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"Success is the sum of
small efforts, repeated day
in and day out."

— Robert Collier



UVALDE COUNTY

- FEB 5 [Utopia 4-H Club Meeting](#)
- FEB 6 [Robotics Workshop](#)
- FEB 9 [4-H Riflery Practice](#)
- FEB 17 **OFFICE CLOSED**
- FEB 18 [4-H Shotgun Practice](#)
- FEB 20 [Robotics Workshop](#)
- FEB 23 [4-H Archery Practice](#)
- FEB 23 [4-H Riflery Practice](#)
- FEB 25 [4-H Shotgun Practice](#)

DISTRICT 10

- FEB 4 [District 10 4-H Horse Judging \(HLSR\)](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 7 [District 10 4-H Horse Judging \(HLSR\)](#) **LATE DEADLINE**
- FEB 9 [Souper Bowl of Caring Service Project](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 13 [Hunting & Outdoor Education Training](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 15 [Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 16 [Shooting Sports Coach Trg. \(Brownwood\)](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 18 [District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 19 [ReFashion Retreat Registration](#) **DEADLINE**
- FEB 21 [District 10 4-H Virtual Photography](#) **LATE DEADLINE**
- FEB 25 [District 10 4-H Spring Roundup Registration](#) **OPENS**
- FEB 28 [AGLS on Tour \(San Antonio, TX\) Register HERE](#)
- FEB 28 [2025 4-H Cornbread Cook-Off Application](#) **DEADLINE**
- MAR 1 [Shooting Sports Trg. \(Brownwood\)](#) **LATE DEADLINE**
- MAR 1 [Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match](#) **DEADLINE**

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.

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What we have been doing!

National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to Uvalde County 4-H member **Nicole Reyes** for earning 9th place in the 2024 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl! Nicole competed alongside over 150 4-H members from across the United States. Way to go, Nicole!!



Charmayne James Barrel Racing Clinic

Uvalde 4-H Horse Club members, Carly Rae Colvin, Ella Evans, Atlee Korczynski, Alexis Ramirez, Kenedy Ramirez, and Carley Phillips attended the **Charmayne James 4-day Barrel Racing Clinic** in Uvalde, Thursday January 30 - February 2nd. The 11-time World Champion barrel racer, accompanied by two assistants, provided one-on-one training, drill work, evaluations, and a motivational speech, before concluding with a timed barrel race. Carley Phillips ran the fastest time at the barrel race on the last day, winning her an entry to attend another one of the clinics. The Uvalde 4-H Horse club works to raise money during the year to assist its members in attending various clinics that are offered in the local area.



Left to Right: Kenedy Ramirez, Ella Evans, Alexis Ramirez, Charmayne James, Carley Phillips, and Atlee Korczynski. Attended but not pictured: Carly Rae Colvin



Left to Right: Tami Flock, Carley Phillips, Charmayne James, Toby Osteen

What we have been doing!

Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show

An amazing show this year!

Official Photos for purchase can be found at <https://shorturl.at/XOAgL>

2025 results can be found by clicking the link below

[Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show - 2025 Results](#)

Browse more photos that were shared with us can be found at : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QvF5BVMXUXWHLh6s9>. Feel free to add your own as well!

Utopia Community Service



The Taste of the Canyon fundraiser, held on Saturday, January 11th, for the Utopia 4-H and FFA Booster Club was a great success despite a cool night for the event. Twelve teams participated in cooking for the meal and local chefs prepared lots of interesting dishes with over 200 guests attending.

The 4-H and FFA members and their parents, Gini Hobbs, 4-H adult leader, and Conner Newsom and Michelle Ellis, FFA advisors, provided all the desserts and muscle to set up and tear down the event. Top prize drawing ticket sellers from these two groups were Solomon Gobert and Joaquin McCauley.


Funds from this event helped support the Utopia youngsters participating in the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show.



Coming up!

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Deadline—February 15th

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship application is available now! The application opened November 1st and closes February 15th! The updated guidelines can be found here: [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships). New resources can be found here: [Updates & Resources - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://texas4hfoundation.org/updates-resources). 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 15th 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 24th!



CORE Academy

A goal of the **CORE (Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence) Academy** is to bring awareness to a variety of 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 youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered. Youth will explore the San Antonio and Austin areas June 16-20 for \$250 per participant. Registration will close on April 15th and more information is available in the attached flyers. Register now at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScc9wLe5l-F8exbNW0cWaL-81LDOTGwHMBQoUzZDBZgmIYfuQ/viewform>

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors are local, high-school aged youth recruited by agents and trained to serve as community health and wellness leaders. Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors assist county extension agents in providing leadership to the youth components of health programs and projects within Healthy Texas, Texas 4-H, and/or other Texas A&M AgriLife health programs. 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. Healthy Texas Youth ambassadors do not have to be Texas 4-H members to apply for the program, but they must commit to enroll for the upcoming year. The online application will be available online February 1- April 1, 2025. [Click here for more information and the application link!](#)

Lone Star Splash Camp

Registration is now open for the 2nd Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp)! The camp, open to 6th grade – 8th grade students, is an immersive, hands-on plunge into all things water. Activities will include fishing, kayaking, seining for macroinvertebrates, a water fair, model building and a lot of fun and games. Camp activities will be led by 4-H Water Ambassadors.

- **Camp Dates:** March 28-30
- **Location:** Texas 4-H Conference Center, Lake Brownwood
- **Cost:** \$210 per camper (includes 2 nights dorm lodging, meals, t-shirt, water bottle and activities)
- **Check-in:** Friday, March 28 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Check-out:** Sunda, March 30 11:00 am

Registration deadline: March 15

Registration through Texas 4-H Conference Center – direct link: https://apps.ideal-logic.com/texas4hcenter?key=T6DM-JF52T_K9KH-5PTF_1647c68daa7c. **Limited number of adult chaperones needed.** No charge for chaperones. Must be an approved/screened 4-H Adult Volunteer to serve.

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>

Prizes: Bragging rights and a spotlight on our social media!

- February—Animal—Domestic
- March—Food
- April—Plant/Flora
- May—Macro

- June—Long Exposure
- July—Fireworks
- August—Shadow/Silhouette

For category definitions please click [HERE](#)



Amateur Photography Contest

The Texas 4-H Photography Ambassadors are hosting an Amateur Photography Contest Fund-raiser for the International 4-H Photography Trip. This contest is open to everyone (both 4-H AND non-4-H) with two age divisions:

- Youth (high school and under - no minimum age required)
- Adult (anyone no longer in high school).

There are 4 classes:

- Animals (wild or domestic)
- People (groups or single, any age)
- Nature & Landscape (includes plants)
- Catch-All



Timeframe: The contest is open **Feb 1-28**. Judging will follow with results by the end of March at the latest. The applicants will first click on the link: <https://tinyurl.com/tx4hphoto25> and pay for the amount of photos they want to enter. Then, they will click on the information link that will guide them in how to create a submittable account and upload the photos. There is **NO LIMIT** to the number of entries submitted in each class. Prizes: \$200 First place (EACH class in EACH age division), \$100 Second place, \$50 Third place, Rosette for Best of Show in each age division.

Gillespie County Photography Workshop

March 22, 2025 3-7 PM

Fredericksburg, TX

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

Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.



Coming up!



District 10 4-H Photography Contest

Early Registration: Jan. 21st – Feb. 18th - \$15.00 Fee per contestant

Late Registration: Starting Feb. 19th – 21st - \$40.00 Fee per contestant

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 10 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST?

The District 10 Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs. ***NOTE: The District 10 4-H competition does not qualify Senior 4-H members for the Texas 4-H State Photography contest. State qualifications will come for your local County Photography contest. Please contact your County Extension Agent for local County Photography contest rules and submission deadlines.**

MEMBERSHIP & AGE DIVISIONS

Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled on 4HOnline and belong to a Texas 4-H Youth Development County program.

There are three age divisions for competition as outlined below. 4-H members' division is determined by their grade level by Aug. 31, 2024.

Junior: 3rd (and 8 yrs. old) - 5th

Intermediate: Grades 6th - 8th

Senior: Grades 9th - 12th (and not surpassed 18 yrs. old)

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration will take place on 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com).

Please reference the Event Registration instructions here: [DOWNLOAD](#)

Regular Registration Period: \$15 per contestant entered – Jan. 21 – Feb. 18, 2025 (**DEADLINE**)

Late Registration: \$40 per contestant entered – Feb. 19-21, 2025 **FINAL LATE DEADLINE**

IMPORTANT! INCOMPLETE ENTRIES will be deleted after the late deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

No refunds will be given for any District Contest Registrations once they are approved.

CONTEST GUIDE & SCHEDULE

The **2025 District 10 4-H Photography Contest Guide** has been released!



OTHER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES:

NEW

Texas Outdoor Wildlife Association Photography Contest

New photo contest available for all Senior age 4-Hers (9th - 12th graders).

The Texas Outdoor Wildlife Association's (TOWA) photography contest has now been opened to senior age 4-Hers! The TOWA/TOMA Youth photo contest will open for submissions Jan 1- Mar 15, 2025. [Here is the link to the rules form that contains its own link to the submission form.](#) There are three categories: Category 1: People: Photos with an outdoor-related theme. Category 2: Indigenous Texas Wildlife: Photos with an outdoor-related theme. Category 3: Landscape: Photos with a natural outdoor landscape related theme. Prize money includes: \$1,000 for 1st Place, \$650 for 2nd.

Coming up!

Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match

Dates & Locations: [HERE](#)

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Indoor Archery Match is now open for registration!

There are [6 locations that 4-H'ers will be able to choose from](#). Deadline to register is **March 1, 2025** via 4HOnline. All information can be found at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

Scroll to the "Indoor Archery Match information".

National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is announcing an online quiz bowl for any enrolled 4-H'er that is currently shooting under a 4-H certified shooting sports coach. Quizzes this year are comprised of 50 questions for Intermediate & Seniors, and 25 questions for Juniors. Questions are a mix of General 4-H, STEM, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage. The Quiz may be taken anytime between February 17-21, 2025. You will only have one chance to take the quiz. Quiz scores are based on the number of correct answers and the amount of time remaining in the quiz. Information, registration links, and study guides can be found at <https://4-hshootingsports.org/2025-quiz-bowl-information/>

Rodeo Austin – Leadership Opportunity

Rodeo Austin is looking for 4-H Members to sing the National Anthem and recite the American, Texas Pledges, the FFA Motto & the 4-H Pledge at the market shows for Rodeo Austin.

For those interested in this leadership opportunity, please sign up using [THIS LINK](#) to the online form. You will need to arrive at least 30 mins. prior to the start of the show in which you are volunteering.

If interested in singing the National Anthem, submit a video to cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu

TAMU Entomology Camp

Introducing the Entomology Youth Adventure Program (YAP) camp hosted by the Texas A&M Entomology Department for July 2025. [YAP Camps](#) are week-long camps with a focus on career exploration at Texas A&M University's College Station campus. Registration will open January 2025, and several scholarship opportunities will also be available. Check out the attached [FLYER](#) for more information.



Taste 360: A Farm-to-Home Experience

The Texas A&M Department of Horticultural Sciences will be hosting an opportunity for **adult 4-H volunteers and senior-aged 4-H students March 21-22, 2025, in College Station**. This event is a two-day experience filled with education, fresh and locally-grown produce, sustainability, homesteading, a do it yourself attitude, music, and a wonderful community atmosphere. Aspiring gardeners, experienced horticulturists, entrepreneurs and more - this conference has something for everyone. ***If high school seniors are interested in attending, it is recommended that they attend the Saturday event over the Friday event, and a parent MUST accompany them the entire day of the conference.* ** There is a student discount as long as they register with their school email, but right now, there is a 20-student limit for the discount.

To learn more, [visit https://taste360.tamu.edu/](https://taste360.tamu.edu/). **Registration closes on March 1st!**

Coming up!

National 4-H Youth in Action Program

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Information: Amplifies the diverse stories and leadership of 4-H youth who are making a difference in their communities every day. It is a premiere community of 4-H'ers who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others. All applicants will receive media & storytelling training; have their stories saved in our National 4-H database; receive a \$5,000 scholarship, professional development, and all-expense paid trips as National 4-H spokespeople. The nomination window will open Jan 27-Mar 31, with an informational webinar taking place on Jan. 21. Nominees should be between 14-19 on Jan 1, 2025. If anyone is interested, they should contact the state office or email: natalie.cervantes@ag.tamu.edu

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4-H Member Invitational Contests at "Buc Days"

Location: Corpus Christi, TX



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 Construction Junior

Date: May 3, 2025
Location: Throughout Buc Days
Festival Grounds
Info/Registration [LINK HERE](#)



Buc Days Clays 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](#)



Invitational 4-H Dog Shows

- **Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show ([FLYER](#))**
Date: February 1, 2025 (Saturday)
Location: Conroe, TX
Registration closes on January 27, 2025
- **Hood County 4-H Dog Show ([FLYER](#))**
Date: March 1, 2025 (Saturday)
Location: Granbury, TX
Registration closes on February 15, 2025

2025 Summer Camp Registration is LIVE!

Please promote these awesome camping opportunities to your members and let them know **early bird prices** are now available.

- Link for more information- [Youth Camps & Retreats - Texas 4-H Center - Lake Brownwood](#)
- Link to register- [Texas 4-H Center Registration Management](#)
- 2025 Camp Schedule: [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)



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yourself....
for that is all there
is of you.”**

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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