



Lavaca County 4-H Update

February 3, 2022

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The office has been closed this afternoon and will likely remain closed tomorrow due to the icy weather. If you have photography entries that you have not been able to turn in please email natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu with your name, grade and categories. They need to be dropped through the slot at the office by 9:45 on Saturday morning. If you would like to meet Natalie in Shiner to drop off photos email her before noon on Friday. As of now we plan to hold our judging as scheduled on Saturday morning.

Dinner Tonight

Dinner Tonight is just what it sounds like. It is a fun event where healthy and delicious recipes are shared and adult participants come to learn tips and tricks for easy dinner preparation. Adult and teen volunteers are invited to help with the event on March 8th in Hallettsville. **We will have our first planning meeting at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. this Tuesday, February 8th. Come find out what it is all about and be a part of an adult and youth committee!**

Spring Spectacular

County Entries are Due February 22nd

County Contests- March 5, 2022 – Locations and Times TBD

District Contests – April 9-10 in Victoria

Important Note – Junior and Intermediate Storyboards are due on March 4th.

The Entry form for county is on the next two pages and is also in the events on our county website. If you are a senior level 4-H member these contests qualify you for State Round-Up and many of them at state can qualify you for National Western and other National Events.

Adult Volunteers are needed to judge at District Spring Spectacular. Please let Natalie know if you are willing to judge.

2022 Lavaca County 4-H Spring Spectacular Contest Registration Form
Complete this form if you plan to participate in any of the Spring Spectacular Events

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Best Day time Phone Number _____ text ok? Yes or No

email _____ Club _____

Check each contest you plan to enter and complete necessary information. For team events, each team member should complete separate forms:

_____ **Consumer Decision Making** (3-4 person team)

List your team members names:

Will your team participate in the county practice on March 5th? yes or no

_____ **Duds to Dazzle** (3-5 person team)

List your team members names:

Will your team participate in the county practice on March 5th? yes or no

_____ **Educational Presentation** (1-2 people) List partner if applicable:

Check one:

_____ Ag Technology & Farm Safety

_____ Animal Science

_____ Beef

_____ Health and Wellness

_____ Horse

_____ Open Ag & Natural Resources

_____ Open Family and Consumer Education

_____ Open

_____ Promote 4-H

_____ Safety and Injury Prevention

Do you plan to participate in the countywide practice on March 5th? yes or no

_____ **Fashion Show** (Individual Event -enter only one) -**If you are unable to attend on March 5th you must notify Natalie at natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu as soon as possible.**

Juniors (3rd-5th grade) & Intermediates (6th-8th grade)

Buying

Construction

_____ Everyday Living

_____ Everyday Living

_____ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

_____ ReFashion

_____ Dressy

_____ Dressy

_____ Special Interest

_____ Special Interest

Seniors (9th-12th grade)

Buying

Construction

_____ Business/Interview Attire

_____ Everyday Living

_____ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

_____ ReFashion

_____ Semi-Formal to Formal

_____ Semi-Formal

_____ Special Interest

_____ Theatre/Costume

_____ **Natural Fibers Contest** (Seniors Only) – **attach forms**

Circle one: Cotton or Wool/Mohair **Circle one:** Constructed or Purchased

_____ **Storyboard** Junior and Intermediates are due to District by March 4th. Seniors are due to State by April 15th.

_____ **Public Speaking** (Individual Only) will you participate in the countywide practice on March 5th? yes or no

_____ **Quiz Bowl** (up to 4 team members –may play as an individual)

List your team members names:

Check which bowl (only one): _____ Livestock _____ Horse _____ FCH

Will your team participate in the countywide practice on March 5th? yes or no?

_____ **Share -The-Fun** (1-9 members) (will allow multiple entries at county)

Category _____ Team Members Names if Applicable

_____ Celebrate 4-H

_____ Choreographed Routine

_____ Variety Show

_____ Musical/Instrumental (playing instrument(s) only – no vocals)

_____ Poetry/Prose

_____ Solo/Band (instrument and vocals)

_____ Vocal (no instrument)

Will your share -the fun group plan to attend the countywide practice on March 5th? yes or no

_____ **Leaders for Life** (Seniors Only) check here if you would like to try out for the county team. This is a mock meeting demonstrating parliamentary procedure.

I verify that I am eligible for competition and responsible for submitting all required entry materials. I have accessed the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/>, and read the contest rules and guidelines for each of my events.

Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

This form must be submitted to the Extension Office at 300 S. LaGrange, Hallettsville, TX 77964 **no later than Tuesday, February 22**. You may send it by email with a digital signature to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu . **If emailing, attach a read receipt. You will not be approved for District level competition without registering on the county level by submitting this form. If you are unable to attend the county event on March 5th you will need to establish a time to meet with Natalie prior to District.**

Ambassador Activities and Opportunities:

Applications are now open for Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador **for next year**. To learn more about how to apply go to: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/> Applications are due on May 1, 2022.

2022 Short Course Offering:

1. Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Tarleton State University - June 13-16, 2022
2. Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - June 15-17, 2022
3. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University-Kingsville - June 20-23, 2022
4. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University - July 18-21, 2022
5. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University - July 25-28, 2022

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applications will be released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website (www.texasyouthlivestock.com) on February 15, 2022
2. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
3. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
4. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
5. Applications are due May 1, 2022

STEM – Adalyn Pohl invites you to join the STEM Ambassadors at the NASA’s Johnson Space Center. The sleepover will be on March 5th and 6th. We have some members from Lavaca County interested in attending but do not currently know of a chaperone going. Adult chaperones are required. If you are an adult volunteer willing to chaperone, please let us know as soon as possible. The camp is open to all 4-H age youth (3rd-12th grade) and adult volunteers. Registration is \$90/person. Register on 4-H online. For more information contact Adalyn at addiel_07@icloud.com.

Healthy Texas – Arielle Bennetsen and Keely Knesek are **collecting canned goods as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring**. Donations may be made through February 13th. Collection boxes have been placed at the libraries in Hallettsville and Shiner and also in our office.

Record Book Corner: Section VII: College and Career Exploration: If you are unsure what job you want when you graduate from high school put a broader area of study—for example, business, agriculture, family and consumer sciences, etc. Like the previous sections, list the current year first. Make sure you have entries in the current year that show exploration of the career you have listed at the top of the page. Remember to include college prep tests, videos you have watched and books you have read.

Record Books will be due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022.



Walk Across Texas is an 8-week Walking League that encourages teams to walk at least 832 miles (the distance from Orange to El Paso). The Lavaca County Spring Walking League kicks off on March 13th. There will be both adult and youth leagues. The youth league is perfect for clubs, youth groups, and families. To get all the details and participate go to <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/event/walk-across-texas/>

Texas 4-H Center

Registration for summer camps is open! We have added a page to our county website where you can access the parent handbook and the summer camp guide. Go to <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/texas-4-h-conference-center/> to access the parent handbook and summer camp guide.

Want to be a Teen Counselor?

Do you like working with younger members? Do you want the opportunity to gain time management, leadership, organization, and communication skills? Are you going to be in 10th-12th grade next year? Then you might want to apply to be a Teen Counselor. You can also find the job description and application to be a teen counselor on the county website.

The next newsletter should have the Spring Shooting Sports session information. We will also post it to the website and the county Facebook page once it is finalized.



National 4-H Conference

MARCH 20-24, 2022 - VIRTUAL

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which 4-H youth (ages 15-19) and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters--located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) --is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. Each delegate chooses an important societal topic to discuss in a roundtable situation with other delegates. From the roundtable discussion, the groups prepare a briefing to present to federal stakeholders.

This experiential approach ensures that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Social activities in the evening, tours of Monuments and Museums and cultural entertainment round out the conference.

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Texas 4-H Members:

Participation will be done virtually for 2022.

Cost to participate will be \$475.

Registration will be on 4Honline February 2-10, 2022

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For more information please contact:

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Date and Time Change for March County Council

The March County Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20th. Please note both the date and time change.

Reimbursement for Select Activities

The policy and reimbursement form are now available on the county website. Go to <http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/01/Lavaca-County-4-H-Reimbursement-Policy-and-Forms.pdf> to access the policy and forms.

Have you read The Clover? Check it out here:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/management_clover_guide_21_22.pdf

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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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activity, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office (361)798-2221 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.