District 10



July 2023

Deadlines at a Glance



Click the links for more information:

- JUN 30 Texas 4-H 2023-2023 Club Chartering DEADLINE
- JUN 30 District 10 4-H Record Book LATE DEADLINE
- JUN 30 Sheep Capital Lamb Camp Registration DEADLINE
- JUL 1 Texas 4-H State Horse Show Registration DEADLINE
- JUL 1 District 10 4-H Leadership Summit OPENS 4HOnline
- JUL 1 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Applications OPEN
- JUL 3 District 10 4-H Planning Day (Agents Only) RSVP DUE
- JUL 6 District 10 4-H Record Book Judging
- JUL 7 District 10 4-H Annual Planning Day (Agents ONLY)
- JUL 14 <u>Virtual Volunteer Office Hours Session (Agents)</u> 10AM
- JUL 21 District 10 4-H Leadership Summit CLOSES 4HOnline
- JUL 29 District 10 4-H Leadership Summit at Schreiner
- JUL 31 Texas 4-H State Record Book Registration DEADLINE
- JUL 31 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Application DEADLINE
- JUL 31 Simmons First Foundation Mini & MAD Grants CLOSE
- AUG 14 Texas Farm Bureau Clover Cash Grant DEADLINE
- AUG 15 4HOnline OPENS for 2023-2023 Member Enrollment
- AUG 22 National Environmental Youth Advisory Council CLOSES
- SEPT 1 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Year Begins!
- SEPT 15 Texas 4-H Group Enrollment Deadline (Agents Only)
- SEPT 29 Guadalupe Co. Fair Invitational Contest DEADLINE
 - o CDM, Desserts on Display, Food Challenge

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District 10 kicked off summer with our 2023
District 10 4-H Leadership Lab at the Texas
4-H Center in Brownwood, TX. We had 97
youth attend and enjoyed a fun week of
learning, games, and of course dancing!
Additionally, we would like to congratulate
our newly elected 2023-2024 District 10
4-H Council Officers pictured above!

District 10 Directory:

- Bandera 4-H
- Bastrop 4-H
- Bexar 4-H
- Blanco 4-H
- Caldwell 4-H
- Comal 4-H
- Edwards 4-H
- Gillespie 4-H
- Gonzales 4-H
- Guadalupe 4-H
- Hays 4-H
- Kendall 4-H
- Kerr 4-H
- Kimble 4-H
- Kinney 4-H
- Medina 4-H
- Real 4-H
- Sutton 4-H
- Travis 4-H
- Uvalde 4-H
- Wilson 4-H

2022-2023 District 10 4-H Calendar

CLICK HERE for 22-23 State/National 4-H Dates

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

31 KING & SOMMER DATES	
District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 3, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 21, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.—Fri, Mar. 22-24, 2023	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 12, 2023	 Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 18, 2023	• Leaders 4 Life
April 19, 2023	Livestock Judging
April 20, 2023	Plant ID & Range Evaluation
	Share the Fun
	Wool & Mohair Judging
April 21, 2023	Soil Judging
	Duds 2 Dazzle
	• Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 22, 2023	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 28, 2023	• 4-H Storyboard Results Posted
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 16, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 17-19, 2023	
EVENT DATE: June 14-15, 2023	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
(Includes District 10 4-H Officer Applications)	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2023	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2023	
EVENT DATE: June 21-23, 2023	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., June 1, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 27, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: WedFri. June 28-30, 2023	

IMPORTANT STATE EVENTS

Texas 4-H State Roundup - College Station, TX **REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon., May 15, 2023**

EVENT DATE: June 5-8, 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Website Texas 4-H Roundup Guide 2023 Hotel Block Information

Texas 4-H State Dog Show – Huntsville, TX **REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., April 19, 2023 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 12, 2023 LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 13-19, 2023**

EVENT DATE: July 6-8, 2023 Texas 4-H Dog Show Website Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules 2023 Hotel Block Information

Texas 4-H State Games – Baird/San Antonio, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: May 17, 2023

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 16, 2023 Registration will be conducted on (2) different sites:

STEP ONE- Register on 4HOnline. STEP ONE must be completed FIRST. STEP TWO- Register on iclays.com

July 9-14, 2023 Baird, Texas

Events: Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & **Hunting Skill**

Location: Callahan Shooting Range

July 17-22, 2023 San Antonio, TX

Events: Archery & Shotgun **Location:** National Shooting Complex

Texas 4-H Horse Show — Bryan, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sat., July 1, 2023

EVENT DATE: July 23-28, 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Show website Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules **2023 State Horse Validation**

Texas 4-H State Record Book Judging (Virtual)

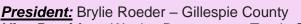
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon., July 31, 2023

Registration will be conducted on (2) different sites: STEP ONE- Register on 4HOnline. STEP TWO- Register on Submittable by July 31st deadline.

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 **District 10 4-H Council Officers!**

EVENT DATE CHANGE: July 6, 2023 (*District 10

4-H Planning Meeting will be held July 7, 2023.)



Vice President: Wesley Bocanegra - Travis County 2nd Vice President: Emma Belzung – Bexar County

3rd Vice President: Augustus Sexton – Gonzales County

Secretary: Rylee Wunderlich - Comal County Information Officer: Jalyn Lamb – Bandera County Parliamentarian: Luke Bauer – Bastrop County





2023 District 10 4-H Summit at Schreiner

Event Date: July 29, 2023 (Saturday) Event Registration: July 1 – 21, 2023 on 4HOnline



DISTRICT 10 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT INFORMATION

Looking for a fun leadership and college exploration event for your Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H member? Join us on Saturday July 29, 2023 for our 2nd Annual District 10 4-H Leadership Summit at Schreiner University (2100 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville, TX 78028) starting at 9:00 AM. A box lunch will be provided! Registration is FREE and limited to the first 50 youth/adult registrations on 4HOnline. Deadline to register will be Friday, July 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled on 4HOnline and belong to a Texas 4-H Youth Development County program.

- **ALL** Youth Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate & Senior) are welcome to this event!
- Adult volunteers/chaperones are also welcome to attend this event. If you are NOT a registered adult volunteer but will be attending with your child, please make sure to register your name under your child's registration.
- Lunch will be provided for all attendees! This program is funded generously by sponsors from our Texas 4-H Foundation District. If you register, PLEASE make a sincere effort to attend so excess food is not ordered.

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration on 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com).

Registration Period: July 1-21, 2023 OR **UNTIL WE REACH 50 ATTENDEES!**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:







Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Applications Opens July 1st!

Deadline: JUNE 31, 2023

Information: Applications for the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors will open on July 1 and close July 31, 2023. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed here on YouTube.

Mission: As STEM Ambassadors, our mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, & math opportunities; both inside & outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, & teamwork.

Application Link: https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit

Applicants will need to create a simple profile on Submittable to complete the application. The application requires several written narratives, a 2–3-minute personal video narrative, & two letters of recommendations.

Eligibility for New Members

- A Texas 4-H member entering the 9th 12th grade (as of September 1, 2023).
- Have a willingness to learn about and promote STEM.
- Attend a mandatory virtual orientation along with his/her parents/guardians on August 29 at 7 PM.
- Attend the mandatory fall and spring in-person meetings (dates will be listed in the application).
- Be willing to work collaboratively on a team with other youth and adults.
- Be responsive and engaged in team communications.
- Share knowledge and skills with others.
- Not serving on the 2023-24 Texas 4-H Council.
- Applications will be reviewed in early August and applicants notified by the 25th.



Grant Opportunity – Simmons First Foundation

Deadline: July 31, 2023

How to Apply: Applications are linked below. Please send completed applications to

John Cowan at john.cowan@simmonsbank.com

MINI GRANTS

Timeline: January 1 – July 31 (current calendar year funding)

Amount: \$1,000 each

Criteria: Projects must pertain to youth (K-12) in the fields of education and/or health care. Mini Grants are for immediate needs for programs and entities must be a 501c3 organization. The goal of the Foundation is to fund 25 Mini Grants per year across our footprint. Entities that received a Mini Grant in 2022 are not be eligible to receive another one until 2024. DOWNLOAD APPLICATION

MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANTS ("MAD")

Timeline: April 1 – July 31 (for 2024 funding cycle)

Amount: \$1,000 up to \$25,000

Criteria: Projects must pertain to youth (K-12) in the fields of education and/or health care. Please be very specific and provide the needed support to justify the amount of the request. **DOWNLOAD APPLICATION**

Decisions for MAD grants will be made by year-end, however, before submitting, the application must be signed off by a Simmons Bank community president or an assigned community executive. The MAD Grants can be applied for every year, but only for the same project twice. With the MAD Grants, they must meet our criteria listed below:

Some general qualifications:

- The entity must be in the county or contiguous county of a Simmons Bank facility.
- The program or initiative must impact a number of youth.
- The grant cannot be for administrative expenses, nor can it be used to replace existing sources of funding.
- The agency or entity must show that it has the capacity to support the initiative or new/existing program for at least two years after our funds are used in year one.

Not Eligible use of Grant Funds:

- Buy tables at events
- Fund sponsorships or general donations
- Purchase vehicles
- Fund building construction projects
- Fund administrative costs which include, but not limited to: salaries, benefits, supplies, and utilities.
- Fund annual operating expenses which include but not limited to: rent, accounting, office equipment ,repairs & maintenance.
- Fund capital campaigns.
- Make exceptions; the criteria is the same for everyone
- Approve padded requests which would include taxes, supplemental income, shipping, etc.

<u>Texas Farm Bureau – Clover Cash Grant Program</u>



Deadline: August 14, 2023

Information: The 2023 Clover Cash Grant program is underway. Applications will close at 11:59 p.m. on August 14. As you know, \$20,000 in grant funding is awarded to county, district, and state level 4-H programs. Eligible applicants include AgriLife Extension Agents, District 4-H Specialists, Texas 4-H staff or *adult leaders (*Must provide a letter of support from their County Extension Agent recognizing them as a valid Texas 4-H club) of any county, district, or state level 4-H program. Program information, eligibility requirements and further details can be found HERE.

Project and Application Guidelines:

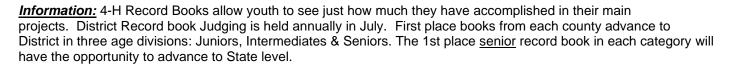
- Projects should be based on an agricultural concept. Preference will be given to those projects that are hands-on agricultural learning activities.
- Students must be directly engaged in the educational component.
- A timeline of the project and a list of all community partners must be listed on the application.
- The application must contain a detailed budget with estimated expenses.
- Applications will be accepted from County Extension Agents or Adult Leaders.
- Grant checks will be made payable to an organization, not an individual.

How to Apply: Applications may be submitted HERE.

District 10 4-H Record Book Judging

Registration Period: June 1 – 27, 2023 Late Registration Period: June 28 – 30, 2023





2022-2023 District 4-H Record Book Judging Information:

Date: July 6, 2023

Location: Gillespie County Extension Office

- 2023 District 10 Record Book Judging Guide DOWNLOAD HERE
- Volunteers are needed to judge record books! If you are interested in serving as a judge please sign up on this GOOGLE DOC.

Texas 4-H State Record Book Judging

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2023

2022-2023 State 4-H Record Book Information:

*NOTE: This is only for Senior Age Division Youth who place 1st in their Category at District

- o Entry Process: Entry Process this year will be a Two-Step Process. You will need first register on 4HOnline by July 31, 2023. Next, you need to upload your Record Book into Submittable by that same deadline (Instructions for uploading Record Books to Submittable).
- Book Handling:
 - **All record books MUST be uploaded as a PDF in Submittable by July 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Judging is scheduled in August. Judges will use the score sheet in Submittable to judge. Scoresheets will be sent to the 4-H member through Submittable after judging concludes and the State Office has time to review. Awards will be given to the Top 3 in each category and mailed to the County Office following the competition.
- Entry and Cost Information: Each individual 4-H member will use 4HOnline to enter their record book into state competition by selecting the event: 2023 STATE 4-H Record Book Judging (Senior District Winners). Registration cost is \$15.00. The entries will require county and district certification in 4HOnline. If a book does not get entered online correctly by Monday, July 31th at 11:59 pm it will be disqualified. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.
- Results: Results will be posted on the Texas 4-H Record Book website by September 1, 2023.
- State Record Book Winner Trip: State Record Book Winner Trip: Those placing 1st in the State record book contest earn the opportunity to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference. The Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. during Thanksgiving break (November 23-November 28, 2023). The cost of the trip to the 4-H member is typically between \$1,500-2,000. The deadline to accept the trip opportunity will be September 15, 2023. Registration details will follow.

District 10 4-H Annual Planning Day - AGENTS ONLY (RSVP HERE)



RSVPs needed by: July 3, 2023

Information: All agents will be expected to attend our annual District 10 4-H Planning meeting on June 7th, 2023 (Friday) at the Gillespie County Extension Office (38 Business Court, Fredericksburg, TX 78264).

- To RSVP and secure a lunch for this day please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/TBRriY4wVFP5v4nA6 - Please RSVP no later than July 3rd!
- Start time will be 9:00AM. Our goal is to wrap up our planning meeting no later than 3:00PM if not earlier.
- On the RSVP link above, you will need to indicate which committees you would like to assist with for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but assignments will be made based on needs of the event.

2023-2024 Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions

*Deadline for Chartering: **TODAY** - June 30, 2023 If you charter after June 30th, club activation is not guaranteed by the start of the new 4-H year.



The 2023-2024 4-H Year is just around the corner! All 4-H clubs that intend to operate and open for enrollment MUST have a charter submitted & approved on 4HOnline. Please utilize the State Chartering Instructions & Guidelines Packet for information regarding the 2023-2024 Chartering Process. Please reference the Top Reasons Returned PDF to ensure your Charter submission is accurate.

Remember! ALL 4-H Clubs Must Have:

- <u>Charter Application Worksheet</u> for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4HOnline - This form is simply a worksheet and **should not be uploaded** as part of the chartering process.
- <u>2023-2024 Charter Agreement</u> (Must be signed by CEA/CED) *Please note the changes to the Charter Agreement for 2023-2024! As before, signatures are required, but the document must also be initialed where indicated.*
- Bylaws: The Sample Bylaws (Download: Word Doc) are developed to serve as a guide for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in all bylaws (See Bylaws Requirements). When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice fewer bolded/required items. This does not mean you have to change your bylaws, as long as they meet the minimum requirements, which they should if they were in compliance last year. Club/group bylaws may also not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the charter agreement.

ONLY CLUBS with a 4-H BANK ACCOUNT MUST HAVE:

- 2022-2023 Financial Review Form & Asset List (Must be reviewed/signed by CEA/CED) Please
 note that a checkbox has been added to the financial review form indicating that the Extension
 Agent certifies that all signers on the bank account are currently enrolled 4-H adult volunteer
 leaders. Also, please note that the name on a 4-H club's bank account should match the name of
 the 4-H club/group as well as the name on the EIN assignment letter. To avoid the application
 being sent back for corrections, please ensure that the financial review form is completed in its
 entirety.
- One Copy of Previous Bank Statement for each account: Bank statements uploaded as part of
 the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks. This is for security of the
 club/group account(s).

ONLY if Texas 4-H Club/Group is Disbanding

Texas 4-H Club/Group Disbandment Form

Questions? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your District 4-H Specialist (ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu) or Taylor LeTourneau at the Texas 4-H Office. Taylor can be reached at taylor.letourneau@ag.tamu.edu or by phone at 979-321-5294.

2022-2023 Texas 4-H Gold Star Information

As we begin to close out our 2022-2023 4-H year, we would like to send all County offices information regarding Gold Star Award information. Please click this <u>ATTACHEMENT</u> for the guidelines for Gold Star and the number of youth, that can be awarded this award in each county in the current year.

<u>Once you have your selected Gold Star Recipients:</u> Please email the District office and include the name(s) and date you want on the certificates. Please give us enough time to get the certificates printed and framed (minimum of 2 weeks notice). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie.Cervantes@ag.tamu.edu or Isabel.Hernadez@ag.tamu.edu.



What's Happening in Texas 4-H...

2023 Texas 4-H Horse Show DEADLINE!

Event Date: July 23-28, 2023 -- Schedule **Location:** Brazos County Expo in Bryan, TX **Registration Period:** May 1 – **July 1, 2023**

Website: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/
--State Horse Show Rules & Regulations
*Updated page 114 (#4) reads to allow a
minimum of 8 members on drill team.



Guadalupe County Fair Invitational Contests October 14-15, 2023

Guadalupe County would like to invite all 4-H members to join us at the Guadalupe County Fair on Oct. 14-15th for three invitational contests! Click links below for more contest fees, details, and registration information.

Guadalupe County 4-H Consumer Decision Making

When: October 14 @ 8am

Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 - 5PM

Guadalupe County Fair Desserts on Display

When: October 14 @ 2pm

Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 - 5PM

Guadalupe County Fair Food Challenge Contest

When: October 15 @ 1pm

Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 – 5PM



New Agent Resource: Volunteer Virtual Office Hours

The next Volunteer Virtual Office session is set for Friday, July 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

TOPIC: With our shift in the program planning timeline, this will be nearing the end of the programming year. It will be a great opportunity to talk about closing out our plans with some interpretation of volunteer efforts, as well as looking toward your new plans. We plan to talk about the importance of volunteers, how they fit into your plans for the new year, and about recruitment, engagement, and even re-engagement of volunteers.

- Microsoft Teams Meeting
 - o Click here to join the meeting
 - Meeting ID: 266 630 890 530
 Passcode: giDwUW

NEW

Important Quality Counts Update

Quality Counts will be undergoing platform maintenance in July. Learners are encouraged to wait until the update is released to enroll to avoid disruption. If you are currently enrolled, or will be enrolling in June or early July, you MUST complete the course AND exam by July 16. Learners who do not complete the quiz by this time will be required to re-enroll and retake the course in order to receive their Quality Counts number. A more detailed timeline will be made available soon.

To put it simply – if an exhibitor is currently in the process of taking or plans to take the course soon, they must finish enrolling and COMPLETE the course/exam by July 16. If an exhibitor needs to enroll or move to the next grade level division, please wait until after July to do so to avoid disruption or loss of progress.



Group Enrollment Deadline for 2022-2023 ALL 2022-2023 Group Enrollment reports must be entered and submitted through 4HOnline no later than **September 15**th 2023.

Download more information using the following link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline_manager_guide_county group enrollment information 23.pdf



Texas 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge: 2024 State Contest Guidelines

The Texas 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge committees are pleased to release the 2023-24 guidelines for each of these contests! Per the guidelines, there have been very few changes made.

<u>2024 TEXAS 4-H FOOD SHOW: State Rules</u> 2024 TEXAS 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE: State Rules

*A reminder that these changes are for the Texas 4-H <u>STATE</u> contests. County/District contest rules can and may vary so please check the specific contest guidelines.



Around the District & State...

National Environmental Youth Advisory Council

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the formal establishment of the agency's first-ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to Administrator Michael S. Regan on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. The NEYAC will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth communities. EPA is soliciting applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29.

Applications to the NEYAC are due by August 22, 2023 at 11:59PM. Visit the **EPA NEYAC webpage** for more information on the council and to apply.

2023 CCS Sporting Clay 4-H Shoot Saturday Sept. 23, 2023

Cornerstone Christian School is hosting an open 4-H Sporting Clay Shoot for all 4-H and FFA members. Shoot will take place at the National Shooting Complex (5931 Roft Rd, San Antonio, TX). Registration begins at 7AM and Event begins at 8:30AM. See FLYER below.



Texas A&M Forest Service Contest Postmark Deadline: September 15, 2023



Smokey Bear Poster Contest



Texas A&M Forest Service is hosting a Smokey Bear Poster Contest for youth in Texas to celebrate Smokey's 80th birthday. They plan to use the winning designs in the 2024 calendar. Please see FLYER LINK for the contest details and a PDF INFO SHEET with some additional information. Encourage your youth to participate in the contest!

NEW SAVE THE DATE: 2024 Ignite by 4-H March 13-17, 2024

> Spark your imagination and passion! Ignite by 4-H, an inclusive teen event, returns March 13-17, 2024, to Washington, D.C. Join us for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, hands-on workshops, experiences, networking and connections. The summit will provide high-school-aged youth from across the country the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-Being, Don't miss this opportunity to discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to ignite change in your community. Stay tuned for more information on registration.

> > Find out more