance of your firearms, parts, and accessories
 - ⇒ proper safety procedures in handling and shooting
 - ⇒ about shooting sports competitions and how to participate
 - ⇒ hunting procedures
 - ⇒ laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, and firearms use
 - ⇒ about careers related to firearms and shooting sports!
- Due to the nature of this sport, there are quite a few rules that are detailed and important to follow. But remember, fun and safety are the primary goals. These rules should be applied to any activity and event within 4-H Shooting Sports project; these rules supercede those posted in governing bodies such as NRA, USA Archery, NSCA, etc.
 - The rules for the following discipline: Archery, Hunting & Wildlife, Pistol, Muzzleloading/black powder, Rifle, Shotgun, Whiz-bang event and General shooting sports rules can be found at the website below.

Other things you should know about this project:

Use of reloaded ammunition

Certified 4-H shooting sports coaches

Mandatory forms for the 4-H pistol project



For more information, visit:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

*At time of publication, shotgun is the only discipline offered in Uvalde County. However, if a parent, volunteer or coach is interested in offering other disciplines (i.e. archery, muzzleloading, rifle or pistol), please contact the Uvalde County Extension Office.



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 Projects

- 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://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/sheep/> For more information.

Age Requirements:

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

Goat Projects

In the goat project, you will be responsible for purchasing and taking care of your goat. You can choose to specialize your project and knowledge on either meat, hair, or dairy production. This is an incredibly rewarding experience that takes commitment and with the goat project in most cases for the county level it is about eight months of time.

In this project you will learn:

- Responsibility
- Proper nutrition
- Proper care for your animal
- Decision making

And you can also learn through various other opportunities:

- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Community Service

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 or dehorned for other shows

(check each individual livestock show for rules)

Note: Dehorned is preferred

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

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

Age Requirements:

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

Swine Projects

The 4-H swine project is one of the largest projects in the state and is a fun way to raise market or breeding animals. In the swine project, you will experience the full process of selecting, feeding, breeding, and promoting swine. You will also learn public speaking, leadership, and community service through various opportunities related to the swine project.

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.tamtu.edu/projects/swine-2/> for more information

Age Requirements:

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

all you need is
Love
and a
Show Pig



Rabbit Projects

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).

Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show - please refer to the Rules and Regulations governing show.

However, for Novice rabbits, orders must be received and paid for by **October 1, 2017**. The cost is \$50 per rabbit. An order of 4 if showing a pen of 3 with Fryer for each novice exhibitor for a total of \$200.00. **This is for the rabbits only and does not include entry fee.** Orders must be accompanied with Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show Entry. Deliver all orders and entries fees to the County Extension Office by October.

Validation of all rabbits in early January.

Pick up novice rabbits either late December or early January.

Rabbit clinic held during validation.

For more information visit:

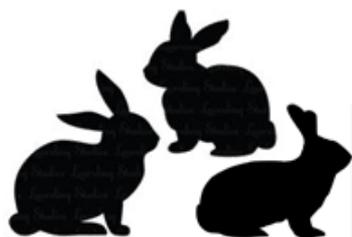
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/>

Age Requirements:

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

How has 4-H shaped you?

We're
All
Fars!



Beef Projects

The beef project teaches the fundamentals of the beef cattle industry. But it is not all work and no play! With things like the calf scramble for scholarships and money towards your next project, the memories gained through this project are going to last a lifetime.

You will explore all areas of the industry such as animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, and care.

In this project you will learn:

- Responsibility
- Proper nutrition
- Proper care for your animal
- Decision making

And you can also learn through various other opportunities:

- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Community Service

Purchase Steer in March or beginning of April

Order State Validation Tags in early April

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

For more information, visit:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/beef-cattle/>



Horse Projects



State Horse Show

Competitors must qualify through their district in order to compete at this event. You can compete in events like western pleasure, working cow horse, hunter under saddle, and barrel racing, to name a few. The State 4-H horse show is held each summer.

Horse Judging

In horse judging, you will compete on a team as you learn to be the judge of a horse show! You will learn all the body parts of a horse, the ideal characteristics of how a horse moves, determine how to score horses in competition and to explain how you decided on your scores. You will learn decision-making and public speaking skills. When you get to the senior level of this activity, you could compete in national competitions.

Quiz Bowl

Quiz bowl is an opportunity to demonstrate all of the information that you have gained through the past year through this project. This is a contest that will help your student learn more about his or her project while getting the opportunity to compete on a state level. It is a team event where you compete against another team and whoever buzzes in first, gets to answer the question. Held at 4-H Roundup each year, competitors must qualify through their district in order to compete at this event.

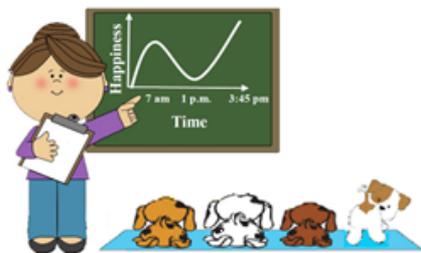
Skillathon

The horse skillathon is a great way to showcase all of the knowledge that you gain throughout the project. This contest covers an array of topics and encourages you to really stretch your hard-earned information. It is a competitive way to evaluate what you have learned along the way, and a fun way to gain more knowledge regarding your project.

Roundup Public Speaking

No matter what you do once you are done with school public speaking will benefit you. This is an opportunity to learn valuable life skills through either a speech or a demonstration. It is a fun and competitive way to develop useful skills that will stay with you for life. This is a contest that will help your student learn more about his or her project while getting the opportunity to compete on a state level. Held at 4-H Roundup each year, competitors must qualify through their district in order to compete at this event.

Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horse/> for more information.



Dog Care & Training Projects

Mixed breed or purebred, all kinds of dogs are welcome in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project. You can have a better, well-mannered family member in about 6 weeks with our basic obedience training class. After obedience training, you can set your sights on Canine Good Citizenship Certification.

You will also learn about daily care and health of your dog, and being a “dog foster parent.” Most important of all is having fun as you build a bond with your dog and make friends who love dogs too!

Teach your dog new tricks! Bring your dog and complete a basic obedience course in about 6 weeks. Have fun and build confidence as your dog improves.

You can do all sorts of activities, like:

- Foster dogs, therapy or guide dogs,
- Competitions such as rally, agility, obedience, showmanship or conformation
- canine good citizenship testing

Project starts in the spring

- Practice will be twice a week – to be announced
- There is an end of year show

Requirements and Eligibility:

- Your dog – no puppies
- Collar & leash
- Dog’s favorite treats
- Age Requirements: 8 and in the 3rd grade – 18 years of age

Be the kind of person
your dog thinks you are.



Other Projects & Activities

VET SCIENCE PROJECT

If you are interested in a career as a veterinarian, start with your veterinary assistant certificate! To receive your veterinary assistant certificate through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Veterinary Medicine, you must complete 100 lessons and 500 hours of apprenticeship. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the exam for certification through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA).

A few things you will learn and do in this project are:

- Animal nutrition
- Handling and restraining animals
- Helping with animal examinations and treatments
- Infectious diseases of animals
- Non-infectious diseases
- Aiding with surgery

You will also have an opportunity to attend a 4-H veterinary science camp.

Curriculum:

Print & eBooks: available through the Texas A&M AgriLife Bookstore

⇒ *Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant* by Floron C. Faries Jr., (contains 75 core lessons and 25 clinical lessons)

⇒ *One Health Science & Technology* by Heather L. Simmons (contains 25 One Health lessons)

⇒ *Laboratory Science & Technology* by Heather L. Simmons (contains 25 laboratory science lessons)

⇒ Teacher keys are available for each book

<http://www.agrilifebookstore.org/SearchResults.asp?Search=veterinary+science&Submit=Search>



ROBOTICS

Robots are all around us. From the food we eat to the cars we drive, robots help make our lives easier, more efficient, and simply more fun! The field of robotics is expanding at a rapid pace, and Texas 4-H is poised to help lead young people into this exciting field. You will learn how to design, build, and program robots in an exciting and hands-on project.

The primary platform for the project is Lego® Mindstorms® but individuals or groups can independently pursue other platforms.

Age Requirements: Juniors (8-13) and Senior (14-19)

For more information, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/>



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

For more information visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

District 10 4-H Round-Up will be hosting a Fall and Spring Round-Up. They will each be three day events and will allow for families to stay in a central location. A few contests will still be on their own, due to facility or location.

2017-18 Fall Round-Up

December 8-9, 2017
Kerrville, TX

Contests included:

- Food Challenge
- Food Show
- Entomology
- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Horse Quiz owl
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- Public Speaking
- Educational Presentations

2017-2018 Spring Round-Up

April 19-21, 2018
Fredericksburg, TX

Contests included:

- Soil Judging
- Range & Pasture ID
- Range Evaluation
- Wool Judging
- Mohair Judging
- Leaders 4 Life
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboards
- Duds to Dazzle
- Share-The-Fun
- Livestock Judging
- Smallbore Rifle
(Floresville, TX)



State Roundup

The Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for 4-H youth who placed in a district level roundup or signed up to compete in one of the invitational events. The Texas 4-H Roundup has around 50 diverse competitions that tie in with the many projects that 4-H has to offer.

Educational Presentations



Have you ever watched a movie where the people are all dressed in business suits, sitting around a table, and someone is giving a presentation? Some of the presenters may be using media presentation, posters, and some may be using models or props, while others may only be delivering words

to relay their point. If you have seen this, then you know what an educational presentation is!

A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills in a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be you just speaking and convincing, or simply educating, with words alone (public speaking).



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. Next Texas 4-H Congress will be on July 22 - 25, 2018.

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 four to six project focused workshops which vary each summer.

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 on the last Monday of May. 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)



Uvalde County 4-H Recordbook & Project Medal



Recordkeeping is a valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Recordbook. The primary purposes of completing a recordbook are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

- ⇒ A recordbook consists of information that a 4-H member records over the course of a 4-H year that documents his/her goals, knowledge and skills gained, leadership experiences, awards earned, and service in his/her community. Those experiences are recorded into forms, narratives, and a story written by the 4-H member. The information is printed, bound in a cover, and is typically submitted for evaluation.
- ⇒ One of the three different formats for recordbook for junior, intermediate and senior age divisions must be used.
- ⇒ The evaluation or judging process focuses on personal achievement, using a rubric scoring system.
- ⇒ 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.



GOLD STAR



Requirements for the Texas 4-H Gold Star

As the highest award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, County Offices and Agents are ask to maintain a high level of integrity and honor through their selection process of county Gold Star recipients. At the MINIMUM, the following guidelines should be used in the eligibility and selection process for each county:

- The member must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in at least three different project areas, submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - ⇒ Projects and/or Project Exhibits
 - ⇒ Participation in Leadership Experiences such as Leadership Labs, Texas 4-H Congress, or National Leadership Events such as National 4-H Congress/Conference, and any county, district, or state leadership group.
 - ⇒ Competitive Events (judging, educational presentation, public speaking, food show, quiz bowls, etc).
 - ⇒ Citizenship activities
 - ⇒ Camps at the county, district, or state level.
 - ⇒ 4-H Promotion (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers
 - ⇒ Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising) 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.

Gold Star Award (Continue)

- The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair (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. Examples include providing leadership to a One Day 4-H project, 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.
- The 4-H member **MUST SUBMIT A TEXAS 4-H RECORD-BOOK** in the year they are to be considered for the award.

Please Note:

- * The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career.
- * The member must complete a 15 - 30 minute interview with the panel of judges consisting of at least one Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent.
- * Applications are due the last Monday of May.
- * 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 motivation other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

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. This is usually given to someone who has stayed with the program for at least 2 years after all his/her children have graduated from high school.

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 recognizes an individual or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the overall 4-H program.

Leader's Legacy Award

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination. Specific requirements for the Leader's Legacy Award include:

- ⇒ Twenty or more years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader.
- ⇒ Continuing support of the 4-H program at any level.
- ⇒ Must still be an active and current 4-H volunteer for the present 4-H year of selection.
- ⇒ Must have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five years.

Commendable Service Award

Annually, two outstanding Support Staff professionals will be recognized for Commendable Service Award for their role in making the 4-H program more effective. Nominees must work in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at the county, district or state level for at least the immediate past five years.

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence

This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may count as one nominee. The awards are sponsored by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Selections are made at the district level with the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office. Winners should be notified by District Extension Offices. The state award selection committee will select on Salute to Excellence award winner (with less than 10 years of volunteer service) to represent Texas as the nominee for the National 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award.



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

Applications are available at the Uvalde County Extension Office in January.





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