



# OCTOBER

Monthly Newsletter

## DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **October 1-7:** 4-H WEEK
- **October 1:** JoAnn Mini Grant Opens
- **October 1:** County Grants Open
- **October 1:** Christmas Card Design Contest
- **October 2:** Registration for Food Show, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making Opens
- **October 4:** Zoom Meeting Foundation Grants
- **October 7:** Shop Kendra Scott
- **October 13:** Shooting Sports Coach's Training Registration Ends (Deadline)
- **October 18:** Zoom Meeting Jerky Jackpot Fundraiser
- **October 20:** Ignite by 4-H Scholarship (Deadline)
- **October 21-22:** Shooting Sports Coach's Training
- **October 24:** Release of Archery, Horse Judging and Storyboard Letter
- **October 30:** Registration ends for Food Show, Food Challenge, and Consumer Decision Making (Deadline)
- **October 30:** Archery Registration Opens
- **October 31:** Christmas Card Design Contest (Deadline)
- **November 1:** Horse Judging Registration Opens
- **November 1:** Texas 4-H Congress Application Opens
- **November 1:** 4-H Scholarship Opens



## 23/24 TEXAS ROUND-UP

- Texas 4-H Round-up Guide
- Contest changes:
  - Education Presentation
  - Public Speaking
  - Quiz Bowl
  - Ag Product ID
  - Leaders 4 Life
  - Duds-to-Dazzle
  - Consumer Decision Making

## FOR MORE UPDATES:

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# 2023-2024 TEXAS 4-H ENROLLMENT TIPS

## NEW! CLOVER KID ENROLLMENT WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 FEE

➤➤➤ With the new 4-H year starting, here are some marketing tools for you to people to join the 4-H program! I am also including some one-pager's on 4-H Online to help answer your questions and to help new/renewing families navigate 4-H Online! Don't forget they can sign up on <https://www.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in!>

[Template](#) - Facebook Cover Photo

[Template](#) - Facebook Graphic Template

[Template](#) - Instagram Graphic Template

[Template](#) - Flyer

[Download](#) - Welcome to 4-H

[Download](#) - Family Enrollment Guide

Youth - [New](#) | [Renew](#) | [Processing](#)

Volunteer - [New](#) | [Renew](#) | [Processing](#)

[Download](#) - Family Profiles

[Download](#) - Family Account Duplicate Error

[Download](#) - Family Credit Card Deleting

[Download](#) - Family Reset Password

## DISTRICT 12 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

### COACHES TRAINING - OCTOBER 21ST & 22ND

➤➤➤ District 12 is hosting a Shooting Sports Coaches Training on October 21st and 22nd (Saturday and Sunday) at Encino, TX! The coaches training will offer Shotgun, Archery, Rifle, and Pistol for you to receive your certification in ONE discipline. Registration began September 1st and will end **October 13th!** Please email [grace.marshall@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:grace.marshall@ag.tamu.edu) or click [HERE!](#)

## ONE DAY 4-H - OCTOBER 7, 2023

### NEW! NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - OCTOBER 2-7, 2023

➤➤➤ One Day 4-H was created in 2009 as a way for all 4-H members to say "thank you" to their communities, counties, and state for all the support they have provided to 4-H for over 110 years. Now in its 15th year, One Day 4-H will be held on October 7, 2023, in every county across Texas. 4-H members, adult volunteers, and friends will help improve their communities by adopting a service project. Please see resources below to help your clubs and Counties complete a One-Day 4-H project for 2023! don't forget to tag @texas4h in your social media posts!

- [One Day 4-H Guide](#)
- [Social Media Graphics!](#)
- [Reporting Link](#) - Record your One Day 4-H Activity Here
- [Proclamation](#): Take this to Commissioner Court to declare 4-H week!

# 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](#)

# 4-H 4-MORE!

## STARTING NOW



4-H 4 More is the new marketing campaign to be used across the state of Texas, in hopes to increase Texas 4-H membership. We believe all youth can find their spark in 4-H, they just have to be introduced to it first. We're challenging each 4-H member to invite four friends to join 4-H.

### Prizes include:

- 1 new member: 4-H 4 More t-shirt
- 2 new members: Membership refund
- 3 new members: Leather portfolio
- 4 new members: Backpack and state recognition
- All participants are encouraged to list participation on Texas 4-H scholarship applications and record books.

# TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS

**JULY 14-17, 2024 - AUSTIN, TX**



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
- Equine Ambassadors
- Fashion & Interior Design Ambassadors
- Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors
- Livestock Ambassadors
- Poultry Ambassadors
- Photography Ambassadors
- Shooting Sports Ambassadors
- STEM Ambassadors
- 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. The team will be announced January 2024!

## STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

**APRIL 1-15**



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. Rules are attached: [HERE](#)

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. For more information and the rules are [HERE!](#)

# 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](#)

# SPARK

## FORMLY KNOWN AS JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT



Texas 4-H is hosting SPARK on November 10-12, 2023 at the Texas 4-H center statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by Texas 4-H Council. 4-H members will have the opportunity to spark their interest through service-learning activities, project experiences, arts and crafts, recreation and knowledge! Registration details are coming soon!

# 4-H DAY AT COALS AND 4-H DAY AT AGGIELAND

## BUY TICKETS AND REGISTER [HERE](#)



The Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences wants to meet YOU! On **November 17**, youth and their parents will have the opportunity to learn about the college, take a tour of campus, meet representatives of the college, and more! Space will be limited, so stay tuned soon for the link to register. The day will be held in conjunction with 4-H Day in Aggieland on **November 18**. Come Friday for the day at COALS and stay Saturday for the 4-H tailgate and football game! More information will be released soon about the tailgate.

# UPCOMING

- **November 1:** Registration Opens for Horse Judging
- **November 1:** 4-H Enrollment increases to \$30.00
- **November 1:** Texas 4-H Scholarship Opens
- **November 8:** 4-H Foundation Zoom Meeting - Scholarships
- **November 11:** District Food Show, Food Challenge, and Consumer Decision Making Contests
- **November 21:** Registration opens for Archery
- **November 28:** 4-H Foundation Zoom Meeting - Payment Requests