



APRIL

Monthly Newsletter

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **April 1:** Committee Assignments (Deadline)
- **April 1:** Texas 4-H Photography Entries (Opens)
- **April 2:** District 12 Livestock Judging (Deadline)
- **April 2:** District 12 Photography Judging (Starts)
- **April 3:** Multi - District Meat Judging Contest (Deadline)
- **April 6:** District 12 Fashion Sensation @ Falfurrias
- **April 6:** District 12 Round-Up Education Presentation @Falfurrias
- **April 8:** District 12 Leadership Lab Release Letter
- **April 11:** Livestock Judging Contest
- **April 11:** District 12 Photography Judging (Deadline)
- **April 12:** District 12 3-P and Silhouette (Deadline)
- **April 15:** Texas 4-H Photography Entries (Deadline)
- **April 15:** CORE Academy (Deadline)
- **April 15:** District 12 Leadership and FCH Planning Meetings
- **April 16:** Postal League Tabulation @ McMullen
- **April 20:** Multi-District Meat Judging Contest @Rosenthal
- **April 21:** Bee Keeper Essay
- **April 23:** ANR Contest Planning Meetings
- **April 27:** 3-P and Silhouette Rifle Match



DECLINED PAYMENTS

Have you been looking for tips on how to help families pay their events?

Check out: [HERE](#)

FOR MORE UPDATES:

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4-H ONLINE TIPS AND TRICKS

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](#)

Round-Up FQA Video: [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](#)



2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

APRIL 15 AND 23, 2024

Planning of the 2025 4-H year is here! An email was sent to all County Agents regarding event planning and committee assignments! We will be meeting on April 15 to discuss all FCH and Leadership Contest. On April 23 we will be meeting to discuss ANR contests. An email will be sent at a later date with set meetings for the year regarding planning the contests.

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 VOLUNTEER MONTH

THE MONTH OF APRIL

April is National Volunteer month! During this month, think of creative ideas to help thank all the volunteers that help make Texas 4-H a successful program! Texas 4-H has already created some templates to use on social media! If you need more help on coming up with ideas, please feel free to reach out!

- Templates: [HERE](#)
- 100 Ways to Thank a Volunteer: [HERE](#)



DISTRICT 12 COMMUNITY SERVICE

DOG TREATS

Texas 4-H has requested we help with a community service drive for Texas 4-H Round-Up! We are collecting dog treats for our District! Please help assist in the process of collecting those items at your County office.

At any of the District 12 events or contests, your County items can be dropped off with the District 12 4-H Specialist to deliver them to Round-Up! All products will be going to animal shelters around the Bryan-College Station Area! If you have any questions please let me know!



BUCDAYS

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](#)



DISTRICT 12 4-H SCANTRON MACHINE

CHECKOUT THE MACHINE TODAY!

District 12 4-H NOW has a Scantron Machine! You can use the scantron machine for any invitational or County contest that you may have. Trainings can also be done by reaching out to Grace Marshall. It is available for checkout to use in your own County! Fill out the application to check it out: [HERE](#)



GROUP ENROLLMENT

START ENTERING NUMBERS TODAY

When entering data into group enrollment, you will see 4-H Online has several drop-down options to pick from. The program is now transitioning to 2 specific options for group enrollment. These are 4-H Special Interest or 4-H School Enrichment. Do not select any of the other options.

How to decide which one to choose: anything that is coordinated through the school system (regardless of location) will be entered of 4-H School Enrichment. All other group enrollment will be entered under 4-H Special Interest.



DISTRICT 12 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!

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!

UPCOMING

- **April 1:** Texas 4-H Photography Entries
- **April 2:** Photography Judging Starts
- **April 2:** Livestock Judging Registration Closes
- **April 6:** Fashion Sensation & District 12 Round-Up Educational Presentation +
- **April 8:** Release Letter for Leadership Lab
- **April 11:** Livestock Judging
- **April 11:** Photography Judging Ends
- **April 12:** 3-P & Silhouette Registration Closes
- **April 16:** Postal League Scoring
- **April 20:** Meat Identification and Evaluation Contest