



DECEMBER

Monthly Newsletter

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **December 1:** Natural Resources Photography Contest
- **December 1:** National 4-H Conference Registration Opens
- **December 1:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Opens
- **December 1:** Horse Judging Registration (Deadline)
- **December 2:** 420 Modified & 3-D Contest
- **December 5:** Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Application (Deadline)
- **December 5:** HLSR Trailblazer Committee Writing Competition
- **December 6:** County Foundation Informational
- **December 6:** Regional 4-H Reboot Registration (Deadline)
- **December 11:** 990 Form for 4-H Clubs/Groups (Deadline)
- **December 12:** 4-H Christmas Card Sale Closes
- **December 13:** Regional 4-H Reboot
- **December 15:** Release Postal League Letter
- **December 15:** National 4-H Conference Registration (Deadline)
- **December 20:** Storyboard Registration Opens
- **December 25-29:** District Office Closed
- **December 31:** County Grants Close



THANK YOU!

District 12 4-H thanks you for all of your hard work and efforts to make each and every contest a success! Without you, this program would not be a success! We are ending 2023 on a high note! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

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2023-2024 TEXAS 4-H RESULTS TIPS

NEW! TIPS TO HELP YOU ON 4-H ONLINE!

As we are entering the time for families to register for events on 4-H Online. I wanted to provide resources for tips and tricks on registrations when payments are declined, 4-H Online “stops working,” updating profiles and more!

If you are still needing help outside of the templates, please send me and email (grace.marshall@ag.tamu.edu) with the family name, member first and last name, member number and issue at hand.

Resource - Family Password Reset (please double check they're using the family email as the username)

Resource - Credit Card Screening Issues

Resource - Declined Credit Card to a Check

Resource - Resubmitting Payment after Declined

Resource - Invoice Multi-Steps



TEXAS 4-H JERKY JACKPOT

STARTING NOW - DECEMBER 31ST

Annual Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot started, September 1st. New this year...the top selling county will receive \$1,000 supported by the Texas 4-H Foundation, in addition to the money raised from member sales!

Here is how you can make an impact for YOUR county:

Share the opportunity with your county's 4-H members, 4-H Clubs, colleagues, friends, and family. The more you spread the word, the more you earn. For every bag sold during the Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot, \$4 will directly benefit YOUR County*.

Use this link: [HERE](#)

Funds raised will be deposited into your County's account held at the Foundation.

Jerky Flavors:

- Brown Sugar BBQ
- Peppered Hickory
- Sagrado Hatch Chile
- Sweet Smoked

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PROMOTE

- Share the news with your 4-H families: Share with club managers for them to promote during meetings. WE ALSO HAVE INCENTIVES FOR THE 4-H MEMBERS!
- Post on your social media: be sure to tag the order link and @tx4hfoundation so we can help you promote more! Posts are found: [HERE](#)



REGIONAL 4-H REBOOT

DECEMBER 13TH, 2023 - ATASCOSA EXTENSION OFFICE

December 13th from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Atascosa Extension Office! This is being offered to District 10 & 12 County Extension Agents! Registration: [HERE](#)

Join us for the 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)

Registration Details coming soon!

TEXAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



OPENS NOVEMBER 1

Program changes and tips for 2023-2024:

- **Collegiate Scholarships will not be given out in 2024.**
 - **Available Scholarships will be Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart.**
- FASFA will not open until December! Encourage youth to apply for their FASFA as soon as it opens!
- Do **not** submit applications before fall grades have been added to the transcript!
- Once submitted, **no updates** will be allowed
- All applications must be submitted through the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Portal, you can find the link [HERE](#)
- Remember to use an email you will have access to after graduating high school.
- CEA's will not be using a verification form, you will receive a list of applications submitted by the deadline for approval and eligibility.
- ACT and SAT is not required again this year for the 4-H Opportunity Scholarship.

Goodluck to the 4-Her's applying for Scholarships this year! The key is to start early, and edit often before submitting!



IRS FILING - 990 FORM

DUE DECEMBER 11, 2023

August 31st ended the fiscal year for all 4-H clubs and groups in Texas that are under the Texas 4-H, Inc. umbrella. With the end of the fiscal year, comes the requirement for ALL Texas 4-H, Inc. clubs and groups to file their annual information return (Form 990-N, 990 or 990-EZ).

Any club or group that does not have a successful filing by the December date could potentially be in jeopardy of having their EIN revoked by the IRS. Filing a club or group annual information return is accomplished by each club or group manager and treasurer working with County Extension Agents to complete and file an IRS Form 990.

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

To electronically submit Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard).

- Form 990-N must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.
- Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.
- Use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User Guide while registering and filing.
- Organizations should continue efforts to file, even if late.

WHO MUST FILE

ALL 4-H clubs with an EIN must file (whether they have money or not) to retain their 501(c)3 status. Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less can satisfy their annual reporting requirement by electronically submitting Form 990-N if they choose not to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

RESOURCES

- YouTube Video that takes you step-by-step through the tax filing process for 4-H clubs/groups can be accessed at: [HERE](#)
- IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System User Guide – Attached, and available at: [HERE](#)
- IRS website for Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations – Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and the IRS Filing Website: [HERE](#)



Get Ready to Rock Your Ugliest Sweater!

Ugly SWEATER CONTEST



Come and join the fun by sharing a family photo of your UGLIEST Christmas sweater!! Share your photo in **the comments!** You must have the name of your 4-H County somewhere in the photo!

The comment with **the most** likes wins the contest!

- 1st place - \$30 Amazon Gift Card
- 2nd Place - \$20 Amazon Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$10 Amazon Gift Card

BEGIN SUBMITTING DEC. 1ST

The contest will **close December 31st!** The winner will be announced January 1st!

District 12 4-H

UPCOMING

- **January 9:** Storyboard Closes
- **January 11:** Storyboard Results
- **January 26:** Postal League Opens