

# Uvalde County 4-H

## December 2024

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"May you never be too grown up to  
search the skies on Christmas Eve." —

Unknown

**4-H CHRISTMAS  
PARTY & DANCE**

DJ + PIZZA + GAMES + CRAFTS

Entry: 3 non-perishable food items  
& 1 unwrapped toy

**BRING A  
FRIEND**

**FRIDAY | 13 DECEMBER, 2024**  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
WILLIE DE LEON CIVIC CENTER, UVALDE

**CLUB MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS.**

Uvalde Jr: Individually wrapped chips and vegetables  
Uvalde Sr: Canned Drinks/Water  
Shooting Sports: Individually wrapped sweets or fruit  
Horse Club: Individually wrapped salty snacks (no peanuts)  
Knippa: Canned Drinks/Water  
Sabinal: Paper Plates and Napkins  
Utopia: Individually wrapped sweets

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### UVALDE COUNTY

DEC 1 [UCJLS Entry FINAL DEADLINE](#)  
DEC 2 [Horse Validation DEADLINE](#)  
DEC 4 [Utopia 4-H Club Meeting](#)  
DEC 5 [Robotics Workshop](#)  
DEC 6 [STEM](#) Cancelled  
DEC 7 [Breakfast with Santa](#)  
DEC 8 [4-H Horse Club Meeting](#)  
DEC 11 [Sabinal 4-H Club Meeting](#)  
DEC 12 [Robotics Workshop](#)  
DEC 13 [Uvalde County 4-H Christmas Party](#)  
DEC 14 [Wreaths Across America](#)  
DEC 15 [4-H Riflery Practice](#)  
DEC 25-27 [OFFICE CLOSED](#)

JAN 1 [OFFICE CLOSED](#)  
JAN 5 [Rabbit Validation](#)  
JAN 5 Junior / Senior 4-H Club Meeting  
JAN 6-8 [Baked Foods Container Pick-up](#)  
JAN 6-8 [Salsa Container Pick-up](#)  
JAN 8 [Utopia 4-H Club Meeting](#)  
JAN 8 [Knippa 4-H Club Meeting](#)  
JAN 8 [Sabinal Club Meeting](#)  
JAN 9 [Robotics Workshop](#)

### DISTRICT 10

DEC 4- 6 [District 10 Fall Roundup](#)

#### Don't forget to visit our website!

You'll find event/meeting times and locations,  
forms, and even photos showcasing our wonderful  
4-H Club members.

<https://uvalde.agrilife.org/>



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minute news and goings on

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# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING!

## Introducing Our Newest Extension Agent

Please welcome Jennifer Barnett, she will be joining our team as a new Prairie View A&M Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Programs in Uvalde County.

"As an educator, I am honored to be able to work with our youth, and I am confident that these programs will have a profound impact on our community. Through Prairie View A&M's programs, young people will be able to gain valuable skills and experiences that can shape their future careers and personal growth. I am excited to be bringing these programs to our community."



## Uvalde County Food Show

Congratulations for our 2024 Uvalde County Food Show Winners! Pictured left to right: Kendall Moerbe—Intermediate Side Dish; Stormy Flores—Intermediate Appetizers; Reagan Moerbe—Junior Main Dish; and Camryn Moerbe—Junior Healthy Desserts.

## Hunter's Roundup

On Friday, November 1st, the Uvalde County 4-H Horse Club and Shooting Sports Club manned the concession stand at the 43rd Annual Hunter's Roundup at the Uvalde County Fairplex. Over 30 4-H members and their parents worked two shifts serving up a wild game dinner. They distributed over 200 wild game dinners at a cost of \$15 each along with venison sausage wraps at \$3 each.





# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING!

## November Junior/Senior Club Meeting

On Sunday, October 13th the Uvalde County 4-Hers met at the Uvalde Fire Department to participate in the County Council November community service project led by Colt Ayala.



## Shooting Sports Safety Training

Well it's a wrap on safety training for Uvalde 4-H Shooting Sports. Thanks to the kiddos and coaches that took time to pass on safety to new archers, rifle and shotgun shooters.

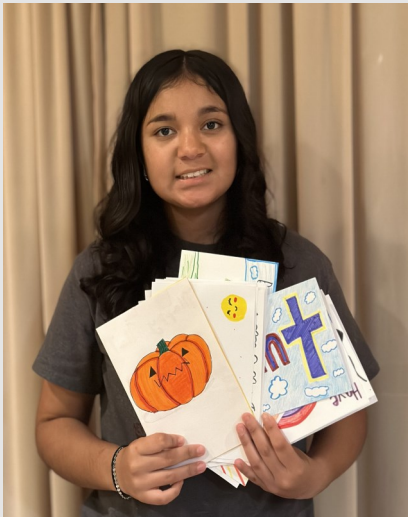




# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING!

## Knippa 4-H Club

Knippa 4-H Club members collected pet food for their November community service.



## Uvalde County

Andrea Garcia collected over 150 cards to be given to the local nursing home residents as part of a county-wide community-service project in November

## Sabinal 4-H Club

Sabinal's November community service project in the books! Sabinal 4-H members filled boxes with donated items for Samaritans Purse for Operation Christmas Child.





# LIVESTOCK NEWS!

## Sheep Showmanship Clinic

On November 16th, Kiki Alvear, a former Aggieland Instructor, and Andrea Garcia, a 4-H member and leader, led a sheep showmanship clinic at the Uvalde County Fairplex. Members brought their sheep for hands on lessons in sheep showmanship.



## Brett Dreyer

Brett Dreyer made the 2024 Jacoby's feed bag that highlights winners' pictures from the previous show year. Exhibitors all over the nation strive to be on the bag. These bags are seen all over the state of Texas and various other states. Brett is a teen leader with the novice goats and enjoys sharing his passion with others.



## Ryan Bruce

Ryan, 8, of Uvalde, accepted a special award for youth horsemanship from Del Shields, host of the Best of America by Horseback television show. Shields lauded Ryan for his skills on his horse 'Cookie', shown during the television show's Bandera visit, Oct. 18-20. About 60 riders turned out. Ryan is the son of Monica and Luke Bruce and the grandson of Jo Ann Bruce.

# COMING UP!

## Wreaths Across America

Join us as we honor our fallen U.S. veterans! Help us lay wreaths at the Hillcrest Cemetery and the Knippa Cemetery on December 14, 2024.

**When:** December 14, 2024

**Where:** Hillcrest Cemetery 9:30 AM

Knippa Cemetery 12:45 PM

**Sponsor a wreath today!** Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit

[www.wreathsaerica.org/TX1360](http://www.wreathsaerica.org/TX1360)

Please contact Heather Smith at 361.215.4502 for any questions.



## Uvalde 4-H Toy Drive

This holiday season help spread joy by donating new, unwrapped toys (value \$10) to children in need! Drop off toys at your December club meeting, 4-H Christmas Dance/Party or the County Extension Office, no later than December 13th. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

For more information contact Arin Joshi at 830.407.1455



## Uvalde 4-H Canned Food Drive

Help make a difference this holiday season Bring three (3) non-perishable items to the 4-H Christmas Dance/Party or the County Extension no later than December 13th. All items will be donated to the Uvalde Food Pantry. View the flyer [HERE](#).

For more information please contact Kyla Sanchez at 830.279.7339



## Breakfast with Santa

4-H Member volunteers are needed to help with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec 7! Sign up now by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

**When:** December 7, 2024

**Where:** American Legion Hall  
583 W. Main, Uvalde, TX

For more information please contact Kyla Sanchez at 830.279.7339



"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

— Vern McLellan

# COMING UP!

## Photography Workshop

Come learn from Hewston Lochte, Gillespie County's Photography Ambassador, about Nature Photography!

Workshop highlights include a hands-on learning experience with topics including animal photography, landscape photography, macro photography, plant/flora photography. Mirrorless and DSLR Cameras are welcome. **Limited to 50 4-Hers. Reserve your spot now!**

**When:** March 22, 2025. 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Where:** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Gillespie County  
38 Business Ct., Fredericksburg, TX



## 4-H, FFA, and Jr. MANRRS Youth Leadership Program

American Farm Bureau Convention San Antonio, TX – Jan. 24-29, 2025 Save the date for the 4-H, FFA, and Jr. MANRRS Youth Leadership Program to take place January 26, 2025, from 8:00-5:00 p.m. at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. This program offers learning opportunities designed for youth leaders and FREE registration for 4-H, FFA and Jr. MANRRS members (and chaperones) to attend the AFBF Convention in San Antonio, TX. A formal invitation will be sent once registration opens!



## 4-H Member Invitational Contests at “Buc Days”

Visit any Tractor Supply store nationwide and get your limited-edition collectible 4-H holiday ornaments. Featuring three unique designs for 2024, these ornaments are sure to become a cherished family tradition for 4-H'ers for years to come. 100% of the funds raised from ornament sales will benefit 4-H. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### Buc Days Clays 4-H Youth Shoot

Date(s): February 22-23, 2025

Location: Corpus Christi Gun Club

\$35,000 in prize \$\$ & scholarships

NEW: Male & Female Division! Info/Registration LINK HERE



### Buc Days Canstruction Junior

Date: May 3, 2025

Location: Throughout Buc Days Festival Grounds Info/Registration LINK HERE



### Buc Days Food Show & Food Challenge

Date(s): May 9 (Food Show) – May 10 (Food Challenge)

Location: On Buc Days Festival grounds in the American Bank Center Exhibit Hall

Total of \$12,000+ in prize money across both events!

Food Show Info/Registration LINK HERE

Food Challenge Info/Registration LINK HER



## Civics Bee Competition!

Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders! The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is hosting a nonpartisan National Civics Bee that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Participating youth will flex their knowledge through an essay for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes. Please visit: <https://civics.uschamberfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/> for more details.





# COMING UP!

## TAMU Entomology Camp

Introducing the Entomology Youth Adventure Program (YAP) camp hosted by the Texas A&M University Entomology Department for July 2025. [YAP Camps](#) are week-long, immersive courses with a focus on career exploration held at Texas A&M University's College Station campus. Courses on other topics, and for both lower- and higher-grade levels, are also available and may be of interest to 4-H members. Registration will open for Entomology and other YAP programs in January 2025, and several scholarship opportunities will also be available.




## Christmas Sock Store

It's time to purchase some stocking stuffers for your 4-H'ers! The 4-H sock store will be open November 7<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>. The generic Texas 4-H socks will be available, along with Christmas socks, AND the winning sock design by Coralyn Moye, Intermediate 4-H member from Jack County! Again, \$5 from every pair sold designated to your county will be put in your county foundation account.

Link to the Store: <https://www.bloomforgoodonlinestore.com/shop/?campaignid=8465>.



## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship is open NOW!

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship application is available now! The application opened November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes February 15<sup>th</sup>! The updated guidelines can be found here: [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](#). New resources can be found here: [Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](#). Please take the time to read about the new CEA Verification form in the guidelines! The form can also be found on the above links! It is a requirement that every scholar have their CEA sign the verification, then the scholar will upload it into the portal PRIOR to the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline! They cannot submit without that form signed and uploaded.  [Link to video training](#). A more detailed email was sent about the scholarship application and process on October 24<sup>th</sup>!



## Texas Paper Clover Campaign

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$20 million through the Paper Clover campaign. 100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally. The Paper Clover campaign begins November 29, 2024 and runs through December 15, 2024.



## Limited Edition 4-H Holiday Ornaments

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# COMING UP!

## D10 Monthly Photography Contest

Exciting News for D-10! We're thrilled to announce a monthly virtual photography contest hosted by our very own 4-H Photography Ambassador, Hewston Lochte! Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just starting out, this is your chance to showcase your skills and creativity. Each month, we'll feature a new theme, so get ready to snap, share, and shine!

**When:** Monthly

**Where:** Virtually, Submit your photos using the google form!

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeLHPEnkgjYEH.../viewform>



- **December—Leading Lines**
  - **January—Motion/Action**
  - **February—Animal—Domestic**
  - **March—Food**
  - **April—Plant/Flora**
  - **May—Macro**
  - **June—Long Exposure**
  - **July—Fireworks**
  - **August—Shadow/Silhouette**
- For category definitions please click [HERE](#)

## Natural Resources Photography Contest

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest. It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

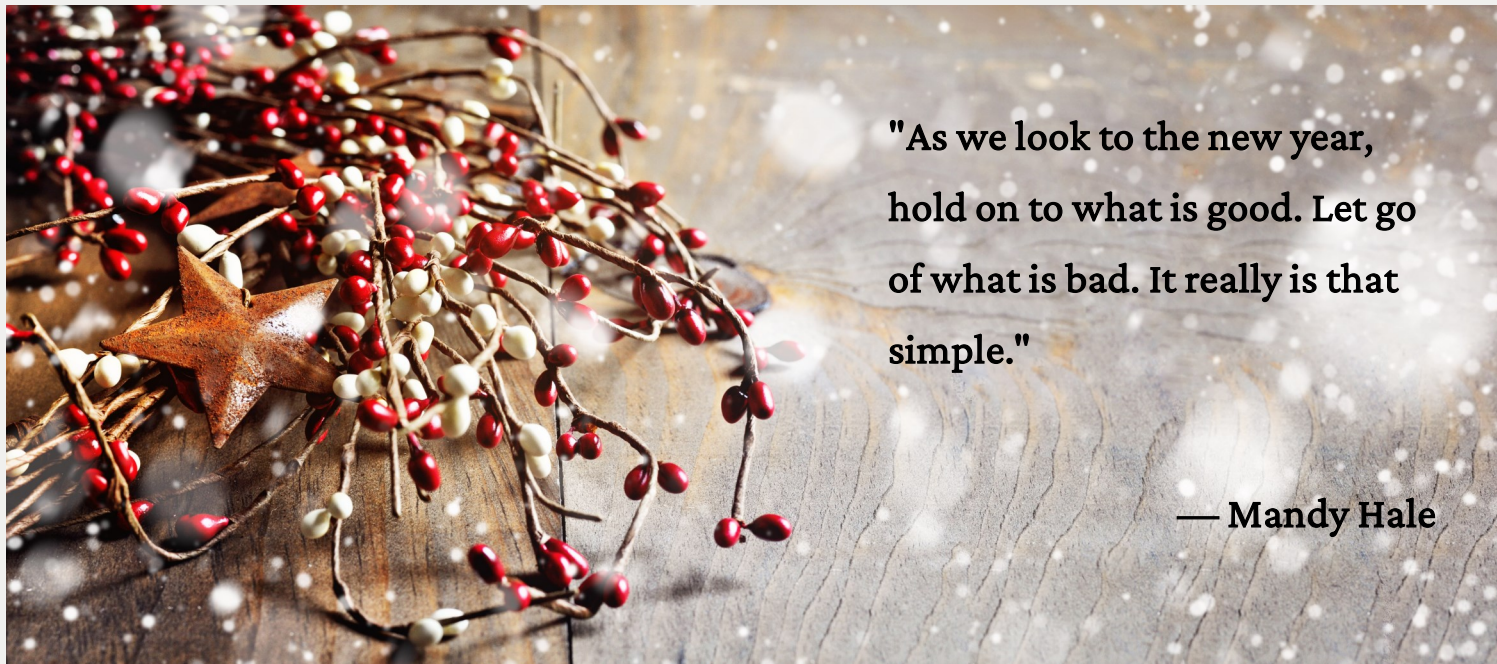
- ◇ Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties
- ◇ Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions
- ◇ 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- ◇ Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state photography contest
- ◇ **Entry Period: December 1-15 on 4HOnline & Submittable**
- ◇ No late entry accepted.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

## UPCOMING NATURAL RESOURCES EVENTS

Here is a list of the 4-H Natural Resources Program upcoming events scheduled at this time. These are all state-wide events open to enrolled 4-H members, adult volunteers, and CEAs/Program Assistants. Some are for youth only, some are for specific youth age divisions, some are for adults and Senior age 4-H members only, and some are for CEAs/Program Assistants only. See the event details on specific flyers sent out or posted on social media or posted on project specific webpages.

2024-2025 UPCOMING EVENTS	
DEC 1-15	4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest <i>Online Submission</i>
JAN 10-11	4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training <i>Gregg County</i>
JAN 14-16	CEA/Program Assistant Forestry Project Training <i>Conroe</i>
JAN 18	4-H Wildlife Project Workshop <i>Wichita County</i>
JAN 20	Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest
MARCH 15	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wildlife Contest
JUNE 5	4-H Wildlife Challenge <i>Texas Roundup - College Station</i>
JUNE 14-15	4-H Outdoor Challenge <i>Fort Bend County</i>
JUNE-JULY 30-4	4-H Hunting Camp <i>Texas 4-H Center</i>
JULY 24-27	4-H Fishing Camp <i>Texas 4-H Center</i>
Activities with dates and locations still pending:	
4-H Outdoor Camp <i>Texas 4-H Center, Date TBA</i>	4-H WHEP State Contest <i>Dates &amp; Location TBA</i>
4-H Sportfishing and Flyfishing Project Leader Training <i>Bastrop, Date TBA</i>	Additional Project Area Training Workshops <i>Dates &amp; Locations TBA</i>



"As we look to the new year,  
hold on to what is good. Let go  
of what is bad. It really is that  
simple."

— Mandy Hale

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