

District 10



August 2024



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Congratulations and thank you to **ALL** our District 10 members who represented us at the 2024 Texas 4-H Congress event in Austin, TX. We are so proud of all the youth who attended and made this event GREAT! If you would like to see photos taken from this event please visit the [Texas 4-H Flickr Album!](#)

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2024-2025 District 10 4-H Calendar – Coming Soon

**Projected Release Date: September 1, 2024*

As the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H year comes to a close, we are now working on solidifying all major District event dates for the 2024-2025 4-H Year! All calendar dates with registration deadlines will be updated in the Bulletin no later than **September 1, 2024**. Please be patient as we work closely with our committees and venues to ensure we release the most accurate calendar



NEW

New 4-H Year Resources

2024-2025 Texas 4-H Year starts on Sept. 1, 2024!

4HOnline opens for re-enrollment on Aug. 15, 2024

Information: With the new 4-H year beginning September 1st, Clubs and Counties are beginning to gear up for the year ahead and making plans. The Texas 4-H office has some 4HOnline information to help new members get registered. As a reminder, Texas 4HOnline will be offline for annual maintenance **August 13–14, 2024**. The system will open back up on **August 15, 2024**, and be ready for the **2024-2025 4-H year enrollment to begin**. Please inform new members to register for the new 4-H year **AFTER August 15, 2024!**

- [Download New Year 4HOnline Document](#)
- [4HOnline County Staff Guides Available](#) - New Guides Added
- [4HOnline County PowerPoint Training](#)

Other Helpful Guides:

- [Download-Family Enrollment Guides](#)
- Youth – [New](#) | [Renew](#) | [Processing](#)
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- [Download](#)-Family Profiles
- [Download](#)-Family Account Editing
- [Download](#)-Family Account Duplicate Error
- [Download](#)-Family Credit Card Deleting
- [Download](#)-Family Password Reset

District 10 4-H Record Book Results POSTED!

*State Advancement Deadline: **July 31, 2024***

Congratulations to all who competed in our annual District 10 4-H Record Book Judging. Full results can be found [HERE](#). As a reminder, all first place Senior books will need to be entered for State Record Book Judging no later than July 31st 2024. Please utilize this document [HERE](#) to correctly register your State 4-H Record Book on 4HOnline & Submittable by the deadline!



NEW

2024 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting

Event Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024

Registration Period: July 30 (NOON) – August 9, 2024



WHAT IS DISTRICT 10 4-H MEGA MEETING?

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting is an event that gives youth and adults the opportunity to expand their 4-H knowledge and meet 4-H members in District 10. Additionally, County Delegates are encouraged to attend and take part in our first District 10 4-H Council meeting for the year!

District 10 4-H members are encouraged to join us for the 2024 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting held Saturday, August 17th, 2024 at Camp Fimfo (520 Whitewater Way, New Braunfels, TX 78132). This year's Mega Meeting will feature an interactive personal leadership assessment, life skills workshop and District-wide community service project! After lunch, all members are invited to Camp Fimfo's water park!

MEMBERSHIP & AGE DIVISIONS

- **ALL** Youth Age Divisions (Clover, Junior, Intermediate & Senior) are welcome to this event! Adult volunteers are also welcome to attend this event.
- Adults and youth who will **NOT** be participating in the District Mega Meeting workshops are welcome to purchase a GUEST PASS for admission into the water park in the afternoon.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Registration Period:** July 30 @ NOON – August 9, 2024 via AgriLife Register ([HERE](#))
- **ONLY 250 registration slots available!**
- **ALL** 4-H youth members, parents, volunteers, agents must register to participate in the event.
- ***YOUTH/ADULT Registration fee includes:** Admission into Mega Meeting Workshops & lunch.
- ***GUEST PASS Registration fee includes:** Admission into the Camp Fimfo Water Park ONLY. Guest pass is recommended for any youth/adult who will NOT be attending any workshops at Mega Meeting.

COST:

- **\$45.00** per YOUTH registrant
 - Includes Workshops & Lunch
 - +\$15.00 for Fimfo Water Park
- **\$30.00** per ADULT/AGENT registrant
 - Includes Workshops & Lunch
 - +\$15.00 for Fimfo Water Park **Note: If you will ONLY be chaperoning youth and not participating in the park, you do not need to purchase a water park pass.*
- **\$15.00** GUEST PASS (Fimfo Water Park ONLY)

EVENT SCHEDULE: COMING SOON



District Community Service Project at Mega Meeting

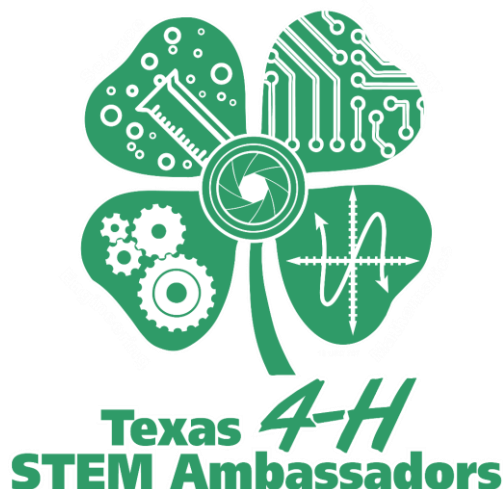
Information: District 10 will engage in a community wide service project making tie-blankets to donate to [Children'sHealth](#). **WE NEED YOU!** Attendees to Mega Meeting are invited to bring materials to help create no sew tie-blankets. All participants are invited to bring:

- No Sew Fleece Tie-Blanket Kits (Sold at [Joann's](#), [Amazon](#), and other retailers)
- Fabric Scissors (to be used at the event – **not required to donate**)
- Fleece Fabric *Common sizes for tie-blankets are 50x60" or 72x60"
- If you are not attending Mega Meeting, but would still like to donate – you are welcome to contact the District Office at natalie.cervantes@aq.tamu.edu to coordinate donations OR you are welcome to ship the supplies directly to 1619 Garner Field Rd, Uvalde TX 78801.

2024-2025 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors

Deadline: July 31st, 2024

Information: Applications for the 2024-2025 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors are now open and will close at midnight on July 31, 2024. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_Qpolx2HI4. As STEM Ambassadors, the mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork. [Click here to apply now.](#)



Eligibility for New Members

- A Texas 4-H member entering the 9th – 12th grade (as of September 1, 2024).
- Complete and submit the application by July 31, 2024.
- 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 2024-25 Texas 4-H Council.
- Applications will be reviewed in August and applicants notified by the August 25th.

Texas Farm Bureau Clover Cash Program

Deadline: August 12th, 2024

Information: Calling all adult 4-H leaders and County Extension Agents! Apply for a grant through the Texas Farm Bureau Clover Cash program to provide Texas 4-H members opportunities to learn more about agriculture and advocacy. Applications are due Aug. 12. Grants will be awarded for 4-H county, district and state levels. Preference is given to projects that are based on a hands-on agricultural learning activity. [Click here for more information.](#)

Texas Farm Bureau's 2024

**CLOVER CASH
GRANT PROGRAM**

\$20,000 IN GRANTS

Available to county, district, and state 4-H programs
AgriLife Extension Agents, District 4-H Specialists,
Texas 4-H staff or adult leaders of any county, district
or state level 4-H program are eligible to apply.

Details at texasfarmbureau.org/youth

Submit applications by Aug. 12

NEW

2024-2025 Food Show & Food Challenge State Guidelines:

Information: The Texas 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge committees are pleased to release the 2024-25 guidelines for each of these contests! As you will see in the guidelines, there have been a few changes made. These changes are highlighted in each of the packets linked below. *A reminder that these changes are for the Texas 4-H STATE contests. County and district contest rules will vary so please review those guidelines related to those contests.*

Food Show:

[24-25 Rules & Guidelines PACKET](#)
[Food Show PREPARATION Scorecard](#)
[Food Show PRESENTATION Scorecard](#)

Food Challenge:

[24-25 Rules & Guidelines PACKET](#)
[Food Challenge PREPARATION Scorecard](#)
[Food Challenge PRESENTATION Scorecard](#)

NEW 24-25 Texas 4-H Activities and Adjunct Faculty

Deadline for Group Enrollment: Sept. 15, 2024

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS ONLY

What is Group Enrollment?

Group Enrollment numbers encompass programs conducted with youth groups such as curriculum enrichment programs within schools and special interest groups conducted in an informal setting. These programs must include at least five sequential learning experiences in one project area and youth participants must have at least two hours of educational instruction.

****NEW FOR THIS YEAR:** Counties are encouraged to submit programs as soon as they conclude using only Special Interest or School Enrichment as the delivery mode

Reporting Group Enrollment:

Group Enrollment is the annual federal report that combines all Texas 4-H youth programming efforts. This reports any qualifying program targeting youth between September 1 and August 31 each year. Group Enrollment information must be submitted through 4HOnline to be included in each county's ES-237 annual federal youth enrollment report. 4HOnline and the ES237 reports do not pull data from the TAMED system automatically. They are independent of each other and not integrated.

What are "Duplicates"?

Any youth participant who is also 4-H member would be considered a "duplicate" because they are already enrolled through an individual enrollment form in 4HOnline. If a youth program with a series of at least five learning experiences is offered to ONLY 4-H members, it is **not** included in Group Enrollment. If a youth program with a series of at least five learning experiences is offered to BOTH 4-H members and non 4-H members, then the program may be included in Group Enrollment. The youth participants who were current 4-H members would be considered duplicates.

NEW ANNUAL DEADLINE: September 15th

PROGRAM REPORTING TIME FRAME: September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024

ENTRY WEBSITE: <https://v2.4honline.com>

DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES:

- ◆ [Group Enrollment Information Guide](#)
- ◆ [Group Enrollment Form](#)
- ◆ [Entry Instructions](#)
- ◆ [Error Report](#)
- ◆ [Informational Video](#)
- ◆ [Fast Facts Document](#)

Agents ONLY: 2024-2025 Adjunct Faculty Letter & Information **NEW**

As an educational agency, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service supports the Texas Education Code and academic responsibility of student 4-H members. The dedication of Extension faculty to see that 4-H members comply with the provisions of the Texas Education Code is important to the effective adherence of the rule among our 4-H members. Extension faculty must be dedicated to complying with the Texas Education Code requirements in order for the Texas 4-H Program to maintain the status of an extracurricular organization. **During this very crucial time of the year, CEA's/County Staff should be sending their 2024-2025 Adjunct Faculty Letters to all local ISD's in their County.** Please download the [2024-2025 Adjunct Faculty Guidelines](#) and utilize the template letters within this document to send to your local School Districts and Superintendents.



NEW! District 10 4-H Declined Credit Card Policy

Information: Beginning for the 2024-2025 4-H year, the District 10 4-H Office will instate a new Declined Credit Card Policy for any event registration that shows a declined credit card payment/non-payment. Over the next 2 months, families with outstanding payments for any 2023-2024 District level event will receive an email notification regarding what payment(s) we show as declined and how to rectify. Families can rectify these issues **now** by doing the following:

1. Login to 4HOnline using your login credentials.
2. On your Family Member Profile list, you can click the blue “VIEW” button next to any family member on your list who has registered for events.
3. On the left-hand side there will be a menu, click on the “EVENTS” link.
4. Once on this page, you can view all events the member has registered for. If you see any event with “**ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED**”, this event has a declined credit card/non-payment on file. **NOTE: If your County office is paying for your registration via County check – you may disregard these events.*
5. To resubmit a credit card payment, please follow these steps to submit a new payment: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline_guide_family_quick_start_event_resubmit_cc_payment.pdf
6. If you would like to verify if your payment has been withdrawn from your bank/financial institution, you can look up all 4HOnline transactions by searching for any transaction listed as **AGEX TEXAS 4H** on your financial statements.

It's crucial that you resolve your payment issue prior to September 1st of the new 2024-2025 4-H year. **Any unresolved declined credit card payments will be flagged, and affected individuals will be unable to register for any District 4-H events for the upcoming year.** We believe this measure is necessary to maintain the integrity of our District level competitions and ensure a level playing field for all involved. **IMPORTANT: No longer attending a District event is NOT a reason for not clearing up your Credit Card payment.** When you remit your registration, you agree to payment in full whether you attend or not.

If you have any questions, you can contact Natalie Cervantes at natalie.cervantes@ag.tamu.edu.

2024 District Gold Star Award Information

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS ONLY

Information: As we begin to close out our 2023-2024 4-H year, we would like to send all County offices information regarding Gold Star Award information. Please click this [ATTACHMENT](#) for the guidelines for Gold Star and the number of youth, that can be awarded this award in each county in the current year.

Once you have your selected Gold Star Recipients: 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.Hernandez@ag.tamu.edu.





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

NEW

Texas 4-H Homes for Horses

The [Texas 4-H Homes for Horses](#) program is entering its fourth year! **To date, they've successfully assisted 32 horses in Texas.** Given that Texas has the highest number of horses in the nation, our commitment to aiding at-risk or transitioning horses is more vital than ever. This program not only significantly enhances the welfare and training of horses, preventing abuse, abandonment, and neglect, but it also offers families a fantastic opportunity to experience horse ownership for a year. Additionally, participants in this program are eligible for \$10,000 in scholarships awarded at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. I encourage you to inform your 4-H youth about this remarkable opportunity. Applications are open to any active Texas 4-H member who is at least 13 years old and are due by August 15th.

<https://forms.gle/U5zsTFmqMmrb85mM7>.

HOMES FOR HORSES FAST FACTS

NEW

National 4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States



We would like to officially invite you and your 4-H volunteers to attend the 2024 4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States! This year's conference will be held Oct. 3rd-6th. Below is the link to register and find more details about the conference. The Conference Overview tab at the top has many more conference details. Please let Laura Huebinger if you are interested.

Conference website: <http://www.4hvcoss.com/>

Direct link to registration portal:

<https://4hvcoss.regfox.com/4-h-ignite-your-passion>

NEW

Texas Farm Credit 2025 Calendar Photo Contest Deadline: August 1, 2024 @ Midnight

The Texas Farm Credit annual photo contest is looking for horizontal photos, taken in Texas, that capture the rural lifestyle we all know and love. Pictures of farm life, livestock, agriculture planting, irrigation, harvest, rural Texas, barns, nurseries, timber forests, holiday and seasonal scenes, county fairs, 4-H or FFA events, farmer markets, beautiful scenery, family and kids, row crops, and country homes all qualify. [Click here for more information and to enter your photo.](#)



NEW

4-H Day in Aggieland Date Change

Save the NEW date for 4-H Weekend in Aggieland.

4-H Day at COALS will be held on Friday, September 20th and 4-H Day in Aggieland will be held on Saturday, September 20th. On Saturday, we will host leadership opportunities and a tailgate, and offer discounted tickets to the Texas A&M football game. The Texas A&M Aggies will take on the Bowling Green Falcons at 6:30 PM in Kyle Field. More information will be available soon about the other events but purchase your tickets to the football game now! [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)



NEW

Turkey Farm Showdown

4-H Members are invited on September 14th for the Gillespie Turkey Farm Showdown. Entries are \$30 per head/per ring. Cash, Check, or Venmo are acceptable forms of payment. Exhibitors must show in Ring A in order to show in Ring B. For more information click on the flyer (right) to visit the Facebook page or contact Duane Kuhl at 512.924.1348.



National 4-H Shooting Sports Team Application

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team application for those that are applying to go to the 4-H National Championships in 2025 is now open. It is on 4-H online titled "2024-2025 Texas Shooting Sports Team application".

Members must be a current enrolled 4-H'er and be enrolled in the 2024-2025 4-H year to be eligible. Please share with all 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs, and project groups. For more information go to:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>