



FEBRUARY

Monthly Newsletter

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **February 1:** [Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Application](#) (Opens)
- **February 1:** [Statewide Virtual Fishing Reel'em Tournament](#) (Opens)
- **February 5:** [Splash Camp Registration](#) (Open)
- **February 12:** Horse Judging Contest - San Antonio
- **February 12:** [Junior Master Gardener Registration](#) (Deadline)
- **February 13:** [District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whizbang Registration Opens](#) (Deadline)
- **February 14:** [RGV Indoor Archery Match Registration](#) (Deadline)
- **February 15:** [Texas 4-H Scholarship](#) (Deadline)
- **February 20:** [District 12 4-H Postal League Registration](#) (Deadline)
- **February 20:** Release Letter for Livestock Judging
- **February 20-21:** Junior Master Gardener Conference
- **February 27:** [Photography, Fashion Sensation, & Educational Presentation+ Registration](#) (Opens)
- **February 27:** Release Letter for Silhouette & 3-P
- **February 29:** [Young Alumni Committee Nominations](#) (Deadline)
- **March 1:** [Texas 4-H National Anthem](#) (Deadline)



CONTEST RESULTS

Have you been looking for contest results? Here is how to find them!

1. Go to the D12 4-H Website.
2. Click on Contest Archive tab!
3. Find the program year you're looking for.
4. Click on the contest!

FOR MORE UPDATES:

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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! **Please note, if a family has an outstanding bill on 4-H Online, they will not be eligible to participate in District 12 4-H events.**

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 ROUND-UP

JUNE 3 - JUNE 6 (COLLEGE STATION)

Are you ready for Texas 4-H Round-Up? Hotel blocks have opened and are ready for booking! Some of the rooms are already being sold, so if you know when you are attending, I would advise booking now! If not, I would advise checking the room blocks periodically to make sure they do not sell out!

Room Blocks: [HERE](#)

Along with room blocks, a tentative schedule has been released for Round-up that includes contests and educational workshops! You can find that information: [HERE](#)



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

As District 12 4-H begins planning the 2024 - 2025 4-H year, I wanted input from you on the program. This is your opportunity to dream BIG!

Some questions to think about:

- What are improvements that can be made to the District 12 4-H contests?
- What are new contests that can be implemented?
- What project areas have grown in your County that you would like to see on a District level?

If you have suggestions, complete the form: [HERE](#)

➤➤➤ **TEXAS FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS**

DUE MARCH 1, 2024

Applications for all TFB scholarships are open for submission. TFB awards over \$240,000 each year to graduating high school seniors and enrolled college students. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2024.

Winners will be accounted by May 2024. Information on how to apply for the scholarship is available by clicking [here](#).

For questions related to scholarships, contact youthactivities@txfb.org or call 254.751.2258.

➤➤➤ **TEXAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

OPENS NOVEMBER 1

Program changes and tips for 2023-2024:

- **FASFA IS NOW OPEN! PLEASE HAVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS FILL OUT THEIR FASFA by January 31st, 2024.**
- Collegiate Scholarships will not be given out in 2024.
 - Available Scholarships will be Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart.
- 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!



2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DUE APRIL 1, 2024

Planning of the 2025 4-H year is here! An email was sent to all County Agents regarding event planning and committee assignments! Please make sure you sign up for your committees by April 1st, 2024! Please note, the event planning dates will be April 23rd and 24th! Link to sign up for committees is: [HERE](#)

NEW! 2024-2025 committees will be implementing a new tradition. Each chair will serve two years as a co-chair. The first year of chairing the event will be to learn from the previous chair and take notes for changes in 2025-2026. On the second year of chairing, you will pass on information and wisdom to the new chair to help make the event successful.



TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES

JUDGING MAY 1-15

Texas 4-H is looking for adult amateur, hobbyist, or professional photographers willing to serve as volunteer judges for the Texas 4-H Contest! This is a great opportunity to learn more on how the Texas 4-H Photography contest is ran and help grow your career ladder!

All judging will take place May - 15, 2024.

To sign up as a judge, please complete the online form by clicking: [HERE](#)



2024 TEXAS 4-H DELEGATE AT LARGE

DEADLINE IS MARCH 28, 2024

Applications are open for the 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Delegate at Large positions! The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates, elected by any Senior level 4-H member across the state. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program.

- Instructions to Apply: [HERE](#)
- Texas 4-H Standing Council Rules: [HERE](#)
- Membership Contract: [HERE](#)



HOUSTON RODEO RV SPOT DISCOUNT

15% DISCOUNT FOR TEXAS 4-H MEMBERS

Jetstream RV Resorts takes pride in providing top-notch amenities, a welcoming atmosphere, and a convenient location for those attending the Livestock Show and Rodeo with a brief 10-15 minute commute at a rate more affordable than hotels. Our RV sites and tiny homes offer a comfortable and enjoyable experience that offers security and family-friendly activities ensuring that participants have a restful stay and luxury accommodations during this exciting event. Reminder: No RV? No Problem! Both properties offer a handful of tiny homes available for your stay.

Link to book at the Medical Center: [HERE](#) or call (713) 777-4700

Link to book at the Pearland: [HERE](#) or call (713) 433-6950



JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2024

The Junior Master Gardener National Leader Training Virtual Conference is February 20-21, 2024. It is open for teachers, volunteers, youth leaders, and anyone interested in youth gardening. We have an exciting line up of keynote speakers, breakout sessions and virtual field trips. The \$65 registration includes:

- Access to all general and concurrent session either live OR for viewing for 4 months after conference
- Live door prizes given in every general and breakout session
- Hands on activities during curricula sessions
- 14 CPE/Professional Development Hours Awarded

Registration closes on Monday, February 12, 2024! Register [Here](#)



BUGDAYS

MAY 11, 2024

Students from all around Texas are invited to participate in the first annual Buc Days Food Challenge.

Located in the Shops at Treasure Island Exhibit Hall, this first-time event will take place on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, with four rounds of competition, followed by the award ceremony on the Community Stage presented by KIII 3 News.

More info and Registration [HERE](#)

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DISTRICT 12 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER

NEW ELECTION PROCESS:

A meeting was held November 11, 2023 and District Council and 4-H voting delegates passed the following new items:

Election Scoring Process:

- A. 10% of the score will be determined from the application received through 4-H Online. Applications will be reviewed and scored by impartial judges from outside of the district.
- B. 20% of the score will be determined from the interview.
- C. 70% of the score will be determined from the popular vote casted by voting delegates.

The Voting Body will appoint an applicant from the officer candidates into vacant positions through a ballot. This will be determined on the day of Election Convention. Officers cannot hold more than one position.

I would like to remind CEA's for candidates that are interested in running need to attend at least one District 12 4-H Meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 6th at Fashion Sensation/Round-up in Falfurrias!



DISTRICT 12 4-H SCANTRON MACHINE

CHECKOUT THE MACHINE TODAY!

District 12 4-H NOW has a Scantron Machine! It is available for checkout to use in your own County! Fill out the application to check it out: [HERE](#)

UPCOMING

- **March 1:** Postal League Shooting Starts
- **March 1:** Volunteer Virtual Office Hours
- **March 4:** Release Letter for Election Convention
- **March 7:** District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, and Whizbang Registration Closes
- **March 19:** Registration Opens for 3-P & Silhouette
- **March 21:** Registration Closes for Photography, Fashion Sensation, and Educational Presentation +
- **March 23:** District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet and Whizbang Contest
- **March 25:** Registration opens for Election Convention
- **March 31:** Postal League Shooting Ends