

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN!**



District 10



January 2026

Deadlines at a Glance

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- JAN 20 – [District 10 4-H Horse Judging Registration](#) **OPENS**
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- FEB 24 – [At-Large Delegate Virtual Q&A Session \(7:30pm CST\)](#)
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ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!
Applications are for the 2026 Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships CLOSE NEXT MONTH! Don't delay, get started today. Apply [HERE](#). Did you miss the District 10 Foundation Scholarship training? Don't worry we have it recorded [HERE](#).

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2025-2026 District 10 4-H Calendar

FALL & WINTER DATES

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.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 20, 2026	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 17, 2026	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 18-20, 2026	
Mar. 9, 2026	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 20, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 17, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 18-20, 2026	
Feb. 17, 2026	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 31, 2026	Photography Results Released
Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: Sat. Nov. 1, 2025	
APPLICATION CLOSE: Sun. Feb.15,2026-11:59pm	
Scholarship Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation • About - Texas 4-H Foundation • Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation • FAFSA® Application Federal Student Aid

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 14, 2026	• Leaders 4 Life (TBD)
April 15, 2026	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 20, 2026	• Livestock Judging
April 21, 2026	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 22, 2026	• Livestock Skill-a-thon • 4-H Storyboard & Textiles
April 23, 2026	• Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo) • Fashion Show Contests
April 24, 2026	• Talent Showcase • Consumer Decision Making
April 25, 2026	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026	
EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 24-26, 2026	
EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026	

26-27 State Council At Large Delegate Applications OPEN

Deadline to apply: March 26, 2026

Information: The 2026-2027 At-Large Delegate application information and the Texas 4-H Council Contract have been posted at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>. Application deadline – **March 26, 2026**. A Q&A Teams Meeting for the At-Large Delegate process is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 pm. More information will be released later and posted to our website once finalized. This will be an opportunity for candidates to ask questions about the process and will be led by our current Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate members.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [2026-2027 At-Large Delegate Application](#) – Contact your District 4-H Specialist for Application deadline related to serving as a representative on Texas 4-H Council from the District levels
- [2026-2027 Texas 4-H Council Membership Contract](#) – Required by both At-Large and District Delegates
- [Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules](#)
- [Sign up for the February 24 At-Large Delegate Application Q&A Session at 7:30 pm](#)

NEW

District 10 4-H Upcoming Contests **NEW**

****Horse Judging & Photography Deadline: February 17, 2026**

****Horse Judging & Photography LATE Deadline: Feb. 18-20th, 2026**

HORSE JUDGING (H.L.S.R.)

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, 2025.

- 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.

REGISTRATION PERIOD

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

Regular Registration Period: \$15 per contestant entered – Jan. 20 - Feb. 17, 2026 (**DEADLINE**)

Late Registration Period: \$40 per contestant – Feb. 18 – 20th, 2026 **FINAL LATE DEADLINE**

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST GUIDE

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Note: 4-H members participating in the District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest will be limited to 3 photography entries per contestant.

REGISTRATION PERIOD

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

Regular Registration Period: \$15 per contestant entered – Jan. 20 - Feb. 17, 2026 (**DEADLINE**)

Late Registration Period: \$40 per contestant – Feb. 18 – 20th, 2026 **FINAL LATE DEADLINE**

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST GUIDE

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States' 4-H International Exchange Program (**FLYER**)

Summer Exchange Hosting Period: July 21st – August 16th, 2026

Information: Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2026 & bring the richness of the world to your home!

Hosting Period: July 21 - August 16, 2026

- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12- 14) or an adult chaperone.
- You must have a child of the same gender & within 4 yrs. of age of the hosted youth. (Children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate

How to Apply: Eligible Families must submit an application: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application & screening process, as well as student availability & personality compatibility. This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided. Questions? Contact your Texas Inbound Coordinator: Natalie.Cervantes@ag.tamu.edu

CHAPERONESE NEEDED:

The States' 4-H International Program is in search of chaperones! Adults age 21+ are invited to chaperone youth who are going abroad to learn and live in a homestay setting in Costa Rica, Argentina, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. The chaperones will support the youth delegates abroad. Check out the dates, details, and more at

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/104664-States-4-H-International-Exchange>.



2026 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Applications Open: November 1, 2025

Applications Close: February 15, 2026 @ 11:59 PM



Information: We are excited to share important information and resources as we prepare for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications to open on November 1! If you missed our virtual District 10 4-H Record Book Training you can watch the recording: [HERE](#)

KEY RESOURCES & REMINDERS

- Please thoroughly read the Rules & Guidelines! I encourage anyone considering going through the process this year to review these. [Scholarship-Rules Guidelines 2026.pdf](#)
- **NEW LAST YEAR!** There is a CEA Verification Form that will require a CEA signature. The applicant will need to get this signed and uploaded into the portal **prior** to submitting their application. This is outlined in the guidelines, and I talk about it more in-depth in the recording. [CEA-Verification-Form-Scholarship.pdf](#)
- **NEW LAST YEAR!** The top-ranking scholars will be invited back for virtual interviews May 1-2 to interview for a \$30,000 scholarship. I also go more in-depth about this in the recorded meeting.
- We need to encourage our 4-H members to **complete their FAFSA ASAP!** It is open NOW! [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Reminder! 4-H members should **work closely with your counselors to complete the Counselor Verification Section & turn in the correct transcript with Fall 2025 grades.** Your counselor needs to complete these items between January 1 – February 15th. If applicant turns in an application without the Counselor Verification Section being completed by February 15th, there scholarship will be deemed **incomplete**. The same will occur with an incorrect transcript.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1, 2025 – Application will be available online

January 31, 2026 – FAFSA must be completed

February 15, 2026, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply

April 24-26, 2026 – Interviews in College Station

May 2026 – Award Notifications

June 3 & 4, 2026 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station

RESOURCES

- [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation](#)
- [About - Texas 4-H Foundation](#)
- [Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation](#)
- [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)

Shooting Sports Coach Training – Brownwood, TX (Letter):

Deadline to Register: March 1, 2026

Information: Another Shooting Sports Coach Training which will take place **March 6th - March 7th, 2026** (Fri. & Sat.) Please share this information with interested parties:

- This registration takes place through the **4-H Center Registration Site**, NOT 4-H Online.
 - However all participants at the training **MUST** have an active profile through 4-H Online to meet 4-H Volunteer requirements.
- In addition to registering and participating in the full training, all participants must complete an online 4-H Green Injection Training.
- After registering for the event, the 4-H Center will send you participant information which includes a tentative schedule, a list of what to bring, and instructions for the Green Injection.
 - Training will begin at 2PM on March 6th & tentatively conclude early afternoon on March 7th.
- Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle or shotgun) is obtainable per participant at this training.
- For questions about available lodging, please contact the Texas 4-H Conference Center at 325-784-5482.

NEW 2026 Texas 4-H Congress

Delegate Applications for Texas 4-H Congress **MUST** be made via your County office. Please contact your County office for your local dates/deadlines!



Information: Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three

stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

HOW TO APPLY: Space for this event is LIMITED. To apply for this event, contact your local County Office for application information and your local deadline!

AGE ELIGIBILITY: Members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event).

COST:
House/Senate/Press Crops/Lobbyist Price:
• \$475 (Early Bird)/\$575 (Regular)
*For Leadership Team
• \$525 (Early Bird)/\$575 (Regular)
Chaperones: \$275

RESOURCES

- [EVENT WEBSITE](#)
- [INFORMATIONAL LETTER](#)

Dates to Remember:

February 4, 2026	Bill submission opens
March 3, 2026	Lobbyist & Press Corps Applications Open
March 31, 2026	Lobbyist & Press Corps Application DEADLINE
April 1, 2026	Regular Early Bird Registration Opens
April 15, 2026	Lobbyist & Press Corps Notification
April 30, 2026	Early Bird Registration DEADLINE
May 28, 2026	Bill submission DEADLINE
May 28, 2026	Final Registration DEADLINE
July 1, 2026	Delegate Letters distributed
July 1, 2026	Bill Book posted online
July 17, 2026	Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Arrives
July 19, 2026	Congress Delegates and Chaperones Arrive
July 22, 2026	All Participants depart

Save the Dates for CORE Academy 2026

Event Date: June 15th – 19th, 2026

Information: Save the date for the 2026 CORE Academy June 15-19th! CORE Academy is an educational and explorative opportunity for Senior aged youth to gain awareness to an assortment of possible careers. For 2026, the CORE Academy will explore the Texas Panhandle and will explore a variety of careers of hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, marketing & more. More information to be released in 2026. Registration deadline for CORE Academy will be April 15th!



State Photography Contests & Opportunities

Texas 4-H Amateur Photography Contest

Once again, we are hosting an amateur contest that is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth and adults. Proceeds will benefit the Texas 4-H Photography program's international travel.

- Rules and Entry: [LINK](#)
- Registration open from December 15 through January 31.
- Promotional flyer [HERE](#).

Aperture Academy – Photography Camp (FLYER) – SPACE LIMITED!

Calling all budding photographers! Next summer, join us for Aperture Academy, a hands-on camp designed for beginners to learn the basics of photography in a fun, interactive environment. Secure your spot today. This camp will fill up fast!

- Dates: July 6-10, 2026
- Location: Texas 4-H Conference Center
- Registration: [LINK](#)
- Limited Spots: Only 25 campers **(3 already filled!)**

NEW 2026 U.I.W. Fashion + Form + Function Spring Fashion Show & Competition

Deadline to Register: February 13, 2026

The University of the Incarnate Word invites high school students to submit garments for scholarships to the UIW Fashion program. Additionally, 6th-8th-grade students can submit work for the runway showcase. Garments are due February 13th, and the Fashion Show will take place on March 1st. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.uiw.edu/smd/academics/departments/fashion-management/fashion-show.html>



Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (FLYER)

Information: Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER! Make new friends and lasting memories! **Deadline to register is March 13, 2026**

- When & Where: March 27-29, 2026 at the Texas 4-H Center (5400 FM 3021 Brownwood, TX)
- Who: Open to 6th – 8th grade students
- Price is \$210 per camper (includes 2 night lodging, meals, shirt, water bottle & activities)

Texas 4-H ReFashion Retreat

Date: Feb. 27th – Mar. 1st, 2026 @ Texas 4-H Center

Registration Deadline: February 13, 2026

Information: Register now for the 2026 Refashion Retreat! Refashion retreat is a unique opportunity for youth in the fashion project to let their creative juices flow as they create new things from old. The camp will be held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood February 27-March 1, and each participant must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Register now at the 4-H Center website: [HERE](#)





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

Texas 4-H Center Programs for 2026!

Our [Leadership Experience Adventure Program \(LEAP\)](#) is a fun, hands-on way for youth and adults to build communication, teamwork, and confidence while trying something new. Our Challenge and High Ropes Course provide an excellent opportunity to develop teamwork and challenge individuals to push beyond their comfort zone. The Program is suitable for youth and adults or any group/team that is looking for ways to improve. Prices start at \$20 per youth for a half-day. We can also develop a weekend retreat around our LEAP challenges!

2026 4-H Camping Programs ([Download Booklet](#))
We have gotten an early start to our Summer Camp Programs this year. [Registration](#) is already open! Please find attached [FLYER](#) for Summer Camp Offerings!

Horse Management 101 Program

Date: March 20-21, 2026 (College Station, TX)

Information: The new Horse Management 101 program is designed to provide foundational education for horse owners and those interested in improving their horse management knowledge. The program will be held March 20-21, 2026. See [FLYER HERE](#) with further program details. Please share this opportunity with horse project members in your club & county who may be interested in participating. If you, as a County Extension Agent, would like to attend the program, we are pleased to offer a no-cost registration option.



NRS Feed Livestock Judging Contest

Deadline to Register: March 29, 2026



2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing Program

Information: Are you ready for some spring sportfishing with the 2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Sportfishing Program? We are excited to share the [2026 Sportfishing Program Information](#) with you! Registration is now open on 4HOnline.

Highlights for 2026:

- You can now access all information, rules of play, official placings on either the [Texas 4-H Sportfishing website](#) or [via Facebook](#)
- Virtual educational programs for youth in March - May featuring **saltwater species** and **managing your fishing resources**.
- Each 4-H youth will receive a complimentary **Check-it-Stik** and **Tail Pinching tool**, thanks to program sponsor **PondBoss**.

Texas 4-H Dog Show Rulebook RELEASED

Information: The 2026 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rulebook has been released & posted here:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dog-show/> Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 7-9, 2026 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center in Kerrville, Texas.

INVITATIONAL DOG SHOW OPPORTUNITIES:

There are opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not. See flyers linked below!

- [Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show \(February 7, 2026\)](#) - **Entry Deadline - January 24, 2026**
- [Hood County 4-H Dog Show \(March 7, 2026\)](#) - **Entry Deadline February 15, 2026**

2026 Junior Pitmaster Challenge

2026 JUNIOR PITMASTER CHALLENGE
January 31, 2026

2-5 PERSON TEAMS COMPETING FOR A \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP!

Teams Compete in 3 Categories: Chicken Pork Spare Ribs Brisket	\$150/Team	All participants must be enrolled in a High School program for the Spring Semester of 2026.
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For more information, please email: YOUTHBBQ@SARODEO.COM





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



2026 Buc Days Invitational Contests – SPACE LIMITED! REGISTER EARLY!

Information: Registration is officially open for the 2026 Buc Days Invitational contests & events.

This year Buc Days has added more contests for youth to participate in; those are listed on the attached Overall Competitions Poster [LINKED HERE](#). Or find more details on <https://bucdays.com/>

Food Show (May 7th): Registration fee: \$30 per participant (max 75 participants)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/food-show/>

Food Challenge (May 8th): Registration fee: \$75 per team (max 75 teams)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/food-challenge/>

Public Speaking (May 9th): Registration fee: \$30 per participant (max 25 participants per division)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/public-speaking-competition/>

Horticulture Competition (May 9th): Registration fee: \$25 per participant (by March 2nd or event is full)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/horticulture-competition/>

Ag Product ID (May 9th): Registration fee: \$30 per participant (max 75 participants per division)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/buc-days-steam-expo/ag-product-id-contest/>

Livestock Quiz Bowl (May 9th): Registration fee: \$60 per team (max 20 teams per division)

More information/ to register: <https://bucdays.com/livestock-quiz-bowl-competition/>

Roundup College & Career Fair and Trade Show Information



Sign up at the link below if you want to be added to the email list to receive more information about being involved in the Texas 4-H Roundup College and Career Fair & Trade Show as it becomes available after the new year:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/sBt1U7ij6g>

Texas Farm Credit Scholarships



Texas Farm Credit has a mission to support agriculture and rural communities today and tomorrow. Our customer-owned cooperative proudly offers these programs to recognize and reward students who excel in both the classroom and in their FFA chapters and 4-H clubs. With over \$100,000 in awards and prizes to issue, [click through for information on how to apply.](#)

Lockheed Martin Quest Competitions

Information: Registration is open for Lockheed Martin's [Code Quest](#) & [CYBERQUEST](#)® competitions, free, team-based events that invite high school students to apply technical skills in a fast-paced, problem-solving environment. Participation may also lead to eligibility for virtual, paid high school internships. Coaches are responsible for registering teams using the same registration link for both competitions. Coaches should review the [official competition rules](#) as well as any [site-specific rules](#) before registering.

➔ Register here: <https://registration.lmcodequestacademy.com/>

■ **Code Quest**, an annual computer programming competition, takes place on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**. In this event, teams work together to solve problems by using Java, Python, C#, and/or C++ programming to complete the "quest". Registration is open through **February 5** or until capacity is full.

■ **CYBERQUEST**, set for **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, is a cybersecurity competition using a Capture the Flag format with topics including reverse engineering, web exploits, full OS hacks, forensics, open-source intelligence, cryptography, and cybersecurity awareness. Registration is open through **March 3** or until capacity is full.



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

2025-2026 Texas 4-H State Photography Contest

Deadline to Register: April 15, 2026

Information: The rules for the 2025-2026 state contest are [NOW RELEASED](#). The State 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit a maximum of 18 total photos (1 photo per category).

- 18 categories (includes a new "Volunteers in Action" theme for this year)
- Entry timeline is April 1-15 (No late entries)

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Modification to the score sheet. A "Difficulty" criterion worth up to 5 points. The description is outlined in the attached score sheet.
- Category descriptions have been updated & a "Not Allowed" column to help minimize disqualifications.



2026 TOWA

Photography Contest

The TOWA Photography Contest encourages self-expression & allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography. They are passionate proponents of the North American Conservation Model and have a mission to encourage young photographers to use their craft as a medium to communicate their appreciation of the Texas outdoors. **Deadline: March 15**
[Find out more here.](#)



Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship is closing soon!

- [The application closes February 15th!](#)
- [DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES](#)
- [DOWNLOAD RESOURCES](#)
- [Recorded Training Link](#)

Alumni Social at San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

- February 17th, 5-7pm
- See flyer [HERE](#)
- A fun social that all CEA's, alumni, and friends of 4-H are invited to! Family friendly social but not necessarily geared towards youth.
- RSVP: <https://forms.gle/oq1gQUaSPk6kRZ6c7>

JMP Training Expansion – Coming in 2026-2027

Information: The Junior Master Photographer trainings will have expanded offerings next fall. We will continue to host JMP 1 and 2 in Dallas during September and December. In addition, we are adding a second training location (both workshops on one weekend) in Kerrville November 7-8, 2026. So, mark your calendars for these dates and locations:

- Dallas JMP 1 – September 26, 2026
- Kerrville JMP 1/2 – November 7-8, 2026
- Dallas JMP 2 – December 5, 2026

For information on the steps required to become a JMP or Ambassador, please refer to this [document](#). Registration for these workshops will take place after the start of the new 4-H year. More details will be shared in the summer.

Online Learning Series: Hosted by HTYA

ONLINE LEARNING SERIES

course summary:

- Oct. 30, 6pm | Mental Health Check-In
"It's Okay to Not Be Okay... Mental Health for Teens"
- Dec. 18, 6pm | Gratitude & Giving Back
"Gratitude in Action: Service and the Power of Thankfulness"
- Feb. 5, 6pm | Managing the Juggle
"Balance | Boundaries & Burnout: Self-Care During Busy Seasons"
- April 9, 6pm | Spring into the True You
Topic: "Goal-Setting That Sticks: How to Create Habits That Last"
- May 14, 6pm | Digital Life, Real Impact
"Digital Citizenship: Social Media."

Meeting link: <https://us02zoom.us/j/91911111111>
Meeting password: HTYA25



2026 JMG Conference

The Junior Master Gardener Virtual Teacher/Leader Training Conference is February 17-18, 2026. Registration is \$85 and half price for AgriLife Extension employees & 26 CPE hours awarded for educators. Tracks include: JMG Curricula, Game-changing AI & Technology for your garden classroom, Cultivating garden-based literature connections with students, and Cultivating sustainability in your school/youth gardening program. [Click here to learn more and register now.](#)