



## Lavaca County 4-H News February 3, 2023

always keep an eye on <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.



### County Photography Contest

Entries are due in the office (TODAY Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>). The contest rules are posted on the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org>.

Photos will be judged on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Youth Center. **More judges are needed –if you or someone you know (adults) are interested in judging please reach out to [natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu).**

### Spring Spectacular Workshops Saturday, February 11, 2023 Hallettsville Youth Center

This will be an opportunity to learn about Fashion Show, Educational Presentations, Quiz Bowls, Consumer Decision Making, Talent Showcase, Duds to Dazzle, and Storyboard.

**Call the Office at 361-798-2221 to register.**

Let us know which sessions you will attend. Please RSVP by February 9.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

. Educational Presentations & Talent Showcase

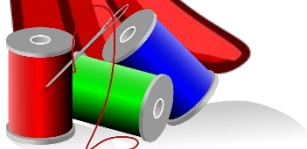
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Consumer Decision Making & Quiz Bowls

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m

Fashion and Interior Design: fashion show, duds to dazzle, and storyboard



Participation in this workshop is not mandatory to participate in the contests, but county qualification is required to participate at District Spring Spectacular in April. If you are unable to attend the workshop and are wanting to compete in one or more of these events, please get in touch with Natalie. Qualifying event dates will be set based on interest in the contests and prior to the District registration deadline of March 17.

## Upcoming Local Stock Show Dates Hope-February 18, 2023

### County Council and Adult Volunteers

The next county council meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. This is a week early due to Spring Break.



### Record Book Workshop

Immediately following the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting

### Scholarship Deadlines:

4-H Foundation Opportunity – February 15

Lavaca County Extension Education Association – March 1 (pick up application in the Extension office)

Lavaca County 4-H Council – due with recordbooks in June (exact date tbd)

## **Major Show Steer and Heifer Tag Orders**

Major show steer and heifer tag orders will be due in the Extension Office by **March 31**. Please note this is earlier than normal. Other than the earlier deadline, the steer validation process will remain the same.

**\*\*NEW\*\* FOR 2023** all state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. This will bring the heifer validation program in line with breeding sheep, breeding goats, and breeding gilts. Please order tags accordingly. This is a change from the heifer UINs where you were charged based on animals validated, not ordered. Those planning to show a heifer at any major livestock show must order and pay for a tag by the deadline. Please order accurately. No refunds will be given for unused tags. As in the past, there will be a second heifer validation in October.

The order form is attached in this newsletter and on the county website.

## **State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag Orders**

State Fair Lamb and Goat tags are due in the Extension Office by **March 31**. Order form is attached in this newsletter and on the county website.

**\*NEW FOR 2023\*** Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period. Please







2023  
**4-H DAY**  
**At the Capitol**



TEXAS A&M  
**AGRI LIFE**  
EXTENSION

**Event Details:**

**Thursday, March 29, 2023 - Texas Capitol - Austin, TX**

Estimated Start Time: 8:30am - Estimated End Time: 4:00pm

Event limited to first 250 youth/50 adults  
(registration is non-refundable)

**Registration Information:**

4Honline Registration will open on at 12:00pm (noon) on February 1, 2023 and will close on February 8, 2023 (or until registration is full)

**Cost per participant: \$40.00 (includes lunch and a t-shirt)**

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4-H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Since this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the Capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited.

**Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:**

- This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4-H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The Capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4-H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4-H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual closed toed shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.

# Fun at the Texas 4-H Center!

Register at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>



**REFASHION  
RETREAT**

Let your creative juices flow at 4-H  
Refashion Retreat



**MARCH 3-5  
TEXAS 4-H CENTER**

**REGISTER BY GOING TO  
TEXAS4HCENTER.TAMU.EDU  
YOUTH REGISTRATION IS  
\$155  
EVERY YOUTH NEEDS TO HAVE AN ADULT  
CHAPERONE REGISTERED**

March 3-5, 2023

Friday evening to Sunday morning

Ends with a Fashion Show featuring  
everyone's creations

You must take your own machine and an  
adult who can sew

## Early Bird Registration is Open at the Texas 4-H Center

County Camp – Grades 3-9

I – June 25-29

II – July 9-13

Traditional camp experiences ideal for total family groups.

Horizons -July 2-6– Grades 4-8

Sign up for a specific project: Hunting, Fashion, Shooting

Other projects to be added soon

Prime Time

I – July 16-19 – Grades 3-5

II – July 19-22 – Grades 6-9

Traditional camp experiences with less age differences than county camp.

High Adventure – age 10-15

June 18-20

Outdoor /High Energy



# If you are in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade you do not want to miss Texas 4-H Round-Up!

## Information

### THEME REVEAL

Be watching social media as your 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council members announce this year's Theme! The first clue was released this week.

### HOTEL ROOM BLOCK

Information is posted here and will update frequently <https://texas4hroundup.blogspot.com/2023/01/2023-texas-4-h-roundup-hotel.html>

### TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE WEEK OF THE 2023 TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP

#### Sunday, June 4 – Monday, June 5

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Super Summit (*by invitation for new and returning HTYA Ambassadors*) If you are interested in becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador this is a mandatory training and replaces the summits that had moved around the state during the summer. This is the only opportunity. Ambassador applications will be due March 31. Talk to Natalie if you are interested.

#### Monday, June 5

- 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm - Registration Opens
- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm – College / Career Fair
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Keynote Speaker
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - At-Large Elections
- 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Kickoff Event

#### Tuesday, June 6 – Thursday, June 8

- 7:00 am – 6:30 pm – Registration Open (Headquarters will be Reed Arena)
  - Contests – times/locations vary by contest
  - Workshops – times/locations vary by workshop
  - Trade Show – working to finalize the exact days for the Trade Show which will be held along the concourse of Reed Arena
  - 6:00 pm – Pre-Assembly Activity
  - 7:00 pm – Assembly
  - 9:00 pm – Post Assembly Activity
- All Monday events will be held in Reed Arena along with the Tuesday – Thursday nightly Assemblies.

### BRINGING BACK in 2023

- Reed Arena central hub for activities
- Name lanyards for attendees
- Roundup T-shirt design contest (will release details as soon as Theme is revealed)
- National Anthem Auditions
- 4-H Talent Showcase (formerly Share the Fun) - 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will perform Wednesday/Thursday evening respectively

- Scholars will be recognized by Districts during each nightly assembly. Each name will be called so Scholars have a chance to step forward and be recognized on stage.
- Trade Show along the Reed Arena Concourse

### ADDING in 2023

- District Pre-Assembly activity (Tuesday – Thursday)
- Monday Kick Off Event – More details to come but I promise you DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!! So, plan your travel accordingly.
- All exclusive week-long pass that covers contests and workshop opportunities. **No separate charges this year for workshops and contests.** Day passes will be an option, however that will only grant access for that single day of events including assemblies. If you want to attend events the night before/after your day pass, you would need the All Exclusive pass or purchase daily passes for multiple days. As we work to finalize our budget, registration pricing will be released soon.

### HERE TO STAY

- High quality, state competitions for our Senior level (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) 4-H members
- Recognition of our 4-H members and volunteers
- College/Career Fair
- Workshops to provide youth and adults opportunities to network when not competing
- High energy assemblies
- Door prizes
- Networking opportunities with 4-H members from across Texas
- Parking permits through A&M Transportation, will require you to enter a license plate for your vehicle when purchasing your event permit

Additional registration information will be released in March. Registration will be on 4HOnline starting May 1. Both youth and adults attending will need to register. We encourage adults to go ahead and get their profiles set up in 4HOnline to pre-register. Onsite registration will be available this year for those attending just assemblies. Workshops and contest participation will require registration through 4HOnline for both youth/adults. We are looking forward to seeing everyone June 5-8, 2023 in Bryan/College Station and on the campus of Texas A&M University!

### Other

#### State Level Senior Leadership Opportunities

If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade this year and are interested in serving in a state level leadership role for the next school year, be on the look out for that information as it is released in the state 4-H email updates. Applications for project Ambassadors, Texas 4-H Council Delegate At Large, and National Congress all come due in early Spring. Some of the deadlines have changed this year. Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador applications will be due in March instead of June 1. To learn more about these opportunities, visit

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

Please note that not all of the information has been updated for this year.



## Reimbursement for Select Activities

The reimbursement policy was approved by the council and remains the same for 2023.

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.

*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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