

DENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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4-H youth had an opportunity to visit Goober Bub's Strawberry Farm. They had such a great time learning about strawberries and enjoyed having a hands on experience. We appreciate Goober Bub's for providing 4-H youth an opportunity to tour their strawberry farm. Goober Bubs is located in Justin at 10534 Eakin Cemetery Rd.

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IMPORTANT DATES

District Record Book Deadline

Deadline to submit your record book is June 14, 2023 You must sign up through 4-H online and Submittable. Registration MUST be done in both sites or books will be disqualified.

Registration opens: May 31, 2023 - June 14, 2023.

Validation Dates

June 22, 2023 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | North Texas Fairgrounds

June 29, 2023 | 6:00am - 10:00am | North Texas Fairgrounds

Summer Camp Opportunities

July 6 , 2023 | 4-H & FCH One Day

July 11-13 , 2023 | Clover Kids Camp

Gold Star Information

June 30, 2023 | 4:30 pm| Deadline for Award Applications.

July 10, 2023 | Interviews for the awards take place on this day.

August 12 ,2023 | Save the date | Gold Star Banquet.

Leaders Are Readers

June 12 &16 and July 5, 20 , & 25 | Meetings will be held virtually on Zoom.

Open to all youth going into grades 6-12.

No cost and books are provided.

VALIDATION

SAVE THE DATE!

VALIDATION DATES:

June 22, 2023 5:30 - 8:30 PM

June 29, 2023 6:00 - 10:00 AM

Both events will take place at the North Texas Fairgrounds



IF YOU NEED TO PURCHASE TAGS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AG SCIENCE TEACHER OR 4-H AGENT. THE DEADLINE TO ORDER TAGS IS JUNE 1, 2023.

If you have any questions email Steven at steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu or contact the Agrilife Extension Office.



For order forms or to view new changes this year visit denton.agrilife.org/validation. 4-H members can order from the Agrilife Extension Office, FFA members need to order through their Ag Science Teacher.

Questions? Contact 940-349-2884 or steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Denton County AgriLife, not just 4-H, is planning some great summer camp opportunities! We have four listed on our website and will be adding more soon. You can find them under the Upcoming Events section on the 4-H section of the website. The link is: <https://denton.agrilife.org/4h/upcoming/>. You can see a sneak peak below for what we have planned so far!

Summer Camp Opportunities

Show entries Search:

Event	Date	For Ages	Cost	Description	Registration Process
O'SWAt Camp	June 26-29, 2023	Ages 6-10	\$75	Kids will explore the outdoor world with certified Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists. Each day, we will study a different aspect of outdoor science through horticulture and environmental science activities. Camp is located at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center in Denton.	Register through Denton Parks & Rec online at https://bit.ly/3UIP9vv
4-H & FCH One Day	July 6, 2023	3rd - 12th grade	Free	This one day workshop will teach kids about Food & Nutrition and Fashion & Interior Design and open their eyes to the world of 4-H!	Register online at https://bit.ly/41B36xA
Clover Kids Camp	July 11-13, 2023	Kindergarten - 2nd grade	\$10 Supply Fee	Clover Kids is for kids who are not old enough to be in 4-H yet. This introductory camp will be full of fun, hands on activities showcasing the various projects in 4-H.	Registration is currently full, email steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu to be placed on a wait list.
Farm to Table Camp	July 17-21, 2023	Ages 6-12	\$75	Bring the farm to your table! Open to youth, ages 6-10, this camp will teach participants where their food comes from and how to prepare it for optional nutrition. Each day of camp will focus on a different food group. Participants will work in the garden, experience a mobile dairy, and see livestock. Then participants will use simple cooking techniques to prepare food, using practical skills they will carry with them through the years. Camp is located at Denia Recreation Center in Denton.	Register through Denton Parks & Rec online at https://bit.ly/3MTZUsR

4-H & FCH One Day

We are looking for intermediate or senior members, who have competed in FCH contests, to present at One Day.

Clover Kids Camp

Registration is already full for Clover Kids Camp! We are looking for 4-H members to volunteer during camp. You can be a group leader or help present a lesson about your 4-H project.

Interested in helping out with either event? Contact the office!



Left: Farm to Table Camp last summer



Right: Clover Kids Camp last summer.

4-H & FCH ONE DAY



Come learn about Food & Nutrition and Fashion & Interior Design! These two project areas are full of opportunities in 4-H!

JULY 6, 2023

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

**DENTON COUNTY AGRILIFE
EXTENSION OFFICE**

401 W. HICKORY ST. DENTON, TX

**WANT MORE INFO? 940-349-2884 OR
MANDY.HILL@DENTONCOUNTY.GOV**



REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://bit.ly/41B36xA>
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



GOLD STAR AWARDS

Our annual Gold Star Awards Banquet is to recognize our 4-H members and 4-H Volunteers. There are several different awards that our 4-H members qualify for and can apply for. Information for awards has been divided up between age groups.

All 4-H'ers who wish to apply for awards must be sure to complete all necessary requirements as listed in the **Gold Star Banquet Awards Packet** on our county website. The link is denton.agrilife.org/awards/.

The deadline for award applications on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Interviews for these awards will take place on Monday, July 10, 2023. Information regarding the interviews will become available after all applications are received.

Our Gold Star Banquet will be held on August 12, 2023. More details to come! If you have any questions or would like someone to review your application before submitting it, please reach out to the office.

BRONZE STAR AWARD

The Bronze Star Award is the highest award that a junior 4-H member can receive; and is awarded to an outstanding junior 4-H member. This may be received only once in a junior member's 4-H career. Winners of the Bronze Star award shall receive a 4-H Bronze Award commendation.

SILVER STAR AWARD

The Silver Star Award is the highest award that an Intermediate 4-H member can receive; and is awarded to an outstanding intermediate 4-H member. This may be received only once in an Intermediate member's 4-H career. Winners of the Silver Star award shall receive the 4-H Silver Award commendation.

GOLD STAR AWARD

The Gold Star Award is the highest award that a Senior 4-H member can receive; and is awarded to an outstanding Senior 4-H member. Winners of the Gold Star Award will receive the Gold Star Award commendation and a financial scholarship.

4-H CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

Each club may annually complete and return the Texas 4-H Club Standards of Excellence Report form. Clubs who meet the minimum criteria will receive a certificate.

DISTRICT JACKETS

4-H'ers who win first place in a District IV 4-H contest are eligible to receive a District Winner Jacket.

RECORDBOOK AWARDS

4-Hers who enter a Record Book in the Denton County 4-H Record Book competition shall receive a 4-H Project Pin and free admission (plus one free guest) to the Denton County 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

4-Hers who have accomplished an outstanding amount of volunteer hours qualify to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award

GOLD STAR AWARDS

DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD

The "I Dare You!" Leadership Award recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders – young adults who are ready to take the dare. Winners of the Danforth "I Dare You" Award will receive an award commendation.

FARM BUREAU CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Recipients of this award are recognized as engaged and outstanding citizens in their communities and have went above and beyond. Winners of the Farm Bureau Citizenship Award will receive an award commendation.

DENTON COUNTY 4-H AL PETTY SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Al Petty Scholarship is awarded to a deserving youth who completes an application and is selected by the scholarship committee.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

The recipient must have shown active support toward the 4-H program.

RISING STAR AWARD

Recipients of this award are recognized as going above and beyond while making the most of their short time in 4-H. Winners of the Rising Star Award will receive an award commendation.

CLUB SUPERSTAR AWARD

This award is to recognize an individual that shows a strong commitment to their club and is very active in all of the clubs activities. This individual may not be the loudest in the room or the center of attention but the club would not be the same without them.



2022 Gold Star Banquet Award Winners

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH GOING INTO GRADES 6-12

LEADERS ARE READERS

THE FOCUS FOR THIS SUMMER WILL BE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Leaders are Readers is a summer reading program led by Denton County 4-H. You will read the books on your own time and then share/discuss them during our meetings. Each meeting will also have a lesson on civic engagement and county government.

This program is ideal for avid readers and or kids with an interest in civic engagement!

MEETING SCHEDULE

**Subject to Change*

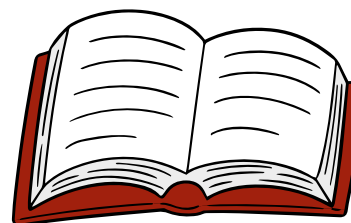
June 12 & 26

July 5, 20, & 25

Meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. There will be 1 or 2 in-person field trips during this program.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Please sign up by June 2nd to ensure we can order your books by the first meeting. You can sign up later, but may not have your books until after the meeting.



**NO COST!
BOOKS PROVIDED!**



Questions? Contact Steven Baringer
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Registration Link: bit.ly/3M9iI5i
Or Scan the QR Code!

CLUB DIRECTORY



AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP

Meets 5:00 pm @ North Texas Fair Grounds on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Sue Real, suereal99@gmail.com.
Projects include livestock, livestock judging, food & nutrition, shooting sports, archery, fashion and interior design, and photography.

ARGYLE 4-H

Meets 2:00 pm @ Argyle Middle School on the 1st Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Emily Holt, holt_emily@hotmail.com; Tina Dieterich, acld@mindspring.com
Projects include food & nutrition, shooting sports, clothing/textiles, robotics, entomology, rabbits, and more.

DENTON COUNTY STEM CLUB

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm @ Denton South Branch Library.
Club Leaders: Jordan Rivera, Eloise Kuehnert, Erin Tran; denton4hstemclub@gmail.com
Projects are focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Robotics, Coding and Photography.

HEART OF DENTON

Meets 2:00-3:00 pm @ American Legion Post 71 on the last Sunday of each month.(Clover Club meets 1:00-1:50 pm)
Club Leaders: Debra Nobles and Ed Nobles, mebee414@gmail.com, enobles53@yahoo.com; Beverly Hayes, lbhayes@pwhome.com; Tonya Slyvester, tonya@fiercefabrication.com; Jayme Kiraly, jkiraly@dentonisd.org
Projects include rabbits, chickens, leadership, community service, clover kids, and more.

NORTH TEXAS VETERINARY SCIENCE

Meets 7:00pm @ North Texas Fairgrounds on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Club Leader: Nikkie Martin, northtexasvetscience@gmail.com
Projects include veterinarian science, animal projects, food & nutrition, and more.

PILOT POINT 4-H

Meets 2:00 pm @ 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 gardening, food & nutrition, clothing/textiles, livestock, public speaking, and more.

SILVER SADDLE 4-H

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

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all personal regardless of race, 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.