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important dates

Specific Meeting Information (location and times) may be found under the respective section of the newsletter. Just click the project in the table of contents and it will flip right to it.

- *June 5th - 2023 Fall Major Stock Show Heifer, Steer, Sheep and Goat Late Validation Orders Due*
- *June 6th - D3 4-H Horse Show Registration Deadline (see Horse Project)*
- *June 10th - PCLIA Sale*
- *June 18th - Happy Father's Day!!!!!!*
- *June 20th - Parker Co. 4-H Award Applications, Ambassador Applications and Record Books Due (see Parker Co. 4-H)*
- *June 20th - Parker Co. 4-H PLA Cash for Clovers Scholarship Application Packet Due (see Parker Co. 4-H)*
- *June 24th - 8AM-11AM Major Stock Show Steer, Heifer, Sheep and Goat Validation - Bill Cody's Barn (see Livestock for address)*
- *June 26th - 9AM-11AM Major Stock Show Steer, Heifer, Sheep and Goat Validation - Clint Petzold's Barn (see Livestock for address)*
- *June 27th - 9AM - 11AM Major Stock Show Steer, Heifer, Sheep and Goat Validation - Jeff O'Leary's Barn - Cattle MUST be broke (see Livestock for address)*
- *June 28th - 9AM-11AM Major Stock Show Steer, Heifer, Sheep and Goat Validation - Jim Martin's Barn (see Livestock for address)*
- *July 12 - West Texas Fair and Rodeo Entries Due*
- *August 9th - State Fair of Texas Entries Due*



A Word from Kayla

We're coming off of a great county show and you may or may not be happy with some of your results. I encourage you to keep the big picture in mind. The most important thing is not your placing, whether it's what you were hoping for or not, it's process you went through to get to county show. Now go relax a couple of days before we jump right back into it for our Fall majors!

*"It's not the
Destination*

IT'S THE
JOURNEY"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kayla Neil



PARKER CO. 4-H

- June 20th - PLA Cash for Clovers Scholarship Applications Due
- June 20th - 4-H Awards, Ambassador Applications and Recordbooks Due
- July 5th - PLA Cash for Clovers Scholarship Interviews
- July 5th - Parker Co. 4-H Star Award Interviews



PARKER CO. 4-H PLA

LEADERSHIP CAMP PROGRAM

\$150 REIMBURSEMENT FOR 4-H CAMPS

WHO: PARKER CO. 4-H MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

- Attended 2 or more club meetings for the 22-23 4-H year
- Club Manager Reference

The PLA selection committee will reach out to the respective club manager(s) to confirm club meeting attendance and reference.

WHAT: APPLICATION AND ESSAY

- Complete Google Form application and essay (link below)
- Write a 500-700 word essay answering one of these questions...
 - What makes you a good leader?
 - Why do you want to attend 4-H leadership camp/retreat?
- Submit the Google Form Application
- [Leadership Camp Application](#)

A committee of two PLA members (non-parent) will read your application and essay and make selections. You will be informed via email of your award. You will also be informed via email if you did not receive the award. PLA will reimburse the registration fee after you have completed the camp. The camper is responsible for taking care of all registration requirements and meeting registration deadlines.

APPLICABLE CAMPS

Teen Leader Lab

County Camps
Sessions

I
II
III

Horizons
Sessions

I
II

Mission Possible

Prime Time
Sessions

I
II

Parker County 4-H

Parent Leader's Association Scholarship

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be an active, enrolled member in Parker County 4-H.
2. The applicant must have been an active member in 4-H for the past three consecutive years.
3. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
4. The applicant must plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning: university, community college, trade school or technical school in the Fall and enroll for a minimum of twelve hours.

Requirements

1. One completed application. No partial or incomplete application packets will be accepted. Complete applications must be submitted by the deadline set, date and time, by the Parent Leader Association. No Exceptions.
2. 22-23 4-H Record Book following the 22-23 Record Book Family Guide guidelines. Sections 1-7 only, the story will not be included.
3. Final (Sealed) Official High School Transcript.
4. FASFA Student Aid Report Summary (We do not need the full SAR report).
5. Three letters of recommendation from the following. Letters written by family members will not be accepted. All letters must have a signature as well as the contact information for the individual writing the letter:
 - a. 4-H Leader (Not a County Extension Agent)
 - b. High School Representative (principal, counselor, teacher). If homeschooled, a co-op teacher or an individual that you have worked with in an education or leadership capacity will be acceptable. (Not a County Extension Agent)
 - c. One person of your choice (Not a County Extension Agent)
6. Resume – Up to 2 pages, 10-12 point font.
7. One essay, 500-1000 words, addressing one of the following topics:
 - a. Write about a time that you failed at something. How did that failure affect you? or
 - b. Describe a favorite book where the main character has to decide something difficult. What did you think about their choice?
8. Club or project leader to verify attendance of applicant's club or project meeting via Google Form.
9. Application must be endorsed by a current Parker County Extension Agent.

Scholarship

A submitted application and interview do not guarantee a scholarship. Once awarded, scholarships are issued with proof of enrollment to an institution of higher learning.

The judging committee will consist of two Parker County 4-H Parent Leader Association officers and one outside individual selected with advice from a Parker County Extension Agent and/or the Parker County 4-H Administrative Assistant.

The goal of the Parker County Leaders Association is to provide as many scholarships as possible to eligible seniors; however, depending on the number of seniors and the balance of the account, this goal may not always be met. The committee may not award all the money if a large sum has been accumulated. Not all applicants will receive a scholarship. Awards will be based on eligibility, interview and most importantly funding raised for the award year.

Parker County 4-H Cash for Clovers Scholarship Application

Full Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Date of Birth	
Parent's/Guardian's Names and Occupations	
Number of Siblings	Brothers: Sisters:
Are you applying for financial aid?	
Will you be working during school?	
Percent of college expenses you have earned	
College/Trade school you plan on attending	
Field of study	
List scholarships and amounts that you have received	
Number of years in 4-H	
4-H Club(s)	

_____ Applicant's Signature

I recommend _____ for the Parker County Cash for Clover's Scholarship.

County Extension Agent

Date

Parker County Parent Leaders Association		Applicant's Number:	
Cash For Clovers Scholarship		Judge/Reviewer Name:	
		Date:	
KEY to Help with Notes: S= State; D= District; C=County Level; CL=Club level			
Y = Self Driven & G = Part of Group; L= Led the effort			
Judging Criteria Phase 1	Possible Points	Awarded Points	Average Points
Phase 1 - Candidate must have Minimum 35 points to move to Phase 2			
4-H Experience & Projects	10		
4-H Leadership	10		
4-H Honors, Awards, Achievements, Recognitions and Accomplishments	10		
4-H Community Service	10		
Parker County 4-H Involvement	20		
Total			
Judging Criteria Phase 2			
MUST HAVE A MINIMUM 35 POINTS FROM PHASE 1 TO CONTINUE			
Essay	15		
Interview	15		
Office Recommendations/Input- Kayla/others	10		
Total			
Possible 100 Points Awarded	100		
Final Scoring: An average of all the judge's scores will be compiled for a Candidates Final Score			
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2022-2023 PLA CASH FOR CLOVERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Club/Project Meeting Attendance Verification



PARKER COUNTY 4-H

RECORD BOOKS

4-H RECORDBOOKS

County Record Books Due: Monday, June 20, 2023

Helpful Links

- [Family Guide to the Texas 4-H Record Book](#)
- [Record Book Score Sheet](#)
- [Record Book Categories](#)
- [Record Book Forms](#) (under General Information)
- Kayla's Road to the Record Book Short Instructional Videos
 - Please note...the record book format has changed since I filmed these videos, however I feel they are still very helpful in how to break down the process of completing your record book.
 - [Road to the Record Book #1](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #2](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #3](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #4](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #5](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #6](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #7](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #8](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #9](#)

GOLD

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and intended to be received only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The following requirements must be met:

The member must be at least 15 years of age as of September 1st of the 4-H year in which he or she is to be considered for the award and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.

The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the awards.

The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

Educational Presentations

Projects

Camps

Citizenship Activities

Project Exhibits

Leadership Labs

Public Relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.)

Other (exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc)

22-23 GOLD STAR APPLICATION

Note: It is not expected that the requirements for projects and activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-Her has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working or counseling with junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in educational presentations, project and/or exhibits.

SILVER

Star

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PARKER CO. 4-H SILVER STAR AWARD

- INTERMEDIATE 4-H MEMBER
(6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE)
- COMPLETE 22-23 RECORD BOOK
- INTERVIEW
- JUDGED BY A PANEL

22-23 SILVER STAR
APPLICATION

BRONZE

Star

PARKER CO. 4-H BRONZE STAR AWARD

- JUNIOR 4-H MEMBER
(3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADE)
- COMPLETE 22-23 RECORD BOOK
- INTERVIEW
- JUDGED BY A PANEL

22-23 BRONZE STAR
APPLICATION

Parker Co. Parent Leader Association

We Need You!



WHAT WE DO

- Support the Extension Office
- Raise funds for camp sponsorships
- Cash for Clovers Scholarship Fundraiser



4-H Parents of Parker County, all are welcome and encouraged to join!

Going to have a senior soon? Come find out more about the PLA 4-H scholarship opportunities!

JOIN US:

1st Monday of each
month @ Extension
office 6pm

MORE INFORMATION

FACEBOOK: PARKER COUNTY 4-H PARENTS
GROUP



4-H HORSE PROJECT

PARKER CO. 4-H MOUNTED HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

- Must provide your own horse
- Participants must be 8 and in the 3rd grade

RSVP IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ADDRESS
Current Proof of Negative Coggins is Required

Email tiffany.johnston@ag.tamu.edu so that we may confirm your enrollment status and we will provide you with meeting location and send your contact information to our horse project leaders.

Important Dates

- June 6 - District 3 4-H Horse Show Entry Deadline ([completed on 4-H Online](#))
- June 21-23 - District 3 4-H Horse Show - NRS Arena in Decatur
- July 1 - State 4-H Horse Show Entry Deadline ([completed on 4-H Online](#))
- July 23-28, 2023 State 4-H Horse Show - Brazos Co. Expo Center

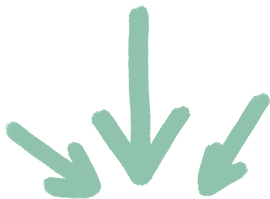
Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines

Important Info

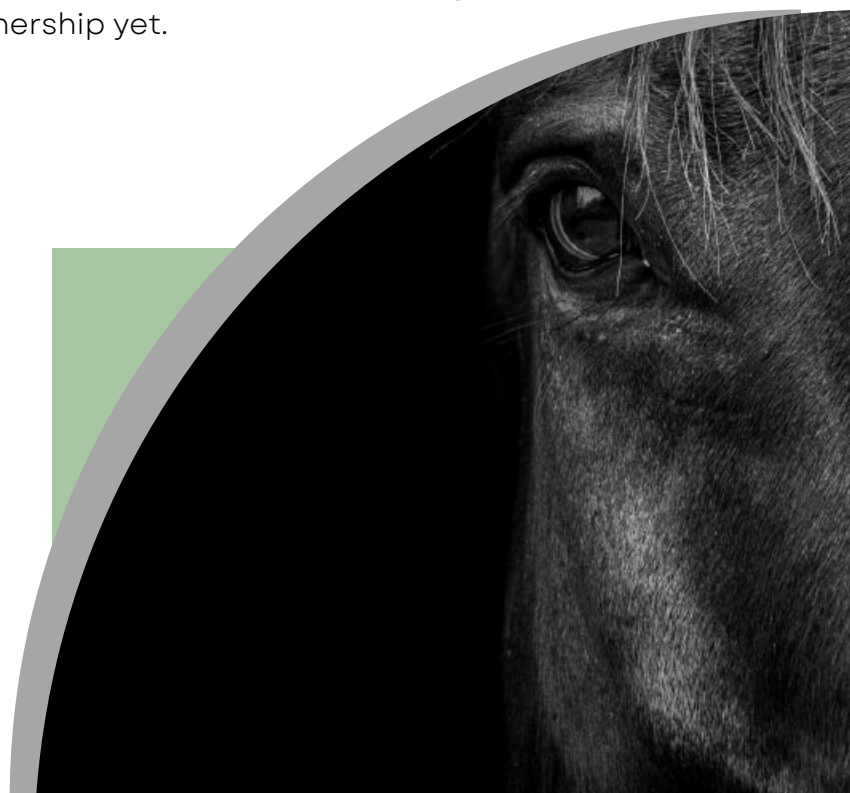
The major changes include:

- Ranch Cutting will be added as a class in the stock horse division. This class will not count towards high point in the division. Exhibitors can show in both cutting and ranch cutting. (pg. 87)
- District qualification will be removed; however, for safety reasons, futurity exhibitors must participate in a district horse show, district educational clinic, or other equivalent event where futurity project is present. Participation will be verified by the county extension agent on the State 4-H Horse Show entry form. (pg. 9). This change allows more flexibility for district programs to offer targeted experiences that are tailored to local needs; and allows more flexibility for 4-H families.
- State 4-H Horse Show entries will be open earlier beginning May 1 and will remain open until July 1.
- Ownership requirement amendment: lease horses will be allowed. Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and county extension agent. Lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H Year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4HOnline at validation. (pg. 7)

This is a significant change for horse project eligibility in Texas which the committee expects will result in an increase in participation at the State 4-H Horse Show. However, the anticipated increase in participation at the state show was not the primary goal when considering this change. In fact, the State 4-H Horse Show has seen a 10.7% increase in participation over the past 4 years. The objective in allowing lease horses is to make the show more inclusive for young horse enthusiasts who may not have the opportunity for horse ownership yet.



- [2023 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book](#)



2023 D3 4-H HORSE SHOW SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

5:00 am Arena Open
7:00 am-5:00 pm Registration
8:30 am Halter Mares (5 and over followed
by 4 and under)
Halter Geldings (5 and over followed by 4
and under)
Yearling Filly Futurity Halter Yearling
Geldings Futurity Halter
Showmanship
Yearling Lunge Line
Hunter Showmanship
30 Minute Warm Up English
Hunter Under Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation
2-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Pattern
3-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure
Western Pleasure
2-Year-Old Futurity Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship
3-Year-Old Futurity Reining
2-Year-Old Futurity Versatility Trail
(Western Trail, 3-Year-Old Futurity
Trail, Stock Horse Trail)
High Point Qualifying Awards

FRIDAY JUNE 22

5:00 am Arena Open
7:00 am-5:00 pm Registration
8:30 am Ranch Cutting-One Round Only
Ranch Sorting
Working Cow Horse
Cow Boxing
Reining
Stock Horse Pleasure
Stock Horse Horsemanship

FRIDAY JUNE 23

5:00 am Arena Opens
7:00 am Registration
8:30 am 4-H Roping- Preliminaries and
Finals (Team Roping Heading, and Team
Roping Heeling, Breakaway, and Tie
Down.)
Speed Events (Goat Tying, Stakes, Poles,
and Barrels) High Point Open Show Awards



4-H LIVESTOCK

Important Dates

- JUNE 10TH PCLIA COUNTY SHOW PREMIUM SALE
- JUNE 24TH @ BILL CODY'S BARN 9AM-NOON
7916 Granbury Hwy, Weatherford
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW STEER VALIDATION
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW HEIFER VALIDATION (ANOTHER IN OCT)
2023 STATE FAIR IF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION
- JUNE 26TH @ CLINT PETZOLD'S BARN 9AM-11AM
226 W Aycock Court, Weatherford
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW STEER VALIDATION
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW HEIFER VALIDATION (ANOTHER IN OCT)
2023 STATE FAIR IF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION
- JUNE 27TH @ JEFF OLEARY'S BARN 9AM-11AM (CATTLE MUST BE BROKE)
1060 Young Bend Rd, Brock
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW STEER VALIDATION
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW HEIFER VALIDATION (ANOTHER IN OCT)
2023 STATE FAIR IF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION
- JUNE 28TH @ JIM MARTIN'S BARN 9AM-11AM
60 Crown Road, Willow Park
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW STEER VALIDATION
23-24 MAJOR STOCK SHOW HEIFER VALIDATION (ANOTHER IN OCT)
2023 STATE FAIR IF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION
- JULY 12 - WEST TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO ENTRIES DUE
- AUGUST 9 - STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ENTRIES DUE



Texas has the largest number of 4-H and FFA livestock projects in the nation. Additionally, Texas has the most exhibitors, scholarships and monies awarded. Young people have the opportunity to participate at the county, district, regional and state level. The tremendous support and dedication of livestock show officials, donors and industry stakeholders help make this possible.

With this opportunity comes a responsibility for each exhibitor to learn and demonstrate the highest standards, both in personal character and in the feeding and care of their animals. Focused on quality assurance and character education, Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. Quality Counts helps youth exhibitors learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved.

Through a set of curriculum, activities and a verification exam, livestock exhibitors understand they are contributing to the world's most nutritious and safe food supply. The world's population, now estimated at 7.3 billion, is expected to grow to 9.7 billion by 2050. Youth exhibitors will meet the challenges of feeding a growing population. Livestock show programs, like Quality Counts, are critical in the development of agricultural industry careers of young professionals.

Exhibitor participation in Quality Counts helps ensure that Texas 4-H and FFA members can continue to be a part of the greatest youth livestock program in the nation.

All youth new to exhibiting livestock at major livestock shows, must complete Quality Counts Verification. Youth that celebrated their 14th birthday this past 4-H year, will need to go in and complete the senior level Quality Counts Verification if you have not already done so. You may click the link below to complete the verification process. The Mozilla web browser is recommended.

[Quality Counts Verification Link](#)

*****If you have celebrated an 11th or 14 birthday,
it's time to take the next age level of Quality
Counts*****



4-H STEM PROJECT

PARKER CO. 4-H STEM PROJECT

Please complete the Parker Co. 4-H STEM
Survey for Future STEM Planning

[Parker Co. 4-H STEM Planning Survey](#)

STEM NEWSLETTER

BY: FINLEY VAN DYK

What is Cyber Security?

Computer security, cybersecurity (cyber security), digital security or information technology security (IT security) is the protection of computer systems and networks from attack by malicious actors that may result in unauthorized information disclosure, theft of, or damage to hardware, software, or data, as well as from the disruption or misdirection of the services they provide. The field is significant due to the expanded reliance on computer systems, the Internet, and wireless network standards such as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, and due to the growth of smart devices, including smartphones, televisions, and the various devices that constitute the Internet of things (IoT). Cybersecurity is one of the most significant challenges of the contemporary world, due to both the complexity of information systems and the societies they support. Security is of especially high importance for systems that govern large-scale systems with far-reaching physical effects, such as power distribution, elections, and finance.

What careers can I have involving Cyber Security?

Some careers you can have in Cyber Security are a cyber security analyst, Cyber Systems Security, Cyber Security Cryptographic Engineer, Sr. Cyber Security Engineer, Senior Manager, Technical Program Management, Cybersecurity Cloud Principal Architect, and many more.

Meeting Updates!

We do not have a meeting this month for STEM, instead I would love if you filled out this survey to see what activities you may want for the upcoming year.

<https://forms.gle/EWW34tDeMeAzPR7LA>



4-H CLUB NEWS

Join the Club

June

Aledo 4-H Newsletter

Our latest community service activity was making popcorn treats for our teachers at Aledo High School.

Also, we awarded a scholarship this year to Callie Stevens, congratulations!



Upcoming Dates

We do not have a meeting in June. Our next meeting will be on August 14th.

Recently we had our officer elections! The results are; Seltz Kimball (President), Elinor West (Vice President), Mack Kimball (2nd Vice President), Evie Banis (Parliamentarian), Autumn Skye (Secretary), Henry Kimball (Health and Safety Officer), Averi Breedlove (Treasurer), and Finley Van Dyk (Historian / Reporter). Congratulations to all!



June / 2023

SPRINGTOWN 4-H

PARTY

Our end of year party will be on
June 21, 6:30 pm

DONT FORGET TO RSVP!!!

- Club scholarship deadline June 20th
- Award forms final deadline June 11th



Our 2022-2023
Springtown 4H
Officers





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