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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.

- *****Now is the time to begin thinking about securing animals for county show (minus steers). Give Charlie a call at the office for help locating your livestock projects.*** 817-598-6172**
- **March 4th - Parker Co. 4-H PLA @ 6PM @ the Extension Office**
- **March 4th - Parker Co. 4-H Council @6PM @ the Extension Office**
- **March 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Entomology Project Meeting (see Entomology to RSVP)**
- **March 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Meeting (see Food and Nutrition to RSVP)**
- **March 11th - PCLIA Broiler Order Deadline (see PCLIA News to for more information and to order birds)**
- **March 12th - Leatherworking Camp Pre-registration required**
- **March 13th - Parker Co. 4-H Sewing Day (see Fashion and Interior Design to RSVP)**
- **March 14th - Sewing Camp Pre-registration required**
- **March 16th - D3 4-H Meat Judging Registration Deadline - [Click Here to register and for more details](#)**
- **March 18th - Parker Co. 4-H STEM (see STEM Project to RSVP)**
- **March 21st - Parker Co. 4-H Rabbit Project Meeting (see Livestock Project to RSVP)**
- **March 25th - Parker Co. 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Project Meeting (see Fashion and Interior Design to RSVP)**
- **March 29th - Extension Office Closed**
- **April 1st - Validation Deadline for Parker Co. 4-H Horse Show (see Horse)**
- **April 1st - Parker Co. 4-H PLA @6PM @ the Extension Office**
- **April 4th - Major Stock Show Validation Tag Order Deadline (see Livestock)**
- **April 4th - PCLIA Alternate Tag-In Springtown (see PCLIA News for more information and to order tags)**
- **April 4th - Parker Co. 4-H Entomology Project Meeting (see Entomology to RSVP)**
- **April 4th - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Meeting (see Food and Nutrition to RSVP)**
- **April 5th - PCLIA Stock Show Entries Due to the Extension Office for all 4-H Members**
- **April 6th - PCLIA Tag In - Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Dairy Heifers (see PCLIA News for more information and to order tags)**
- **April 8th - Solar Eclipse (come to the Extension office to get your eclipse glasses)**
- **April 14th - Parker Co. 4-H Horse Show Entry Deadline (see Horse)**
- **April 20th - Parker Co. 4-H Horse Show (see Horse)**
- **April 27 - Lonesome Dove Showdown (see Livestock)**

A Word from Kayla

Parents this one is for you!

Don't always bail your kid(s) out, failure is necessary to learn...

This is strictly my opinion and observations based off of being a County Extension Agent for 16 years, so take it or leave it. Oh, and if I try to bail Thax out, or being a snow plow or helicopter parent, be sure to shove this article in my face and say...you said!

My 6th grade year was the first year Humanities classes (now known as AP classes), made their appearance in Sweetwater ISD. I had been an A's-R-Us student every six weeks of my entire school career. Anything less than an A was not acceptable in my dad's eyes. Anyhow, 17 students were selected to be in the first Humanities English and Social Studies class, and I was one of the students selected. The first six weeks I went from an "A" student to making a "C"; I was devastated. My mom even agreed that it was best that we not tell my dad (side note...he ended up finding out anyways). I talked to my teacher the day after my career ending "All A's" streak and she said something that has stuck with me to this day. She told me that the real results happen when I take that C, learn from it, and turn it back into an A. You see, I earned that C. It wasn't the teacher's fault, I didn't put the time and effort in required for that course and I got what I deserved. I took her challenge and the very next 6 weeks worked my rear end off to earn the A.

A several years ago, I had taken a day off during the week to get some yard work done, and while on the mower I had a parent call my cell phone to let me know they had missed the entry deadline for a major stock show and in no way did they want us to jump through hoops to try to get the entry submitted. The parent explained that they had given the entry responsibility to their 4-H'er to handle, had reminded them, and when the 4-H'er did not get it submitted, well that was on the young person, not our responsibility to try to fix. You know what...that 4-H'er never missed another deadline.

I think sometimes we get so caught up with being so involved in everything that we forget who's responsibility it really is. I've been just as guilty as an Agent; doing something for a 4-H'er, that in reality, the 4-H'er should've been doing themselves. **We are not doing them any favors by doing the things they should be doing for them!!** Parents, I'm giving you permission to let your kids fail at something especially if you've already reminded them or they know it's their responsibility. Why? you ask. **Because you've already reminded them and they know it's their responsibility.** Don't let them play you, these kiddos are smart.

Remember...

- Poor planning on their part, does not constitute an emergency on your part. My momma was good at using this one. We lived about 20 miles out of town so if I forgot something, too bad, she wasn't driving back to town to get it.
- If no one is going to die as a result of them failing, let them fail, and learn from their mistakes. Yes, they may be disappointed, and yes they may have really messed up on something really important, but if we are always there to bail them out in the high stakes times...when are they ever going to learn?
- I have had to be the bad guy on several occasions, and you know what? They usually get over it. I have "devastated" and "disappointed" more kid's than I'd like to count, but I can't tell you one relationship that has ended over it. More often than not, they come back and thank me for showing them tough love.





PARKER CO. 4-H

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

Parker Co. 4-H Council (all Parker Co. 4-H'ers are welcome to attend)
Monday, March 4th @6PM @ the Extension Office

Parker Co. 4-H PLA (all Parker Co. 4-H parents are welcome to attend)
Monday, April 1st @6PM @ the Extension Office

SIZE 5 DIAPER AND WIPE DRIVE

BENEFITTING GRACE HOUSE MINISTRIES



ORGANIZED BY: WEATHERFORD DAY 4-H

Drop size 5 diapers and baby wipes at the Extension Office by March 22nd.

JUNE
17-21
2024

EXPLORE
*Stephenville, &
San Angelo
Areas*

Mission

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



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

\$250
With
Application

Check and Credit Card
Accepted

April
15th

Registration
DEADLINE

GOALS

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



Core4H

**CLICK
HERE**

Register
NOW

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

HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Become trained and recognized as
a student health and wellness
leader in your community!



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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/>



2024 INFORMATION 2025 HANDBOOK

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program aims to develop youth healthy lifestyle leaders to serve as a source of outreach in communities and schools throughout Texas.

More specifically, the purpose is to:

- Assist County Extension Agents in providing leadership to the youth components of Healthy Texas, Texas 4-H, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Serve as a leader to implement health programs and lessons in local schools and communities
- Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter
- Assist with and coordinate educational events that will encourage better health in communities.
- Be a role model for healthy living!

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



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

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applications must be completed online on or before:

April 1, 2024

Use the following checklist to ensure your application is submitted correctly.

STEP 1



Do you meet all requirements?

- at least 9th grade
- submit application by deadline
- join Texas 4-H

STEP 2



Did you read, understand and agree to abide by all guidelines set forth in the ambassador handbook?

STEP 3



Did you receive your application confirmation email?



24-25 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors must meet certain requirements to be considered for selection as an Ambassador. The requirements are as follows:

- Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2024-2025 school year
- Submit completed application online by April 1, 2024
- Applicants do not have to be a current member of Texas 4-H, but must agree to become a 4-H member (\$25 annual membership fee due September 1, 2024) if selected to participate in the HTYA program

24-25 MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

Those selected as a *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* **must** fulfill the following obligations. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

- Attend the statewide *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* Summit. All fees related to this training will be the responsibility of the *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* and/or county program.
- Must be a member in good standing with any other state ambassador programs where membership is held.
- Complete and report 40 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.
- Attend required continuing education trainings offered face-to-face and/or online.
- Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning in June. Ambassadors who fulfill the minimum (40) hours of service will be invited to reapply for the following year.
- Organize at least one community health event during the year with the local *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* team and County Extension Agent.

24-25 ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors must make every effort possible to attend all activities and meetings. If attendance is not possible, notice must be given to the County Extension Agent in charge, in advance, at which time agent(s) will determine if it is an excused absence.

24-25 STATEWIDE SUMMIT

Attendance at the *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* summit **is not** optional.
No virtual or alternative options offered.

State-wide Summit | June 2-3, 2024 | College Station, TX

Join us Sunday and Monday before Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station for the 2024 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador summit.

*Registration will open in May 2024 for all accepted ambassadors.
Youth ambassadors will be responsible for their own lodging.*

Online Application link | <https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>



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 RULE BOOK

PCLIA FACEBOOK

- *****Now is the time to begin thinking about securing animals for county show (minus steers). Give Charlie a call at the office for help locating your livestock projects.*** 817-598-6172**
- **April 4th** - 4PM-7PM Springtown FFA Alternate Tag-In
 - Contact Chance Kanode 970-371-4621 with # of head you're bringing so they can make sure they have enough tags.
- **April 5th** - PCLIA Entry Deadline for Parker Co. 4-H Members - Entries submitted to the Extension Office.
- **April 6th** - PCLIA Tag-In - Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Dairy Heifer - 8AM-10AM Parker County Sheriff's Posse Grounds (Dance Slab Area)
 - (some Ag Chapters may host alternate tag-ins prior to April 6th we will announce those dates once scheduled. You may also watch the PCLIA Facebook page for those dates).
- **May 4th** - 7AM-9AM - Market Rabbit Tag-In

PCLIA BROILER ORDERS

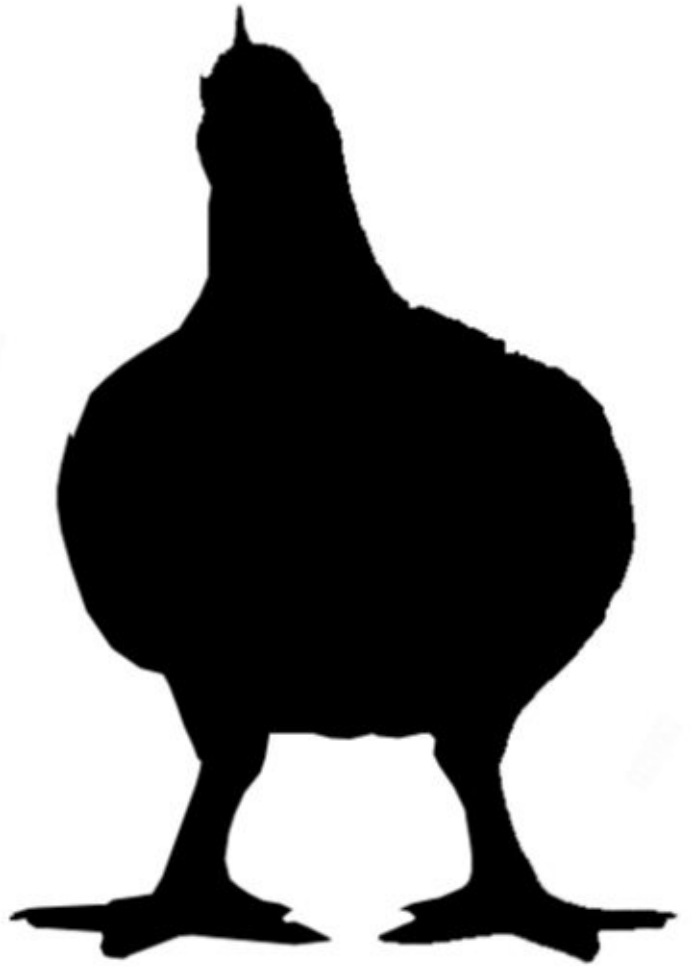
PCLIA Broiler Orders Due:
March 11, 2024

\$2.25/Bird. Minimum order of
15, maximum of 50 per
exhibitor.

Expected delivery:
April 18-19, 2024.

You will be directed to Paypal after you submit
your order. Please keep the receipt of your
payment transaction. The order is not
considered final until your payment has
processed. You do not have to create a Paypal
acct. if you do not have one, just select pay by
debit or credit.

CLICK HERE



PCLIA MARKET TAG ORDERS

\$15/Tag

Official Tag-In Saturday, April 6, 2024,
8AM-10AM, Parker Co. Sheriff's Posse
Grounds (Dance Slab Area)

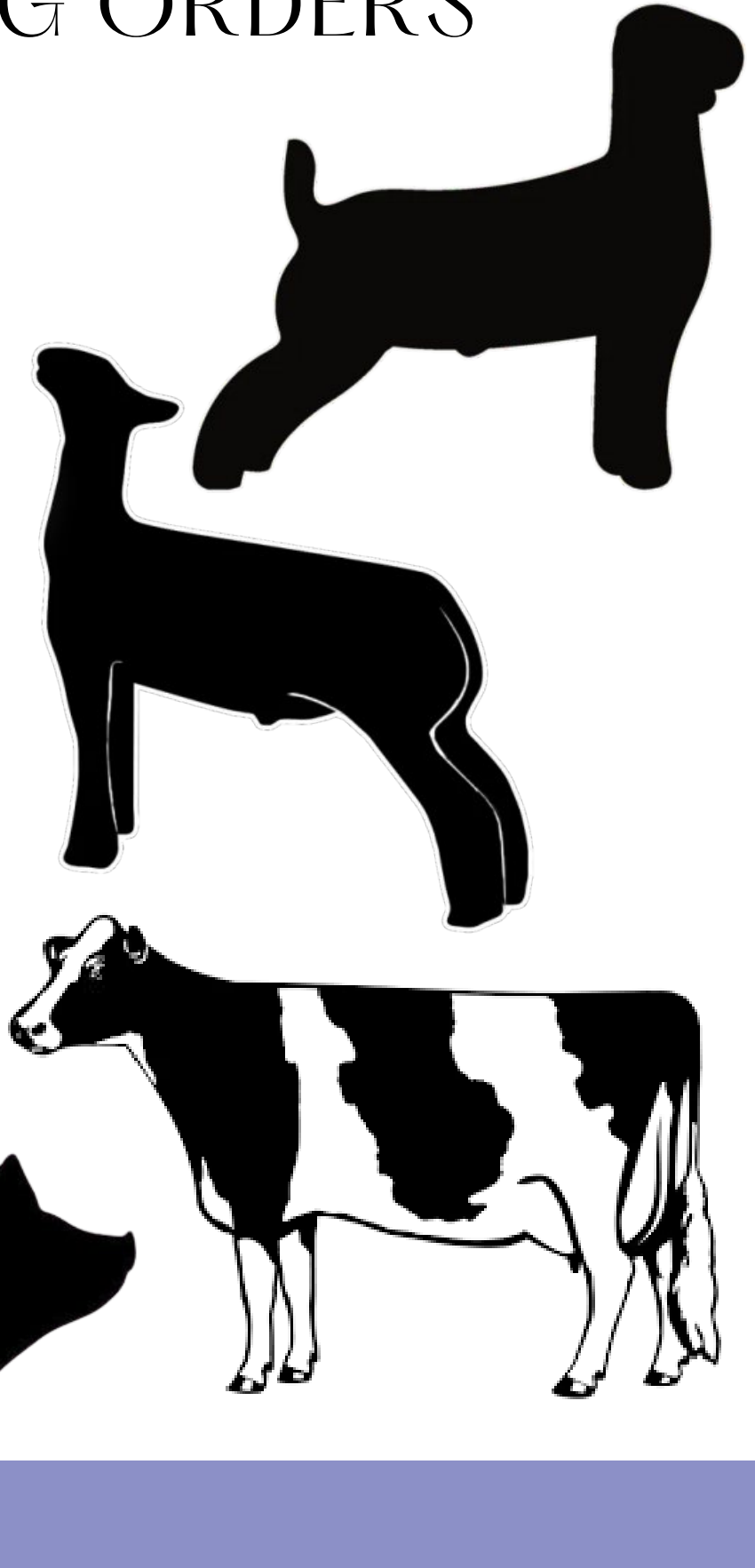
(There will most likely be alternate tag-ins
before April 8th and we will publish that
information once received. I would also keep
an eye on the PCLIA Facebook page)

You will be directed to Paypal after you submit
your order.

***Please keep the receipt of your payment
transaction and be prepared to present at tag-
in. ***

The order is not considered final until your
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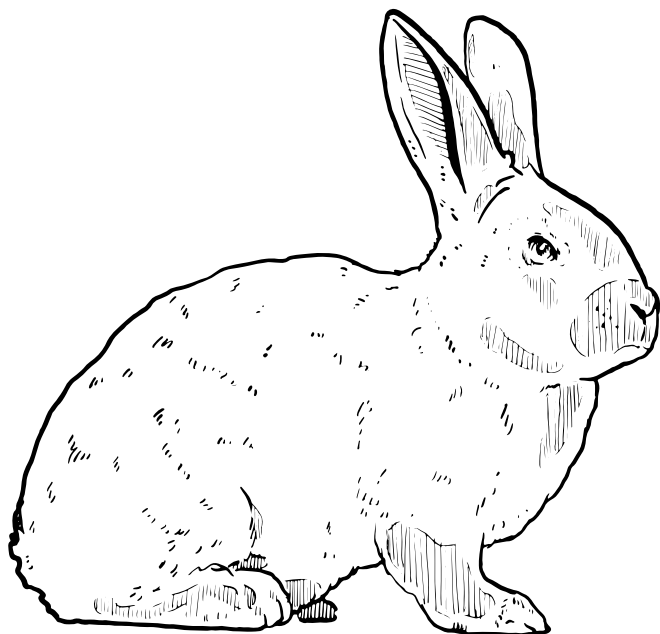


PCLIA MARKET RABBIT INFORMATION

- For specific question regarding the show, contact the PCLIA Rabbit Superintendent, Lynn Sowders 817-564-3704.
- Market Rabbit Tag-In May 4th 7AM-9AM at the PCLIA Show grounds
- Rabbits must be 70 days old the day of show, Market Rabbit show is May 29th.

PCLIA RABBIT BREEDER LIST

- Gordon and Happy Carver - Californias and Satins, Weatherford, TX 817-946-8473
- Wyatt and Shelly Hampe - Californias, Springtown, TX 817-291-8331
- Phil Liles - Californias and New Zeland's, Bridgeport, TX 817-401-6755
- Duane Coleman - New Zeland's, Californias and Champagne, 870-949-1073
- Mallory Goldman - Californias and New Zeland's, Alvarado, TX 214-796-2356
- Brian Brodash - Californias and New Zeland's, Waller, TX 713-806-2172



PCLIA 2024 SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED WHEN REMOVING ANIMALS AFTER SHOWING.

Monday, May 27

5PM	Exhibitor Arrival.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
6PM	"The Greatest Show on Earth" Opening Ceremonies.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN

Tuesday, May 28

7AM	Breeding & Dairy Heifers & all Longhorns Move In.....	CATTLE BARN
7AM	Breeding & Market Sheep Move In.....	ASSIGNED PENS
7AM	Market Poultry Check-In.....	NEW RING
8AM	Market Poultry Show.....	NEW RING
9AM	Fancy Birds in Place.....	NEW RING
9AM	Longhorn Show: Heifers followed by Steers.....	OLD RING
10AM	Fancy Bird Show.....	NEW RING
11AM	Meat Skillathon	POSSE BLDG
3PM	Project Fair	POSSE BLDG
1PM	Heifer Check In. Last Call Will Be 2PM.....	OLD RING
3PM	Sheep Weigh In. Last Call Will Be 4PM.....	NEW RING

Wednesday, May 29

7AM	Market & Breeding Rabbit Check-In.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Heifer Show followed by Dairy Heifer	OLD RING
8AM	Market Rabbit Show Followed by Breeding Rabbit Show.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Sheep Show Followed By Market Lambs.....	NEW RING
3PM	Breeding & Market Goats Must Be In Place.....	ASSIGNED PENS
3PM	Market Goat Weigh In. Last Call Will Be 4PM.....	NEW RING
4PM	The Maverick Showmanship.....	NEW RING
5PM	Pigs Can Begin Moving In.....	ASSIGNED PENS

Thursday, May 30

8AM	Dairy Goat Check-In.....	OLD RING
8AM	Steers Can Begin Moving In.....	ASSIGNED PENS
8AM	Ag Mechanics begin Arrival.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Goat Show Followed By Market Goats.....	NEW BARN
9AM	Dairy Goat Show.....	OLD RING
3PM	Swine Must Be In Place.....	ASSIGNED PENS
3PM	Crops Must Be in Place.....	POSSE BLDG
4PM	Crop Show.....	POSSE BLDG
4PM	Steer Weigh In & Must be in Place. Last Call will be at 5PM.....	OLD RING
5PM	Market Swine Weigh In & Classification.....	NEW RING
8PM	All Ag Mechanics must be in place.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN

Friday, May 31

8AM	Ag Mech Show.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Gilt Show followed by Market Swine.....	NEW BARN
4PM	Steer Show.....	OLD BARN
7PM	Master Showman at Conclusion of Steer Show.....	NEW BARN

Friday, June 7

9AM	Awards.....	OLD BARN
10AM	Premium Sale Of Champions.....	NEW BARN SALE RING



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](#)

Calendar

2024

***Events with a "Q" require county qualification

January

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January 2024

1st – Reg. Opens Duds to Dazzle (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Fashion Show (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Fashion Storyboard
 1st – Reg. Opens D3 Round-Up
 1st – Reg. Opens Photography (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Record Book (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Rifle Pistol
 15th – Reg. Opens Horse Judging Contest
 15th – Reg. Opens Consumer Decision Making
 15th – Reg. Opens Meat Judging

April

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March 2024

16th – Reg. Closes: Meat Judging
 17th – Reg. Closes: Duds to Dazzle
 17th – Reg. Closes: Fashion Show
 17th – Reg. Closes: Fashion Storyboard
 28th – Meat Judging (in Lubbock)
 29th – Reg. Closes: Horse Judging Contest

July

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April 2024

Trap Reg TBA
 Archery Reg TBA
 6th – Reg. Closes: Rifle/Pistol
 6th – Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle and Fashion Story Board (Archer City)
 12th – Horse Judging (Vernon)
 17th – Reg. Ends: D3 Round-Up
 17th – Reg. Ends: Photography
 20th – Rifle/Pistol Contest (Wichita Falls)
 23rd – Reg. Ends: Consumer Decision Making

October

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May 2024

4th – Trap Contest
 6th – Quiz Bowl Contests (Vernon)
 8th – D3 4-H Roundup (Vernon)
 8th – D3 4-H Consumer Contest
 18th – Archery Contest

June 2024

3rd-6th – State Roundup (College Station)
 13th-15th – Teen Leader Lab
 19th-21st District 3 Horse Show (Decatur)



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.

Erin is preparing for scholarship interviews throughout the winter and spring. She needs a business professional outfit that can be dressed down to business casual for interviews and banquets. She has set the budget at \$125 but would prefer to spend less if possible. The outfit needs to be comfortable, easy to care for, and preferably doesn't require dry cleaning. She has black and nude heels and flats that she prefers to use with the new outfit. Erin has a very outgoing and fun personality that she really wants to showcase in this ensemble as well.

1.) Calvin Klein Luxe Skirt Suit	2.) Gianni Bini Pant Suit	3.) Classic Pant Suit	4.) Ann Taylor Dress/Jacket
			
\$135	\$115	\$120	\$100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luxe stretch seasonless fabric Classic straight pencil silhouette skirt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darts at the waist for fit definition Functional pocket Polyester/rayon/spandex Classic blazer jacket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front seaming detail Functional pockets Polyester/rayon/spandex; full polyester lining Dry clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cropped Length Jacket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyester/Spandex Button Closure Wide Leg Pant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional Pockets Pleated front Machine was cold, inside out/tumble dry low Do not dry clean Comfort fit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Jacket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertical darts for shaping Full length sleeve Polyester and Cotton fabric Straight leg pant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional pockets Comfortable stretch for all day wear Machine Washable Wrinkle Resistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Dress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fabric 83% Polyester, 6% Acrylic, 1% Wool, 10% other Minimal stretch White Jacket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lining: 100% Polyester Built in Shoulder pads Machine Washable Iron when necessary
Placing 3-4-2-1 Cuts 2-3-5			

Hayden has recently purchased a new piece of outdoor cooking equipment, a smoker grill combo. He is eager to have his many friends and family over for a weekend football game watch party. Hayden is expecting 20-30 people to come over and he wants to make sure he has 5 oz. of meat. He's excited for everyone to taste his new marinade that he thinks tastes phenomenal on pork or beef. He has made a new year's resolution to be a thrifty grocery shopper, so finding the best deals are important. He has budgeted \$55 specifically for meat, the guests will bring sides and desserts.

4 Beef Back Ribs	2 Lamb Shoulder Roast	1 Beef Brisket	3 Pork Loin
			
\$13.53 each	\$7.59/lb	\$4.46/lb	\$1.94/lb
Average 4 pounds each Grill or smoke Flavorful Grade: Choice Certified Herford Beef	Average 5 pounds each Can be tough Cook low and slow Smoke Higher fat content Grade: yearling mutton Grass fed	Average 10-12 pounds Smoke Cook low and slow Popular Grade: Prime Certified Angus Beef	Average 4 pounds each Bone in Best when brined or rubbed with spice mixture Best braised or stewed Class: Berkshire Barrow

Placing 3-1-4-2

Cuts: 1-3-5



4-H DOG PROJECT

Wednesday, March 13 @6PM @ Extension Office
RSVP Required

[Click Here to RSVP for March](#)

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

[2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules](#)

HOOD COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOW



TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

**\$25 PER
DOG**

Date: March 23, 2024

Registration closes March 16, 2024

Late fee - \$25 added,

NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION

Time: 8am-5pm

Location: Reunion Grounds

641 Reunion Ct, Granbury, TX 76048

Scan to Register!



*****CURRENT DHLPP & RABIES VACCINATION RECORDS
MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY*****

**Contests Offered (Awards 1st-4th for each class):
Obedience, Rally, Costume, Tricks, Showmanship,
and Skillathon**

Questions? E-mail: hoodco.4hk9andkids@gmail.com



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Save the Date



Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show

Saturday April 6th, 2024

held in Fort Worth

Hawaiian Themed.

Events include.

Obedience Rally Tricks
Individual Drill

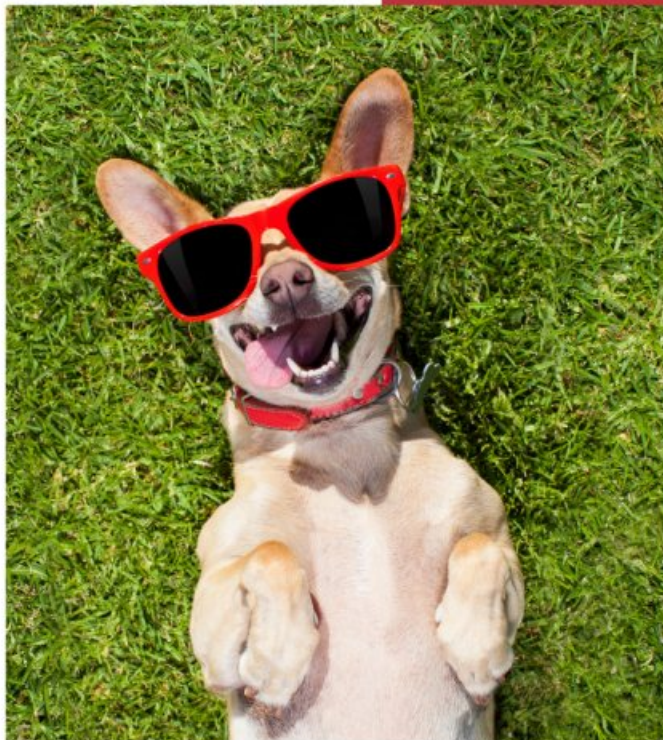
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TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES AT A GLANCE

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

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

Please RSVP by Noon the day prior to the project meeting

PARKER COUNTY 4-H

ENTOMOLOGY

MARCH 7, 2024 6PM @ EXTENSION OFFICE

**IF YOU HAVE INSECTS TO PIN, PLEASE BRING THEM
RELAXED AND READY TO GO! THERE WILL BE INSECTS
PROVIDED TO PIN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY.**



LESSON: ODONATA AND NUEROPTERA

Teen Leader: Emma Hauprich
Adult Leader: Tiffany Beasley



PARKER COUNTY 4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT



4-H FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT

Wednesday, March 13th 4-H Sewing Day - Bring your sewing projects and come sew with us. This is NOT a structured camp and is NOT a learn to sew. This is a come and go day to work on your sewing projects and catch up on your bag. Sewing hours will be 9AM-3PM.

[Click HERE to RSVP](#)

Monday, March 25th @6PM @ the Extension Office

RSVP Required

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Fashion and Interior Design

March Newsletter

Parker County fashion Show

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



**NEXT MEETING IS
MARCH 25TH!
REMEMBER TO RSVP!**

Instead of our normal fashion meeting in February, we had our County Fashion Show. There were seven competitors and they did a great job! All of our Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors get to move on to district in Archer City. They were interviewed by a judge and modeled their outfit. Thank you to all the family and friends that supported the participants. Next month we will have a normal meeting where we will be continuing our fanny pack project and having a Duds to Dazzle practice. Even if you don't have a Duds to Dazzle team we will team you up and it will be great practice if you want to compete next year!

Sewing Day March 13

On Wednesday, March 13 from 9:00am-3:00pm, we will be having a sewing day. This is NOT an instructional meeting. We will all be bringing our own projects to work on. This is simply a fun day to sew and craft with your friends!



"Sewing is the art of creating something beautiful from chaos."
-unknown



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 at the meeting to cover the cost of supplies, please do not sign up unless you plan to attend the meeting
- Sign-up will close the Monday before the meeting by Noon
- Bring \$5/participant to the Food and Nutrition Meeting
- Click the date of the meeting you'd like to sign up

Thursday, March 7th - Clovers and 4-H'ers @6PM @ Extension Office

Thursday, April 4th - Clovers and 4-H'ers @6PM @ Extension Office

How Much Chicken Do You Really Need?



A recipe calls for some cooked, deboned chicken.
How much chicken do you need to cook or buy?

Split chicken breasts

The average split chicken breast half weighs

5.25 ounces

=

1 cup
shredded chicken

Boiled chicken breasts

1
boiled chicken breast

=

1 cup
cubed chicken

Rotisserie chickens

The average rotisserie chicken weighs about

2 pounds

1 whole
chicken = **3 cups**
deboned chicken

white meat
only = **2 cups**
deboned chicken

dark meat
only = **1 cup**
deboned chicken

Fryer chickens

A 2 ½ - 3 pound
fryer chicken

=

2 -3 cups
cubed chicken



BUFFALO CHICKEN SALAD



Buffalo Chicken Salad

FEBRUARY 14, 2014 BY DINNER TONIGHT

Try this healthy and delicious Buffalo Chicken Salad for Dinner (or lunch) Tonight! Your family will be sure to love this healthy recipe!

Instructions

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. In a large nonstick skillet, saute chicken in oil over medium high heat until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Drain, and stir in hot sauce and pepper.
3. Divide romaine among 4 plates. Top with chicken, celery and carrots. Serve with dressing.

Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast cubed
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 Tbsp Louisiana style hot sauce
- 1 bunch romaine lettuce chopped
- 3 ribs celery chopped
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup fat-free ranch salad dressing

Nutrition Facts

4 servings per container
Serving size (352g)

Amount per serving
Calories **230**

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 6g **8%**

Saturated Fat 1g **5%**

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 85mg **28%**

Sodium 540mg **23%**

Total Carbohydrate 15g **5%**

Dietary Fiber 4g **14%**

Total Sugars 5g

Includes 0g Added Sugars **0%**

Protein 28g

Vitamin D 0mcg **0%**

Calcium 88mg **6%**

Iron 2mg **10%**

Potassium 886mg **20%**

*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.



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 - March

Contact Lisa Keefe 281-593-9382 for more information

- Every Tuesday @5PM @ the Youth Center

Advanced Horse Project Meetings - March

Contact Susan McCulloch 817-726-5743 for more information

- March 5th @6PM
- March 19th @6PM

- *****NEW*** 2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines**
- **April 1** - Horse Validation Deadline for Parker County 4-H Horse Show
- **April 14** - Parker Co. 4-H Horse Show Entry Deadline - [Click Here to Enter](#)
- **April 20** - Parker County 4-H Horse Show

TEXAS 4-H HORSE SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

Important Info

Rule changes include:

- Mules and Donkeys are no longer prohibited from participating in the show
- Dogs will not be allowed on the show grounds for the safety of exhibitors
- White or buff colored shirts are no longer a requirement in Stock Horse Horsemanship or Stock Horse Showmanship
- Exhibitors are no longer limited to two horses (one mare and one gelding) in the halter division. An exhibitor can now show a mare in the 5 and over class and another mare in the 4 and under class. Exhibitors are still limited to one entry for each class.
- Motorized vehicles will be allowed on the show grounds with restrictions (see rules for restrictions)
- There are also several other minor rule revisions which are listed in red text in the rule book. Also, due to the growth of the State 4-H Horse Show, it has become necessary for us to extend our schedule by one day. We are currently working to revise the schedule of classes accordingly and will have that available on the website by the end of the month.

Validation Information (in order to show in the Parker Co. 4-H Horse Show the horse(s) must be validated by April 1st) -

- ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.
- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a credit card ONLY.
 - From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.
 - From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st deadline and the payment is processed.
- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.
- If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded. These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list “pending” in the registration number area. Once the updated registration papers have been received, please email me a copy of the new papers and I will add it to the validation online.
- Lease horses are eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded in 4-H Online at the time of validation.
- Image uploads in 4-H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- Families should validate each horse only one time. Once the horse is validated, any sibling within that family in 4-H Online is eligible to show the horse at their district show and/or the State 4-H Horse Show.
- Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2023) and at least in the 6th grade.

Validation walk-through guide for families: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline_family_guide_horse_validation_2023.pdf

- For additional one-pagers and other resources, please visit <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
- Validation walk-through video: <https://youtu.be/OPoOmyC1kTk>
- The family will receive an automated message from 4-H Online when the County Extension Agent has approved the horse at the county level. This approval does NOT guarantee eligibility. After it is approved at the county level, the validation will then be reviewed at the state level. The family will be notified by June 1st if there are any issues with the validation at the state level.
 - We will begin to review validations at the state level on March 1st and will be working closely with families and agents to fix errors as quickly as possible prior to the validation deadline.

**PARKER
COUNTY
4-H**

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 20, 2024**

**8AM Packet Pick-Up Opens
9AM Start**

(if you're in classes 1-10 try to be there by 8AM)

HORSE SHOW

Judge: Karen Doby

All Exhibitors Must be Parker County 4-H Members

All Horses Must be Validated by April 1, 2024 in Texas 4-H Online

Follow Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

Entry Deadline: April 14, 2024

CLASS ORDER

1. Halter Mares 4 and Under
2. Halter Mares 5 and Over
3. Grand/Reserve Champion Mare
4. Halter Geldings 4 and Under
5. Halter Geldings 5 and Over
6. Grand/Reserve Champion Gelding
7. Showmanship (Senior then Junior)
8. Stock Horse Showmanship (Senior then Junior)
9. Hunter Showmanship (Senior then Junior)
10. Hunter Under Saddle (Senior then Junior)
11. Hunt Seat Equitation (Senior then Junior)
12. Hunt Seat Versatility (Senior then Junior)
13. Walk Trot Western Trail (Senior then Junior)
14. Western Trail (Senior then Junior)
15. Stock Horse Trail (Senior then Junior)
16. Walk Trot Western Pleasure (Senior then Junior)
17. Western Pleasure (Senior then Junior)
18. Walk Trot Western Horsemanship (Senior then Junior)
19. Western Horsemanship (Senior then Junior)
20. Stock Horse Horsemanship (Senior then Junior)
21. Stock Horse Pleasure (Senior then Junior)

22. Reining (Senior then Junior)
23. Cow Boxing (Senior then Junior)
24. Barrels (Senior then Junior)
25. Poles (Senior then Junior)
26. Stakes (Senior then Junior)
27. Goat Tying (Senior then Junior)
28. Heading (Senior then Junior)
29. Heeling (Senior then Junior)
30. Breakaway (Senior then Junior)

BUCKLES:

Overall High Point Junior
Overall High Point Senior

Western Performance Division High Point JR and SR

English Division High Point JR and SR

Speed Events Division High Point JR and SR

Stock Horse Division High Point JR and SR

Roping Division High Point JR and SR

For Questions Contact Parker County 4-H @ 817-598-6172
Location: Parker County Arena, 1010 FM 1885, Weatherford, TX 76088



4-H LIVESTOCK

- **March 11th** - PCLIA Market Broiler Order Deadline (**see PCLIA News to order birds**)
- **March 13th** - Show Bird Project Meeting @ 7PM @ Youth Center on Tin Top [RSVP Here](#)
- **March 21st** - Rabbit Project Meeting @ 6PM @ Youth Center on Tin Top [RSVP Here](#)
- **April 4th** - Noon - Major Stock Show tag orders due
- **April 4th** - 4PM-7PM Springtown FFA Alternate Tag-In (**see PCLIA News to Order Tags**)
 - Contact Chance Kanode 970-371-4621 with # of head you're bringing so they can make sure they have enough tags.
- **April 5th** - PCLIA Entry Deadline for Parker Co. 4-H Members - Entries submitted to the Extension Office.
- **April 6th** - PCLIA Tag-In - Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Dairy Heifer - 8AM-10AM Parker County Sheriff's Posse Grounds (Dance Slab Area) see **PCLIA News to Order Tags** (*some Ag Chapters may host alternate tag-ins prior to April 6th we will announce those dates once scheduled. You may also watch the PCLIA Facebook page for those dates*).
- **April 6th - 7th** - Garner FFA Livestock Show
- **April 13th-14th** - Weatherford FFA Showdown
- **April 27th** - Parker Co. 4-H Lonesome Dove Showdown
- **May 4th** - 7AM-9AM PCLIA Market Rabbit Tag-In

MAJOR STOCK SHOW TAG ORDERS

2024-2025 Major Stock Show Tag Orders - Due by Noon April 4, 2024 (click link below to order)

24-25 Parker Co. Major Stock Show Validation Tag Orders for... (This is NOT related to county show in any way shape or form)

- 24-25 ALL Major Steers
- 24-25 Registered Breeding Heifers (October Validation will also occur)
- 2024 State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat validation (will carry over to 2025 Majors)

[24-25 Parker Co. Major Stock Show Validation Orders Link](#)

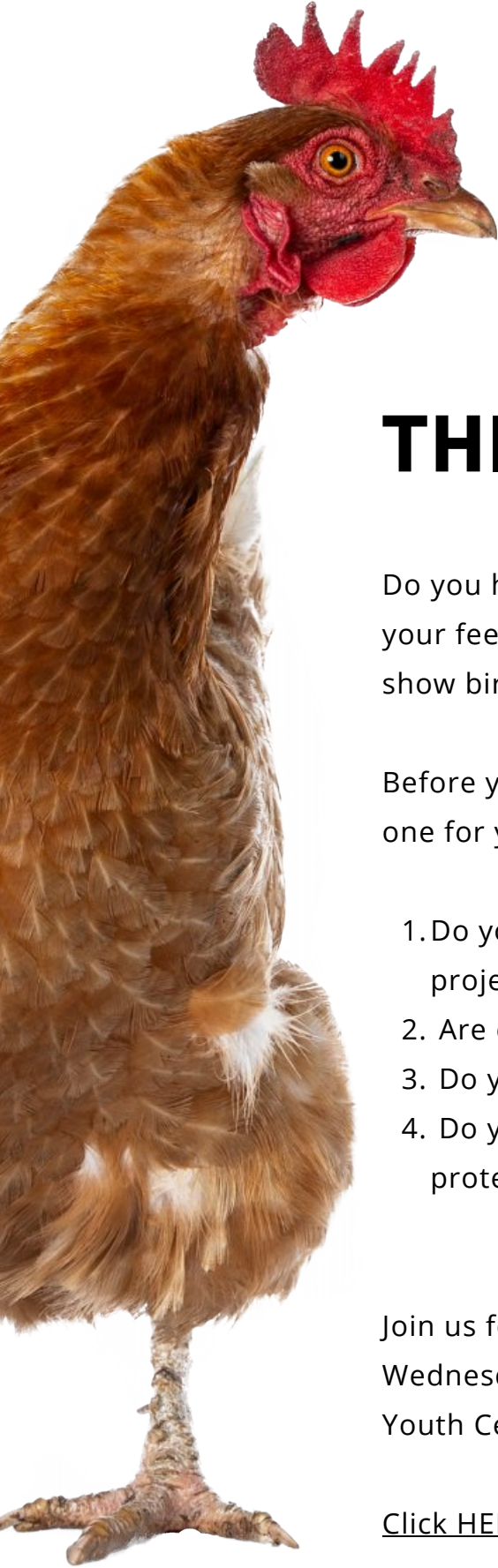
Please READ Carefully

Validation orders for:

- 24-25 ALL Major Stock Show - Steers
- 24-25 Registered Breeding Heifers (another will be offered in October. Unused June tag orders will carry over to October) - 1 exhibitor per animal, color copy of papers required. ***Heifers will now be tagged***
- 2024 State Fair of Texas
 - Lambs and goats validated during the 2024 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2025 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2024 State Fair will carryover for 2025 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period.
 - Breeding/commercial lamb and goat requirements for STFR. The State Fair of Texas is requiring validation for registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial dams, and wether commercial does.
 - Market Lamb - May be validated by family (validation will carry over to 2025 spring majors)
 - Market Goats - May be validated by family (validation will carry over to 2025 spring majors)
 - Wether Dams - May be validated by family - validation good for 3 years unless change of ownership.
 - Wether Does - May be validated by family - validation good for 3 years unless change of ownership.
 - Registered Breeding Sheep - ***may be family validated if all exhibitors are listed on papers***, color copy of papers required at time of validation - validation good for 3 years unless change of ownership.
 - Registered Breeding Boer Goats - ***may be family validated - all exhibitors must be listed on papers*** color copy of papers required at time of validation - validation good for 3 years unless a change of ownership.

***Please note, all sheep and goat tags (market and breeding) are interchangeable. If you ordered a market lamb tag but got a breeding goat instead you may use it to tag the breeding goat.

***Please note, heifer and steer tags are interchangeable. If you ordered a market steer tag but got a heifer instead you may use it to tag the heifer.



4-H SHOW BIRD PROJECT

THINK ABOUT IT

Do you have backyard chickens? Are you looking to get your feet wet with a great starter livestock project? The show bird project just might be for you.

Before you decide that the show bird project is the right one for you, answer these questions with your family.

1. Do you have the time and money to care for your project?
2. Are chickens allowed where you live?
3. Do you have a place for the coop?
4. Do you have a way to make sure your chickens are protected from other animals in the area?

Join us for our first Show Bird Project meeting on Wednesday, March 13th @ 7PM @ the Weatherford College Youth Center on Tin Top.

[Click HERE to RSVP](#)



Rabbit Project

Breed Spotlight: Thrianta Rabbits

A brilliant orange-red rabbit from nose to tail describes the Thrianta. In 2005 the Thrianta became the first new breed passed by the ARBA Standards Committee since 1988 under the leadership of Hall of Fame legend Glen Carr. The breed was originally developed in Sweden for the Royal House of Orange-Nassau in the late 1930s and today this "fire of the fancy" enjoys a steady following of dedicated breeders. The Maximum weight is 6 lbs.



Market Rabbit:

Recipe for Grilled Teriyaki Rabbit

Combine 1/2 cup of soy sauce, 1 tbsp sake, 3 tbsp sugar, 1 tbsp fresh ginger, and 1 clove of garlic to make a marinade.

-Marinate your rabbit overnight.

-Grill or smoke to your preference.

-Serve with vegetables and rice or noodles. Enjoy!

GROOMING:

Rabbits are constantly shedding. During the year, your bunny will go through light and heavy shedding periods. If you don't groom him, they will groom themselves, ingesting the fur, which often leads to hairballs or intestinal obstructions and a visit to the veterinarian. Always provide your bunny with plenty of fresh timothy and oat hay, changed daily, to help keep their system clear of hair build-up. Some rabbits tend to shed their old coat rapidly in just a few days instead of gradually. For these rabbits, you'll need to not only comb or brush but gently remove the huge clumps of loose fur. Be especially attentive during the summer months; the more you brush them and remove the old loose coat, the cooler they will be.

Upcoming Dates:

Next meeting dates:

All Meetings will be held at 2752 Tin Top Road, Weatherford at 6 pm. Please RSVP!

March 21st - Basic Rabbit Care

April 18th - Showmanship

May 16th - Record keeping

Show Deadlines

PCLIA Market Breed Date - 2/17

PCLIA Market Tag-in - 5/6

PCLIA Market & Breeding Show - 5/29

Parker County Rabbit Project

Facebook Page:

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



LONESOME DOVE SHOWDOWN APRIL 27, 2024

TEXAS
EXHIBITORS
ONLY

**Location: Parker County Sheriff's Posse Grounds
2000 Greenwood Rd., Weatherford, Texas**

Steer Registration Due by 8AM, Steer Show Begins at 10AM. Heifer Registration Due by 11AM. Registration Opens at 6:30AM

Steers \$30

Shown by Weight and Division
Divisions: American, British and Exotic
Subject to 5% Weigh Back
Judge: Bill Cody

Heifers \$30

Shown by Age and Division
Divisions: American, British, and Exotic
Under 30 months of age
Heifer Show will Follow Steer Showmanship
Judge: Bill Cody

Lamb and Swine Registration Due by 8AM, Lamb and Swine Shows Begin at 10AM. Goat Registration Due by 11AM. Registration Opens at 6:30AM

Market Lambs \$30

Shown by Weight and Breed
Breeds: SD, FW, FWX, Hair
Sheep and MW
Subject to 5lb Weigh Back
Ewes Welcome Judged as Market
Judge: Dakota Quickle

Market Goats \$30

Shown by Weight
Divisions: Light, Middle and
Heavyweight
Subject to 5lb Weigh Back
Does Welcome Judged as Market
Judge: Dakota Quickle
Goat Show will Follow Lamb Showmanship

Market Swine \$30

Shown by Weight and Breed
Breeds: BOPB, WOPB, Berk,
Duroc, York, Hamp,
White Cross, and Cross
Subject to 10lb Weigh Back
Gilts Welcome Judged as Market
Boars 125lbs or less
Judge: Todd Vinyard

Rabbit and Poultry Registration Due by 8AM, Rabbit and Poultry Show Begins at 10AM. Registration Opens at 6:30AM

Breeding Rabbits \$5

Shown by Class Division
4-Class
6-Class
All Breeds Shown Together
Judge: Jennifer Schimpf

Breeding Poultry \$5

Shown by Class Division
Bantam
Standard
All Breeds Shown Together
There will be separate classes for cock, hen, cockerel and pullets
Negative pullorum-typhoid test within the past thirty days.
Texas Origin Birds Only
Non-APA Judge: Michelle Burns

Showmanship is included with entry will follow each show

Beef, Lamb, Goat and Swine Awards

Buckles and Banners to Overall Grand and Reserve Champion
Banners and Custom Prizes to all Division and Reserve Division Champions
Buckles to all Showmanship Champions

Rabbit and Poultry Awards

Buckles to Grand Champion
Banners to Reserve Champion, Division and
Showmanship Champions

Showmanship (included with entry)

Junior - K-5th Grade
Intermediate - 6th-8th Grade
Senior - 9th-12th Grade

Contact:

817-598-6172

tiffany.johnston@ag.tamu.edu

TEXAS
EXHIBITORS
ONLY



GARNER FFA Livestock Show

Swine:

York, Berk, Hamp, Duroc, WOPB, BOPB, Dark Cross, Light Cross
Judge: Savanna Williams

Sheep:

Fine Wool, Fine Wool X, South
Down, Medium Wool, Dorper
Judge: Brad Johnson

Goats:

Lite, Medium and
Heavyweight Divisions
Judge: Dave Marcarth

Cattle:

American, British & Exotic Divisions
Judge: Connor Hardy

Buckles for Grand/Reserve Overall
Species & Grand Showmanship.

Banners for Breed Grand/Reserve &
Reserve Showmanship.

No Out of State Exhibitors

25 Buckles
59 Banners

Show Date: April 6th-7th 2024

Register now via The Showman App

Registration 6:30AM-8AM

Parker County Sheriff's Posse Show Pavilion
Weatherford, TX

CONTACT: JD LEWIS 817-771-8644



Weatherford SHOWDOWN



HOSTED BY:

Friends of the Weatherford FFA Booster Club

APRIL 13-14, 2024



Parker County Sheriff's Posse

2551 Mineral Wells Hwy, Weatherford, TX



13th

Lamb (Breeding & Market)

Goats (Breeding & Market)

Swine

— RING A —

Banners & Prizes



\$40 day of show



14th

Heifers

Steers

Rabbits

— RING B —

Buckles 40+ & Prizes

Texas Livestock ONLY

MUST SHOW IN RING A TO SHOW IN RING B

\$6 early reg for rabbits and \$7 day of show

For other questions please contact us via the website.

Register through our website www.fowboosterclub.com.

Early Registration: February 1st through April 11th.

All other information and Judges will be listed on our Facebook page and website.

Weatherford Showdown Jackpot 2024 | 817-601-1332



BEYOND
THE RING
Sanctioned Show



Texas Pork Producers Summer Internships

APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE TO THE TPPA OFFICE BY MARCH 15, 2024

The purpose of this internship is for the selected student(s) to become involved in the pork industry by actively engaging in the daily functions of the Texas Pork Producers Association. Intern(s) will not only work to enhance the development & delivery of program activities, but also assist in providing communications & educational opportunities for producers, youth and the public about the pork industry.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Observe the functions of an agricultural organization.
2. Gain communications and public relations experience.
3. Learn about producer and youth educational programs.
4. Learn about marketing, promotional & public relations programs.
5. Be involved in the development & implementation of said programs.
6. Represent TPPA in a professional & positive manner throughout the internship

SCHEDULE

10-12 week internship during the summer, with details, will be determined on an individual basis. The intern will be actively involved in various activities and tasks, including but not limited to the following:

1. Represent TPPA at industry events.
2. Assist with marketing & pork promotion; design advertisements, build web content.
3. Prepare, organize & carry out functions of the Texas Pork Industry Conference & Youth Symposium, Texas Pork Leadership Camp, and more.
4. Be involved in the writing of press releases and feature stories for the Producer Connection magazine and TPPA website.
5. Perform daily office tasks including: answering phones, filing, data entry & assisting membership.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Position(s) is available to any student, but preference will be given to those meeting the following criteria:

1. A Texas resident.
2. A full-time college student with an agricultural-related major that has experience in communications, marketing and journalism.
3. A student in good scholastic standing with excellent written & oral communication skills.
4. Exhibits a genuine interest in animal agriculture.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The intern will be paid on an hourly basis to help cover expenses during the summer and/or a scholarship will be paid directly to their college institution. Details will be discussed prior to the beginning of the internship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, [CLICK HERE](#). Applications must be submitted by March 15th.



4-H STEM PROJECT

[Monday, March 18th @6PM @ Extension Office](#)

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

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STEM Newsletter

BY: FINLEY VAN DYK

What is a Solar Eclipse?

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon is positioned between Earth and the sun and casts a shadow over Earth. Solar eclipses only occur during a new moon phase, usually about twice a year, when the moon aligns itself in such a way that it eclipses the sun, according to NASA.

Approximately twice a year we experience an eclipse season. This is when the new moon aligns itself in such a way that it eclipses the sun. Solar eclipses do not occur every time there is a new moon phase because the moon's orbit is tilted about 5 degrees relative to Earth's orbit around the sun. For this reason, the moon's shadow usually passes either above or below Earth. There are four different types of solar eclipses depending on how the sun, moon, and Earth are aligned at the time of the event:

- **Total solar eclipse:** The sun is fully obscured by the moon.
- **Partial solar eclipse:** The moon doesn't fully block the sun so only a portion of the sun is obscured. Here the moon appears to take a "bite" out of the sun.
- **Annular solar eclipse:** The moon is centered in front of the sun but doesn't cover the entirety of the surface (as seen in a total solar eclipse). A "ring of fire" shines around the moon.
- **Hybrid solar eclipse:** The rarest solar eclipse is a combination of a total and annular eclipse (sometimes known as an A-T eclipse) and is produced when the moon's shadow moves across Earth. These begin as one type of eclipse and transition to another.

Texas Eclipse Info

The 2024 Solar Eclipse will be visible in Fort Worth, TX beginning at 1:40 PM CDT on April 8, 2024, for approximately 2:33 minutes.

- Glasses are available at the 4-H Office - while supplies last.
- View the Sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.
- You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun's bright face - during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)
- As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on or use a handheld solar viewer to look at the Sun.

BEST PLACES TO VIEW THE ECLIPSE

Dallas and Fort Worth are the best spots. Many places are hosting free areas to view the eclipse such as the UTA Planetarium, or the Perot Museum. Also, the Botanic Gardens and some other museums offer low-cost viewing parties.



Upcoming Meetings!



The next meeting is on March 18th at 6 pm. The topic is on the Eclipse and hands-on activities! Please RSVP!

Please visit our STEM Project Facebook page for special announcements, interesting articles, and fun experiments! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3503112219909914>



4-H CLUB NEWS

Join the Club

March 2024

Aledo 4-H Newsletter



Member Spot Light

This month's Member Spotlight is about Brooklyn Tubbs! Brooklyn has been in Aledo 4-H for one year. She is 10 years old and loves to participate in her 4-H projects. The projects she is active in are: Photography, Dog, and Horse. She loves all the variety of projects available.



Community Service:

February's Service project was Valentines for Seniors - we made Valentines for a local senior community.

March /April

City of Annetta Community Clean up - watch for more details on our Facebook page and email!

Upcoming Dates:

Our next meeting will be on April 8th at the Aledo Community Center. 6:30 for Clovers and Officers and the General meeting at 7:00 pm. No March Meeting due to Spring Break

March 18th STEM Project Meeting at 6 pm

March 21st Rabbit Project at 6 pm

The Flower Power Fundraiser has started and will end in May. **Please** share the Flower Power website with all your friends and family for Spring flowers. All proceeds go to fund our community service projects and our scholarships. <https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/aledo4hclub>



Weatherford Day February Newsletter



This month, Weatherford Day had Mrs. Sue Wooldridge come speak about floral arranging in preparation for the Lonesome Dove and Youth Fair competitions. The clover kids made cupcake liner flowers before the meeting.



March Updates

PROGRAM: We are having the Master Gardeners come speak about container growing and companion planting in preparation for the Youth Fair. The master gardeners will start their program at 2:30, and we will have the business meeting afterwards.

CLOVERS: The clover kids will start their meeting at the usual time, 2:00 pm.

SNACKS: Bring your favorite St. Patrick's Day or Garden snack

COMMUNITY SERVICE: We will be helping Grace House Ministries this month. They asked specifically for size 5 diapers and wipes. Please bring them to our March meeting (March 21st).



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