

# 4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

## September 2023



### 4-H Council

Chairman:  
 1st V-Chairman: .  
 2nd V-Chairman:  
 Secretary:  
 Reporter:  
 Delegates at Large:

### CLUBS

#### North Fork Delegates

President -  
 Council Delegate -

#### Top of Texas Archery Delegates

President -  
 Council Delegate -

#### North Fork Club Managers

Joan Gray-Soria

#### Top of Texas Archery Managers

Chad Epperson &  
 Angie Bowman-Epperson

#### Clover Kids Club Manager

Joan Gray-Soria

### PARENT - LEADERS

Chairman: .....Zack Greer  
 Vice-Chairman: .....  
 Secretary: .....Krista Clark  
 Treasurer: .....Karen Schantin  
 Co-Treasurer: .....Brenda Green

## New This Year:

Gray County 4-H will be following a **new policy** this year. In addition to informing the 4-H Office of days that your child will be missing school for 4-H activities, a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” will be a requirement for excused absences. It is imperative that this form be filled out by the school *in advance of your child being absent* to attend any extracurricular 4-H activities. After the school has completed the form, it must be handed to Joan or Marcus prior to the event. Let us know if you have any questions.

## GET READY!



The fall fundraiser is on the horizon. Get ready to represent Gray County 4-H while earning participation points and set a goal to earn an incentive prize by selling at least \$750 worth of *fresh Durham's pecans, nuts, snack mixes and gift baskets.*

The money raised is used for 4-H project resources, supplies, contest entries, awards and the banquet at the end of the year. *We need everyone in Gray County 4-H to participate in this county wide event.*

**Watch for your packets to arrive in the mail by October 1st.**



# Reminders going into the 2023-2024 4-H year

- ◆ **HELP WANTED!** Adult Volunteers are always needed, wanted and appreciated for leading projects, volunteering time with 4-H promotional events and general involvement with our 4-H youth program. **If you or someone you know is willing to be an Adult Leader or Volunteer, please contact us with your ideas and questions. Thank you for your consideration!**
- ◆ **DID YOU KNOW** There is much more that goes into being a 4-H member than just attending project meetings? Community involvement, fund raising and 4-H promotional opportunities are also part of the “4-H Pie”. If you are only going to project meetings, you are missing out on other opportunities to learn life-applicable lessons you can carry into adulthood. Not only that, but 4-H Participation in Gray County also earns you points, awards and other recognition at the annual banquet and as you continue to grow in 4-H you will have great potential to earn college scholarships. We are so glad you are a Gray County 4-H family and we hope to see you at more 4-H activities this next year.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** All Gray County 4-H families need to join the “Gray County Blast” Remind group for announcements and information regarding 4-H promotional events, fund raisers, volunteer and community service opportunities, and important deadlines. Please **Text @42bb8e to 81010.**
- ◆ We will continue to communicate County 4-H information, club meetings and project meetings through the “Remind App”. To join the groups enter the corresponding text message code and send it to **81010.**

## Clubs

**Clover Kids (K -2)** [@jgraysori](#)

**North Fork** [@jgraysoria](#)

**Top of Texas Archery** [@topfte](#)

## Projects

**Archery:** [@topofte](#)   **Beef:** [@cattleproj](#)   **Fashion & Interior Design:** [@4-Hclot](#)

**Foods & Nutrition:** [@4hfoodsp](#)   **Horse:** [@9b8bf2](#)   **Livestock Judging:** [@2e7328k](#)

**Meat Science:** [@4hmeatj](#)   **Photography:** [@bfdhac](#)   **Public Speaking:** [@4hpubli](#)

**Robotics:** [@h7bghg](#)   **Sheep/Goats:** [@4hsheepa](#)   **Swine:** [@swinepr](#)   **Shotgun:** [@2798g2a](#)

- ◆ Another great way to be informed is to like and follow our Facebook page. If you don't already, we want to invite you take a look at all of the activities we have to offer and that are going on.  
<https://www.facebook.com/graycounty4h>
- ◆ Additional information can also be found at: <https://gray.agrilife.org/4-h/>

District 1  
Photography Results



CONGRATULATIONS!

**McKinley Clark**

Animals Wildlife - Junior - Blue Award

Catch-all - Junior - Blue Award

Landscape & Nature - Junior - Blue Award

**Flannery May**

Animals Domestic - Intermediate - Blue Award - BEST OF SHOW!

Details and Macro - Intermediate - Blue Award

Enhanced - Intermediate - Blue Award - BEST OF SHOW

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION

Gray County  
4-H  
Kick-Off!



Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 - 7:00  
Gray County Annex  
12125 E. Frederic Ave., Pampa, TX



Join us to kick-off the new year, connect with the Gray County 4-H leaders and learn about our clubs and projects! Enrollment information will be available.

Annual enrollment fee is \$25 from August 15 - October 31, and \$30 from November 1 - July the following year.

Call the Extension Office for  
more information:  
806-669-8033



## Fair Entry Options

**There are options for adults and youth to participate in the Tri-State Fair.**

- ◇ Culinary                                     Joan has entry forms for items that you would like to display and be judged in the Rex Baxter Building at the Tri-State Fair.
- ◇ Textiles
- ◇ Artwork                                       If you are interested in participating, please let us know before September 8th.
- ◇ Photography
- ◇ 4-H Record Books                         Bring your entries to the Extension Office for Joan to take to the fair before September 12th.

## Good Luck!

### **Tri-State:**

Anleigh Bowers, Embry and Ivy Cowan, Katie and Kenedie Davis, Blake, Charles and Alexandria Hembree, Lilly Linquist, Hope Scribner, and Colton and Makenzie Cambern are all exhibiting live-stock at the Tri-State Fair.

### **State Fair of Texas:**

Anleigh Bowers, Katie and Kenedie Davis are all exhibiting livestock at the State Fair of Texas.

### **Heart O' Texas:**

One Shotgun Project participant, Cooper Jennings will be participating in the Heart O' Texas Trap Shoot Extravaganza!

**Best of luck to you all and safe travels to and from!**

Marcus will be available to help with hauling animals if anyone needs help.  
Just let us know!

### **\*\*Excused absences from school\*\***

Please inform the Gray County Extension Office via e-mail to [Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu), or phone at 669-8033, of any 4-H activities that you plan to attend outside of school hours so we can verify eligibility and request your child's absence to be excused.





**Let's grow 4-H  
together...  
Let's create  
opportunity for  
more youth by  
inviting four new  
friends into 4-H!**

### INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION INCLUDE...

- 1 new member: 4-H 4 More T-shirt
- 2 new members: membership fee returned
- 3 new members: leather portfolio
- 4 new members: state recognition and branded backpack
- We encourage you to include participation on Texas 4-H Scholarship applications and Recordbooks, as well.



# 4 MORE.







Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H! Here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and approved. All membership records change to an inactive status in August. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1 but enrollment opens on August 15th. Texas 4-H is for kids of almost any age – grades K-2 can be in Clover Kids if offered in your area. From 3rd-12th grades, you can be a regular 4-H member.

<b>1</b>	<b>CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE</b> ( <a href="http://counties.agrilife.org/">counties.agrilife.org/</a> ) Enrollment instructions vary by county, so check with your local county office for more information.				
<b>2</b>	<b>FIND A CLUB</b> 4-H Clubs are groups of youth and volunteers who meet on a regular basis.				
<b>3</b>	<b>FIND A PROJECT</b> Learn about topics that interest you. These are referred to as members projects.				
<b>4</b>	<b>ENROLL IN TEXAS 4-H</b> Signup on 4HOnline after you have found a club and project that is right for you!				
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**ABOUT 4HONLINE**

- 4HOnline is the official registration system for adult and youth members directly involved with 4-H.
- 4HOnline is a partnership between the 4-H family and the local county office.
- 4HOnline is a secured system that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. Texas 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Each year at the start of the enrollment cycle all 4-H membership in Texas goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.

**WHAT TO KNOW**

- Most questions can be answered by calling the local county office. ([counties.agrilife.org](http://counties.agrilife.org/))
- An approved youth or adult member record means a person is officially enrolled with Texas 4-H.
- An approved youth or adult member record means a person can register for state or district level events.
- Adult volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Volunteer Standards every three years. The screening process can take up to two weeks.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1.



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.





# FAMILY ENROLLMENT TIPS

texas.4honline.com

## NEW FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding members. Enter one member profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs.  
Find your local county office online at: <http://counties.agrilife.org>

## RETURNING FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)
<b>Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.</b>	Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. **Do not create a new profile.**

The system will send automatic notifications to the family email address in the system.



**Livestock show participants must complete the quality counts enrollment when it is your first time showing at any Livestock Show, or when you are advancing to the next age group. (Elementary to Jr. High, and Jr. High to High School.)**

## QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

**Before getting started:** For the best experience in the Quality Counts course, please use Mozilla Firefox as your internet source (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Safari may work in some instances but are NOT suggested). Also, please make sure your browser (Firefox) has JavaScript and Cookies enabled. For desktop computers, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater installed.

We recommend using  
Firefox as your browser!



1. Go to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
2. Register with your information
  - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
  - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
  - c. For grade level, please enter the grade you are entering (if between May-August) or your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from [dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu) to keep for your records.
  - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum.
6. You will be directed to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
7. The course is free, so click the blue Add to Cart button.
8. Click Create an account under the log in button if you do not have an account with AgriLife Learn.
  - a. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
9. Click View Cart
10. Click Proceed to Checkout
11. Check the box next to "I agree with the Terms of Use," then click Next
12. To access your course, scroll down to the section "Access Courses in D2L," then click on your course in blue
13. Click Quality Counts
14. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
15. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
16. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
17. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
18. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
19. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES OR LOGIN INFORMATION CONTACT: [LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU)

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND VERIFICATION CONTACT: [TEXASYOUTH LIVESTOCK@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:TEXASYOUTH LIVESTOCK@AG.TAMU.EDU)





# 4-H Youth Council

- **4-H Council will meet on Sunday, September 10th, beginning at 2:00 in the Annex.**
- Election of 4-H Officers will take place, and all members are invited to participate.
- Anyone interested in running for a Council Office position should fill out the below application and attend the Council Meeting.
- **Elected officers will meet with the Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday, October 2nd at 9:00 am in the Gray County Courthouse.**

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## Gray County 4-H Council Officer Application

**Please have this form turned in by September 11th to the Extension Office.**

\*Applicant must be present at time of election.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years in 4-H:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Select the office(s) you will serve if elected:

*The Chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman shall be at least 14 years of age on August 31st of the current 4-H year.*

Chairman  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman  
 Secretary

Reporter  
 Delegate-at-Large  
 Delegate-at-Large

### Attach a separate page explaining your participation in the following list of 4-H involvement.

- ⇒ 4-H Leadership: list leadership activities and offices you have held
- ⇒ 4-H Community Service: list all 4-H community service projects you have lead or participated
- ⇒ 4-H Activities: list activities and camps which you have lead or participated

### PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Intent to run for office in Gray County 4-H Council  
(Requirements to hold an office)

1. Must be a 4-H member enrolled through 4-H Connect.
2. Must be carrying at least one 4-H project in current year.
3. Must be responsible and able to carry out duties of office you are seeking.
4. Must have parent permission form signed and returned to County Extension Office.
5. Must have a one minute speech prepared—"Why 4-H is Important to Me".

I understand that if my child is elected, there are specific responsibilities that he/she must fulfill. I will help in seeing these responsibilities are met.

If I am elected, I understand additional activities may be asked of me throughout the year and that Community Service Projects Participation is a requirement. I agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability, including my attendance and participation in County meetings and Officer Training.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Member Signature)

# Parent/Leader Council

Parent/Leader Council will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 in the Annex. Discussion items include fall fundraisers, 4-H projects, contests and other fall activities. **All parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council Meetings. Your input is valued and appreciated!**

## Club Meetings

*Please contact the Extension Office at 806-669-8033 for information about leading a club.*

Clover Kids - 9/11 and every 2nd Monday of the month in the Annex at 5:30

North Fork - 9/19 and every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Annex at 6:30

Top of Texas Archery - 9/25 and every 4th Monday of the month in the Annex at 6:00

## Project Meetings & Info

### FOODS & NUTRITION

REMEMBER to secure your hair, wash hands and wear closed-toes shoes at project meetings!

- **Jr Foods:** 5:30 - 7:00 at the Gray County Annex on September 12, 19 (tentative), 26, and October 3, 10 (tentative), 17 (tentative)
- **Intermediate Foods:** 5:30 - 7:00 at the Gray County Annex on September 14, 21, 28, and October 5, 12, 19
- **Senior Foods:** at the Gray County Annex September 10 at 3:30, 17 at 2:00, 24 @ 2:00 (Tentative), and October 8, 15, 22 at 2:00. Project paperwork day TBA.  
Project Leaders: Danielle Nachtigall, Eva Price & Joan Gray-Soria  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp**

### CONSUMER EDUCATION

More information to follow; Tentatively 4:30 - 5:30 September 11, 18, 25 and October TBA

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bfdhac**

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli**

More information to follow; Tentatively Tuesdays beginning on 9/12 at 4:45 - 5:30

### BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj**

Project meeting during Tri-State Fair. Watch for a remind message.

### SWINE

Project Leader: Christy Campbell

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr**

Project Meeting Monday September 4th at 6:30 in the Gray County Annex.



# Project Meetings & Info

## SHEEP AND GOAT

Information to be announced.

Project Leader: Trista Bowen

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa**

## HORSE

Information to be announced.

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2**

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Beginning in November or January

Project Leader: vacant

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bfdhac**

## MEAT SCIENCE

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Alan Parker

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj**

Meetings will begin in November.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Vacant

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2e7328k**

## ARCHERY

Practice will begin in the Spring.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin and Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc**

## SHOTGUN

Practices begin in the Spring.

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a**

## ROBOTICS

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in this project.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg**

Gray County Extension Office  
12125 E. Frederic Ave., St. C  
Pampa, Texas 79065

## Upcoming Events to watch for

- ◆ Club & Projects Meetings Dates
- ◆ Tri-State Fair Contests Results
  - ◆ State Fair of Texas Results
  - ◆ Heart of Texas Results
- ◆ Big Fun D1 Contests Results
- ◆ Durham's Pecan Gray County 4-H Fundraiser packets
  - ◆ Holiday Celebrations

### GRAY COUNTY FACULTY & STAFF

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Administrative Assistant

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.



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and 4-H Page on Facebook

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[gray.agrilife.org](http://gray.agrilife.org)





## Texas 4-H Youth Development Program DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school board policies.

*Instructions: Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension Office*

### PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request:

(CHECK ONE)

- Academic eligibility information only.
- Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of 4-H in \_\_\_\_\_ County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of County Extension Agent

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (CHECK ONE)

- I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.
- I do not certify the student because he/she is **NOT** academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

EXCUSED ABSENCE (CHECK ONE)

- An excused absence will be granted.
- An excused absence will **NOT** be granted.
- Does not apply.

EDUCATIONAL STATUS (CHECK ONE)

- Face-to-Face (on campus)
- Virtual Option
- Homeschooled

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Principal or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of School