



Lavaca County 4-H News

February 2, 2024

<https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.

Hope Livestock Show and Auction
Hope Community Center
122 CR 413A, Yoakum, TX 77995
Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:30-8:30 a.m. Cake Turn In
8:00 a.m. Animal Pens Open
8:45 a.m. Cake Judging Begins
10:00 a.m. Animal Check In, Weigh, and Sift
12:00 p.m. Business Table Opens for add-ons, buyers groups, raffle tickets, and membership dues
Kitchen Opens
1:00 p.m. Animal Judging Begins
Order subject to change: rabbits, broilers, market lambs, goats, breeding gilts, bucket calves, market hogs, steers, breeding heifers, showmanship awards, champion drive
About 6:30 Raffle

Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Registration and Orientation



Lavaca 4-H Shooting Sports will hold orientation and an organizational meeting, Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM at the Appelt's Hill Gun Club, 4071 CR 204, Hallettsville, for all youth, 3rd grade – 12th grade interested in the Spring session. Small-bore Rifle & 22 Pistol will be offered, instructed by 4-H certified instructors. In order to participate, youth must be enrolled in Lavaca County 4-H. One must also register and attend orientation on **Tuesday, March 5**. A Parental signature will be required. It is required that you attend and register on the 7th at 6:00 PM. If unable to attend, please contact Philip Guenther 979-562-2124 or Wayne Rother 361/798-4750.

Spring Fever Match
March 9th

Mike Myers Shooting Complex, 1571 FM 975 Caldwell, TX 77836
Hosted by Burleson County Shooting Sports
Lavaca County Contact – Andrew Marcak – 361-772-8385

Open to all Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Members.

Events: 3D Archery, 18 M Field Archery, Air Pistol, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Sporter Air Rifle, Light Rifle, 22 Rifle Silhouettes, 22 Pistol Bullseye, 22 Pistol Silhouettes, 22 Hunter Pistol Silhouettes, 25 YD Muzzleloading, 50 YD Muzzleloading

Record Book Corner

Where do I get the forms? [Go to https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/)

In previous newsletters, we have talked about the story and photo portfolio and how you choose your category. If you haven't read those newsletters, visit the last several issues housed on the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/newsletters/>

Understanding what goes in Sections I, II, and III

If you were the participant learning about leadership or community service then you would report that in section I or IV under those project names. If you were doing something to help other 4-H members including recruiting and promoting 4-H the activity goes in Section II. If you were doing something as a member or leader in 4-H to help others in the community then it belongs in section III.

A few examples –

- attended a workshop where you learned teamwork – Section I
- led the pledge at a meeting – Section II
- collected canned goods - Section III



REFASHION RETREAT

Let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat



MARCH 1-3, 2024



TEXAS 4-H CENTER




REGISTRATION

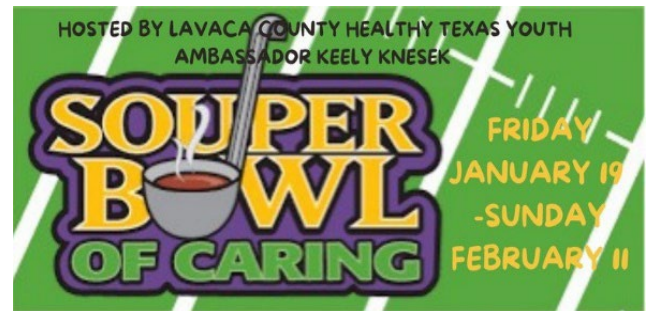
Youth registration - \$170
Every youth needs a to have an adult chaperone attending

Register Now

texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

 5600 FM 3021,
Brownwood, TX 7681

 325-784-5482



DONATION LOCATIONS:

- SHINER PUBLIC LIBRARY
115 E. WOLTERS, 2ND STREET SHINER, TX 77984
- PATEK GROCERY & MARKET
224 S AVE E SHINER, TX 77984
- LAVACA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
300 S. LAGRANGE ST. HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN JARS AND CANS. WE RECOMMEND SAUCES, SOUPS, BEANS, HONEY, AND PEANUT BUTTER.



Bring canned goods to the office by February 9



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Aperture Academy at the Texas 4-H Center: It is a beginner's photography camp for youth entering grades 6-8 and is scheduled for July 7-10. It will be instructed by a team of outstanding photography volunteers and ambassadors. All cameras, equipment, and supplies for the camp will be provided. No prior knowledge or experience of photography is required. Registration is already open on the Texas 4-H Conference Center's [website](#).

Space is limited to 25 campers, so sign up soon!!

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHERS / PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS

There are two JMP workshops each fall that are open to intermediate and senior age divisions. Youth who attend both workshops, pass a test, and complete a few prescribed activities can attain JMP certification. Once a certified JMP reaches 9th grade or higher, they can then apply to become an ambassador (with no additional training required). In a nutshell, the JMP program is the training ground and pathway to become a photography ambassador. More details about the JMP workshops will come out in the summer, but if you are interested Natalie can forward you two brochures that have a little more detail about those two leadership programs.

Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors are hosting the first-ever Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp) at the Texas 4-H Center April 26-28. This event is open to 6th-8th grade students. Registration opens February 5 on the Texas 4-H Conference Center website. Youth will be involved in project-based learning and lots of fun water activities! Registration is \$210 per student, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, a camp t-shirt, a camp water bottle, and all workshops and programming. Save the date to register beginning February 5th!

Applications are open for Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team!

Online applications open Thursday, February 1 at:

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>.

Application deadline is April 1. Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program.

All returning ambassadors must also reapply and will be eligible to continue in the program pending approval and completion of their required annual hours. Ambassadors must attend the annual training summit. There will be NO virtual or “last chance” summit offered in 2024.

HTYA Timeline

- January - March, 2024 – Market and recruit for the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program
- February 1 - April 1, 2024 – Online application available
- April 1, 2024 – Deadline for completion of online applications
- April 1-15, 2024 – County Extension Agents review applications & determine selection criteria
- April 15, 2024 – Agents submit roster of selected ambassadors to Julie Gardner
- May 1, 2024 – State Coordinator will notify youth of acceptance
- May 15, 2024 – Deadline for registration for Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit (Estimated cost \$100)
- June 2-3, 2024 – State-wide Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit in College Station.

In Lavaca County the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors assist with events including the Kid's Health Party , Souper Bowl of Caring, and work to promote health and wellness in our local schools and communities.

**JUNE
17-21
2024**

EXPLORE

*Stephenville, &
San Angelo
Areas*

Mission

**PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE CAREER AND
LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES IN A
DIVERSE GLOBAL
ECONOMY AS WELL AS
LEARN ABOUT POST-
SECONDARY DEGREE
INSTITUTIONS ACROSS
TEXAS**



One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, STEM, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

\$250
With
Application

Check and Credit Card
Accepted

**April
15th**

Registration
DEADLINE

GOALS

- 5 Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to variety of career paths.



Core4H

**CLICK
HERE**

**Register
NOW**

Participants that are not selected for the 2024 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250.



2024
Spring



Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN**

2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

NEW!

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group



More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 15 at 12:00 am thru
May 27 at 11:59 pm

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Summer Camp Registration is now open at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. The Conference Center, located in the heart of Texas at Lake Brownwood, was established to be a central meeting place for statewide 4-H opportunities. The Lavaca County 4-H Reimbursement policy includes the opportunity for reimbursement of half of your registration fee for any camp you attend at the 4-H Center.



<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

The 2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook is now posted at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Opportunities for our members increase significantly in junior high and high school. State 4-H Round-Up is the highlight of the Texas 4-H program each year and an opportunity for our teen leaders to come together to learn about leadership and career development and compete in dozens of contests. Some of the contests are qualifying events while others are invitational. If you are a senior level 4-H member Texas 4-H Round-Up participation should be one of your goals.

Delegate at Large

The 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate Applications are now available online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>. **Deadline to apply is March 28, 2024.** We are working to schedule a Q&A Session in late February/early March, date/time TBD, for those that may have questions.

Texas 4-H Council

Members of this team are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

COMMITMENT DATES:

- July 22-25, 2024 – **Texas 4-H Council Workshop** – Location Kingsville/Corpus Christi area
- October TBD, 2024 (Dates set by State Fair of Texas) - **State Fair of Texas Honor Awards -- Fall Planning Meeting** - Dallas, TX
- November 8-10, 2024 - **Spark** – Brownwood, TX *TENTATIVE Must have enough committed to attend*
- January 3-5, 2025 – **January Planning Meeting** - College Station or Brownwood (TBD)
- June 1-5, 2025 – **Texas 4-H Roundup** – College Station, TX

Monthly Online Conference Calls (dates to be distributed during Workshop)

Other opportunities may/will be offered to members as they are identified throughout the year.

There are LOTS of opportunities that do not get included in this newsletter. Make sure you are **also reading the weekly email from Texas 4-H and following Texas 4-H on social media so you do not miss out. There is just more than we can possibly keep up with and share.** If you participate in something, please send us a picture or two and let us know what you learned and what you did so we can spotlight you in this newsletter or on our Facebook