

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
ARE OPEN!**



# District 10



January 2026

## Deadlines at a Glance

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- JAN 9 – [Kendall County Livestock Judging Invitational](#)
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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

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

## SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026</b>	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
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)
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026</b>	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026</b>	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026</b>	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 24-26, 2026</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026</b>	



## 2026 National 4-H Conference (Arlington, VA)

*Deadline to apply: January 18, 2026*

**Information:** The 2026 National 4-H Conference will be April 10-15, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Arlington, VA. The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The **Texas delegation will be limited to 1-5 youth delegates**, and 1-2 adult chaperones who will be required to engage in pre- and post-conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2026). Applications are open now on **4HOnline** and will close January 18, 2026. Choose ‘**2026 National 4-H Conference Delegate Application**’. A fee is NOT required to complete the application. County Extension Office personnel will certify the application, so please communicate with your Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates will be made based on the online application; you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The delegate’s share of registration, adult chaperone registration(s), lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs between \$2,250-\$2,750. Please see the linked document for additional details about the event and the application process: [NATIONAL CONERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT PDF](#)

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

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

**\*\*Horse Judging & Photography LATE Deadline: Feb. 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> (and 8 yrs. old) - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate: Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior: Grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> (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](http://v2.4honline.com)).

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

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

### HORSE JUDGING CONTEST GUIDE

COMING SOON

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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- Senior: Grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> (and passed 18 yrs. old)

**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](http://v2.4honline.com)).

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

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST GUIDE

COMING SOON

## Texas 4-H Night at NASA **NEW**

Deadline to Register: January 15, 2026

Event Date: March 7-8, 2026

**Information:** The Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors are once again hosting Texas 4-H Night at NASA this spring. This unique overnight program held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston is scheduled for March 7-8 and is open to all junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members along with their parent/guardian. Youth will learn about space exploration and take part in hands-on STEM activities. All of the details about the program can be found on [Night at NASA - Texas 4-H](#). Please note that every youth and parent/guardian must register in two locations - 4HOnline starting on December 15 and closing January 15 - and then each family will receive an automatic email with the link to register and pay on NASA's registration portal. Contact [derrick.bruton@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:derrick.bruton@aq.tamu.edu) with any questions.

JOIN US!!

TEXAS 4-H  
NIGHT AT  
NASA

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER  
March 7-8, 2026



TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION



For full details, visit the Texas 4-H Rocketry and Aerospace web page.

Registration opens December 15, 2025 - January 15, 2026

# 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 15<sup>th</sup>. If applicant turns in an application without the Counselor Verification Section being completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](#)

**NEW**

## Texas 4-H Dog Validation & Dog Show Opportunities ([Flyer](#)):

**CLOSING SOON!** Deadline to Validate: **THIS SATURDAY! Jan. 10, 2026**

**Information:** Texas 4-H Dog Validation will open on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. All validations must be completed by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Below are some helpful resources to help guide families through this process.

- [Guide - New Validation](#)
- [Guide - Renew Validation](#)
- [Guide - Incomplete Validation](#)
- [Guide - Delete Validation](#)
- [Guide - Resubmit Validation](#)
- [Validation Status](#)
- How-To Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eogx1Dv3WQI>

## INVITATIONAL DOG SHOW OPPORTUNITIES:

There will be a couple of opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not. The following Counties host 4-H Dog Shows. 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](#)

# **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 9<sup>th</sup> grade – through those who just graduated 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade – through those who just graduated 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Information:** Save the date for the 2026 CORE Academy June 15-19<sup>th</sup>! 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 15<sup>th</sup>!



# State Photography Contests & Opportunities

## Texas Youth Photography Showcase and Exhibition

The Greater New Braunfels Art Council is excited to announce the launch of the 2026 Texas Youth Photography Showcase & Exhibition, an opportunity for students across the state to showcase their creativity, technical skills, and artistic expression through photography. This contest is open to all high school students across Texas! Key Details:

- Call for Entries Opens: December 1, 2025
- **Submission Deadline: January 15, 2026**
- Who Can Enter: Any Texas high school student (public, private, or homeschool)
- Entry Limit: Up to 16 images per student
- Cost to Enter: Free
- Awards: Certificates, ribbons, cash awards, public exhibition, and eligibility for PSA Youth Showcase selection

A celebratory Awards Ceremony will be held on March 21, 2026, at 9:00 AM at the New Braunfels Civic and Convention Center in New Braunfels, TX. Details at <https://schertzphoto.com/qnbac>



## 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 – **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!)**
- Promotional flyer [HERE](#).

## **NEW** 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Price is \$210 per camper (includes 2 night lodging, meals, shirt, water bottle & activities)

## Texas 4-H ReFashion Retreat

**Date:** Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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...

**NEW**

## 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!

**NEW**

## 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.



**NEW**

## 2026 Kendall County Livestock Judging Contest

*Kendall*  
**LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**  
JANUARY 9TH @ KENDALL COUNTY YAEC  
*Comfort, Tx*  
OPEN TO ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS!

*Age Divisions:*  
JUNIOR: GRADES 3RD - 5TH  
INTERMEDIATE: GRADES 6TH - 8TH  
SENIOR: GRADES 9TH - 12TH

*Schedule:*  
8:00 A.M. - REGISTRATION  
9:00 A.M. CONTEST STARTS  
AWARDS TO FOLLOW

*Awards & Scholarships:*  
AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION AND SPECIES  
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS: TOP 3 IND. OVERALL

*Entries:*  
ENTER AT JUDGINGCARD.COM  
\$20.00 PER INDIVIDUAL ONLINE & ON SITE

*Contest Location:*  
648 FM 289 - COMFORT, TX

*For More Info:*  
Brittini Cross: brittinicross@yahoo.com or 830.739.2930

*Lindner*  
KENDALL



**NEW**

## 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**.

**NEW**

## Texas 4-H Dog Show Rulebook RELEASED

*Deadline to Validate: January 10, 2026*

**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. Please note this is a Tuesday to Thursday.

To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2026 in 4HOnline. Video instructions are also available at <https://youtu.be/3NzoliK9Pco>.

**NEW**

## 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.

For more information, please email: [YOUTHBBQ@SARODEO.COM](mailto:YOUTHBBQ@SARODEO.COM)





# 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.](#)

**NEW**



## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship is open NOW!

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

## Alumni Social at San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

- February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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/oq1qQUaSPk6kRZ6c7>

**NEW**

## 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://us02am.zoom.us/j/98111111111>  
Meeting passcode: HTYA25

**NEW**



## 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.](#)