Details about upcoming events, spotlights from our current year, highlights from past events, and important deadlines can be found here.

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Like our Facebook page to get all the latest Denton County 4-H news!
@Denton County 4-H

Follow us on Instagram
@DentonCounty4H

https://denton.agrilife.org/4h-and-youth-development
victoria.scott@dentoncounty.gov
940.349.2884

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Commissioners Court**
October 5th
National 4-H Week

**One Day 4-H**
October 9th - Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center
See Page 11

**D4 Food Challenge**
October 29th - Sulphur Spring, TX
Registration Deadline: October 13th (4HOnline)

**Late Tag Order Deadline**
October 15th by 4:00 pm

**Validation Dates**
October 19th, 4:00pm-7:00pm Northwest ISD Ag Barn
October 21st, 4:00pm-7:00pm Aubrey ISD Ag Barn
October 25th, 4:00pm-7:00pm North Texas Fairgrounds

**Stock Show Sign-up Night**
November 3rd
4:00-6:30 pm, Extension Office Rm. 115
Heart of Denton had multiple members take home ribbons at the Belton County Rabbit Extravaganza, as well as sold out of their 4-H Fundraiser Salsa within five days of receiving it!!

If you would like to nominate your club or member please contact the Denton County Extension Office!
WELCOME TO TEXAS 4-H

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. Enrollment procedures and payment method options vary in each county, so check with your local county office for more information.

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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. (counties.agrilife.org)
- 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.
- 4HOnline is based on “zero-based enrollment.” 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.

**Did You Know?**

- Most questions can be answered by calling the local county office. (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 4-H Youth Protection Standards program 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 September 1.

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Every month, the County Council meets one Monday at 6:30 PM. County Council consists of county officers and delegates from each club. The county officers are elected to serve all of Denton County each year. Additionally, each club selects up to two delegates to represent them each month. The role of the club delegate is to serve as a liaison between their club and the county, serve as a voting member of the county council, and update the group monthly on their club's activities.

At the same time, our Parent Leaders Association (PLA) meets in a separate room. Any 4-H parent or volunteer is welcomed to join our club and project leaders each month. PLA helps plan events/activities and make decisions in conjunction with the county extension staff that is for all of Denton County 4-H.

If you have any questions about County Council or PLA, please reach out to our 4-H Agent Steven Baringer or PLA President Emily Holt.

Meeting Dates:
October 18th
November 15th
December 13th
January 17th
February 28th
March- TBD
April 18th
May 16th
We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as club managers and project leaders! Make a difference in the lives of our Denton County youth by assisting them in gaining knowledge and skills through 4-H.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH US?**

Email victoria.scott@dentoncounty.gov for more information.

Your time and talents can make a big impact.

Here are some ways you can help:
- Lead a community club
- Extend your STEM knowledge
- Introduce youth to photography
- Mentor youth in veterinary science
- Share your passion and experience

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DENTON COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT

Price: $11.00
Cash or Check (Made out to: Denton 4-H Fund)

EMAIL: NAME, CLUB, SIZE AND QUANTITY TO
VICTORIA.SCOTT@DENTONCOUNTY.GOV

ORDER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE:
November 1st, 2021
AG LEADERSHIP 4-H

DISCIPLINES: ARCHERY, SHOTGUN, RIFLE & PISTOL

- ARCHERY
  - MEETS 2ND SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF THE MONTH AT THE NORTH TEXAS FAIR GROUND AT 2:00

- SHOTGUN
  - MEETS 3RD SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF THE MONTH AT THE FOSSIL POINTE SPORTING GROUNDS (NEAR DECATUR) AT 2:30

- RIFLE/PISTOL
  - MEETS 4TH SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF THE MONTH AT THE FOSSIL POINTE SPORTING GROUNDS (NEAR DECATUR) AT 2:30

- CONTACT BENJIE TALLEY AT BTALLEY@TEAMLANDMARK.COM

ARGYLE 4-H

DISCIPLINES: PISTOL & RIFLE

- PRACTICES ARE AT EAGLE GUN RANGE IN LEWISVILLE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM

- COST IS $5 FOR THE SHOOTING RANGE

- CONTACT IS MARK DIETERICH AT DMD5@MINDSPRING.COM
ONE DAY 4-H
Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center

OCTOBER 9TH, 2021
9:30AM-11:30AM

We will be participating in park clean-up as well as seed collection in order to contribute to the CCNHC’s goal to protect and restore rare bottomland and upland prairie ecosystems! Please dress in comfortable working clothes and a 4-H shirt.

We will be meeting at the Heartlee Field Road entrance (See below).
DENTON COUNTY 4-H
SALSA FUNDRAISER

Family-Owned & Made in Texas

$6.00 A JAR
ORIGINAL OR HOT
(CASH OR CHECK)

To purchase contact your 4-H Club or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office @ 940.349.2884

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IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 6-17TH 2021

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.
Hey Denton County 4-H family!

We hope that this finds you all doing well and enjoying the amazing weather! It is time for Operation Christmas Child again and we would love your help! Each year our youth have rallied their clubs, families and neighbors to help fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and other fun items to reach children in need all across the world. This will be our fifth year doing this project as a county and we would love for everyone to help join in the fun! You can do this alone or as part of a group, and there are plenty of ways to fill boxes...

To Pack a Shoebox:

- Decide what gender (boy or girl) and what age group (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old) you are packing for.
- Select “wow” item(s)...this could be something like a soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal, Legos, etc.
- Include school supplies...crayons, color pencils with sharpener, pens, notepad, coloring book, solar calculator, ruler, scissors, paint/craft kits, etc.
- Necessities/Personal hygiene items could include hairbrush, hair accessories, soap, washcloths, toothbrush, socks, underwear, hats, gloves, flip-flops, shirts/outfits, small blanket, drawstring bag/backpack, cups/water bottle, plate, bowl, utensils, etc.
- Other fun items...age appropriate games (marbles, deck of cards, etc.), cars, etch-a-sketch, yo-yo, sunglasses, jewelry, scrunchies, flashlights with batteries, musical instruments (kazoo, recorder, harmonica), small toys, etc.
- For older children...consider putting together fishing kits, sewing kits, gardening items (gloves, spade), multitools/tools, clothesline with wooden clothespins, etc.

Consider:

- At your Club meeting, make items for members to put in their shoebox. For example, bracelets, jump ropes, tote bags, homemade cards, wooden cars, etc. Pinterest and the internet have a wealth of ideas out there!
- Take your family and meet up at a store with a couple of friends and go shopping locally to fill a box (or two).
- Host a packing party where everyone brings items to pack shoeboxes.
- Recruit others you know (neighbors, teammates, classmates, extended family members) to join in.
- Order supplies online (Amazon, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, etc.) or do Click-n-Pull if you prefer to not shop in person.

Because of our sizable contribution last year, we have been gifted over 500 OCC shoeboxes for our organization to fill ~ and we would LOVE to meet or even beat that challenge! Please get with your club members and find out how many of these boxes you would like and we can arrange to get them to you!

The National Collection Week is November 15th - 22rd. Please bring any completed shoeboxes to the Denton County 4-H PLA/County Council meetings in October and November OR reach out to arrange a drop off!

Additionally, we have a new link available to allow people to build a Shoebox online! https://sampur.se/3ALvznA
Regardless of where they live, they can contribute to this worthwhile cause on behalf of Denton County 4-H. We would truly appreciate your help with sharing the link through your social media platforms.

In 2019, our Denton County 4-H youth were able to fill enough shoeboxes to make a difference in 180 children’s lives! In 2020, we more than doubled that total with 430 boxes! Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with OCC shoeboxes in the past. We would be thrilled to have you join this fun project as a family or club so that we can continue to make a difference in their lives. As the 4-H motto says, "Let's make the best better...for our world!"
Raising Sheep & Goats
ON SMALL ACREAGE

November 4, 2021 @ 6pm
401 W. Hickory St. Suite 115, Denton, TX 76201

Small ruminants have become popular on small acreage areas. This program will offer an overview of health and nutrition requirements for sheep and goats.

Cost: $15
Pre-register at: https://bit.ly/3AVoKjl

Coordinated by the Denton County Ag Committee

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2021 Veterinary Science Day Camps

Goal
The goal of the Veterinary Science Camp is to provide experiential learning opportunities for students interested in veterinary science. The VSCP day camps will provide exposure and the opportunity for students to learn basic clinical skills for small animal and large animal veterinary medicine while potentially earning hours and skills under the direction of a veterinarian.

Cost and Registration
Cost of the program: $75/day
(includes lunch & materials)

Registration opens September 21, 2021

Age Requirement:
Camp # 1: 14-18 years old as of September 1, 2021
Camp # 2: 11-13 years old as of September 1, 2021
Limit of 50 students per day

For more information please contact Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu or (806) 679-3980.

LOCATION:
TEXAS 4-H Conference Center
5600 FM 3021, Lake Brownwood, TX 76801

Day Camp #1:
October 14, 2021
9:30am - 5:00pm
Ages 14 - 18

Day Camp #2:
November 19, 2021
9:30am - 5:00pm
Ages 11 - 13
4-H SPORTFISHING PROJECT LEADER TRAININGS 2021-2022
GET OUT THERE AND FISH!

October 9-10
- KERR COUNTY

November 13-14
- JACK COUNTY

February 19-20
- FORT BEND COUNTY

Date To Be Determined
- ANDERSON COUNTY

Register on 4-H Online

Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents.

For more information or questions contact Larry Hy smith, lhysmith@tamu.edu
SHOOTING SPORTS COACH CERTIFICATION

NOVEMBER 13, 2021
STEPHENVILLE, TX
REGISTER OCTOBER 11-22, 2021 VIA 4-H ONLINE
RIFLE, SHOTGUN, ARCHERY, PISTOL, WESTERN HERITAGE (2 DAYS)
$110/GEEN INJECTION DONE PRIOR TO TRAINING

FMI: MEGAN.PARR@AG.TAMU.EDU/254.968.4144
4-H HUNTING PROJECT COACH TRAININGS 2021-2022

October 16-17
- BROWN COUNTY

November 20-21
- FORT BEND COUNTY

February 26-27
- SHELBY COUNTY

Register on 4-H Online

Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents.

For more information or questions contact Larry Hysmith, lhysmith@tamu.edu
Two Great Events
ONE DAY!

District IV
Beginning
Horse Judging
Clinic

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Begins: 9:00 a.m.
Concludes: 12:00 p.m.
Cost: $14.00
Includes Lunch

District IV
4-H Horse
Horse Judging
Contest

Registration: 1:00 p.m.
Orientation: 1:15 p.m.
Contest: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cost: $12.00

Registration on 4HOnline
Opens: October 20, 2021
Closes: November 3, 2021

The complete set of Rules & Guidelines can be found under Event Page Links at https://d44-h.tamu.edu/

For more information contact your local County Extension Office.

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Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Virtual Training

November 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Copy and Paste the following link into your web browser to register:
https://forms.gle/fF379u6teP57FUYc8

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award over $2.5 MILLION in scholarships to over 200 4-H members.

2022 Scholarship Applications will open November 1, 2021 the deadline to apply is February 15, 2022

Visit https://texas4hfoundation.org for more information and to access the application

For More Information Contact:
Denita Young
District IV 4-H Youth Development Specialist
djyoung@ag.tamu.edu

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2021 Trail Challenge Buckle Series

Benefiting Born 2 Be Therapeutic Equestrian Center

| Sept 18 | Born 2 Be, Valley View |
| Oct 16  | Born 2 Be, Valley View |
| Nov 20  | Born 2 Be, Valley View |

**Divisions:**
- In-Hand
- Youth
- Green Horse
- Novice Rider
- Advanced Rider

**Timed Challenge JACKPOT!**

- Current Coggins Required
- General Liability waivers required

Must compete in at least 2 out of 3 events to be eligible for a buckle.

If entering more than one division, only 1 division (of your choice) is eligible for a buckle.

**Each event:**

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All Awards follow the Jackpot

**Please contact:**
- Sarah McArdle
- thomasm123@charter.net
- (817) 683-5699

Born 2 Be Therapeutic Equestrian Center

* 12650 I-35 Frontage Rd  * Valley View  * 940-595-8200  * born2betec@gmail.com
AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP
Meets 5:00pm @ North Texas Fair Grounds on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Pasha Tieszen, ttieszen@sprynet.com; Sue Real, suereal9@gmail.com.
Projects include livestock, livestock judging, food & nutrition, shooting sports, public speaking, archery, clothing textiles, rabbits, photography, and more.

ARGYLE 4-H
Meets 6:30pm @ Argyle Middle School on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
Club Leaders: Emily Holt, holt_emily@hotmail.com; Tina Dieterich, acid@mindspring.com; Brenda James, scoresjoker10@gmail.com.
Projects include: food & nutrition, shooting sports, clothing/textiles, robotics, entomology, rabbits, and more.

DENTON COUNTY STEM CLUB
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 6pm @ Denton South Branch Library. Club Leaders: Jordan Rivera, Eloise Kuehnert, Erin Tran; denton4hstemclub@gmail.com
Projects are focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Robotics.

HEART OF DENTON
Meets 2:00pm-3:00pm @ American Legion Post 71 on the last Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders Include: Debra Nobles and Ed Nobles, mebee414@gmail.com, enobles53@yahoo.com
Projects include rabbits, food/nutrition, fashion/interior design, leadership, community service, and more.

NORTH TEXAS VETERINARY SCIENCE
Meets 7:00pm @ North Texas Fairgrounds on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Contact: northtexasvetscience@gmail.com
Projects include veterinarian science, animal projects, food & nutrition, and more.

PILOT POINT 4-H
Meets 2:00pm @ Pilot Point Church of Christ Annex on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Mary Bridges, bridgesm39@msn.com; Dana Braack, dana.braack@yahoo.com.
Projects include: in gardening, food & nutrition, clothing/textiles, livestock, public speaking, and more.

SILVER SADDLE 4-H
Meets 7:00pm at The Downtowner in Denton on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Club Leaders: Tracy McCarty, tribemccarty@gmail.com; Holly Branch, hollyberrybranch@gmail.com; Jayme Wright, jaymwr4h@gmail.com
Projects include horses, dogs, food & nutrition, and more.

LITTLE ELM 4-H
The Little Elm 4-H Club is one of Denton County’s newest 4-H Club! More details are coming soon!
Contact: LittleElm4H@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS
The Helping Hands 4-H Club is also one Denton County’s newest 4-H Club! More details are coming soon!
Contact: jackie_clark@outlook.com

Clubs may offer other projects that are not listed and are always open to new ideas.
If you have any questions, please contact victoria.scott@dentoncounty.gov