

# The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles - March 2024

## NUECES COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOKS

THE 4-H RECORD BOOK IS A PERSONAL RECORD AND IS A REFLECTION OF ALL YOU HAVE PERSONALLY DONE IN 4-H, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH, PERSONAL DEDICATION, EFFORTS, AND WORK. ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS? THEN DOCUMENT THEM IN YOUR RECORD BOOK. RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN THE NUECES COUNTY 4-H OFFICE BY **5:00 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024.**



### NUECES COUNTY 4-H (NC4H) RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS

**6:00 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 (FOR BEGINNERS)**

**6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 (FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS)**

**RSVP FOR WORKSHOPS REQUIRED BY APRIL 4, 2024**



- The first workshop on April 8 is an educational training for beginners. It is a great opportunity to have advice and feedback.
- The second workshop on April 9 is for the more advanced 4-H member.
- When you complete and submit your record book to the NC4H Office, then you are eligible to run for a county council officer position and receive your county medal and year pin at the awards banquet. Additionally, you are also eligible to complete applications for other awards, such as Outstanding, Gold Star, Golden Clover, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Danforth "I Dare You", Charles Terry, etc.
- County record books that place First in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories advance to the District II 4-H competition, as well as District II 4-H First Place Senior record books advance to the Texas 4-H competition.

**RECORD BOOKS BENEFIT YOU - THE 4-H MEMBER!**

### 2024 RECORD BOOK SCHEDULE

**Workshops: 6:00 p.m. April 8 and 9, NC4H Office**

**Due: 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2024**

- Nueces County 4-H (NC4H) events are held in the Johnny S. Calderon Nueces County Center (NCC), 710 East Main Avenue, Robstown, Texas 78380-3148, unless otherwise noted.
- NCJLS is the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show, 361.387.5395, Emails ncjlsoffice@aol.com, ncjlsoffice@gmail.com
- RMBRF is the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Boulevard, Robstown, Texas 78380.

# ▶ MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 27 - Mar 17 Houston Stock Show	Mar 7 - 17 Rio Grande  Mar 8 - 23 Rodeo Austin				1 - NC4H Roundup & Fashion Events, RMBRF  - NCJLS Scholarships Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 - NCJLS Thank You Letters Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 - 2024-2025 NC4H Council Officer applications due in NC4H Office 7:00 pm	26	27	28 - Majors & NCJLS Market Steer, State Fair Heifer and Lamb & Goat Tag Orders due in NC4H Office	29 - GOOD FRIDAY (county-approved holiday; office closed)	30
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# ▶ APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 - EASTER MONDAY (county- approved holiday; office closed)	2	3	4 - D114H Spring Spectacular Victoria	5 - D114H Spring Spectacular Victoria	6 - D114H Multi- District Horse Judging Bryan
7	8 - NC4H Record Book Workshop (Beginners) 6:00 pm NC4H Office	9 - NC4H Record Book Workshop (Advanced) 6:00 pm NC4H Office	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 - D114H Multi- District Judging (Livestock) College Station
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# NUECES COUNTY 4-H (NC4H)

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## TEXAS 4-H HORSE VALIDATION

For the 2024 season will be open in 4HONLINE from March 1 through May 1, 2024. All horses must be validated/revalidated each year.

The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse in the form of a credit card **ONLY**.

- From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15 deadline and the payment is processed.
- From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1 deadline and the payment is processed.

For full details and guidance, please visit <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>.

## 2023-2024 DISTRICT 11 MULTI-DISTRICT JUDGING

Information is now available for this judging contest at the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/judging-contests/>.

The event will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024 in the following locations.

**Livestock Judging:** Pearce Pavilion, College Station, TX

**Meats Judging & ID:** Rosenthal Meat Science & Technology Center, College Station, TX.

Registration is open now until March 31, 2024 on 4HONLINE. Late registration will be open April 1-5, 2024.

## 2023-2024 DISTRICT 11 MULTI-DISTRICT HORSE JUDGING

Information for the 2023-2024 District 11 Multi-District Horse Judging is now available at the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/horse-judging/>. The event will be held on Saturday, April 6, at the Brazos Expo Center in Bryan, TX. Registration is open now until March 22, 2024. Late registration will be open from March 23-29, 2024.





## 2024-2025 NCJLS & MAJOR SHOWS MARKET STEER TAG ORDER FORM



### ONE FORM PER FAMILY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAG ORDERS ARE \$30 EACH AND ARE DUE BY MARCH 28, 2024.  
 AFTER MARCH 28, LATE TAG ORDERS ARE \$35 EACH AND  
 ARE DUE BY JUNE 14, 2024.**

# OF TAGS	X PER TAG	TOTAL
___ Market Steers	\$30.00	
___ Market Steers	\$35.00 LATE	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		

- All tags must be purchased in advance to guarantee validation.
- Validation is subject to availability for those who do not pre-order tags.
- Major livestock shows (majors) include State Fair, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo, and San Antonio.
- These validation tags are good for the majors and the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show (NCJLS).
- Steer validation date is June 13, 2024 starting at 5:00 p.m. at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds Equestrian Arena.
- Exhibitors entering the Market and the Carcass Divisions must bring steer to both validations.
- Exhibitors will be charged for lost tag replacements.

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
 Make checks payable to:  
 NUECES COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  
 and hand deliver or mail form  
 along with payment to the address above.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS!**



## 2024 STATE FAIR HEIFER VALIDATION TAG ORDER FORM

EXHIBITOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEIFER VALIDATION TAGS ARE \$30 EACH AND DUE MARCH 28, 2024.  
 AFTER MARCH 28, LATE TAG ORDERS ARE \$35 EACH  
 AND DUE BY JUNE 14, 2024.**

# OF REGISTERED HEIFERS	TOTAL
_____ AT \$30 EACH; LATE \$35 EACH	

**THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ANY BREEDING HEIFER TO BE SHOWN AT THE  
 2024 STATE FAIR THAT HAS NOT BEEN STATE VALIDATED ALREADY. IF  
 YOU DO NOT VALIDATE, YOU CANNOT SHOW AT THE 2024 STATE FAIR.**

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
 Make checks payable to:  
 NUECES COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  
 and hand deliver or mail form along with payment  
 to the address above.**

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# 2024 STATE FAIR LAMB & GOAT TAG ORDER FORM



**ONE ORDER FORM PER FAMILY OR FFA CHAPTER.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAGS ORDERS ARE \$20 EACH AND DUE BY MARCH 28, 2024.**

**AFTER MARCH 28, LATE TAG ORDERS ARE \$30 EACH AND DUE BY JUNE 14, 2024.**

# OF TAGS	X PER TAG	TOTAL
___ Breeding Goats	\$20.00	
___ Market Goats	\$20.00	
___ Breeding Goats	\$30.00 <b>LATE</b>	
___ Market Goats	\$30.00 <b>LATE</b>	
___ Breeding Sheep	\$20.00	
___ Market Sheep	\$20.00	
___ Breeding Sheep	\$30.00 <b>LATE</b>	
___ Market Sheep	\$30.00 <b>LATE</b>	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>		

- All tags must be purchased in advance to guarantee validation.
- Validation is subject to availability for those who do not pre-order tags.
- State Fair validation tags are **ONLY GOOD** for the State Fair of Texas.
- Animals to be validated for the 2025 spring livestock shows must be validated during the fall validations.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Exhibitors will be charged for lost tag replacements.

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
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Website <https://nueces.agrilife.org>; Email [nueces@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:nueces@ag.tamu.edu)



**NUECES COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  
OFFICER APPLICATION DUE IN NC4H OFFICE  
BY 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of 09/01/2024): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL GRADE (FALL 2024): \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS IN 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in 4-H Projects (list 4-H projects and activities participated in):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participation in 4-H Leadership Activities (club, county, district, state, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participation in 4-H Community Service Activities (club, county, district state, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your 4-H Goals?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





MAY 11, 2024 | BUC DAYS FESTIVAL GROUNDS | CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

# BUC DAYS FOOD Challenge

A cartoon illustration of a chef's skull wearing a white toque and holding a black spatula. The skull has a black mustache and a black goatee. The background of the entire page is a repeating pattern of various vegetables like carrots, corn, and leafy greens.

**Age Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior**

**Registration Open to 4-H, FFA and FCCLA**

**\$75 per team**

**Limited to 25 teams per age division**



**More Info at [BucDays.com](http://BucDays.com)**

*Event Contact: Elyse Suckley  
Competitions & Marketing Coordinator  
[Elyse@BucDays.com](mailto:Elyse@BucDays.com)*



# \$7,500

**IN PRIZE MONEY  
AWARDED AT EVENT**



**bring your tabs!**

pull for the **House** that **Love** Built®



RONALD McDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES

## State Level 4-H

### Community Service Project

1. Collect can tabs
2. Give to your County Delegate at your meeting
3. Then bring to monthly County Council 4-H meeting and give to John Hartsell
4. Add this activity to your Record Book.



Give a Hand®





# CAMP AMBASSADOR

## TRAINING

### What to expect

- **TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITIES**
- **LEARN YOUR ROLE AS A CAMP AMBASSADOR**
- **HELP CREATE CAMP ACTIVITIES & THEMES**
- **TAKE PART IN AN EMPATHY LUNCH**
- **PICK THE CAMPS YOU WISH TO ATTEND FOR FREE!!**
- **AND A LITTLE HIGH ROPES FUN!!**
- **CAMP AMBASSADORS RECEIVE 50 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR EACH CAMP!**
- **IF YOU BRING A FRIEND WE WAIVE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE TRAINING**
- **IF YOU WERE AN AMBASSADOR LAST SUMMER WE STILL ENCOURAGE YOUR ATTENDANCE!**

**WE TEACH YOU  
CAMP!!**

- **WHO: TX 4-H MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS AGES 15-17 IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING SENIOR 18 YEARS OF AGE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**
- **WHEN: MARCH 14TH-17TH**
- **WHERE: TX 4-H CENTER**



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(325)784-5482 





2024  
Spring



# Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN** 2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

## Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

## Species Divisions:

**NEW!**

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group



## More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

## Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-29, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 1-31, \$100

## Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at [jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu)

**Spring Tournament**  
Fish at YOUR Location:  
March 15 at 12:00 am thru  
May 27 at 11:59 pm

## UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP - COLLEGE STATION - MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC - NACOGDOCHES - APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS - LUFKIN - APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHEP) STATE CONTEST - TBD - MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) - COLLEGE STATION - JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE - RICHMOND - JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP - JOHNSON CITY - JULY 15-20

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:

[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/natural/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:

- [FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES](https://www.facebook.com/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES)

- [INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES](https://www.instagram.com/TX4HNATRES)

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) with questions

The above flyer contains the dates and locations of the 4-H Natural Resources Program events coming up this spring and summer. Below are some details on a few of these that may not be immediately recognized. I will also be broadcasting individual information out on each of the events on the attached flyer through our 4-H Natural Resources Facebook, Instagram, and webpages. Please feel free to share the information where applicable.

**WOODLAND CLINIC.** This is an ongoing contest coordinated by the Texas Forestry Association and open to 4-H and FFA members. Since our 4-H Forestry Invitational has declined over the years and disappeared as a state contest, we are now joining with the Woodland Clinic and considering it our state 4-H Forestry project event. This event has been in place for many years with a knowledgeable group of professionals running it, 4-H members have been attending for years, and there is a scholarship award attached. The 1st place 4-H Senior Team will also be eligible to attend the 4-H National Forestry Invitational. All good reasons to join an effort already in place and operating well. Details will be posted on the 4-H Forestry webpage (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/forestry/>).

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP.** This camp for high school aged youth is focused on wildlife and their habitats within the 10 ecoregions of Texas. Days will be filled with hands on education in the field, classrooms, and labs learning about wildlife biology and ecology along with habitat management techniques and habitat and wildlife survey practices. The camp is sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and will be held this year on the Bamberger Ranch outside of Johnson City. Full details will be posted on the 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries webpage (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>).

Larry Hysmith, 4-H Natural Resources Program, State 4-H Office.



**JUNE**  
**17-21**  
**2024**

**EXPLORE**

*Stephenville, &  
San Angelo  
Areas*

# Mission

**PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXPLORE CAREER AND  
LEADERSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES IN A  
DIVERSE GLOBAL  
ECONOMY AS WELL AS  
LEARN ABOUT POST-  
SECONDARY DEGREE  
INSTITUTIONS ACROSS  
TEXAS**



One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, STEM, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

**\$250**  
With  
Application

Check and Credit Card  
Accepted

**April**  
**15<sup>th</sup>**

Registration  
DEADLINE

**GOALS**

- 5 Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to variety of career paths.



**Core4H**

**CLICK  
HERE**

**Register  
NOW**

Participants that are not selected for the 2024 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250.



# 2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

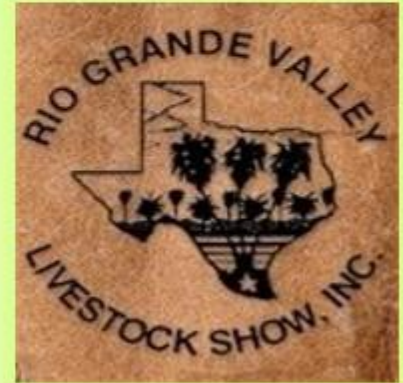
Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Texas 4-H Conference Center  
Conferences, Camps, Reunions & Retreats - Located on scenic Lake Brownwood.





# TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOWS



LIVESTOCK SHOW	CITY	2023-2024 DATES
State Fair of Texas	Dallas	September 29 - October 22, 2023
Heart O Texas Livestock Show	Waco	October 05 - 15, 2023
Sandhills Livestock Show & Rodeo	Odessa	January 03 - 13, 2024
Nueces County Junior Livestock Show	Robstown	January 07 - 08, 11 - 20, 2024
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	Fort Worth	January 12 - February 03, 2024
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	San Antonio	February 08 - 25, 2024
Texas Elite Showcase	Kerrville	February 9 - 11, 2024
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	Houston	February 27 - March 17, 2024
San Angelo Livestock Show	San Angelo	February 01 - 18, 2024
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo	Mercedes	March 07 - 17, 2024
Rodeo Austin	Austin	March 08 - 23, 2024





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# The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles

**THE NUECES 4-H CLOVER CHRONICLES** is published monthly, except for a combined June/July issue. The newsletter contains information on activities, events, and deadlines that 4-H families need to keep up to date with happenings in the Nueces County 4-H program. It also brings educational items of interest to encourage further research by readers.

To contribute items to this newsletter for publication, the article must have a club manager's signature approval prior to submission. The 20<sup>th</sup> day of current month is the deadline for the next month's issue. For the combined June/July issue, articles are due by May 20.

**THE NUECES 4-H CLOVER CHRONICLES** will be emailed to all active 4-H members enrolled on 4HONLINE. For those members who prefer a hard copy document, please call the Nueces County 4H Office at 361.767.5220 to request one be mailed. The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles is online <https://nueces.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/4-h-youth-development/>.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.** Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in any 4-H event are encouraged to contact their County Extension Agent at 361.767.5220 at least one week in advance of the program in order for proper arrangements to be made.

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