



## *Lavaca County 4-H Update April 1, 2021*

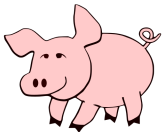
**Check Out:** <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and  
<https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>

### **Major Show Steer Tags**

4-Hers who are planning to exhibit a steer at any of the major stock shows must order tags for their projects by Friday, April 16. Due to changes in DNA testing at the state level, cost will now be \$21 each. Payment must be paid for when ordering. Orders can be placed at the County Extension Office. The tag order form is located on the county website at

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2021/04/Major-Show-Tag-Order-Form.pdf>

### **State Fair Lamb, Goat & Swine Tags**



4-H members who plan to exhibit a lamb, breeding sheep, wether/commercial dam, goat, breeding goat, wether/commercial doe, swine or breeding gilt project at the State Fair of Texas must order their tags at the Extension Office by April 16. The order form is located on the county website at

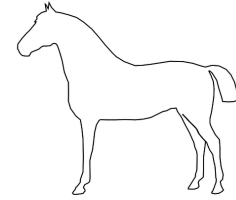
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### **Major Show Heifer Validation**

If you plan to exhibit a heifer at any of the major livestock shows and she has not yet been validated, please contact the Extension Office by April 16 so we can order the correct amount of validation supplies. Heifer validation fee will be \$16 and will be collected at validation. Please note that heifers are only required to be validated for the major shows once. If you have previously validated a heifer and plan to show her again, she does not have to be revalidated. An additional validation for major show heifers will be held in October for heifers that have not been purchased prior to the June validation. However, this June validation is required for shows held this fall (for example State Fair of Texas). Also, please check to make sure the tattoos and brands on the registration papers match what is on the heifer prior to validation. If you have questions, please contact Mr. DeForest.

## Horse Validation

4-H horse validation is now open on 4-H Connect. Instructions for families are posted as an event on the county website: <https://lavaca.agrilife.org>. Horse validation will be open from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> and the cost will again be \$10 per horse through April 15<sup>th</sup> and \$20 per horse from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. The updated 4-H connect will only be accepting credit cards for payment.



## Recordbook Training

April 19, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Extension Office Conference Room

Please RSVP by April 16th by calling the office at 361-798-2221

Recordbooks due Monday, June 14th no later than 5:00 p.m.

## Awards and County Scholarships

Bronze Star (Jrs.) Silver Star (Intermediates),

Gold Star & I Dare You (Seniors)

Awards and scholarship applications are due at the same time as recordbooks. Please go to the county website to access the awards and scholarship applications. Slight changes have been made to the senior applications and the updated applications will be available on the website next week. Gold Star (9-12) and I Dare You (9-11). This change has been made to align the awards with the descriptions provided by the granting organizations -Texas 4-H and American Youth Foundation. Interviews will be held on Monday, June 21st.

## Photography

Entries, scorecards, and ribbons from this year's county photography contest will be available to pick up beginning Monday, April 5th.

### Club Meetings

All clubs should be back to meeting Face to Face in March. Half Moon has moved their meeting to March 21st due to Spring Break. Please remember to either bring a paper copy of the COVID form with you or use the digital COVID form. Club managers have a scannable QR Code to display as you enter the meeting. We are required to have these forms on file and clubs could lose their charters if they do not follow this guideline. Please remember to bring a mask, as well--as our guidelines have not changed at this time.



Go to

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

For all of this year's Texas 4-H Round-Up and Lead Academy Information. Lead Academy will be open to 8th-12th grade, virtually, the first week of June. State Round-Up will be open to Senior level members with both qualifying and open events the second week of June. Be sure to read all of the details on the link above.

### Walk Across Texas!

Half Moon has a team. Contact Natalie for the mileage tracker to be a part of the fun. There is still time for other clubs to join, too. Contact Natalie to sign your club up. Don't miss out!



## Step Up to State Leadership!

Members who will be in 9th-12th grade next school year have the opportunity to apply for the Ambassador Programs. Don't miss the deadlines!

Equine - Due May 1  
Livestock - Due May 1  
Advocacy Academy - May 1  
Healthy Texas - May 1  
Water - May 15  
Fashion and Interior Design - TBD  
Photography - TBD  
STEM - TBD  
Shooting Sports - should be early summer

Visit the Ambassador website for details and links to the applications. Let us know if you need help applying or need more information.

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

## Our Rural Communities Need To Be Heard. Please Speak Up in Texas Speaks.

Texas Speaks: Please take the time to take this survey. Everyone in your household may complete the survey. This survey helps us in Extension identify the current issues and needs of Lavaca County residents and will guide our programming efforts for the coming years. Click on: [tx.ag/Dy5dvyl](https://tx.ag/Dy5dvyl)



The county office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

# Summer Camps

## District 11 Leadership Lab

Leadership Lab is a three-day/two-night leadership training for 4-H youth. It is designed to equip participants with programs that can be replicated in the county and to allow the District 11 4-H Council to hold an annual meeting to conduct needed business for the year and to elect officers. It is open to members who are 13-17 as of June 1, 2021.

**Date: June 15-18, 2021**

**Location: McKinney Roughs Nature Park – Cedar Creek, TX**

**Entry/Registration: April 19 – May 28, 2021**

**Late Registration: May 29 – June 11, 2021**

County Council reimburses ½ your \$200 registration fee after you attend.

County Council will fully reimburse adult volunteers who attend.

Get All of the details here:

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

## District 11 Junior Leadership Lab

**Date: July 6, 2021**

**Location: Saltwater Pavilion, Rockport, TX**

**Entry/Registration: May 3 – June 18, 2021**

**Late Registration (for an additional \$25): June 19 – 25, 2021**

### **Entry Fee:**

*\$30 for ALL youth participants* (includes lunch, snacks, t-shirt, programming supplies, facility rental & insurance)

*\$20 for adults, parents, agents and District Council officers* wanting a Jr. Lab t-shirt (must register via 4-H Connect)

*\$5 for adults, parents, agents, and District Council Officers* NOT ordering a shirt (register via 4-H Connect)

Get all of the information here: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/junior-leader-lab/>

## Texas 4-H Center

It is time to sign up for summer camps at the Texas 4-H Center! Use this link to learn about all of the wonderful opportunities for 4-H members of all ages!

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2021/01/SummerGuide2021.pdf>



Interested but want to know more, ask Natalie --The 4-H Center is one of her most favorite places! Afraid to go alone? Kathleen Knesek, Natalie's daughter and Shiner High School Class of 2020 has been hired as program staff for the summer.

### What is a project?

- Six learning experiences that are at least 30 minutes each.
- Includes related community service and leadership activities.
- Project is excited, demonstrated, or promoted in some way.

The Texas 4-H website has pages specific to the projects that have lots of helpful information and the Explore Guides are available to help you complete project activities. Check them out at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/>

*Remember, also, to read the weekly e-mails you receive from Texas 4-H as they often have opportunities that do not get mentioned in this update.*

**This update is sent via email to all actively enrolled members and leaders. It is also posted on the county website. If you know of someone who is not receiving the updates, please have them check their Spam folders and their enrollment. Thanks!**

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