



Lavaca County 4-H Update March 4, 2022

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Lavaca County 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Session

March 8, 2022

Lavaca County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold its registration and **mandatory** orientation meeting on March 8 at Appelt's Hill Gun Club Hall, 4071 County Road 204 north of Hallettsville at 6:30 pm. This will be for first time participants in the 3rd to the 12 grade. It is mandatory that new members attend. Instruction will be given by certified 4-H instructors. There will be no make-up registration or orientation.

Repeat shooters are also ask to register for either rifle or pistol at this time. If unable to register on March 8, repeat shooters may register at the County Agents office **by March 15. There will be no late registration.** 361-798-2221

Please contact Phil Guenther 979-743-1620 or Wayne Rother 361-798-0135 with any question.

County Photography Exhibit

The pictures entered in the County Photography Contest will be on display at

March 7-11 at the Hallettsville Library

March 11 -16 at the Shiner Library

March 21-25 at Don Gonzales Saddlery in Moulton

Scorecards and Ribbons are ready to be picked up at the office.

Good Luck to the following food challenge teams who will represent Lavaca County at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 15th:

Senior Team:

Slicin' Dicin' Chicks: Amanda Janak, Alyshia Grahmann, Ava Matias, and Kayla Immekus



Junior Teams:

Slicers and Dicers: Brodie Barta, Bethany Kram, and Taylor Self

Country Cooking Cowgirls: Katie Richter, Brooke Rothbauer, Addisyn Greive, and Abigail Seigel

Good Luck to those participating in the HLSR Dairy Judging event on March 19th. This contest serves as the District 11 Competition.



Juniors: Tanner Putska and Josie Kram

Intermediates: Wyatt Kram, Ashlyn Putska, and Nathan Henke

Seniors: Macey Putska, Zachary Henke, Brenden Henke, Summer Leopold, Lana Leopold, Brooklyn Griffith, Raelynn Griffith, and Lani Pilat



Have Fun at NASA this weekend! – Adalyn Pohl and Railey Green!

Lavaca County Go-Texan Scholarship

Application for the 2022 Local Go-Texas Scholarship are available at the Extension Office or at your school counselors office. Application deadline is April 1.

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Scholarship

Application for the 2022 Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Scholarship are due in the Extension Office by April 1. <http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/03/HJLS-schlarship-application.pdf>

Major Show Steer Tags & Validation

4-Hers who are planning to exhibit a steer at any of the major stock shows must order tags for their projects by Thursday, April 14. Tags are \$21 each and must be paid for when ordering. Orders can be placed at the County Extension Office using the attached order form.

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/03/Major-Show-Steer-Tag-Order-Form.pdf>

State Fair Lamb, Goat & Swine Tags

4-H members who plan to exhibit a lamb, goat or swine project at the State Fair of Texas must order their tags at the Extension Office. Lamb and goat deadline is March 18. Swine deadline is April 14. Tags are \$16 each.

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/03/State-Fair-Swine-Tag-Order-Form.pdf>

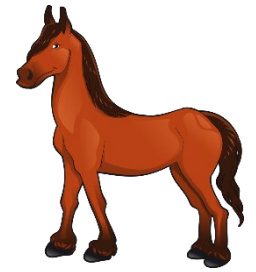
Major Show Heifer Validation

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 14 so we can order the correct amount of validation supplies. Heifer validation fee will be \$16 and will be collected at validation in June. 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.

Texas 4-H Horse Validation

Texas 4-H Horse Validation is open until April 15. If you plan to validate a horse for 4-H competition, please see the link below for information and instructions. You may contact Mr. DeForest for additional information.

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>



Texas 4-H Council Delegate – At - Large

Members who will be in the 10th– 12th grade next year who are interested in running for a Delegate-At-Large position on the State 4-H Council need to get an application packet from Natalie ASAP. Applications are due April 1.

Texas 4-H Congress

The application to serve as a Lobbyist or on Press Corps at Texas 4-H Congress is currently open and will close on March 17th. Congress will be held on July 17-20, 2022 in the State Capitol. If you have interest in applying as a Lobbyist or Press Corps member please contact Natalie ASAP.

Ambassador Activities and Project 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. See the February 3rd newsletter for more details.

APERTURE ACADEMY

This is a summer camp held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center for youth grades 5-8 and is intended for beginners. We will have DSLR cameras and all sorts of equipment for campers to use at this camp. The camp is led by our fantastic adult volunteers and Photography Ambassadors, and is scheduled for July 10-13. Space is limited to 25 campers, so get your members to register now!

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING

This is an invitational (open) contest at Roundup that all senior members can compete in. It will take place on Tuesday, June 7. Details can be found on the Roundup web page: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> If you are interested in entering photography judging contact Natalie.

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

Full details about these two youth leadership programs will come out later in the summer. However, training dates for JMP workshops have been set and you are encouraged to promote those. JMP Workshop 1 – September 24. JMP Workshop 2 – December 3. Both workshops will be held in Dallas. To become a Photography Ambassador, youth must first complete both JMP workshops, which are only offered once a year. If youth came to workshop 1 in a previous year, but missed workshop 2, they only have to come back for the latter. Regardless of prior knowledge and skills, this is the only pathway to becoming an ambassador. Until summer, you can view more information about these two programs in the leadership section here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>



Safe Sitter®

The course provides hands-on practice in lifesaving techniques to young teens who are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting so they are equipped with the skills and confidence to act in an emergency. They learn basic first aid and infant and child choking rescue. **This class is open to youth** in grades 6-11. It is ideal for those in junior high. **Lavaca County EMS will provide infant and child CPR certification.** Students also receive instruction on how a child's age affects how to care for them, how to prevent problem behavior, and how to run their own babysitting business.

Students who graduate from a Safe Sitter® course receive a completion card demonstrating they know how to use their skills in the situations that they encounter.

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lavaca County Extension Office

Conference Room

300 S. LaGrange Street, Hallettsville

\$55 Course Fee
includes supplies
and CPR
certification



Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 361-798-2221. For more information email natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu.

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Record Book Corner: Pictures - Make sure the pictures you include are "doing" not "posing" pictures. The best recordbook pictures show you learning or working. Make sure your pictures are 4-H and that they tell the story of our involvement in your projects. Captions are not required but if you use them they should be concise and tell more than what is included in your story.

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 Brigades

Texas Brigades summer camps offer hands-on activities and curriculum to immerse participants in sciences such as ecology, biology, botany, agronomy, and more. Participants are learning from field and collegiate professionals who offer insight on ag-related career opportunities and businesses, while learning how they can steward natural resources and advance natural resource conservation.

Please share with any students within the 13-17 age range who show a passion for sciences, the outdoors, natural resources, wildlife, livestock, fishing, and even recreation. Applications made by the **March 15th deadline** are more likely to attend their preferred camp and they fill up fast.

Adults/Teachers can apply too! If you have 5 days to spare this summer consider applying for camp. You'll learn and experience camp as a participant, leading & encouraging your team of adolescents throughout the week. *Meaningful volunteer benefits include* camp committee involvement, impactful relationships, outdoor passion re-ignition, professional development and networking, and youth hunting/fishing mentorships.

Please direct potential applicants to the Texas Brigades website (<https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/>) or direct questions to camps@texasbrigades.org.

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.

Date and Time Change for March County Council

The March County Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21st. Please note both the date and time change. All are welcome at the county council meetings. Each club should work to have their delegates present so that the club is adequately represented.

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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