# BEE COUNTY CLOVER PRESS NEWSLETTER



## MARCH DATES AND DEADLINES:

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- March 8- Deadline to register on 4-H Online for District 11 Spring Spectacular without a late fee
- March 15Deadline to register on 4-H Online for District 11 SpringSpectacular with a late an additional late fee of \$25.00
- March 22 <u>DEADLINE</u> to register on 4-H Online for Multi-District Horse judging contest
- March 29 Good Friday Holiday (Extension Office is closed today)
- March 31 Deadline to register on 4-H Online for Multi-District Judging Contests

## **APRIL DATES AND DEALINES:**

- April 1 Easter Monday Holiday (Extension Office is closed today)
- April 1-5 Late registration deadline with a \$25 late fee for registering on 4-H Online for Multi District Livestock Judging Contest
- April 2 <u>DEADLINE</u> to turn in all BCJLHS thank you notes for 4-H'ers and Young Exhibitors at the Extension Office
- April 4 <u>DEADLINE</u> to order Major Show steer validation tags at the Extension Office
- April 4 DEADLINE to order State Fair of Texas Lamb & Goat Validation tags
- April 6 Multi-District Horse Judging Contest in Bryan
- April 20 Multi-District Livestock Judging Contest in College Station



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas"

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## **Texas 4-H Youth Development Program** DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school board policies. Instructions: Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension Office.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request: (CHECK ONE)

Academic eligibility information only.

Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date of Activity:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

#### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that is a member of 4-H in \_\_\_\_\_

County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader. In In Stuliof

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Signature of County Extension Agent

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (CHECK ONIC)

I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

I do not certify the student because he/she is NOT academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

ERCUSED ABSENCE (CHECK ONE) An excused absence will be granted. EDUCATIONAL STATUS (CHECK ONE) Face-to-Face (on campus)

An excused absence will NOT be granted.

Does not apply.

Homeschoolad

Virtual Option

Date

Signature of Principal or Designee

Name of School

2022-2023 Extracurricular Activities and Adjunct Faculty

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	MAJOR SHOW STEER   TAG ORDER FORM   Deadline: April 4, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.						
Mem	nber Name						
Club	(Please spec	cify)					
Mailing Address City, Zip							
Day	Phone	Evening Phone					
Pare	ent/Guardian _						
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Γ		Cost of Ta	igs	# of Tags	Grand Total		
:	Steer	<b>\$30.00</b> by April 4 <b>LATE \$35.00</b> April 5-June 23					

Bee 4-H Council

\*\* This tag order form is for Major Show NOT if you are <u>ONLY</u> showing at County

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS							
MARKET GOAT & MARKET LAMB							
TAG ORDER FORM							
Deadline: April 4, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.							
Club (Please Specify)_ Mailing Address Day Phone: Parent/Guardian	Even	ing P	'hone				
MARKET GOAT	\$ 20.00 By April 4th LATE \$30.00 April 5th– June 23rd \$ 20.00 By April 4th LATE \$30.00 April 5th-June 23rd						
NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED Make Check payable to: Bee 4-H Council		*	Drop off or mail with payment to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 210 E. Corpus Christi Street Beeville, Texas 78102 ** This tag order is for Major Show NOT if you are ONLY showing in County				

#### TEXAS 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR APPLICATION, TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR APPLICATION & TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy is a unique experience for those wishing to take the next step as a Texas 4-H Ambassador. You will not find another immersive leadership course like this anywhere else in the nation! As you know, the first year of the Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Program is primarily focused on mentoring families and applying animal/equine/poultry science knowledge. The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy focuses on building your understanding of the importance of the political world surrounding agriculture, providing a global perspective of agriculture and giving you the tools to effectively educate others about agriculture. Most of our meetings and educational sessions will be in and around the Texas Capitol.

Here is what you should expect:

- Meet agricultural lobbyists and advocacy groups
- Personal meetings and communication with State Representatives, State Senators and other elected officials
- Immersive media training
- Learn ethical considerations of raising livestock and horses for food and entertainment
- Ethical considerations of reproductive/growth technologies/GMOs
- Investigate agricultural law
- Communicating with elected officials
- Unique insight to collegiate internships in Austin and Washington D.C.
- Messaging through social media
- Participate in agriculture issue debates

#### Dates: July 1-3, 2024 Location: Austin, TX

This is your chance to meet the heavy hitters in Texas Agriculture. If you are interested, please complete the application below. In addition to your application, you will also be evaluated on your contributions to the program throughout the year. Be sure that you stay caught up with reporting your hours online!

Advocacy Academy Application Link: <u>2024 Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy Application</u> Applications open on February 15, 2024 and are due April 15, 2024.

**Mentor applications** will also be open on **February 15, 2024** and will be due on **April 15, 2024**. As a mentor of a 2024 Short Course or the Advocacy Academy, you will have the opportunity to challenge yourself as a leader, help and encourage new Ambassadors, and experience great NEW things along the way! Primarily, you will provide organizational support and leadership to incoming Ambassadors during and after the short course or Advocacy Academy. In addition, we will call on you for various tasks that we may need assistance with throughout the short course or Advocacy Academy and beyond. This is a highly competitive position with very few openings available, so please take your time in completing your application.

#### Mentor Application Links:

2024 Equine Ambassador Mentor Application 2024 Livestock Ambassador Mentor Application

**2024 Poultry Ambassador Mentor Application** 

Applications open on February 15, 2024 are due April 15, 2024.

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## **TEXAS 4-H POULTRY Ambassador Program** June 24-27, 2024 ~ College Station, TX

## EMBRACING OUR PAST. Engaging our present. Defining our future.

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## TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

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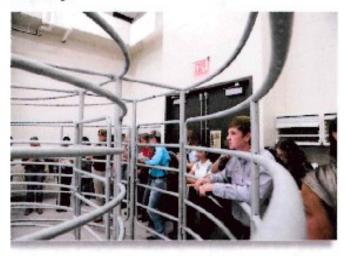


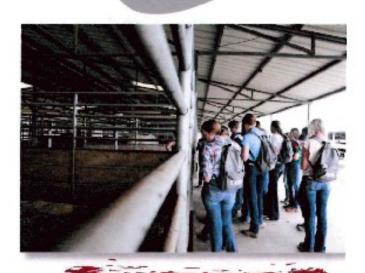
## TEXAS 4-H EQUINE Ambassador program June 10-13, 2024 ~ Lubbock, TX

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# ALL 4-H'ERS THAT WILL BE SHOWING LIVESTOCK, ENTERING A CONTEST OR COMPETING IN LIVESTOCK JUDGING AT THE 2024 HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND **RODEO AUSTIN LIVESTOCK SHOW NEED TO TURN IN THEIR ELIGIBILITY FORMS BEFORE** LEAVING FOR THOSE **MAJOR SHOW LIVESTOCK SHOW SHOWS**

Bee County Junior Livestock & Homemakers Show Buyer Thank you note important information:

## 10. Thank you notes (page 40 of the 2024 BCJLHS Rule Book)

A. Each EXHIBITOR that sells their entry (Premium Sale or Public Sale) must write a thank-you note to their BUYERS, and/or persons giving add-ons.

B. By the second Friday in March, thank you note lists/buyer addresses will be sent out to Bee County 4-H exhibitors and Bee County Young Exhibitors by the Extension Office (via email), and to FFA and FCCLA exhibitors by their FCCLA

and FFA teachers.

C. All Thank You notes must consist of at least three (3) sentences handwritten (not photocopied) by the exhibitor. All thank- you notes must be written on stationery paper or thank-you cards. No copy paper or ruled notebook paper allowed. Any notes not written by the exhibitor will be returned to be rewritten. Special consider-ations will be given to exhibitors with a disability, but must be pre-approved by the Extension Office or FCS/FFA teacher. All thank-you notes will be read for minimum requirements. All thank-you notes not meeting requirements will be re-written.

D. Exhibitor must turn in <u>a stamped, addressed envelope and thank you notes</u> (not in envelope) to the Extension Office (4-H Exhibitors & Bee County Young Exhibitors only) or FCS/FFA teacher, <u>by the first (1st) Monday in Apr</u>il following the show, in order to receive payment for their entries. <u>They will be due on Tues-day, April 2, 2024 due to the Extension Office having a county holiday on Monday</u>.

E. Entrants who do not meet deadline will result in a loss of

premium money up to \$150.00.





### WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2023 to May 2024.



#### WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend a state-wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summit. This Summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.



#### WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.



## WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

## WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

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





## **STEER VALIDATION TAG ORDERS**

EXHIBITORS THAT ARE PLANNING TO SHOW STEERS

IN THE

2024-2025 MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS,

MUST ORDER STEER VALIDATION TAGS AT THIS TIME.

**STEER VALIDATION TAGS ARE:** 

AT \$30.00 PER TAG.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER STEER VALIDATION TAGS IS** 

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

LATE STEER VALIDATION TAGS WILL COST \$35.00 PER TAG TILL JUNE 23, 2024.

A STEER VALIDATION TAG ORDER FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS MARCH NEWSLETTER.

### Internship Opportunities

Seeking highly motivated college students who are interested in Extension, communications, marketing, promotions, photography and other relevant majors to join us this summer at Texas 4-H Roundup!!!



DEADLINE TO APPLY: AARCH 24, 2024



For more information: http://texas4hroundup.blogspot.com/





## Apply for TEXAS FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS by March 1!

The 2024 Texas 4-H Reel 'Em In Virtual Fishing Skill-A-Thon will take place March 15-May 27, 2024. Fish in your own location and then send in your measurements to compete with others across the state. Check out the flyer and attached word document for information on the tournament. Check out the Facebook page for more information or join the 2024 4-H Fishing Facebook group to stay updated.





**DISTRICT 11 4-H HORSE SHOW** 

MAY 29 & MAY 30, 2024



**Brackenridge Event Center-Edna, Texas** 

Horses must be validated on 4-H online to show in the 2024 District & State 4-H Horse Show.

Horse validation can only be paid with a credit card.

March 1st-April 15th-

horse validation cost will be \$10 per horse

April 16th – May 1st-

Horse validation cost will be \$20 per horse

Validation will close on May 5th and validations will not be accepted after that date.

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** 

Any questions, please call the Extension Office