



# MARCH

Monthly Newsletter

## DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **March 1:** Texas 4-H National Anthem (Deadline)
- **March 1:** Salute to Excellence Award (Opens)
- **March 1:** Postal League Shooting Starts
- **March 1:** Virtual Volunteer Office Hours
- **March 4:** Release Letter Election Convention
- **March 7:** Trap, Skeet, and Whiz-Bang (Deadline)
- **March 12:** Livestock Judging Registration (Opens)
- **March 16:** Jim Wells Invitational Ag Product ID Contest
- **March 17:** 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Project Registration (Deadline)
- **March 19:** 3-P and Silhouette Registration (Opens)
- **March 21:** Photography, Fashion Sensation and Educational Presentation + Registration (Deadline)
- **March 23:** Trap, Skeet and Whiz-Bang Contest
- **March 23:** 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Workshop
- **March 24:** Round-Up Internships (Deadline)
- **March 25:** Election Convention Registration (Opens)
- **March 28:** Texas 4-H Delegate at Large (Deadline)
- **March 31:** Postal League Shooting Ends
- **March 31:** Texas 4-H Congress Registration (Deadline)
- **April 1:** Texas 4-H Photography Registration (Opens)



## 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 an 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**

**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](#)



## **TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS**

### **MARCH 31 DEADLINE TO REGISTER**

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th 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.

District 12 has a maximum of 20 spots that can be filled from any county. If you have youth interested in going, please reach out to reserve a spot on the list. Without contacting myself, Grace Marshall, there is not guarantee youth will be able to attend. The deadline is March 31st, 2024, to reserve a spot.



## **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](#)



# 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!

## 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