DECEMBER 2019

4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



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2019-2020 4-H ENROLLMENT

Welcome NEW & RETURNING 4-H Members!

Young County 4-H Enrollment is now open on 4-H Connect. All returning and new 4-H members will need to go online and update their membership status. 4-H enrollment starts over at the beginning of every year so please complete this required task for 2019-2020 Young County 4-H membership requirement. Also be sure to update information like age, grade, and project interest as these details help our project leaders tremendously!

Please contact the Extension Office if you need help updating your enrollment or have difficulty setting up a family and/or member profile.

Annual Membership Fee \$30

Visit: https://texas4honline.com

Graham Area United Way is a proud supporter of our Young County 4-H program!



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DECEMBER 2019 YOUNG COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITIES & DEADLINES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
District Deadline Ag Product Identification & Livestock Skillathon Registration Fashion Project FBC Olney 4:00pm Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm Ag Product ID & Livestock Skill-a-thon Practice I NCTC 6:15pm	3	4	Plant ID Extension 4:00pm 4-H Christmas Float Graham Christmas Parade & Stroll	Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm
9 Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm Saltfork 4-H Club Burgers & Billards 6:00pm	10 Lone Star 4-H Angel Tree/Christmas Party Wal-Mart 6:00pm *See Club Announcements for details	County Fair Reminder that the county fair is in January! Be thinking about what you plan to enter this year!	Plant ID Extension 4:00pm Clover Kids (K-2) NCTC Student Center 5:30pm Ag Product ID & Livestock Skill-a-thon Practice 2 NCTC 6:15pm	13 Renewed 4-H Christmas Angel Tree/Christmas Party Crestview Salem Methodist Church 12pm Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm
Food Project NCTC 4:00pm & 5:30pm *Bring cookie/cupcake decorating supplies (sprinkles, candies, etc) Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm Parent Adult Leaders Association NCTC 6:00pm	17 D3 4-H CONTEST Ag Product Id & Livestock Skill-a-thon Munday, TX Wildlife & Fisheries New Location this month YCA 6:00pm	18	4-H and Extension Appreciation Lunch Location TBD Plant ID Extension 4:00pm	20 County Council 2:00pm Archery 4-H Archery Depot 5:30pm
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Renewed 4-H Robotics meetings will kick back off in January. More information to come in January newsletter.

Veterinary Science project to kick off after the new year. Contact the Extension Office to get on the project list to receive more details.





Young County 4-H Opportunities



Club Meetings

4-H Clubs are the most traditional and effective delivery mode of 4-H programming to youth. Club meetings are learning "laboratories" where members develop social skills including communicating and working with others, practice leadership skills, develop strong character, and become responsible citizens by participating in community service activities. It's a wonderful way for youth to become exposed to new and exciting experiences and activities in a safe and familiar environment. Club Meetings are held once a month and generally include an ice breaker, inspiration, program, business, recreation and/or community service project. Meetings typically last 60-90 minutes.

GTX 4-H CLUB	Varies Monthly See calendar	GJH Gifted & Talented In-School Club	Club will meet at NCTC on Wednesday, November 11, 2019 for a special project activity in the afternoon. School will bus students.
LONE STAR 4-H CLUB	2nd Tuesday of the month	6pm NCTC	Christmas Party will be Dec 10 at 6pm. We will meet at Wal-Mart to shop for Angel Tree & return to NCTC for Angel Tree wrapping & Christmas Party. We will also be setting up on Dec 5 during parade to sell cookies to help support the PAL 4-H scholarship fund. Remember to also bring canned food items.
OLNEY 4-H CLUB	Varies Monthly See FB Page	St. Luke Luthern Church	ТВА
RENEWED 4-H CLUB	Last Friday of the month	12pm-Bring Lunch Crestview-Salem Methodist Church	Club will meet on Friday, December 13, 2019 at Crestview-Salem Methodist Church for Angel Tree service project and Christmas Party.
Saltfork 4-H Club	2nd Monday of the month	6:00pm	Club will be meeting at Burgers & Billards for their December meeting & Christmas Party.
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB	Varies Monthly See calendar	Location TBA	See Shooting Sports facebook page for more details.

County Council

The Young County 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from each club within the county. Serving as ambassadors for the County 4-H program, members represent the organization county wide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events. Any 4-H member is welcome to join county council as an additional leadership and community service opportunities.

Clover Kids

Where the "FUN" begins!

Clover Kids is a FUN 4-H program for children in kindergarten through second grade. Children participate in hands-on activities designed to build lots of different skills!

The purpose of the 4-H Clover Kids Program is to help youth learn social skills, reinforce formal school programs through informal, non-competitive experiential projects and activities, develop self-esteem and build family strengths.

The goal is to promote children's positive development through cooperative learning and developmentally appropriate activities. Each month during a clover kids club meeting children will get to explore a different 4-H project which may include a game, program, field trip, etc. to better give them the scope of a 4-H project in hopes that when they reach the 3rd grade they will know the projects that interest them the most so that they are ready to begin their 4-H career! Meetings will take place once a month on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30pm. We will be meeting in the NCTC Student Center for the fall semester.



Young County 4-H Volunteers



Saltfork 4-H Community Club	Club Manager	Caitlin Campbell	361-446-8488	cdd.10.26@gmail.com
	Assistant Club Mgr	Carmen Neal	940-631-4866	ccneal20@gmail.com
Olney 4-H	Club Manager	Julie Hinson	940-564-3296	kjhinson@brazosnet.com
Community Club	Assistant Club Mgr	Needed		
Lone Star 4-H Community Club	Club Manager	Christine Richards	940-550-4060	randc@digitalpassage.com
·	Assistant Club Mgr	Needed		
Renewed 4-H Home School	Club Manager	Jamie Buse	325-669-6281	jamielbuse@gmail.com
Community Club	Assistant Club Mgr	Gabby Pitcock	940-282-9424	gabbypitcock@live.com
GTX 4-H In-School Specialty Club	Club Manager	Sheena Parrilla	940-550-4913	slb23mj@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports Project Club	Club Manager	David Cook	940-782-2120	blmc2005@yahoo.com
Animals- Goat & Sheep	Leader	Needed		
Animals- Rabbit	Leader	Diana Tubb	940-250-9091	dkayder3@gmail.com
Animals- Swine	Leader	Savanna Williams	940-549-0737	savan-
Animals-Steer	Leader	Needed		
Consumer Decision Making	Coach	Denise Cyr	817-306-4163	
Dog Obedience & Training	Leader	Peggy Carter & Stacey Carter	940-456-1855,	940- 456-2055
Food & Nutrition	Leader	Needed		
Fashian & Interior Design Businet	Leader- Graham	Dollie French	940-550-5993	
Fashion & Interior Design Project	Leader- Olney	Mary Butler & Rosalee Craig	940-564-6355,	940-564-2800
	Coach: Junior (3-5)	Parent Volunteer		
Fashion Show & Duds 2 Dazzle	Coach: Inter (6-8)	Parent Volunteer	940-549-0737	Young-tx@ag.tamu.edu
	Coach: Seniors (9-12)	Amber Paulson	940-456-3311	paulson.amber@yahoo.com
Food & Nutrition	Leader	Needed		
Food & Nutrition Contest:	Food Challenge Jr & Int	Parent Volunteer		
Food Show & Food Challenge	Food Challenge Seniors	Parent Volunteer		
Livestock Judging	Coach	Anderson	940-549-0737	mooanderson@yahoo.com
Ag Product ID & Livestock Skill-a-Thon	Jamie Buse	Jaime Buse	325-669-6281	jamielbuse@gmail.com
Horse	Leader	Needed		
Meat Science	Coach	Needed		
Outdoor Education/Sports Fishing	Leader	Needed		
Photography	Leader	Needed		
Plant & Range Identification	Coach	John Paclik	940-521-1170	john_paclik@hotmail.com
Public Speaking	Coach	Needed		
S.T.E.M (Robotics)	Leader	Dr. James Espinosa	940-549-0737	Young-tx@tamu.edu
Shooting Sports- Archery	Coach	David Cook	940-782-2120	blmc2005@yahoo.com
Shooting Sports- Shotgun	Coach	Charlie Rogers	325-669-2194	charlierogers02@yahoo.com
Shooting Sports- Rifle	Coach	Gary Dunnam	940-550-8808	ranch4d2@hotmail.com
Small Engines	Leader	Jerry Jones & John Slater	940-549-0737	young-tx@tamu.edu
Soil Judging	Coach	Tyler Maxwell-pending	940-549-0422	tyler.maxwell@usda.gov
Veterinary Science	Leader	Dr. Amy Eiland-pending	940-549-0737	young-tx@tamu.edu



4-H Opportunities



LIVESTOCK

Young County Junior Livestock Show:

Save the date as our 2020 Young County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for January 9-11, 2020.

Validation Dates:

Rabbit:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Young County Arena—4:00pm-6:00pm

Project Contest Opportunities (Optional):

Livestock Skillathon is a great way to showcase all of the knowledge that youth gain throughout their project. This contest covers an array of topics and encourages youth to really stretch their hard-earned information. It is a competitive way to evaluate what youth have learned along the way, and a fun way to gain more knowledge regarding their project. There are different stations with feed that youth have to identify or anatomy diagrams to label. Youth have a set amount of time per station along with a written test that is made to challenge their knowledge of their species.

County/District Contest Sign-Up Deadline: December 1, 2019

County Practice Meeting I: December 2, 2019 County Practice Meeting II: December 9, 2019

District Contest: December 17, 2019

Project Leader Information:

Young County Extension Office 940.549.0737

Agriculture Product Identification

20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e., general nutritional content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition).

County/District Contest Sign-Up Deadline: December 1, 2019

County Practice Meeting I: December 2, 2019 County Practice Meeting II: December 9, 2019

District Contest: December 17, 2019

Project Leader Information:

Jaime Buse 940.549.0737

VETERINARY SCIENCE

Project Meetings:

Coming in January or February 2020! Keep an eye out for updates after Christmas!

ARE YOU INTERESTED:

Please call the Extension Office and let us know you are interested in participating so we can better plan.



SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL

The annual Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship School will be

held again this summer. Date to be determined, so stay tuned for info!



Young County 4-H Opportunities



Wildlife & Fisheries

Become a nature watcher! Learn to tell the difference between different types of fish and animals by learning about animal species. Nature is all around you—no matter where you live! You will explore your natural surroundings through this project, including conservation and wildlife management.

2019-2020 Tentative Schedule of Meetings

- September 17: Introduction to Wildlife Project
- October 15: Wildlife Management/Hunting & Fishing Ethics
- November 19: Hunting Skills and Techniques
- December 17: Fish Identification
- January 21: Waterfowl and Upland Game Identification
- February 18: Game and Predator Identification
- March 17: Orienteering and Survival
- April 21: Wildlife Observation/Fishing
- May 19: End of Year Celebration

Project Details:

In the 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries project, youth will learn to identify birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and mammals by learning about wildlife species. Youth will explore their natural surroundings and study including conservation and wildlife management. Experiences and learning opportunities include: habitat management, wildlife biology and ecology, hunting and fishing, and wildlife watching.

Project Contest Opportunities (Optional):

Meetings will take place monthly

Wildlife Challenge: Invitational contest covering five 4-H Natural Resources projects, which include sportfishing, hunting, wildlife and fisheries, forestry, and entomology.

Project Timeline:

6:00-7:30pm Young County Arena in December & January due to cold weather.

Project Leader Information: Bill McClendon 940.452.6005

SHOOTING SPORTS: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun

Project Details:

This project covers firearm safety and teaches responsible handling and use for a variety of firearms, including pistols, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading, and archery. In the Shooting Sports project, youth will learn: how to load and shoot a variety of firearms, proper maintenance of firearms, parts, and accessories, proper safety procedures in handling and shooting, about shooting sports competitions and how to participate, hunting procedures, laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, and firearms use, and about careers related to firearms and shooting sports. Please join the Shooting Sports 4-H- Young County 4-H facebook or see calendar

Project Timeline:

Archery: Fall & Spring, Rifle-Spring Only, Shotgun: Late Fall & Spring

Project Leader Information: Multiple Contacts
Please refer to Volunteer Contact List (last page)

S.T.E.M: Science, Engineering, & Technology

Project Details:

In this project, youth learn about robotics, computers, alternative energy, engineering, and agri-science. This project allows youth to dream, explore, and experiment in various areas for possibilities in careers and education.

Opportunities Available:

Robotics: Robots are all around us. From the food we eat to the cars we drive, robots help make our lives easier and more efficient. The field of robotics is expanding at a rapid pace, and Texas 4-H is poised to help lead young people into this exciting field. By participating, youth will: develop an understanding of basic science concepts related to robotics, apply the processes of scientific inquiry and engineering design, build skills in science, engineering and technology, use the tools of technology to enhance their learning, explore related careers in these fields, and apply the skills and knowledge they are developing to new challenges.

National Youth Science Day: This program helps students learn basic science concepts and application of the scientific inquiry method and engineering design. Adults leaders do not need to be computer experts to lead youth in this activity. NYSD is held in October each year and a complete kit is available for purchase at the 4-H Mall. The 2019 NYSD theme is "Game Changers".

Afterschool Project Leader: Looking for volunteer leader **Home School Project:** Meetings will kick-off in January 2020 **Leader:** Renewed 4-H Club Project Leader: Dr. Espinosa



4-H Project Opportunities



Fashion & Interior Design

Project Details:

In the 4-H Fashion and Interior Design program youth learn to design, construct and be a smart consumer when purchasing clothing and household items. Projects can be designed around parts of fashion and interior design such as: applying elements and principles of design, learn to operate a sewing machine, fabric science labs, fashion and interior design sketching, consumer buying skills, creating a storyboard for your designs, creating one of a kind items for home decorating, entrepreneurship, and upcycling items for a new purpose. There are several different contests and opportunities within the project area as well as the Ambassador program. PROJECT MEETINGS are held once a month! Check calendar for dates.

Project Contest Opportunities (optional):

Duds to Dazzle: 4-Hers participate in the 4-H Clothing & Textile project to become knowledgeable in a multitude of concentrated skills. In the Texas 4-H Duds to Dazzle qualifying competition, the learning experience is taken another step beyond by "going green". In the contest, teams of 3-5 4-H members will be challenged to take a textile that is no longer usable for its original purpose, and refurbish it into a new, viable consumer product; recycling textiles so they do not end up in the waste stream. Objectives include: 1) Allow participants to exhibit knowledge and skills gained through their 4-H Clothing & Textiles project by designing, constructing, and presenting a finished product, 2) Allow participants learning opportunities, 3) Promote teamwork, 4) Help 4-H'ers gain experience in public speaking, and 5) Provide leadership opportunities for young people. SPRING 2020

4-H Fashion Show: Contestant can compete in the construction, buying division or natural fiber. Buying division categories include: Business/ Interview Attire, Fantastic Fashions Under \$25, Semi-Formal to Formal and Special Interest. Construction Division categories include: Everyday Living, ReFashion, Semi-Formal to Formal and Theatre/Costume. Natural fiber categories include: wool/ mohair and cotton. Senior 4-H members who have completed and won at the district Fashion Show competition can compete at the Fashion Show at State Roundup. Each district may send one contestant from each of the categories in construction, buying and natural fiber. If a participant is a district Fashion Show buying or construction winner and a district Fashion Show Natural Fiber winner they will be able to compete in both contests. SPRING 2020

Fashion Storyboard: Contestant has the opportunity to create a storyboard of their original design. 4-H FID Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying of original designs. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as, additional materials (such as photos from the internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. Participation in the FID Storyboard contest provides members an opportunity to gain knowledge of career responsibilities of a designer and illustrator, enhance creativity and originality and develop visual communication skills. SPRING 2020

Trashion Show: Opportunity for 4-H members to use their design skills to create and exhibit a recycled/ reused garment created from items that would otherwise be thrown in the trash. 4-H teams (1-4 members) will submit a video application. A team of judges will evaluate the entries, and the top 10 entries will be asked to compete in the Trashion Show Invitational event in June at Texas 4-H Roundup. SPRING 2020

Project Leader Contact Information:

Dollie French 940.549.0737 (GRAHAM) Mary Butler 940.564.6355 (OLNEY)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Project Details:

Youth learn to use cameras, lighting, and other photography equipment to get great shots. Youth learn to review and evaluate photos for quality and appearance, as well as techniques in editing and developing photographs for display, competition, or personal enjoyment. Youth will learn how to: take photos using a tripod, utilize different lighting, take photos of people, locations, and animals, use shutter speeds, and tell a story with photos. Contests within the project include the 4-H photography contest, photography judging contest, and YCJLS County Fair Photography Contest.

Project Timeline:

Meetings will begin again after the new year. Watch for our January 4-H Newsletter for more information.

Project Leader: We are in need of a parent volunteer to help facilitate these meetings. Program/Presenters can be outsourced with help of Extension Office if needed.



4-H Project Opportunities



Dog Project

DOG VALIDATION

Dogs must be validated to participate on the state level.

January 4, 2020 Location to be announced.

Contact Project Leaders if you have intentions of validating and competing at the Texas 4-H Dog Show.

PROJECT MEETING

Project meetings will continue in February 2020.

TEXA\$ 4-H DOG \$HOW

July 10-11, 2020

Project Leader Contact Information:

Peggy Carter 940.456.1855 Stacey Carter 940.456.2055

Project Details:

Mixed breed or purebred, all kinds of dogs are welcome in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project. Youth can have a well-mannered family member in about 6 weeks with basic obedience training class. After obedience training, sights can be set on Canine Good Citizenship Certification or competition at a dog show. Youth may also learn about daily care and health of their dog, and being a "dog foster parent." There are even community service activities youth can do with their dog. Most important of all is having fun as youth build a bond with their dog and make friends who love dogs too! Contests in this project area include the Open Educational Presentation, the Texas 4-H Dog Show, and various Dog Shows throughout the year.

Food & Nutrition

Project Details:

Youth learn kitchen and cooking safety, how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks, and meal ideas to reduce the risk of disease. Learning experiences focus on nutrition, food purchasing, food preparation, food safety, and related careers. Contests within this project area include the Food Challenge, Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl, and Food Show.

Project Meeting Info:

Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month through December.

Project Contest Opportunities (optional):

County Fair (Culinary Arts):

January 7: Entries due to the YCA between 5-7pm

January 7: Judging

January 9-11: Fair on Display

Photography:

County Contest- January 9, 2019 District Contest- March 1, 2019

Project Leader Contact Information:

Pam Benson 817-980-7189 Dollie French 940.550.5993





IMPORTANT DISTRICT & STATE DATES



IMPORTANT DATES: DISTRICT 3 & TX 4-H CONTESTS, DATES, REGISTRATION, FEES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION	FEE
Monday, October 28, 2019	FCH Quiz Bowl - PM	Vernon	September 30- October 13	October 14-20	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Monday, October 28, 2019	Horse & Livestock Quiz Bowls -AM	Vernon	September 30 October 13	October 14-20	\$5 per person/event Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Saturday, November 2, 2019	Food Show	Vernon	October 5 21	October 22 28	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Livestock Judging	Vernon	October 9-22	October 23-29	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$15
November 16-17, 2019	Shooting Sports Coach Training	Archer City	October 18 - November 1	N/A	\$ 125.00
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	Food Challenge	Jacksboro	October 21 - November 1	November 2 - November 5	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Tuesday, December 17, 2019	Ag Product ID	Munday	November 18-December 2	December 3-10	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Tuesday, December 17, 2019	Livestock Skill-a-thon	Munday	November 18- December 2	December 3-10	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
March 3-4, 2020	Texas 4-H Indoor Archery	Graham	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Duds to Dazzle	Jack	March 1-15	March 16-23	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Fashion Show	Jack	March 1-15	March 16-23	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Meat Judging	Lubbock TTU	March 3-25	March 26 - April 1	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Horse Judging	Vernon	March 19- April 1	April 2-8	\$20 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$20
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	Consumer Decision Making	Vernon	March 25- April 7	April 8-14	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	District Roundup, Share the Fun, S.E.T., Public Speaking, Educational Presentations	Vernon	March 25- April 7	April 8-14	\$5 Per Person
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	Fashion Storyboard	Vernon	March 25- April 7	April 8-14	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	Photography	Vernon	March 25- April 7	April 8-14	\$2 per photograph Late Fee \$25 + \$2
Saturday, April 25, 2020	Rifle/Pistol	Wichita Falls- NWTF&S	March 28 - April 10	April 11-17	\$20/\$25
Saturday, May 2, 2020	Archery	Holiday Creek	April 1-17	April 18-24	\$25 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$25
June 8-11, 2020	State Roundup	College Station		TBA	
June 16-18, 2020	Teen Leader Lab		ТВА	TBA	Youth \$165/ Adult \$125
June 25-27, 2020	Horse Show	TBD	May 27- June 9	June 10-16	Entry TBA + Late Fee \$100.00
Thursday, July 9, 2020	Record Book Judging	Archer City	June 11-24	June 25-July 1	None
<u>TBA</u>	Leaders for Life	Decatur	ТВА	ТВА	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
ТВА	Trap Contest	Iowa Park- IP Gun Club	ТВА	TBA	\$35 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$35



4-H Project Opportunities



Texas 4-H Center Summer Camp Schedule



Register online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



- 3rd Grade and up
- All camp enrollment is based on grade in 2020-2021 school year
- 4-H membership is NOT required
- Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount
- Late fee \$50
- All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.