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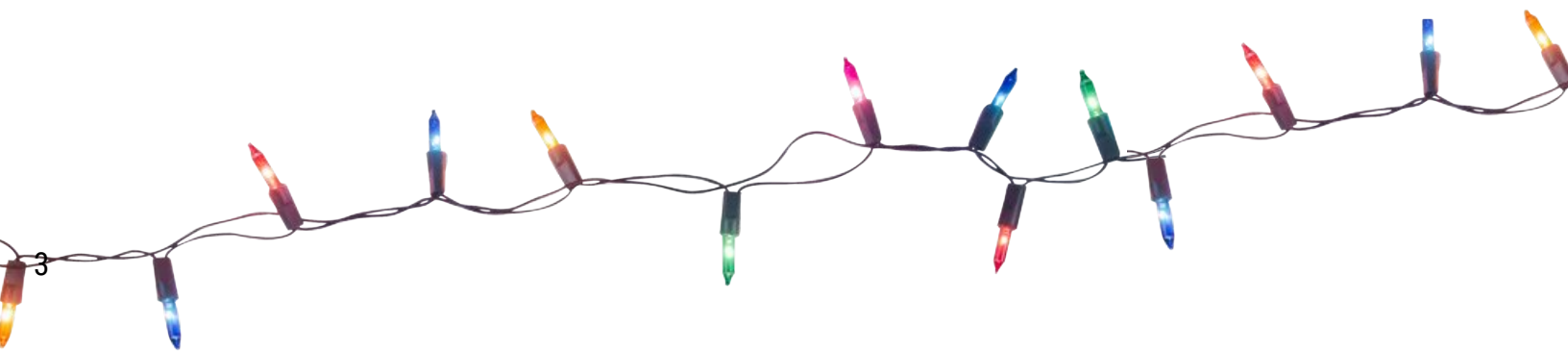
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Parker Co. 4-H
Club News

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.

- December - ***Graduating Seniors *** Get FASFA done mid-December for scholarship applications
- December 4th - Parker Co. 4-H Parent Leader Association Meeting
- December 5th - Parker Co. 4-H Novice Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- December 7th - District 3 4-H Livestock Skill - A - Thon (registration required)
- December 7th - District 3 4-H Ag Product ID (registration required)
- December 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Entomology Meeting (see Entomology Project to RSVP)
- December 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Meeting (see Food Project to RSVP)
- December 12th - Parker Co. 4-H Novice Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- December 13th - Parker Co. 4-H Dog Project Meeting (see Dog Project to RSVP)
- ~~December 18th - Parker Co. 4-H STEM Project Meeting (see STEM Project to RSVP)~~ **Dec. STEM Canceled**
- December 19th - Parker Co. 4-H Advanced Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- December 19th - Parker Co. 4-H Novice Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- December 26th - Parker Co. 4-H Novice Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- January 2nd - Parker Co. 4-H Parent Leader Association Meeting
- January 2nd - Parker Co. 4-H County Council Meeting
- January 2nd - Parker Co. 4-H Novice Horse Project (see Horse Project to RSVP)
- January 9th - Fort Worth Heifer Exhibitor Meeting (see Livestock)
- January 10th - Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline (see Dog Project)
- January 10th - Parker Co. 4-H Dog Project Meeting (see Dog Project to RSVP)
- January 13th - PCLIA Steer Validation (see PCLIA News or Livestock)
- January 13th - Noon Deadline to declare Major Stock Show Validated Steers for PCLIA (see PCLIA News or Livestock)
- January 16th - Fort Worth Steer Exhibitor Meeting (see Livestock)
- January 22nd - Parker Co. 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Project Meeting (see Fashion and Interior Design)
- February 15th - Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline (see Parker Co. 4-H)
- February 15th - Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship Application Deadline (see Parker Co. 4-H)



A Word from Kayla

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember the reason for this season and take the time to slow down and spend time with friends and loved ones.

Thax turns 4 years old December 5th and we're having our first birthday party with other toddlers invited this weekend. Prayers are greatly appreciated! 😊

Have a great December everyone!

Remember, if you have questions, ASK. Tiff and I are here to help guide you through your 4-H adventure!

Kash Neil



PARKER CO. 4-H

Parker Co. 4-H PLA Meeting (all parents are welcome to attend)
Monday, December 4 @ 6PM @ the Extension Office

Cookies for Seniors Community Service
Friday, December 29 @ 9M @ the Extension Office

Parker Co. 4-H Council Meeting (all 4-H'ers are welcome to attend)
Tuesday, January 2nd @6PM @ the Extension Office

Parker Co. 4-H PLA Meeting (all parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday, January 2nd @6PM @ the Extension Office



Cookies for Seniors

DECEMBER 29

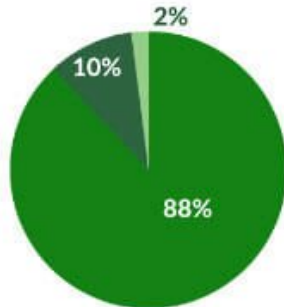
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PARKER CO. EXTENSION OFFICE



**JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF BAKING! ALL
COOKIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.**

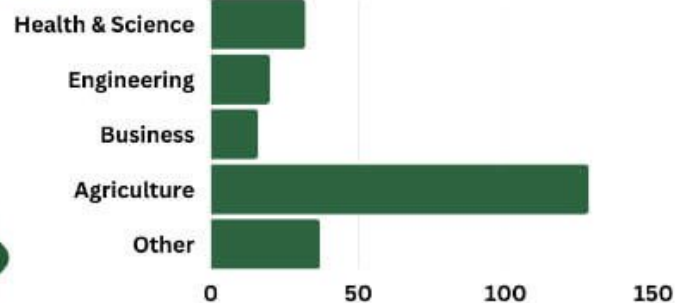
Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship 2023 Annual Report



TYPE OF SCHOOL RECIPIENTS ATTENDED

- Home School
- Public School
- Private School

TOP MAJORS OF RECIPIENTS



AVERAGE GPA OF RECIPIENTS

95.2

TOP 5 UNIVERSITIES RECIPIENTS ARE ATTENDING

94

recipients
attending
TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

37

recipients
attending
TEXAS TECH
UNIVERSITY

21

recipients
attending
WEST
TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

13

recipients
attending
TARLETON
STATE
UNIVERSITY

9

recipients
attending
PRIVATE
UNIVERSITY

54%

female
recipients



46%

male
recipients



SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



LANCE HOLLOWAY

"Holloway said that receiving this scholarship meant that everything he did paid off in the end; that "it was all worth it."

Holloway is currently a freshman at Texas A&M University, majoring in Business with hopes of going into the supply chain management field. "I'm not quite sure what my future will hold yet, but after graduation, I want to get a job somewhere back in the east Texas area, in hopefully the agriculture field, or just a business career in general," Holloway said. "I'm also on the trap and skeet team, which, from what I've learned in 4-H, I've kind of carried that over into the team for Texas A&M."

Holloway is thankful for his time in 4-H and recognized that the many opportunities presented to the youth in the Texas 4-H program would not be possible without the support of the many donors. "First off, I want to tell them thank you for contributing to one of the best programs for kids. I think 4-H is an amazing thing for meeting friends and learning valuable things that you can take with you throughout your life," Holloway said. "What I would say to the donors is just thank you for donating to such an organization that is helpful to so many youth in Texas."

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT:

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program awards academic scholarships each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award scholarships to 4-H members through Baccalaureate, Collegiate, Courageous Heart and Technical Scholarships. The goal of the scholarship program is to provide scholarship opportunities for 4-H members to attend a Texas college or university, to pursue a broad range of academic majors. Texas 4-H Youth Development has a proud history of providing young people with opportunities in leadership, citizenship, community service, and personal growth. The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program began in 1959 with a \$1,000 scholarship. Since that time, our scholarship program has experienced tremendous growth, currently awarding over 220 scholarships totaling more than \$2.7 million annually.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE:

Any donation to the scholarship program makes a difference in the future of a young person. Supporting the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program will ensure that deserving 4-H youth are able to expand their educational goals in preparation to become future leaders of our communities, state, country, and world.



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Baccalaureate:

Awarded to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited Texas College or University.

Collegiate:

Designated for former Texas 4-H members who have been graduated from high school for at least one year, at time of awarding, and have completed a minimum of 30 hours of college credit at a grade point average of at least a 2.7.

Courageous Heart:

Awarded to Texas 4-H members that are pursuing either a Baccalaureate or Technical degree and have had to overcome an extreme obstacle while staying active in both 4-H and school.

Technical:

Awarded to students who wish to pursue technical certification in a recognized and approved major or course of study.

TEXAS 4-H

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Important Dates

- November 1, 2023 – Application will be available online
- December 2023 - Complete FAFSA by Mid December
- February 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply
- April 2024 – Interviews in College Station
- May 2024 – Award Notifications
- June 2024 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station

COMPLETED FAFSA REQUIRED TO APPLY

You must complete your FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before submitting your scholarship application at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. This is required for Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart scholarships. Please complete this before mid-December.

If you wait, you may not have time to get the FAFSA paperwork submitted and receive the SAR report before the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application deadline. This is a required document to be attached to your application, without this you will not be able to apply.

Resources and Helpful Links

- [TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)
- [SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK](#)
- [SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL FAQ](#)
- [TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL](#)

TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas Home Demonstration Association was organized in August, 1926 by 399 women attending a Farmer's Short course at A&M University. One of the purposes for organizing was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl. This original scholarship of \$200 has grown to 12 in 2002, given annually at \$1000 each (\$500 Fall; \$500 Spring); however, in 1997, only four \$100 scholarships were given due to lack of funds. Funding of these scholarships began with a 5 cent donation per member in 1926. Scholarships are now funded through the annual TEEA budget and awarded to a 4-H boy or girl, one per District. The twelve \$1500 TEEA State scholarships are open to any qualifying 4-H'er in the respective District where the youth lives, regardless of there being a TEEA or no TEEA in the county.

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION PROCESS

The following is due to the Parker Co. Extension office by 5PM February 15, 2024...

- Envelope labeled with the applicant's name and county.
- Only a black and white copy of Texas 4-H Recordbook from the previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline of August 31 accepted.
- Official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores included.
- Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a county Extension agent or 4-H club manager and one from a teacher, employer, or community leader (not a relative).

[Click here for TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application and Guidelines](#)



PARKER COUNTY 4-H

RECORD BOOKS

4-H RECORDBOOKS

County Record Books Due: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

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](#)

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



PCLIA NEWS

CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE
2024 PARKER COUNTY STOCK SHOW

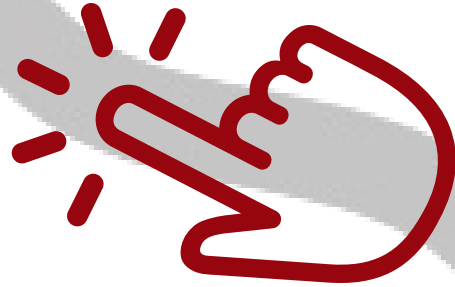
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE PCLIA FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION

PCLIA FACEBOOK

- January 13th - PCLIA Steer Tag-In, 9AM-Noon North Texas Veterinary Hospital (in Peaster), 8283 FM 920, Weatherford - Tag Order and Major Steer Declaration form on next page.
- January 13th - Noon Deadline for PCLIA Major Steer Declaration

PCLIA STEER TAG ORDERS

2024 PCLIA STEER TAG ORDER AND MAJOR VALIDATED DECLARATION FORM



Please note

Keep the receipt generated by Paypal (You do not have to have a Paypal acct. just select pay by debit or credit card).

There are two types of tagged steers that can show at the 2024 PCLIA Stock Show

- Steers that physically attend a PCLIA Tag-In
- 23-24 State Validated Steers (validated in June of 2023 under the exhibitor(s) name) that have been declared through the 2024 PCLIA declaration form.

Section A - Is for steers that have not been state validated and will be attending a PCLIA Tag-In.

Section B - Declaration of Major Stock Show Validated Steers - These steers must have been validated under exhibitor's names at major stock show steer validation in June of 2023. These steers do not have to attend a PCLIA Tag-In. If you have more than 6 major stock show steers to declare, you'll just complete another form.

Deadline to declare Major Stock Show Validated Steers is by Noon on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

- NEW** • You will be asked to upload a picture and include a current weight for each major declared steer.

PCLIA Steer Tag-In - January 13, 2024, 9AM-Noon.

**North Texas Veterinary Hospital (in Peaster), 8283 FM 920,
Weatherford**



DISTRICT 3 4-H

This section will contain links and general information related to District 3 4-H information including District 3 4-H contests and activities

[D3 4-H Events Link](#)

2023-2024 District 3 Events Calendar

TBD: Horse Judging, Quiz Bowls (Horse, Livestock, & FCH), Meat Judging, Teen Leader Lab, and Record Book Judging

AUGUST

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FEBRUARY

SEPTEMBER

1 - 4-H Online Open Enrollment begins
7th – District 3 Fall Admin Meeting

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APRIL

???-Horse, Livestock, and FCH Quiz Bowls (early April)
???-Meat Judging (early April in Lubbock)
6th – Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Storyboard
20th – Rifle/Pistol
???-Horse Judging

NOVEMBER

2nd – District 3 Judges & Commissioners Conference
8th – Livestock Judging
13th – Leaders for Life
29th – Food Show, Food Challenge

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MAY

4th – Trap
8th – Round-Up, Consumer Judging, Photography
14th – 15th Spring Admin Meeting
18th – Archery

DECEMBER

7th – Ag Prod ID, Livestock Skillathon
12th – Winter PDC (Archer City)

DECEMBER 2023						
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JUNE

3–6 State Round-Up
??? – Teen Leader Lab
19th – 21st Horse Show

JANUARY

JANUARY 2024						
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JULY

???—Record Book Judging

= State Event

= District Event



4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Do you like to shop?

Learn how to save money while shopping in the consumer decision making project. You'll learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research.

In this project you will learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research. You will also improve your: Money management skills, Smart purchasing skills and Decision-making skills.

This section will have practice consumer decision making classes and reasons examples to help you prepare for the District 3 4-H Consumer contest in the spring.

Sunglasses

Scenario

Camille is training for her first half marathon. She wants a pair of light-weight, water/sweat proof earbuds. She would prefer earbuds that are somewhat noise cancelling and have bluetooth connectivity to her phone while she runs. She wants her earbuds to have a microphone so she can place and receive calls while running. Battery life is also important since she will be going on long runs almost daily. Ratings from other consumers online are important to Camille for this purchase. She wants to hear from people who have really used them!

Item #1



Linklike Quad Drivers Bluetooth 5.0 Sport Headphones

- 16 Hours Playtime,
- IPX7 Waterproof,
- HiFi Sound,
- Noise Isolating,
- Lightweight Wireless Workout Earphones with Microphone,
- Earbuds for Running
- 0.85 ounces

\$29.99

4.7 out of 5 stars - [124 ratings](#)

Item #2



Beats Solo3 Wireless On-Ear Headphones

- With up to 40 hours of battery life, Beats Solo3 wireless is your perfect everyday headphone
- Premium playback and fine-tuned acoustics maximize clarity, breadth, and balance
- Adjustable fit with comfort-cushioned ear cups made for everyday use. 5 minutes of charging gives you 3 hours of playback when battery is low
- Take calls, control your music and activate Siri with the multifunction on-ear controls
- Comes with Beats Solo3 wireless headphones, carrying case, 3.5mm remote Talk cable, Universal USB charging cable (USB-A to USB Micro-B), quick Start guide and card

Price: \$149.99

4.1 out of 5 stars - [4,478 ratings](#)

Item #3



Bose SoundSport, Wireless Workout Earbuds, (Sweatproof Bluetooth Headphones for Running),

- A high quality audio experience, consistently balanced at any volume, thanks to Bose active EQ
- Wireless convenience, with easy Bluetooth and NFC pairing aided by voice prompts. Quick Charging Times 15 Minutes for 1 Hour. Recharge Time 2 Hours
- Exclusive Stay Hear+ tips keep the headphones comfortably in place during workouts
- Sweat and weather resistance for reliability while exercising
- Up to 6 hours battery life per charge. SoundSport wireless headphones do not have noise cancelling technology or wireless mic

Price: \$129.99

3.7 out of 5 stars - [5,695 ratings](#)

Item #4



Optoma NuForce BE Sport4 Premium Wireless Sport earphones with mic and 10h battery, sweat proof, AAC + aptX, Quick Charge, Graphene drivers, compatible with Android and iPhone

- Sweat proof: IPX5 water resistance ensures you're ready for marathons, workouts, intense training sessions, hiking or snow activities without letting rain, snow, Mud or sweat INTERRUPT your playlist
- Audiophile-quality sound: graphene-coated drivers deliver crystal clear, audiophile sound while AAC and apt support maximize Audio quality for both Apple and Android devices
- 10 hours of non-stop listening: incredible battery life ensures 10 hours of music playback for non-stop music that endures your training and workouts
- Charge quickly: forget to charge? A quick 15-minute charge provides 2 hours of listening time
- Comfortable fit: SPINFIT twin blade ear tips provide maximum comfort, stability and secure fit while interchangeable silicone ear tips and ear wings personalize the fit even further
- Talk and control: An in-line remote make it easy to control volume, media playback and activate Siri or Google Assistant without taking the phone out of your pocket
- Durable and lightweight: A combination of aluminum and polycarbonate housings keep it lightweight while maintaining the rugged durability you expect from Sport earphones

Price: \$62.99

3.9 out of 5 stars - [342 ratings](#)

	Light wt	Water/sweat proof	Noise Canceling	Bluetooth	Microphone	Consumer	Long Battery	\$
#1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	4.7	16 hrs	29.99
#2	X	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.1	40 hrs	149.99
#3	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	3.7	6hrs	129.99
#4	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	3.9	10 hrs	62.99

How do they measure up? Make a chart of Camille's needs.

Placing: 1-4-3-2

Cuts: 4-3-4

I placed this class of Earbuds 1 4 3 2

Finding an obvious top in the Linklike Headphones they were the only option that met all of Camille's criteria and were reasonably priced.

In a close top pair of 1 over 4. The Linklink Headphones:

- retains the advantage in noise canceling technology and 4 leaves us questioning whether that technology is offered
- 1 also has the highest consumer rating
- And a longer battery life
- Though a budget is not mentioned, the Linklink headphones come in at a much lower price.

I will admit the Optoma NuForce seem to have a lot of bells and whistles when it comes to sport headphones but again they leave the consumer questioning whether the noise canceling technology is offered.

In my middle pair I placed 4 over 3. The Optoma NuForce:

- Offers a microphone, a longer battery life, a higher consumer rating and comes in at a much more affordable price than the Bose Ear buds.

Due to the differences in the pair I find no obvious grants.

In my final pair I placed 3 over 2. The Bose Sound Sport Ear buds

- Are clearly designed for active sports more so than the Beats Solo 3
- They're sweat resistant, light weight and have a more affordable price point

Not one set of earbuds can touch the battery life of the Beats Solo 3 but they will remain bottom due to design.

- This pair of headphones is not the best choice for running. They're large, not waterproof and the most expensive option.

Thank you



4-H DOG PROJECT

Wednesday, December 13th @6PM @ Extension Office
RSVP Required

Bring Shot Records and Rabies Certification

[Click Here to RSVP for December](#)

Please RSVP by Noon the day before the meeting
for planning purposes.

- Jan 10th - Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation Deadline - [Click HERE to Validate Your Dog.](#)

DOG SHOW VALIDATION

Validation Deadline - Wednesday January 10th, through 4-H Online - Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation is completely FREE so go ahead and do it whether you know for sure you can attend or not.

Event Information

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024 in 4-H Online. Attached are detailed written instructions. Video instructions are also available at <https://youtu.be/3NzoljK9Pco> if that is more convenient. 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book is also attached and will be posted <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/> soon.

There will be a couple of opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not.

- Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show will be February 3, 2024 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe, Texas
- Brazos County 4-H Dog Show is normally a couple of weeks later
- Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show has been in April
- Wise County is has historically been done in June.

We will send details of each of these as soon as we have them. If your county is planning to host a dog show, please let us know so we can help you publicize it.

As 4-H members complete their validation, here are some things to keep in mind:

For purebred dogs (they do not have to be registered, just look purebred) you will select the correct Group and list the breed.

For mixed breed dogs you will select the Weight Group of the dog and list the dominant breed along with the word "Mix" or list the two breeds if known. (Example: Border Collie Mix or Mastiff/Great Dane.)

Photos of the left and right side of the dog should be a side view of the whole dog. Get on the dog's level so they do not turn into top views. They should also be clear and light enough we can see all markings and color of the dog. The dog should only be wearing a collar. No sweaters, costumes, rain gear or anything that covers the dog's color and markings.

Dogs MUST be validated each year. If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Please update the photos if the dog has changed significantly since last year.

We do encourage you to validate any dogs that you are eligible to show. Situations may change through the year.

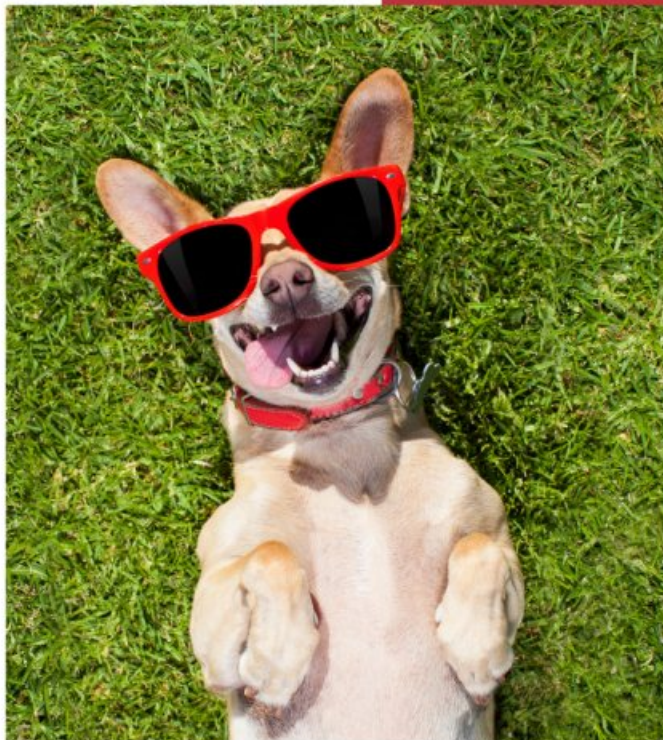
4-H DOG PROJECT



- September 13th - Introduction to Dog Project, Equipment and Etiquette.
- October 11th - Routine Dog Veterinary Care and Nutrition.
- November 8th - Walking on a Leash and the Confirmation Ring
- December 13th - Sit and Down, Dog Validation Requirements, Rally Basics, Dog Identification
- January 3rd - Parker Co. Animal Shelter Tour
- January 10th - Texas 4-H Dog Validation Due, Routine Dog Grooming and Review of Tricks Class.
- February 14th - Dog Olympics
- March 8th - Rally Pattern
- April 10th - Obedience
- May 8th - Dog Project Showcase and Graduation
- July 11th - 13th - Texas 4-H Dog Show location TBA

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES AT A GLANCE

Note: The 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules have not yet been released. The information below is based off of the 22-23 Rules and is subject to change.



Canine Good Citizen

- The Canine Good Citizen testing is a non-competitive opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate their dog's basic good manners and earn the Canine Good Citizenship certificate through AKC. Started in 1989, the CGC Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The CGC Program is a program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. Testing is subject to certified judge availability.
- The 10 Steps are...
 1. Accepting a friendly stranger
 2. Sitting politely for petting
 3. Appearance and grooming
 4. Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
 5. Walking through a crowd
 6. Sit and down on command and staying in place
 7. Coming when called
 8. Reaction to another dog
 9. Reaction to distraction
 10. Supervised separation

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES

Photography

A detailed description of categories, size requirements and the photo submission process will of course be included in the 23-24 Rule Book.

- Dog - Still Life
- Dog - Active
- Storyboard
- Theme
- Funny Dog

Costume

Divided into age divisions - Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Judged on...

- Creativity - produce or create (not purchase) something unique, new and original.
- Showmanship - Personality, poise, confidence, expression and stage presence.
- Costuming - Appropriate for age and youth audience.
- Material Chosen - Appropriate for audience and the ability of the performer.
- Audience Appeal - Evokes reaction from audience that is desired from the performance.

Conformation

- Dog is judged on breed standards
- Shown in group classes
- Purebred dogs do not have to be registered
- Non-purebred dogs will be shown by weight

Showmanship

- Exhibitor is judged on ability to handle a dog
- Patterns may be directed
- Exhibitors may be asked questions regarding: dog anatomy, breeds, health and nutrition and 4-H trivia (resources found on Texas 4-H Dog Project page)
- Broken into age divisions and skill levels

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES CONTINUED

Rally

- A series of signs give instructions for exhibitor to follow
- More relaxed than obedience
- May give hand and voice commands
- Broken into skill level and age division

Obedience

- A series of commands (signs or verbal, depending on level of experience) will provide direction to exhibitor
- Must choose between hand or voice commands, cannot use both
- Broken into skill level and age division

Drill

- Dog/Handler teams choreographed to music
- Exhibit obedience commands
- 5 minute routine

Freestyle Drill

- Props are allowed
- 1-3 or 4 or more members

Traditional Drill

- No props
- Minimum 3 members

Tricks

- Set list of tricks and point values
- Exhibitors handle dogs through 4 tricks from the list

Dog Skill-a-thon

Consists of a series of stations that are designed to test the exhibitor's dog science knowledge and skills.

- Individual contest
- Age divisions
- Don't have to show a dog to compete
- Stations formatted as matching, multiple choice, short answer etc.
- Topics include but not limited to:
 - animal behavior, care, safety and restraint
 - health and disease
 - anatomy, physiology and conformation
 - breed id
 - famous dogs/ working dogs / dog sports
 - nutrition and feeding
 - housing, facilities and training
 - genetics, reproduction and management of breeding animals
 - records management

Dog Olympics

Olympics is designed to encourage participation in the dog project and attend state dog show even if they are not yet ready to participate in the other higher level events.

- Push ups - the goal is for the dog to perform as many "push ups" as possible in 1 min. A push up begins with the dog sitting, then lying down, and coming back up to a sit.
- Marathon Sit - the goal for this event is for the dog to sit and stay for as long as possible.
- Treat Toss - the dog that can catch as many treats as possible in 1 min.
- Tail Wagging - for the dog to wag their tail as many times as possible in 30 seconds.
- 20 Yard Dash - for the dog to run as fast as possible to their owner 20 yards away.



4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

Thursday, December 7th @6PM @ the Extension Office
RSVP Required
[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Thursday, January 4th @6PM @ the Extension Office
RSVP Required
[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Please RSVP by Noon the day prior to the project meeting

Parker Co Entomology

DECEMBER 7

**PLEASE BRING ANY INSECTS THAT ARE
READY TO BE PINNED!**

Teen Leader: Emma Hauprich

Adult Leader: Tiffany Beasley



4-H FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT

No December Meeting

Please RSVP by Noon the day prior to the project meeting



Fashion and Interior Design



December Newsletter

November Meeting

Thanks for coming to the November meeting! We learned so much this month. Everybody was able to learn how to assemble a pattern, cut out a paper pattern, and cut out the pattern on fabric. We also made cute hat and Christmas tree ornaments. Fashion is not just sewing, a big aspect of Fashion is decorating. A great way to get some fun Christmas decorating ideas is to visit the Decorators Warehouse in Arlington. If you ever get the opportunity to go there it is so much fun to look around! Happy holidays!



**NO DECEMBER
MEETING!!!!**

Stocking Stuffers

These would make great gifts for people who love to sew.

- *Fabric scissors
- *Sewing needles
- *Pins
- *Seam gauge
- *Fabric measuring tape
- *Thread
- *Buttons
- *Fabric marker



*"Perhaps the best Yuletide
decoration is being wreathed in smiles"
~Anonymous*

WAGGY

PARKER CO.

2024

FASHION

SHOW

CATEGORIES

THERE WILL BE

MORE INFO TO COME

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4-H

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION CATEGORIES

1. **Everyday Living** - Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.
2. **Refashion** - The result of modifying existing clothing into something more fashionable. The main purpose of Refashion is creativity, as well as sewing skills. The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used garments. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alteration. (For example, neckties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt).
3. **Dressy to Formal** - Garments worn to dressy activities such as church, banquets, luncheons and 4-H interviews. Examples are children's suits and dressy dresses. Original material must be fabric and not from recycled items.
4. **Special Interest** - Limited to special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad and cheerleader uniforms; sleep wear; theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes; equestrian clothing and riding apparel; hiking clothing; or rock-climbing clothing. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary activities.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

1. All garments must have been constructed during participation in a 4-H Clothing Project between June 2023 and the date of the District contest. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled material. Accessories such as belts, shoes, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, and hats may be purchased. Items not constructed by the participant will be considered accessories.
2. All garments worn may be entered. However, if a t-shirt needs to be worn underneath something then only the constructed garment would be judged. No additional garments may be carried with the exception of props (show stick, tennis racket, golf club, corsage, teddy bear, etc...)

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BUYING CATEGORIES

1. **Everyday Living** - Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.
2. **Fantastic Fashion Under \$25** - The \$25 challenge category is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to include different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or retail store.
3. **Semi-Formal** - Entry must be designed for semi-formal to dressy occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same. This includes men's suits and women's dressy attire. Ensembles may be worn to activities such as concerts, banquets, and other nice events generally not worn during the Monday through Friday week.
4. **Special Interest** - Entry should be a specific outfit that you NEED to know how to purchase wisely. Entry should be something that reflects a special interest of the participant, such as equestrian clothing and riding apparel, dance costumes, hiking clothing, or rock climbing clothing.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BUYING GUIDELINES

1. All garments worn must have been purchased during participation in the 4-H Clothing Project between June 2022 and the date of the District Contest. If during comparison shopping, the 4-H member determines that paying a professional seamstress (at normal retail cost) to construct an ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, he or she must list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, any other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column headed "Garments Selected" on the Buying Division Worksheet. Information will be evaluated during judging so the worksheet must be complete. Adult judges will ask questions about the garment and the comparison shopping experience.
2. Comparison shopping may include department store, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, internet sites, outlet stores, and professional seamstresses. Three different shopping sources must be used, not three sections of a single store.
3. All garments worn (garments that are visible-i.e., blouse under jacket or vest) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet.
4. The Junior Buying Division Worksheet must be completed. This is a simple one-page worksheet.

SENIOR CONSTRUCTION CATEGORIES

1. **Everyday Living** - Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, sleepwear, clothing for school, casual after- school events, or hanging out with friends.
2. **ReFashion** - The result of modifying existing clothing or fabric item (such as tablecloth or curtain) into something more fashionable. The main purpose of ReFashion is creativity, as well as sewing skills. The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used garments or fabric item. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alteration. (Examples: neck ties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt).
3. **Semi-Formal to Formal** - Entry must be designed for semi-formal to formal occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same.
 - Semi-formal is a little less formal than formal black tie.
 - Women - - includes midi dresses, maxi-dresses, wrap dresses, cocktail dresses, pantsuits, and jumpsuits
 - Men - - includes slacks and a blazer, a two-piece suit (with or without a tie), accessories that show personal style (pocket squares, dress watch, custom shoes)
 - Formal - prom, evening wedding or gala party
 - Women - - typically floor-length gown, a knee-length cocktail dress or classic little black dress.
 - Men - - two or three-piece suit or tuxedo, with a shirt and tie.
4. **Theatre/Costume** - Garment intended for use as a costume, which would include stage production. May be sewn from fabric or from another garment. These garments may be unusual or innovative materials; imaginative but wearable.

SENIOR CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

1. All garments must have been constructed during participation in a 4-H Clothing Project between June 2023 and the date of the District contest. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled material. Accessories such as belts, shoes, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, and hats may be purchased. Items not constructed by the participant will be considered accessories.
2. All garments worn may be entered. However, if a t-shirt needs to be worn underneath something then only the constructed garment would be judged. No additional garments may be carried with the exception of props (show stick, tennis racket, golf club, corsage, teddy bear, etc...)



23-24 Sewing Projects

Enjoy life while you're still young!



September- Hair clips, which we will be donating to Operation Christmas Child.

October- We will be sewing fall tree pillow cases.

November- We will be make some ornaments that would be great for Christmas gifts or to hang on your tree.

December- (No meeting)

January- We will be making Valentines Day handwarmers to keep you warm in the cold winter.

February- Parker County Fashion Show!

March- Duds to Dazzle practice.

April- For the last meeting we will be making a lip balm holder that would be great for teacher gifts!

*All year long we will be working on reading a pattern and individual projects



"Smiles are always in fashion"



4-H FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT

MEETINGS AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
(CLICK THE MEETING TO RSVP)

RSVP IS REQUIRED

- \$5 will be collected from each participant to cover the cost of supplies when you sign up
- Sign-up will close the Monday before the meeting by Noon
- We will not be able to offer refunds so don't sign up unless you know for sure you can attend
- Click the date of the meeting you'd like to sign up

Thursday, December 7th - Clovers and 4-H'ers 6PM

Thursday, January 4th - Clovers and 4-H'ers 6PM

NUTS

All nuts are about equal in terms of calories per ounce, and in moderation, are all healthy additions to any diet.

"Their mix of omega-3 fatty acids, protein, and fiber will help you feel full and suppress your appetite," says Judy Caplan, RD, a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

NAVIGATING
NUT
NUTRITION

Almonds, Cashews, Pistachios

The lowest calorie nuts are almonds, cashews, pistachios. Avoid nuts packaged or roasted in oil.

Macadamia Nuts, Pecans

Macadamia nuts & pecans have the highest content of fats, but are still part of a healthy eating plan.

Walnuts

While all nuts contain heart-healthy monounsaturated fats, walnuts have high amounts of heart-healthy alpha linoleic acid (ALA), a type of omega-3 fatty acid found in plants.

Peanuts

Technically legumes but generally referred to as nuts, peanuts are high in folate—a mineral essential for brain development that may protect against cognitive decline. (It also makes peanuts a great choice for vegetarians, who can come up short on folate, and pregnant women, who need folate to protect their unborn babies from birth defects, says Caplan.) Like most other nuts, peanuts are also full of brain-boosting healthy fats and vitamin E, as well.



Protein Hot Chocolate

Protein Hot Chocolate

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 BY [DINNER TONIGHT](#)

This Hot Chocolate recipe has a little extra protein to keep you full and satisfied longer with your favorite seasonal drink. This big batch of hot chocolate is perfect for your family's personal stash or to give as gifts to friends and family this holiday season.

Instructions

1. Place all ingredients in a large bowl and stir until well combined.
2. Store in air tight containers.
3. Combine 4.5 tablespoons of cocoa mix with 8 -10 ounces of hot water, stir until dissolved. Enjoy!
4. Give as gifts: 14 gifts – 4.5 tablespoons per container (one serving) 7 gifts – 9 tablespoons per container (two servings)
5. Store in a cool dry place for up to 6 months.

Ingredients

- 2 cups instant nonfat dry milk
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 scoops of vanilla protein powder, no sugar added (approx. 6 tbsp)
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Nutrition Facts

14 servings per container
Serving size 4.5 Tbsp of mix (32g)

Amount per serving

Calories 120

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 1g 1%

Saturated Fat 0g 0%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 5mg 2%

Sodium 170mg 7%

Total Carbohydrate 18g 7%

Dietary Fiber 1g 4%

Total Sugars 14g

Includes 5g Added Sugars 10%

Protein 9g

Vitamin D 2mcg 10%

Calcium 231mg 20%

Iron 2mg 10%

Potassium 336mg 8%

*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

KAYLA'S CRANBERRY SAUCE

YOU'LL NEVER EAT IT FROM A CAN
AGAIN...

Ingredients:

- 1 Bag Fresh Cranberries
- 1 Cup Orange Juice (I like the mango/orange flavor with this)
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar

That's It!!!

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan.
2. Heat on Med heat until the majority of the cranberries have popped.





Sugar Cookie

Ingredients

- 1 Cup Salted Butter, softened
- 1 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla (or any flavoring of your choice)
- 3 Eggs
- 4 Cups Flour
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 4 Teaspoons Baking Powder

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheets with parchment paper. Whip butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs to the sugar and butter mixture. In a separate bowl combine together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to the wet mixture and mix until a smooth batter is formed.

Flour your rolling pin and rolling area. Roll out the dough to approximately 1/4 inch. Cut out with cookie cutters of your choice. These cookies spread very little so you can put them pretty close on the baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes. Cool on baking racks at least 20 minutes before you start decorating.



Royal Icing

Ingredients

4 Pounds Confectioners Sugar (powdered sugar)

3/4 Cup Meringue Powder (typically find at a craft store with baking supplies)

2 Tablespoons Vanilla (or any flavoring or your choice)

1 1/3 Cup warm water

Instructions

Lightly combine powdered sugar and meringue powder. In measuring cup, combine water and vanilla. Add water mixture to powdered sugar mixture and mix with electric mixture until you have stiff peaks.

Recipe from Sugar Cookies by Steph



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
- Must be currently enrolled in Parker Co. 4-H

RSVP IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ADDRESS

Current Proof of Negative Coggins is Required at Every Meeting

Novice Horse Project Meetings: For youth new to horse project, limited riding experience, and have never competed in a horse show.

Advanced Horse Project Meetings: For youth that have experience in horse competition settings and have shown, can comfortably lope/canter and can consistently identify and pick up the correct lead.

Important Dates

Novice Horse Project Meetings - [Click to RSVP for December](#)

- December 5th @5PM
- December 12th @5PM
- December 19th (text Lisa 281-593-9382) for a time slot
- December 26th (text Lisa 281-593-9382) for a time slot
- January 2nd @5PM

Advanced Horse Project Meetings - [Click to RSVP for December](#)

- December 19th @6PM - (RSVP Required)

- March 23 -Parker Co. 4-H Model Horse Show (More info to come in Jan.)
- April 1 - Horse Validation Deadline for Parker County 4-H Horse Show
- April 20 - Parker County 4-H Horse Show



Cold Weather Feeding Practices for Horses

January 2020 E - Extension - Horses

As the temperatures begin to fall in the early winter months, horses require additional energy to stay warm. This additional energy requirement usually calls for changes or alterations in feeding practices. This article explains how cold weather can impact your horse and what you can do to make your winter feeding program more efficient.

The Impact of Cold Weather

During cold weather, the horse requires additional energy to maintain its internal body temperature and keep warm. The exact amount of energy depends on the severity and extent of the cold period. In the Carolinas, horses typically experience a dramatic drop in temperature for one to three days, followed by a return to moderate, normal temperatures. When environmental temperatures, including wind chill, drop below 45 degrees F (the critical temperature), significant amounts of energy are used by the horse to maintain its internal body heat. The amount of energy required by the horse to meet daily energy needs is measured as digestible energy (DE) in calories. The critical temperature can be used to estimate increased energy needs which the horse must obtain from its diet. For each 1 degree F decrease below the critical temperature, the horse requires a 1 percent increase in digestible energy to maintain a consistent body temperature.

Wind chill, moisture and coat thickness will affect the critical temperature. The horse's thick winter coat has an insulating effect against cold and wind. If the coat becomes wet, the critical temperature will increase by 10 to 15 degree F. The following formula is used to calculate the increased DE requirement for a horse as a result of cold temperatures and wet, windy conditions:

$$\text{critical temperature} - \text{actual temperature} = \text{percent increase in DE required.}$$

Adjusting Energy Intake:

An Example: The following example clarifies how to adjust energy intake for a dry environmental temperature of 30 degrees F with a wind chill that results in an actual temperature of 25 degrees F. The example applies to a 1,100-pound horse at maintenance.

- Step 1. Subtract the actual temperature, including the wind-chill adjustment, from the critical temperature, accounting for wet conditions if necessary : $45 \text{ degrees F} - 25 \text{ degrees F} = 20 \text{ percent increase in DE requirements.}$
- Step 2. Because a 1,100-pound horse at maintenance requires 16.4 Mcal of DE per day (see AG-558- 1) and because the horse in this example requires a 20 percent increase in DE, you multiply as follows: $16.4 \text{ Mcal} \times 20 \text{ percent} = +3.28 \text{ Mcal increase.}$ The requirement thus increases as follows: $16.4 \text{ Mcal} + 3.28 \text{ Mcal} = 19.68 \text{ Mcal DE/day.}$
- Step 3. Next, you need to determine the amount of feed necessary to supply these increased calories. A 1,100-pound horse typically consumes 19 pounds of ration daily, or 1.7 percent of its body weight. Because the recommended DE level of the ration (concentrate mix plus forage) fed to a horse at maintenance is .90 Mcal DE/pound of feed, we can calculate the increase in feed as follows: $3.28 \text{ Mcal} \div .90 \text{ Mcal} = 3.64 \text{ pounds of additional feed to provide } 19.68 \text{ Mcal DE/ day.}$
- Step 4. Determine the total amount of feed the horse requires by adding the 3.64 pounds of additional feed to the 19 pounds of feed the horse requires under normal conditions: $19.0 + 3.64 = 22.64 \text{ pounds per day of total ration.}$

The Importance of Hay and Fat

Feedstuffs vary in the amount of internal heat produced when digested by the horse. Forages, which are digested by microbes located in the cecum and large intestine, produce more heat than concentrate mixes, which are digested by enzymes in the small intestine. Although concentrates contain more total DE per pound than hay, the amount of actual heat given off by the digestion process is significantly less. Thus, the best way to increase internal body heat while maintaining a safer, more consistent energy intake is to increase the intake of hay. A horse should consume at least 1.5 to 1.75 percent of its body weight as hay during cold periods. Thus, a 1,000-pound mature horse should consume 15 to 17.5 pounds of hay daily to meet critical temperature needs during cold weather. During prolonged periods of cold temperature — several days below the critical temperature — both the concentrate and forage portion of the diets should be increased in equal proportions. The energy density of the concentrate mix can be increased by adding fat in the form of 4 to 8 ounces of a vegetable oil per day, or by the addition of a commercial fat supplement according to label recommendations. Feeding of additional amounts of concentrate or increasing the energy density of the concentrate is especially important if the horse is in poor body condition with low body fat, or is a “hard keeper.” The extra body fat provides an additional insulating effect against wind and also serves as an energy reserve that can be used when the horse is fed an energy-deficient diet.

The Importance of Water

Maintaining ample water intake is the most critical part of ensuring the health of your horse during cold weather. The horse prefers a water temperature of 45 to 65 degrees F. Under normal conditions, the horse will consume 1 gallon of water per 100 pounds of body weight. A 1,100-pound horse will consume 10 to 12 gallons of water daily. As the water temperature decreases, the horse will consume less water. The same 1,100-pound horse may consume as little as 1 to 3 gallons of water daily when water temperature is 32 degrees F.



Low water intake is directly related to the increased incidence of impaction colic. Water intake can be encouraged by increasing the amount of forage being fed prior to a drop in temperature. The resulting increase of dry matter encourages the horse to drink more water. Concentrate mashes should be fed during the actual cold period when water temperature is below 45 degrees F. Feeding 2 to 3 gallons of hot water daily mixed into a mash with a textured or pelleted concentrate mix will provide additional water intake. To avoid gas colic, allow the mash to sit for 15 minutes; this will permit the feed to expand prior to feeding. If possible, offer 10 gallons of water, at 65 degrees F or warmer, twice daily. Break and remove ice from water tubs, making certain to provide water that is available free-choice.

Steps to Effective Cold-Weather Management

- Monitor weather forecasts to determine cold periods in advance.
- Increase the dry-matter content of the diet 24 hours prior to forecasted cold conditions.
- Strive to keep your horse in good body condition prior to winter months.
- Determine your horse's critical temperature and adjust DE intake accordingly.
- Increase hay intake to horses in good body condition and “easy keepers.”
- Increase forage and concentrate intake for horses in poor condition and “hard keepers.”
- Supplement fat to increase the energy density of concentrates.
- Feed the same concentrate as a moist mash during cold periods.
- Offer 10 gallons of warmed water daily.

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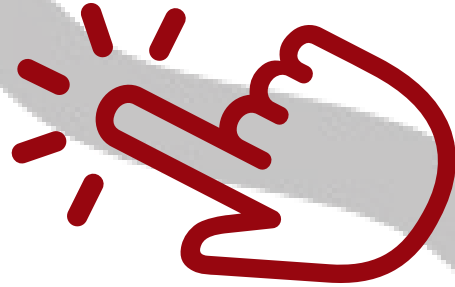


4-H LIVESTOCK

- **December 2nd** - Weatherford Showdown Showmanship Clinic
- **December 7th** - D3 4-H Livestock Skill - A - Thon Contest
- **December 7th** - D3 4-H Ag Product ID Contest
- **January 9th** - FWSSR Heifer Stall Set-Up planning mtg. @ 6PM @ the Extension Office
- **January 13th** - PCLIA Steer Tag-In (Major Steer Declaration deadline) 9AM-Noon, North Texas Veterinary Hospital (in Peaster), 8283 FM 920, Weatherford
- **January 13th** - PCLIA Major Steer Declaration due by Noon
- **January 16th** - FWSSR Steer Stall Set-Up planning mtg. @6PM @ the Extension Office
- **January 18th** - Rabbit Project meeting @ 6PM at the Youth Center [Click HERE to RSVP](#) and to receive address.

PCLIA STEER TAG ORDERS

2024 PCLIA STEER TAG ORDER AND MAJOR VALIDATED DECLARATION FORM



Please note

Keep the receipt generated by Paypal (You do not have to have a Paypal acct. just select pay by debit or credit card).

There are two types of steers that can show at the 2024 PCLIA Stock Show

- Steers that physically attend a PCLIA Tag-In
- 23-24 State Validated Steers (validated in June of 2023 under the exhibitor(s) name) that have been declared through the 2024 PCLIA declaration form.

Section A - Is for steers that have not been state validated and will be attending a PCLIA Tag-In.

Section B - Declaration of Major Stock Show Validated Steers - These steers must have been validated under exhibitor's names at major stock show steer validation in June of 2023. These steers do not have to attend a PCLIA Tag-In. If you have more than 6 major stock show steers to declare, you'll just complete another form.

Deadline to declare Major Stock Show Validated Steers is by Noon on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

- NEW** • You will be asked to upload a picture and include a current weight for each major declared steer.

PCLIA Steer Tag-In - January 13, 2024, 9AM-Noon.

**North Texas Veterinary Hospital (in Peaster), 8283 FM 920,
Weatherford**

RABBIT PROJECT!

HEY YA'LL! WE ARE BEGINNING TO START OUR RABBIT PROJECT MEETINGS FOR PARKER COUNTY. THESE MEETINGS ARE THE THRID THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH! WE START UP IN JANUARY SO MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SOME OF THE TOPICS YOU CAN EXPECT OVER THE COMING MONTHS ARE:

- GROOMING/GENERAL CARE
- RABBIT BREED 101
- SHOWMANSHIP 101
- SHOW GUIDES
- WHAT TO BRING TO SHOWS
- MEAT PENS

AWESOME!

HOW TO GET YOUR RABBITS
AND MUCH MORE!

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Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1053251702715660/>



WEATHERFORD SHOWDOWN SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC



Hosted by : The Friends
of Weatherford FFA

Education on
Daily Care, Nutrition,
Feeding, Health &
Showmanship

Showmanship Clinicians
Ernie Dominguez- Cattle
Kasey Klages-Lambs/Goats

CLINIC INFO:

SESSION 1:

Lambs/Goats 8AM-12PM

SESSION 2:

Cattle 1PM-5PM

✉ friendsofweatherford@gmail.com

☎ 817-601-1332

**BUCKLES,
AWARDS,
& PRIZES**

**Saturday
DECEMBER 2, 2023**

4H Youth Center
2752 TinTop Rd.
Weatherford TX

- ONE ANIMAL PER EXHIBITOR
- SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST FOLLOWING CLINIC

\$50

Pre-Register by
Nov 18th

**LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE**

\$15 to attend without animal



Registration
QR code

**SHOWMANSHIP BUCKLES
RESERVE SHOWMANSHIP BANNERS
BREED OR DIVISION BANNERS
GRAND AND RESERVE OVERALL BUCKLES
3RD OVERALL BANNERS**

**GOATS-
JUDGE JOSH CODY
MARKET GOATS-
3 WEIGHT DIVISIONS**

**MARKET SWINE-
JUDGE SAVANNAH
WILLIAMS
6 BREED FORMAT
HAMP, YORK, BLACK OPB,
WHITE OPB, CROSS,
DUROC**

**BREEDING GILTS-
JUDGE SAVANNAH
WILLIAMS
6 BREED FORMAT
HAMP, YORK, BLACK OPB,
WHITE OPB, CROSS,
DUROC**

**RABBITS-
JUDGE TERRA CROWSON
SHOWN BY BREED, SEX
AND AGE**

**SHEEP-
JUDGE STUART SPRUILL
MARKET SHEEP-
5 BREED FORMAT**

**BREEDING SHEEP
EWE AND YEARLING
CLASSES
RAMBOIULETT, DORSET,
SHROP, HAMPSHIRE,
SOUTHDOWN, DORPER, ,
SUFFOLK, ORB**

**MERIDIAN
FFA
WINTER CLASSIC
\$30 ENTRY FEE
TEXAS EXHIBITORS ONLY**

**2
DEC**

**REGISTRATION
7-9 AM
SHOWMANSHIP
STARTS @9:30AM**

**CLIFTON FAIR GROUNDS
201 E SEVENTH ST
CLIFTON TEXAS 76634**

Save time and pre-enter with the showman app! Link coming soon!

Contact 8173047307 for any questions!

PEASE RIVER CLASSIC

SWINE JACKPOT

SATURDAY

DEC 16, 2023

WILBARGER CO. EXHIBIT BUILDING
2214 HARROLD ST.
VERNON, TX 76384

WEIGHTS DUE

9:00 AM

SHOW START

10:30 AM



SCAN HERE TO ENTER!

JUDGE: KYLE SCHWERTFEGER

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 1ST

EARLY ENTRIES:

\$35/HEAD

\$5 SHOWMANSHIP

DAY OF ENTRIES:

\$45/HEAD

\$10 SHOWMANSHIP

7 BREED FORMAT:

- LIGHT OPB • HAMP
- DARK OPB • LIGHT CROSS - NO BLACK
- YORK • DARK CROSS
- DUROC

GILTS AND BARROWS SHOW TOGETHER

NO BOARS OVER 135LBS

10LB WEIGH BACKS COULD BE ENFORCED.

65% PACKBACK PLUS PRIZES!

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS TAKE ALL!

NEW 2023:

TEXAS EXHIBITORS ONLY

SPECIAL REMINDERS

LIMITED PENS AVAILABLE, 2 PIGS/PEN.
SHOWING OFF TRAILERS IS
ENCOURAGED!

WEAR YOUR UGLIEST CHRISTMAS
SWEATERS!

CONSESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SITE



Contact - Seth Hall 940.839.6957

Find us on Facebook at Pease River Classic Swine Jackpot



4-H STEM PROJECT

No December Meeting

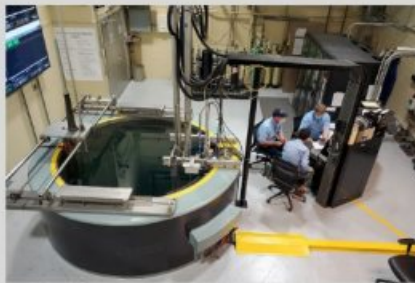
Please RSVP by Noon the day before the meeting
for planning purposes.

STEM NEWSLETTER

BY: FINLEY VAN DYK

What is Nuclear Engineering?

Nuclear engineering is a multidisciplinary field that goes beyond providing nuclear power for electrical production. Nuclear technology touches our lives in many ways and nuclear engineers solve everyday problems and contribute to our health and safety. Nuclear engineers may apply radiation in disease treatment and food supplies, operate nuclear energy systems, develop regulations to ensure safety, or facilitate space exploration. Becoming a nuclear engineer gives you the opportunity to help mold the future in exciting new ways. Many nuclear engineering graduates work for electric power companies that use nuclear power plants or help service and maintain these plants. Other graduates go on to work in industries that use radioactivity or radiation, such as medicine, food, and agriculture. These fields need nuclear engineers to detect problems, monitor processes, and protect the public. The federal government also hires nuclear engineers to design next generation reactors for submarines, aircraft carriers, and space probes; regulate nuclear power or radiation uses; and develop advanced technologies that will be used in future power plants. Some of the industries where nuclear engineers may work are: Energy, Medicine, Agriculture, and Space!



WHAT CAREERS CAN I HAVE?

In Nuclear Engineering you can have the careers as a; Nuclear Engineer, Nuclear Safety Engineer, Health Physicist, Radiation Protection Engineer. To be a Nuclear Engineer, you must get a bachelor's degree in engineering, engineering technologies, or a physical science field.

Upcoming Meetings!

We will have no meeting for December, but our next meeting is January 15th and geology is the topic!



4-H CLUB NEWS

Join the Club

December

Aledo 4-H Newsletter



All of our donated food for Don't Forget to Feed Me!



This month's Spotlight is on Owen Williams!

Owen is nine years old and is in 3rd grade! His favorite thing about 4-H is the different activities that everyone can participate in!

Upcoming Dates

Our next upcoming meeting is December 11th at the Aledo Community Center, clovers begin at 6:30 PM and the general meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Tyme in Aledo is December 2nd, starting at 5 pm. Mrs. Kimball has sent out a sign up genius for our booth!

Our Don't Forget to Feed Me Fundraiser finished last meeting, in total, we gathered about 400lbs of dog and cat food to donate! Thank you to everyone who donated!

Our next community service project will be at the Tarrant County Food Bank, check your emails and our club Facebook page for more details and sign ups!

Our next meeting will also be our Holiday Party!

Officers>>>

President – Haiden Lee

Vice President – Wyatt Price

Secretary – Asher Hooker

Reporter – Katelyn Meador

County Council Delegate – Conner Meador

Treasurer – Kai McMinn



December Newsletter

4-H Millsap



November Fun

Harvest Hootenanny

On November 4, 2023, Millsap 4-H had a booth at the Millsap Elementary Hootenanny. It was successful and a good experience for those involved.

Log Cabin Clean-Up

On November 11, Millsap 4-H did a clean-up around the Millsap log cabins for our November community service.



December News

About Millsap 4-H

Millsap 4-H offers many activities to be involved in, such as archery, ag mechanics, goats, pigs, and many more. We do monthly service projects, and we hold out meetings every 2nd Monday of the month. Our next meeting is December 9th, 2023, at FBC Millsap, 209 Locust Rd, at 6pm.

Upcoming Events

- Millsap 4H Christmas Parade Float – meet at 4pm to decorate float.
- Millsap tree lighting @ Log Cabins – all day on December 9th
- December Meeting @ Millsap Baptist Church – 6pm December



Questions or Info

- If you have any questions about this club, please email Alissa McMinn at anmcminn15@gmail.com or Chris Meador at homeagainfarms2017@gmail.com
- If you have any pictures or news regarding Millsap 4-H, please feel free to email Katelyn Meador at 08katelyn.meador@gmail.com

23–24 Meeting Dates

- December 11th
- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 11th
- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th



PEASTER 4-H NEWSLETTER



November 26, 2023

Club Meeting

Our club has planned a lot of community service activities in December, so the officers voted to cancel the club meeting for December. Instead we need 4-H parents and kids to help host the community bingo night on December 12th to raise money to buy winter coats for kids and community members who need the extra help.

Please help:

- Donate snacks or baked goods (individual serving size) to sell.
- Ask businesses to donate prizes, \$5 to \$25 gift cards or merchandise.
- Volunteer to work at the bingo event. Signup sheet is posted on Peaster 4-H Facebook Page.

Accomplishments

- New bylaws were passed at the November 13th club meeting.
- 4-H kids and families enjoyed a 4-H Friendsgathering together.
 - Ate a meal together.
 - Made friendship bracelets to give to someone they were thankful for. Made leather key chains.
 - Wrapped gifts for senior citizens at the Keeneland Nursing home.
 - Learned about Product Identification.

Community Service

Door Decorating & Caroling

Saturday Dec. 2nd 9:30 - 11:30 am

- Keeneland Nursing & Rehabilitation
700 S. Bowie Dr.
- Must be 3rd Grade or older & they will take your temperature before volunteering. Please do not attend if you are feeling ill.
- Lead: Brooke & Martha Kingston

Stock the Hound Pound

Saturday Dec. 9th 2:00 - 7:00 pm

- Stock Food Donations received at the Peaster Christmas Market.
- Lead: Luke & Traci Hamlin

Community Bingo Night

Tuesday Dec. 12th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- Community Bingo Night
- Raising money to buy winter coats for kids and community members who need the extra help.
- Lead: Katy McLeod & Traci Hamlin

Sign up sheets posted on Facebook
for community service events.

Follow us on Facebook @ Peaster 4-H
Questions ? Contact Traci Hamlin @ 817-388-9845



SPRINGTOWN 4-H



TURKEY TUESDAY

SPRINGTOWN 4-H'ERS HAND DELIVERED
TURKEYS TO PARKER CO. RESIDENTS



Community Service

WE WILL BE SHOPPING FOR OUR ANGEL
TREE RECIPIENTS THIS MONTH.
PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO ON
THIS!

SPRINGTOWN STEM

IN NOVEMBER, 4-H MEMBERS
LEARNED HOW ELECTRICAL
CIRCUITS WORK, AND IDENTIFIED
MATERIALS THAT WOULD
CONDUCT OR INSULATE AN
ELECTRIC CURRENT!



Christmas Party Meeting

POTLUCK STYLE DINNER- PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

December 5, 2023

STEM- 5:30pm

Clover Kids- 6:30pm

Regular business meeting- 7pm

Party to immediately follow

 SPRINGTOWN4H@GMAIL.COM

 FACEBOOK.COM/SPRINGTOWN4H

WEATHERFORD DAY

A Homeschool 4-H Club Winners of the Bake-Off



November

By Tatum Allison

Clover Kids learned about service dogs and dog safety.

This month, we had Sarah Journey from Journey Farms come speak about growing pumpkins, and every child got sent home with a pumpkin of some kind.

We signed Christmas cards for the Active Military for our community service project

We had a pumpkin bake-off for the club members.

NO MEETING FOR DECEMBER, BUT KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR UPDATES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WON THE BAKE-OFF:

1ST-BRYNLEE RICHEY

2ND-WAVERLY MYER

3RD-KATELYN VERMILLION

4TH-EMERSON RICHEY

5TH-FAITH CORNELSON



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