



NACOGDOCHES COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to the Allen and Work families on their first trip to the Fort Worth Livestock Exhibition. Emma, Emory, Brady and Kimber all exhibited their goats at this event.

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REMINDERS

Registration for the **District 5 4-H Photography** contest closes **March 1st** on 4HOnline.

Photos are to be uploaded as a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: <https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup>

Complete Contest Guidelines: <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/2023-2023-district-photography-contests/>

State Photography Contest



District 5 4-H Photography Contest

OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 CLOVER KIDS, 4-H MEMBERS, AND ADULTS

UPLOAD PHOTOGRAPHS FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2024 VIA SUBMITTABLE

2024 THEME: ABANDONED PLACINGS ANNOUNCED AT COME ALIVE IN D5 ON MAY 4, 2024

Register at v2.4honline.com
\$10 entry fee
Clover Kids - FREE
October 16, 2023 - March 1, 2024

Complete District Contest Rules and photography categories at D54h.tamu.edu

Reminder: Entry into District Photography contest is NOT a state qualifying event

Contact your local County Extension office for more information



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COUNTY QUALIFYING CONTEST

To compete in the Texas 4-H State Photography Contest, senior 4-H members (9th - 12th grade) **MUST** first qualify on the county level. Each county may have only one entry per category for a total of 15 entries in the State Photography Contest. Once receiving notice of qualification, 4-H members will need to register for the State Photography contest on 4HOnline and upload their photos to Submittable.

Submit entries by **March 8, 2024** at 11:59 p.m. [HERE](#)

Texas 4-H **Opportunity Scholarship** applications due **February 15th** at **11:59 p.m.!**

[**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - APPLY HERE**](#)

Application and Submission Guidelines can be found [HERE!](#)



Scholarship Applications

HIGHLIGHTS

District 5 Quilts of Valor Sew Day



Fort Worth Heifer Show



County Food Challenge Contest



Want one of your shining moments to be featured in the next newsletter? Email 1 - 2 photos of you and/or your fellow 4-H members in action with a statement explaining the subject of the photo(s) to brianna.lugo@ag.tamu.edu by the 27th day of the month.

IMPORTANT DATES

Food & Nutrition Project Meeting

Date: February 13 | **Location:** Nacogdoches County Extension Office

District 5 Food Challenge Contest

Date: February 16 | **Location:** Windham Civic Center - Center, TX

Intro Fashion & Interior Design Workshop

Date: February 20 | **Location:** SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion

Nacogdoches County Steer Show

Date: Feb 29 - March 1 | **Location:** Nac. Expo Center

D5 Photography Contest - Entries Due

Date: March 1 | **Location:** Virtual - Submittable

Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting

Date: March 1 | **Location:** SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
February 7	Regents Academy 4-H Club Meeting	Regents Academy
February 11	Archery Project Practice	Meadow Ridge Outdoors
February 12	Shotgun Sports Practice	Pines Sporting Clays - Lufkin, TX
February 12	Beef Cattle & Livestock Judging Project Meetings	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion
February 13	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
February 16	District 5 Food Challenge Contest	Windham Civic Center - Center, TX
February 19	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday	---
February 20	Intro Fashion & Interior Design Workshop	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion
Feb. 29 - Mar. 1	Nacogdoches County Steer Show	Nacogdoches Expo Center
March 1	D5 Flower ID Photography Contest opens	Virtual - Submittable
March 1	D5 General & Entomology Photography - Entries Due	Virtual - Submittable
March 15	Spring Virtual Fishing Skill-a-thon begins	Virtual – FishDonkey App
March 4	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion
March 6	Regents Academy 4-H Club Meeting	Regents Academy
March 3	Archery Practice	Meadow Ridge Outdoors
March 18	4-H ALPA & County Council Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
March 19	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
March 21	Dog Care & Training Project Meeting	Pecan Acres Park
March 22 -23	State Indoor Archery Meet	Panola County Expo – Carthage, TX
March 26	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
March 28	Dog Care & Training Project Meeting	Pecan Acres Park

4-H EVENTS KEY

County 4-H Events



State 4-H Events



District 4-H Events



National 4-H Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 29	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday	---
April 3	Regents Academy 4-H Club Meeting	Regents Academy
April 4	Dog Care & Training Project Meeting	Pecan Acres Park
April 5	Nacogdoches County Roundup	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 6	3-Position Rifle Games	Trinity County Fairgrounds – Groveton, TX
April 8	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 8	4-H & FFA Horse Judging	Cross Brand Cowboy Church – Tyler, TX
April 9	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 14	Archery Project Practice	Meadow Ridge Outdoors
April 15	4-H ALPA & County Council Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 16	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 20	Multi-District Livestock Judging	Brazos County Expo - Bryan, TX
April 20	Multi-District Meat Judging	TAMU – College Station, TX
April 23	Come Alive in D5 Contest Orientation	Virtual - Zoom
April 27	Ronald Barlow 3D Archery Meet	Fairway Farms, San Augustine, TX
April 30	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
April 30	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday	---
May 3-4	Come Alive in D5 (Roundup & Fashion)	Panola College - Carthage, TX
May 6	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
May 20	4-H ALPA & County Council Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office
May 27	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday	---

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

NACOGDOCHES 4-H CLUB



MEETING SCHEDULE



2023 - 2024



COLLABORATE

SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Kick-off & Welcome - Ice Cream Social

OCTOBER 2

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Celebrate National 4-H Week



LEAD

NOVEMBER 6

6:00 P.M.

Location: SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion, 442 County Road 123, Nacogdoches, TX 75965
Hunter Safety

DECEMBER 4

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Annual Holiday Decorating Competition



DISCOVER

JANUARY 8

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Garden & Landscape Design - Community Service

FEBRUARY 5

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Forestry Education & Opportunities



PROMOTE

MARCH 4

6:00 P.M.

Location: SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion, 442 County Road 123, Nacogdoches, TX 75965
Grow Your Own Food - Community Service

APRIL 8

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Leadership - What it Takes to be a Leader



SERVE

MAY 6

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office
Officer Elections & End of Year Celebration

Contact Laurie Fuller, Club Manager, for more information at: fullerl@garrisonisd.com

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NACOGDOCHES COUNTY 4-H

FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT MEETING

TIME:

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Nacogdoches County Extension
Office

If you/your child need any type of accommodation(s) to participate in this event or have any questions about the physical access provided, please contact Brianna Lugo at 936-560-7711 by February 9th.



FEBRUARY 13, 2024

RSVP TO ATTEND:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dZhyGDPLBK>



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RSVP BY FEBRUARY 12TH:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dZhyGDPLBK>

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Nacogdoches County 4-H

Intro Fashion & Interior Design Workshop

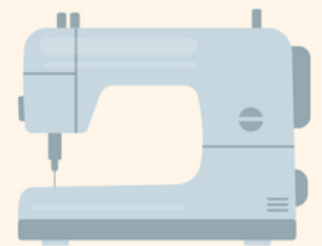
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion | 442 County Road 123,
Nacogdoches, TX 75965

Learn basic machine sewing through a fun hands-on activity and more about upcoming project opportunities!

RSVP BY FEB. 19TH!



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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

**MORE DETAILS TO
COME!**

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY 4-H
PRESENTS:

2024 COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP

*Save The
Date:*

APRIL 5, 2024
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

PERFORM, PRESENT, SHOWCASE:

- Agriculture Product ID
- Consumer Decision Making
- Duds to Dazzle
- Educational Presentation
- Entomology Collection
- Fabric & Textile Creation
- FCH Quiz Bowl
- Fashion Show
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Horticulture ID
- Leaders 4 Life
- Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Photography Judging
- Public Speaking
- Robotics Challenge
- Storyboard
- Talent Showcase

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At the 2024 4-H County Roundup, 4-H members will have the opportunity to showcase their various project skills and talents. This event will serve as a practice and qualifying opportunity for those who wish to compete in select contests at the 2024 Come Alive in D5 (District Roundup) on May 3 - 4, 2024 at Panola College in Carthage, TX.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT



6-WEEK DOG TRAINING CLASS!

March 21st - April 25th

REGISTER BY MARCH 8TH:



Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Pecan Acres Park

Cost: \$40/member

**Class will include obedience,
Canine Good Citizenship, and
agility training!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Woodland Clinic Events



- **Angelina County Woodland Clinic**
 - **Date:** March 18, 2024
 - **Location:** Texas Forestry Museum, 1905 Atkinson Dr, Lufkin TX 75901
 - **Registration:** Notify Brianna of your intent to compete by March 8th
 - **Contact:** Holly Howard — hhoward@integrainsuranceservices.com
- **SFA Invitational Competition**
 - **Date:** March 27, 2024
 - **Location:** Stephen F. Austin State University
 - **Registration:** Due March 20th at judgingcard.com | **Fee:** \$12/person
 - More details will be posted on judgingcard.com
 - **Contact:** Dr. Candis Carraway — carrawaycl@sfasu.edu | (936) 433-2419
- **District Competition** for Angelina, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, and Shelby Counties
 - **Date:** March 28, 2024
 - **Location:** Attoyac Farm (tentative)
 - **Registration:** Notify Brianna of your intent to compete by March 18th
 - **Contact:** Ted Thompson — ted.thompson1961@gmail.com
- **Area 9 Competition**
 - **Date:** April 2, 2024
 - **Location:** Sam Houston State University
 - **Registration:** at judgingcard.com | **Fee & Deadline:** TBA
 - More details will be posted on judgingcard.com
 - **Contact:** Ted Thompson — ted.thompson1961@gmail.com
- **State Woodland Clinic Competition**
 - **Date:** April 18, 2024
 - **Location:** NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Cen-ter ([Map Link](#))
 - **Registration:** at judgingcard.com | **Fee & Deadline:** TBA
 - More details will be posted on judgingcard.com
 - **Contact:** Ted Thompson or Ted Stevens - tstevens@texasforestry.org

**COUNTY PRACTICES
TO BE ANNOUNCED!**

Texas Woodland Clinic Study Manual:



For more information, visit <https://www.texasforestry.org/programs/environmental-education>

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Nacogdoches County
is looking to have at least two Healthy
Texas Youth Ambassadors for the
2024 - 2025 4-H year!

APPLY TODAY!

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2023 to May 2024.



WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend a state-wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summit. This Summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.



WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 9th - 12th Grade
- Complete Application by April 1ST

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete trainings
- 40 hours of service

**REQUIRED TRAINING
SUMMIT:**

June 2-3, 2024

College Station, TX

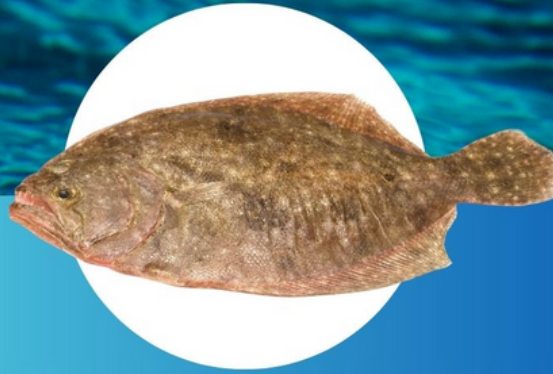
Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors are trained to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. Through a partnership and supervision of the local AgriLife Extension agent, Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors serve as leaders and assist in the coordination and implementation of health programs, educational events and lessons in local schools and communities, become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter, and serve as role models for healthy living to their peers!

For more information, click [HERE!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



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-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

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

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It's time to start gearing up for the STATEWIDE 2024 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon! This is a fun, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and Clover Kids to get outside and fish with their families and friends as the fishing takes place wherever they are located in Texas! Short educational videos on fishing tips, equipment, fish ID, industry careers, and more are available on the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page and new YouTube page. Prize packages of gift cards, fishing gear, and more will be awarded as provided by our sponsors. Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were awarded! Click [HERE](#) for the contest rules.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



REFASHION RETREAT

Let your creative juices flow at 4-H
Refashion Retreat



MARCH 1-3, 2024



TEXAS 4-H CENTER



REGISTRATION

Youth registration - \$170

Every youth needs a to have an
adult chaperone attending

*Register
Now*

texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



5600 FM 3021,
Brownwood, TX 7681



325-784-5482

It's time to let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat! The event will be held March 1-3, 2024, at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Youth registration is \$170, and each youth must have an adult chaperone accompanying them to the retreat. Chaperone registration is free. Space is limited to the first 24 youth participants. [Click here to register now.](https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Calling high school seniors and enrolled college students! Invest in your future and apply for one of Texas Farm Bureau's scholarships! The deadline to apply is March 1. [Click here to apply now.](#)

2024 - 2025 TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL - APPLICATIONS OPEN!



The 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate Applications are now available online. Deadline to apply is March 28, 2024. Members of Texas 4-H Council are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events. Check for an email from Jana Barrett for youth commitment dates. [Click here to access application.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp



presented by

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

April 26-28, 2024

Texas 4-H State Conference Center, Lake Brownwood



TEXAS A&M
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CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are led by Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors and Texas 4-H Conference Center staff. Activities will include:

- Water Fair
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Seining
- Water model building
- High ropes course
- Dance & games
- & much more!



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides resources, means and opportunities for youth to learn, lead and teach others about water.
www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com

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*** Open to 6th - 8th grade students ***

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Registration open February 5 - April 5 on the Texas 4-H @
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

Check-in: Friday, April 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Pick-up: Sunday, April 28 11:00 am

Cost: \$210 per camper
(includes 2 nights dorm lodging, meals, t-shirt, water bottle and activities)



Adult Chaperones Needed. (Chaperones may attend free of charge but must register and be approved Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)

2024 Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp