

District 10



December 2023

Deadlines at a Glance

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- DEC 5 – [Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Application](#) **CLOSES**
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Apply for 4-H Scholarships!

Don't forget to attend our District 10 Opportunity Scholarship Training on Dec. 7th on [Microsoft Teams](#) at 6:30 PM!

Families with graduating 4-H Seniors (must be 4-H members for 3+ years), will be attending a Texas accredited college or university & are scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2024 are encouraged to apply. Attend the training for more information & tips on making a good application, GREAT!

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- [Wilson 4-H](#)

2023-2024 District 10 4-H Calendar

**Tentative dates are subject to change.*

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 31, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed. – Fri. Nov 1-3, 2023	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Nov. 28, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
Nov. 29, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Show FCH Quiz Bowl Entomology Judging
Nov. 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Challenge
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 6, 2024	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024	
Mar. 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography <i>Results Released</i>
Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023	
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	Texas 4-H Foundation Website

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 9, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Decision Making Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the Fun Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duds 2 Dazzle Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i>
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024	



2023 District 10 4-H Fall Roundup – RESULTS

To our 4-H members who participated and adult volunteers who helped get our kids ready... **THANK YOU!** We had a wonderful event and enjoyed seeing you all! Results are now posted on our website [HERE](#). We also have links below to each contest. Please also checkout our [District 10 4-H Facebook](#) page for pictures!

- [Educational Presentation & Public Speaking Results](#)
- [Livestock Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Horse Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Food Show Results](#)
- [FCH Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Entomology Results](#)
- [Food Challenge Results](#)

District 10 4-H H.L.S.R. Horse Judging

Early Registration: Jan. 15th – Feb. 6th, 2024 - \$15.00 Fee per contestant

Late Registration: Feb. 7th – 9th, 2024 - \$40.00 Fee per contestant

UPDATES FOR DISTRICT 10 4-H HORSE JUDGING:

NEW for 2024! The District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest will be hosted at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) this year. In order to correctly register for this contest, all 4-H members must:

1. Submit entries/fees for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo via JudgingCard.com. **Please contact the local County Office to correctly submit entries by the specified County deadline.**
2. Register all contestants/teams on 4HOnline by the District February 6th deadline in order compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging qualifier.

MEMBERSHIP & AGE DIVISIONS

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

There are three age divisions for competition as outlined below. 4-H members' division is determined by their grade level by Aug. 31, 2023.

- Junior: 3rd (and 8 yrs. old) - 5th
- Intermediate: Grades 6th - 8th
- Senior: Grades 9th - 12th (and passed 18 yrs. old)

Note: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on an intermediate team. Intermediates/Seniors may NOT move up or down to a different age division. Additionally, H.L.S.R. Teams are designated by age. Therefore, their team designations may differ from 4-H. However, District 10 4-H Awards will be based on grade level like any other 4-H contest.

CONTEST GUIDE & SCHEDULE

The **2023 District 10 Horse Judging Guide** is coming soon!



DISTRICT 10
HORSE JUDGING @
H.L.S.R.

MAR 4 **2024 HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

***REGISTER ON 4HONLINE
REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 15, 2024
REGISTRATION CLOSSES: FEB. 6, 2024**

***ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST REGISTER
THEMSELVES/TEAM WITH THE HOUSTON
LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO TO COMPETE IN
OUR DISTRICT CONTEST. CONTACT YOUR
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER
YOUR TEAM!**

San Antonio Stock Show School Tour Guides & Youth Day

Deadline for Student Name List & Youth Day Entries: January 12, 2024

Contact: Matt Miranda with Questions: mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

About School Tours: (Choice of Dates: Feb. 13-16th & 20-23rd, 2024)

For more than 30 years, 4-Hers from around the state have volunteered to lead San Antonio-area K-3rd grade youth around the San Antonio Stock Show Grounds. It doesn't matter what county you are from; you can still volunteer to be a tour guide! The website to register your 4-H members to be a tour guide is <https://www.sarodeo.com/f/124>

About Youth Day: (Date: Saturday, Feb. 10th 2024)

4-H members from across South Central Texas gather at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo to showcase their talents, organization activities & project work. Members set up exhibits and hands-on activity booths for visitors and guests attending the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. An additional activity related to this event is the Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade. The link to register for youth day is <https://www.sarodeo.com/f/75>



2023 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship – NOW OPEN!

Submission Period: Nov. 1st, 2023 – Feb. 15th, 2024 by 11:59pm ([GUIDELINES](#))

Information: The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship information is now available! You can find all the scholarship information, guidelines and application portal on this website: [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](#)

A few things to note....

- **Collegiate Scholarships will NOT be given out in 2024.**
- **This year, FAFSA will not open until December 31, 2023.** Seniors are encouraged to immediately complete their FAFSA when it opens. The delayed opening should not affect applicants' ability to receive their SAR report in time to submit with their scholarship application. However, if an applicant does not receive their SAR report in time before the deadline, they will get a "preliminary EFC number" before they get their official Report. We encourage all applicants to take a screenshot of your preliminary EFC page and upload the screenshot until your official FAFSA SAR Report is returned. Please contact your county agent and Kelly Gideon with the Foundation office to assist. Kelly can help anyone that reaches out **BEFORE** the deadline.
- **Are you a first time applicant?** Please join us for our District 10 Opportunity Scholarship Virtual Help Training on December 7, 2023 (Thursday) at 6:30PM. You can join us by clicking the link listed in our PDF Flyer [HERE](#). Please share with interested future applicants as well!

2024 National 4-H Conference: April 19-24, 2024

Application Period: Dec. 1st – 15th, 2023

Full Announcement & Program Details: [CLICK HERE](#)

Information: National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. Delegates across the country work together in the four weeks prior to the conference to prepare briefings on important topics. During the conference, delegates will virtually present their prepared briefings to federal officials in Washington, D.C. 4-H youth also have the opportunity to engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while discussing topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.



Want to know more about Texas 4-H members experience? See the story linked here about last year's delegation: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/blog-post/civic_engagement/

How to Apply: Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024, in Arlington, VA will open on 4HOnline on December 1, 2023. Youth must be 15–19 years old to attend. Applications will close on December 15, 2023, the delegation will be announced early January 2023.

2024 Texas 4-H Congress - Youth Leadership Opportunity & Application Process

Information: Texas 4-H Congress will be held in Austin, TX on July 14-17, 2024! At Texas 4-H Congress we have a Youth Leadership Team that who serves in the various Legislative Roles at Congress, including but not limited to: Governor, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and Floor Leaders. **This year**, the opportunity to serve in one of these leadership roles is being opened to Texas 4-H members who have or are currently serving on one (or more) of the following groups:

- Texas 4-H Council & District Council
- State Level Ambassadors: Livestock, Poultry, Equine, Fashion & Interior Design, Healthy Texas, Photography, Shooting Sports, STEM and/Water Ambassadors

Applications will open on 4HOnline on November 1, 2023, and will close on **December 5, 2023**. There will be no late applications accepted. Applicants will need to be able to provide additional information on past leadership roles, select the top four roles they would like to serve in, and provide a YouTube video for the committee to review. The Leadership Team will be announced in January 2024. When announced youth will only be informed of being selected to serve on the team, they will not know their final role until after Texas 4-H Roundup in June. For full application details and guidelines [DOWNLOAD INFORMATIONAL PDF HERE](#).

2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation Open

Validation Deadline: January 10, 2024

How to Validate: [PDF Instructions](#) OR [YouTube Instructional Video](#)

Information: The 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 on 4HOnline.** Please see the following the 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book [HERE](#) for mor information about this Statewide event. We strongly encourage members to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Completing the **FREE** validation process before January 10th will give members the opportunity in May to submit entries if they decide to participate.

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) 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. (Ex: Border Collie Mix/Mastiff/Great Dane)
- Photos of the left/right side of the dog should be a side view of the entire dog. Pictures must be clear & well-lit to see all markings/color of the dog. The dog should only be wearing a collar only.
- 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 year.

2023-2024 State Level Photography Contests



NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – [DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest! It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties.
- Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state contest
- **Entry Period:** December 1 – 15, 2023 @ 11:59PM on 4HOnline & Submittable. No late entries accepted.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – [DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)

The rules for the 2023-2024 State Photography Contest have been released (Download above). For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. The timeline for entry is April 1-15. If you have questions about this contest, please contact Derrick Bruton. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 15 categories (includes a new "Abandoned" theme for this year)
- **Entry Period:** April 1 – 15, 2024 @ 11:59PM on 4HOnline & Submittable. No late entries accepted.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2024

Event Period: Jan. 1st – Feb. 11th, 2024

Information: It's time to start thinking about the **SOUPER BOWL! (No, not the football game!)** The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers young people – and often the adults who support them — to lead the way in combating hunger. Youth decide what local food charity will receive the donations and give 100% of everything they collect. Learn how you can start planning now for a great event in 2024. To get your 'playbook' started, visit the [Souper Bowl of Caring Website](#) to get started today, or click the image to the right for more info!





2022-2023 IRS Filing Instructions for Texas 4-H Club/Group 990 Forms

THE DEADLINE FOR IRS FILING FOR ALL 4-H CLUBS/GROUPS IS DECEMBER 11, 2023

**If you do not complete this process – your Club EIN is subject to revocation by the IRS.*

Information: ALL Texas 4-H, Inc. clubs and groups are required to file their annual information return (Form 990-N, 990 or 990-EZ). The Texas 4-H deadline for clubs filing under Texas 4-H Inc. is **December 11, 2023**. However, **you can file NOW!** Form 990 is the form used by tax-exempt organizations to provide the IRS with the information required on an annual basis. There are several Form 990s that a 4-H club/group can file, depending on their financial status. The Form 990 options are:

- **Form 990N (e-postcard):** Gross receipts \$50,000 or less.
- **Form 990EZ:** Gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year.
- **Form 990:** Gross receipts exceeding \$200,000 at the end of the year.

How to File:

- 2022-2023 IRS Filing Instructions for Texas 4-H Club/Group 990 Forms – [DOWNLOAD](#)
- IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System User Guide – [DOWNLOAD](#)
- YouTube Video that takes you step-by-step through the tax filing process for 4-H clubs/groups can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/SOuF20LOR2w>
- County offices can confirm filings by going to: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>.

AGENTS & COUNTY STAFF ONLY Regional 4-H Reboot Professional Development

Information: The District 4-H Specialists in Districts 10 & 12 are hosting a **Regional 4-H Reboot Professional Development session on December 13th in Leming, TX**. You can register **TODAY** using this GoogleDoc ([CLICK HERE](#)) if you would like to attend the training. We need to have a firm headcount for the RSVP no later than **December 6th** to order lunch for the event. This professional development event is not restricted to Agents only. If you have program assistants or 4-H County staff that would benefit from this session, they are welcome to join us.

SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30 – Registration & Welcome
 9:40 – 10:30 – Creative Strategies to Grow your 4-H Program
 10:45 – 11:30 – 4-H Contest Essentials
 11:30 – NOON – Judging Card 101
 12 NOON - 1PM - LUNCH
 1:00 – Conclusion (~2:30PM) –
 4-H 911! Panel – Troubleshooting Common 4-H Problems

SAVE *the* DATE

REGIONAL 4-H REBOOT

December 13, 2023 - 9 AM to 3 PM
 Atascosa County Extension Office
 Leming, TX
 Offered to Agents in District 10 & 12

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Join us for a day of 4-H topics on:

- Growing Green - Creative Strategies to Grow Your 4-H Program
- 4-H Contest Essentials - Planning & Managing Quality Contests
- Judging Card 101
- 4-H 911! Panel - Troubleshooting Common 4-H Problems

2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off

Information: 4-H Teams are invited to compete in the 2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off on Saturday, **February 3, 2024**. Entries for the 2024 Junior Vaquero Cook-Off are now open & will close when the capacity of 40 teams has been reached. Visit sarodeo.com/vaquero and click on the Youth Vaquero Cook-Off Contest link for more information, guidelines, eligibility, scholarship qualifications, rules and regulations and to get your team registered.

NEW



VAQUERO COOK-OFF

WESTERN HERITAGE WEEKEND
 Friday, February 2nd - Sunday, February 4th, 2024
 Official Kickoff Party to the
 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Show off your cooking skills by competing in the **Vaquero Cook-Off!**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
 MARKET SQUARE - DOWNTOWN SAN ANTONIO

REGISTER HERE!

Vaquero Cook-Off Teams
 Overall Grand Champion Prize: \$1500
 Junior Vaquero Cook-Off Teams
 Overall Grand Champion Team
 \$20,000 Scholarship!
 Food & Retail Vendors



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

It's Jerky Jackpot Time!

We are gearing up for the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Year! With things getting back into full swing, it is time to get the [Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot](#) rolling...

- **Spread the Word & Earn More:** For every bag sold, \$4 will directly benefit YOUR County.
- **ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PROMOTE!** Hang this [flyer](#) in places your members and community will see it OR post on social media ([Graphics](#) templates)
- **Exclusive Offer for Our Members:** The more bags you sell, the greater chance you have to win! Tickets level determined by final number of bags sold by 12/31/23. The top-selling 4-H member will win an exclusive prize AND the top-selling county will win an **EXTRA \$1,000!**

Ticket Earning Levels

10 bags sold: 1 Ticket
25 bags sold: 5 Tickets
50 bags sold: 10 Tickets
75 bags sold: 15 Tickets
100 bags sold: 25 Tickets

Drawing Prizes

1st Drawing: \$500
2nd Drawing: \$250
3rd Drawing: \$150
4th Drawing: \$50

NEW

Wilson Co. Livestock Judging Contest Updates

Event: December 16, 2023

Wilson County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Livestock Judging contest ([See Rules](#)) on December 16, 2023 in Floresville, TX. Individuals & Teams must register on [JudgingCard.com](#) by December 15th @12PM or mail in entries ([Download Entry Form](#)) postmarked by Dec. 8th. See entry details/flyer below:



County 4-H Grant Opportunities

Texas 4-H Foundation County Grant Program

County Grants are to be used to enhance current 4-H programming (equipment purchases, education/training, events, etc.) or to fund new programs or projects that will support growth and opportunities for Texas 4-H Youth.

County Grant applications will close **December 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm.** [APPLY HERE](#)

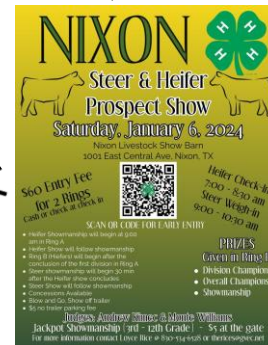


NEW

Gonzales Co.-Nixon Steer/Heifer Prospect Show

Event: January 6, 2024

Gonzales County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Steer/Heifer Prospect show on January 6, 2024 at the Nixon Livestock Show Barn. Please click on the flyer below for full details and QR code to register!



NEW

2023 Seguin Swine Breeders

Prospect Pig Show

Event: December 10, 2023

Guadalupe County invites all 4-H swine exhibitors to their annual 2023 Seguin Swine Breeders Prospect Pig Show. The contest will held on Sunday, December 10th at the Guadalupe Co. Fairgrounds. For entry details, click flyer to the right!



4-H Christmas Card Sales

Deadline to Order: December 12, 2023

'Tis the season to spread holiday cheer! The Texas 4-H Foundation Christmas card collection is [now available for purchase](#)! These handcrafted, festive Christmas cards will spread the holiday cheer while supporting the Texas 4-H community. Christmas Card sales are available through December 12th.





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

HLSR Trailblazer Committee Writing Competition

Deadline: December 5, 2023

4th Graders are invited to participate in the 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Trailblazer Writing Competition! The theme this year is **"My Magical Rodeo Garden."** Members will write a story/poem using the following writing prompt:

One day while exploring the outskirts of your ranch you discover an old worn cowboy hat next to a hidden entrance. Curious, you put on the hat, and it magically leads you to a rodeo garden deep in the heart of Texas. Write a story or poem about the adventures you have in the magical garden. Please download the [Entry Form](#) & [Rules and Regulations](#) to enter. The entry portal will open on Nov. 20th and the entry deadline is Dec. 5th. The forms plus updates can also be found on the Rodeo's website at

www.rodeohouston.com/writing



District 9 Invitational Quiz Bowl Contest

Registration closes December 20, 2023

District 9 is hosting an Invitational Quiz Bowl event on Friday, January 12th in Huntsville, TX. This will be a great opportunity for teams to become more familiar with the event and gain more experience. Information below:

- Registration will be conducted via 4-H Online
- Youth will need to register individually.
- There must be 4 members per team.
- \$10.00 per member
- Registration will open on December 6th and close on December 20th.
- Late Registration: December 21st – January 8th - \$15.00 per member

For questions regarding the rules/game play, please download the [FLYER](#).

Kendall County Livestock Judging Contest

Event: January 7, 2024

Kendall County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Livestock Judging contest on January 7, 2024 at the Kendall County Youth Ag & Equestrian Center. Individuals & Teams must register on JudgingCard.com.

See entry details/flyer below:



2024 Gulf Coast BB Gun and Air Rifle Match

Event Date: Feb. 4th, 2024

Montgomery County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Gulf Coast BB Gun & Air Rifle Match ([FLYER](#)) on Feb. 4th, 2024 in Conroe, TX.

Registration Deadline: **January 1, 2024**. Late Registration as space allows through January 15, 2024. See entry details/flyer below:



CEA ONLY: Volunteer Virtual Office Hours 2024

Volunteer Virtual Office Hours are back for 2024! These sessions host a practical, conversational style panel discussion to develop your skills in working with volunteers. There are five dates set for 2024 on Fridays @10 am through TEAMS. They will last ~90 mins.

SAVE THE DATES: ([PNG FLYER](#))

- January 26
- March 1
- May 17
- July 12
- October 18



SAVE THE DATE: Core Academy June 17-21st, 2024

