



# NOVEMBER

Monthly Newsletter

## DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **NOV 1:** District 12 Horse Judging Registration Opens
- **NOV 1:** District 12 Meat Judging Registration Opens
- **NOV 1:** Texas Arbor Day
- **NOV 1:** 4-H Foundation Scholarship (Opens)
- **NOV 2-3:** D10 Shooting Sports Certification (Seguin, TX)
- **NOV 4:** Parliamentary Procedure Items (Deadline)
- **NOV 7:** Texas 4-H Summit
- **NOV 8-10:** SPARK Camp @ Brownwood
- **NOV 15:** 4-H Foundation Scholarship Registration (Deadline)
- **NOV 19:** Storyboard Release Letter
- **NOV 20:** D12 4-H Foundation Scholarship Training
- **NOV 20:** District 12 Archery Match Registration (Deadline)
- **DEC 1:** Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest (Opens)
- **DEC 1:** Horse Judging Registration (Deadline)
- **DEC 1:** Meat Judging Registration (Deadline)
- **DEC 1:** FASFA Opens



## NATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

Featuring in the photo above is the Starr County Food Challenge team that WON FIRST PLACE at the Texas State Fair in October!

Congrats Starr County!

FOR MORE UPDATES:  
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# 4-H ONLINE TIPS AND TRICKS

## 4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT TIPS

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>!

The downloads below are all NEW guides for you to customize and use within your County. Please look at each of them to implement in your 4-H program! There also new code of conduct and consequences forms as well.

Template - Facebook Cover Photo

Template - Facebook Graphic Template

Template - Instagram Graphic Template

Template - Flyer

Download - Welcome to 4-H Guide

Template - New Member Handbook

Download - Financial Management Guide

Download - Extension Volunteer Standards Guide



# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING

**NOVEMBER 20, 2024 @ 6 PM**

**New!** The 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

- This training is open to 4-H members, volunteers and County Extension Agents! You have to RSVP to get the TEAMS link to log on!
- This training will review the 2025 4-H Foundation Scholarship and any major scholarship changes!
- It will be FREE of charge to attend and learn more!
- Expect this training to last around an hour to learn in depth tips and tricks to stand out on the application!
- RSVP deadline is November 15. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/zMWXYq6Yc9hdmjRK9>



# WINTER TRACTOR SUPPLY CAMPAIGN

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity for all and raise more than \$20 million through the Paper Clover campaign. 100% of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth.

Dates for the 2024 Paper Clover Campaign are: November 29 - December 15, 2024. Tractor Supply will also be selling 4-H ornaments to decorate your tree this season! 100% of proceeds from that will go back to 4-H as well.

Promotional materials can be found here: <https://4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/paper-clover-toolkit/>

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# ➤➤➤ 2025 VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

## COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS ASKING VOLUNTEER QUESTIONS

The 2025 Volunteer Virtual Office Hours series continues! The series will host practice, conversational style panel discussions as a resource to develop your skills in working with volunteers. The office hours will feature a panel discussion to learn from those with experience who are - or have been - in similar roles to yours. While it is called Volunteer Office Hours, this series is targeted to Extension professionals, not volunteers. There are four dates set for 2025 on Fridays at 10 AM through TEAMS. They will last around 90 minutes.

Dates are: January 31, May 30, August 29, October 31.

# ➤➤➤ TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION GRANTS

## APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Texas 4-H Foundation Grant Applications are now open! The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to County and District 4-H Programming. These funds may be used to enhance (equipment purchases, education/training, events, etc.) existing 4-H programs and projects or to start new 4-H programs or projects.

### Important Reminders:

- The deadline to apply is December 31st at midnight!
- You must submit an application through the Foundation portal.
- The application will ask for a description of how the funds will be used, what problem the funds will be used to address, about your intended audience, for a budget, and how you will evaluate the program.
- You will be notified of the grant in February 2025.

# ➤➤➤ NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

## REGISTRATION: DEC 1 - DEC 15, 2024

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.

Here are a few key points:

- Open contest to all counties.
- Open to juniors, intermediates, and seniors age divisions.
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories ([Review HERE](#))
- Entry period: Dec 1 - 15, 2024 VIA 4-H Online and Submittable
- No late entries accepted
- Questions: Contact Larry Hysmith



# **IRS FILING - 990 FORM**

**DUE DECEMBER 20, 2024**

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](#)



# **SOUTHERN CLASSIC PROSPECT SHOW**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2025 - DIMMIT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

District 12 4-H is announcing the District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show! The prospect show will be open to 4-H and FFA members 3rd through 12th grade!

We will be hosting a clinic in the morning for cattle, lambs, goats, and hogs with a prospect show to follow lunch!

*Rabbits and Poultry will have clinics in the morning (no prospect show)!*



## **2025 4-H DOG SHOW**

**NEW! RULES AND GUIDELINES RELEASED!**

The 2025 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules can be [DOWNLOADED HERE](#). While there are a few minor changes, the HUGE change is the location and time frame.

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will now take place at the Hill Country Youth Activity Center in Kerrville, TX on (Tue.-Thurs.) July 8-10, 2025. The changes to the location/time frame were not taken lightly. The new location that is more central in the State will allow this event room to grow!

More information will be posted: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dogshow/>

## **UPCOMING**

- **DEC 7: District 12 Mod420 and 3-D Match**
- **DEC 15: Natural Resources Photography Registration Closes**
- **DEC 19: District 12 Storyboard Registration Opens**
- **DEC 20: Postal League Release Letter**
- **DEC 20-21: Citrus and Vegetable Show**
- **DEC 24-JAN 1: District Office Closed**