

Uvalde County 4-H

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If April showers
should come your
way, they bring the
flowers that bloom in
May.

RECORD BOOKS, POINT SHEETS,
PROJECT RECORD FORMS &
GOLD STAR APPLICATIONS
DUE MAY 1ST!



UVALDE COUNTY

- APR 3 [4-H Dog Obedience Training](#)
APR 6 [Hunters Education Class](#)
APR 7 [4-H Dog Obedience Training](#)
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APR 11 [Community Service—Nursing Home](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 13 [4-H Archery Practice](#)
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APR 18 **OFFICE CLOSED**
APR 27 [Community Service—Flights to Furever & BARC](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 27 [4-H Archery Practice](#)
APR 27 [4-H Riflery Practice](#)
APR 27 [4-H Officers Training](#)
- MAY 1 [Record Books/Project Record Forms/Point Sheets & Gold Star Applications](#) **DUE**

DISTRICT 10

- APR 5 [Sonora Invitational Contests & Fleece Show](#)
APR 6 [Kimble Wool & Mohair Invitational Contest – Junction, TX](#)
APR 15 [State Photography Contest Registration](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 15 [D10 Horse Validation Fee](#) **DEADLINE** on [4HOnline](#)
APR 15 [CORE Academy 2025 Application](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 15 [State Livestock, Equine, Poultry Ambassador](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 16 [2025 4 H Beekeeping Essay Contest](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 28 [Texas 4 H Roundup Trade Show Booth](#) **DEADLINE**
APR 30 [TX 4 H Virtual Fishing Tournament](#) **LATE 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.

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



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What we have been doing!

Major Stock Shows

Uvalde County 4-H members continued to shine at the major shows in March! Their dedication and hard work are paying off, and they're creating lasting experiences and memories along the way.



Kinlei Verstuyft! Kinlei earned 2nd place in her lightweight class and 4th place overall in the light crossbreed category at the Texas Elite Showcase.



Aubrey Gomez and HeyHey placed 2nd in Class 1 AOC at the Houston Stock Show .



Averi Walker placed 12th in her class at the Houston Livestock Show.



Manny Hale placed 6th in the Medium Weight Fine Wool Lamb division at the Houston Livestock Show.



Ryanne Brewster placed 9th in her class at the Rodeo Austin Livestock Show .

What we have been doing!

4-H Day at the Capitol

Uvalde 4-H members Alexis and Kenedy Ramirez, along with Hope Smith, spent an exciting day at the Capitol in Austin, TX! They toured the Capitol building with Representatives Don McLaughlin and Ellen Troxclair, and Senator Roland Gutierrez. They also had the opportunity to witness the House of Representatives pass a resolution declaring March 19th as Texas 4-H Day. What an incredible experience for everyone involved! Join us next year to experience it for yourself!



◀ L-R: Lexi Ramirez, Kenedy Ramirez, Rep. Don McLaughlin, Hope Smith



▲ L-R: J.R. Ramirez, Lexi Ramirez, Kenedy Ramirez, Hope Smith. Heather Smith



◀ L-R: Lexi Ramirez, Kenedy Ramirez, Hope Smith

Happening Now!

Point Sheets / Project Record Forms / Record Books & Gold Star Applications Due May 1st

It's that time of year! You've helped your child earn points throughout the year, and now it's time to put those points to work! Assist them in completing the **Point Sheet, Project Record Form, Record Book, and Gold Star Application** to earn recognition and awards. Awards will be presented at our Awards Banquet on May 29th—mark your calendars! Point sheets, record books, and Gold Star Applications are **due by 5:00 p.m. on May 1st**. You can find all forms and more information under the 4-H and Youth Development tab on our website at <https://uvalde.agrilife.org/4h-and-youth/>, or pick up a copy at our office.

RECORD BOOKS

Why is it important you keep a record of your 4-H activities?

Because, by recording their activities they can remember all the fun they've had so far, and set future goals! Keeping records of 4-H projects could help them when they apply for college scholarships too! 4-H Record books are books they make to record their annual projects.

- ◇ Allow 4-H members to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, where they came up short and to do it creatively within outlined parameters.
- ◇ Demonstrate the importance of keeping a written document of what has been done.
- ◇ Provides a written platform for goal setting and documentation of the actions required to reach goals.
- ◇ Provide an opportunity for competition at the County, District, and State level.

For more information on record books go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

POINT SHEETS

When you turn in a point sheet with your project form you accumulate points that go toward county awards. Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Diamond. Diamond award winners receive a \$200 James Avery gift card. Download a blank point sheet and an example form [here](#) or stop by our office and pick one up.

GOLD STAR APPLICATIONS

The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the county 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career. The member must have at least completed their 9th grade school year at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year. Click [here](#) for more information on Gold Star applications.

Coming up!

District 10 4-H Spring Roundup Contest Dates!

- April 8, 2025 • Leaders 4 Life (Bastrop, TX)
- April 10, 2025 • Livestock Skillathon NEW!
- April 11, 2025 • Range ID & Evaluation (AM)
 - Soil Judging (AM)
 - Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
- April 14, 2025 • Livestock Judging
- April 16, 2025 • Meat Judging CORRECTION
- April 24, 2025 • Talent Showcase
 - Consumer Decision Making
 - Textiles
- April 25, 2025 • Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)
 - Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
 - 4-H Storyboard
- April 26, 2025 • Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)

WISH THEM LUCK!

Andrea Garcia
Kimberlyn Kindell
Alvery Lands
Amoz Lands
Augustus Lands
Madelynn Mann
Camryn Moerbe
Kendall Moerbe
Reagan Moerbe
Hope Smith

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>

- April—Plant/Flora
- May—Macro
- June—Long Exposure

- July—Fireworks
- August—Shadow/Silhouette

For category definitions please click [HERE](#)



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](#)

Coming up!

Dog Obedience Training

2025 Dog Obedience is an opportunity for any 4-H member and their furry friend to come and learn new skills, make friends, and most importantly to have fun! We will go over the basics such as teaching our dogs how to sit, lay down, stay, walk on a leash by our side, and even work on an agility course! Every week we also go over some fun new facts, safety lesson, or skill set.

Youth will have the opportunity to participate in community service at the Uvalde Humane Society, an optional costume day, "Show-what-you-know" on the last day!

The youth leaders are Sr. leader - Hope Smith, and Jr. leader - Kendall Moerbe. We will be having practice two times each week, starting on March 24th, and ending on April 17th, on Mondays and Thursdays, from 6pm to 7pm at the Uvalde County Fairplex Pavillion. If you are interested in joining us please see the [FLYER](#) for more information and to RSVP!



Juntos 4-H Youth Program

Juntos 4-H, meaning "together," offers a variety of programs for students and families, including family engagement workshops, events, tutoring, life-skill activities, and community service through Juntos 4-H Clubs. The program also provides one-on-one success coaching and mentoring to help students achieve their goals. Summer programs like the Summer Academy and local 4-H events are available as well.

The next sessions will be held on April 1 and 8 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for UCISD students in 8th-12th grade, with family activities and dinner provided. For more details, contact Jennifer Barnett at 830-591-9047 or email jmbarnett@pvamu.edu.



NEW Travel-size Hygiene Items

DEADLINE: April 11, 2025

4-H member Colt Ayala is collecting travel-size hygiene products for our local nursing home residents. Help show how much we care by donating travel-size hygiene products like toothpaste, lotion, soap, deodorant, toothbrush and body wash. Drop off your donations at the Extension Office by April 11th!



NEW Dog and Cat Food Drive

DEADLINE: April 27, 2025

Help Andrea Garcia support **Flights to Furever & BARC** by donating dog and cat food! Drop off your donations at the Extension Office by April 27th and make a difference for local pets in need!



NEW 2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Application DEADLINE: April 15, 2025

The 2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay topic has been announced! Please see details below on how to participate!

Who can participate? Open to any Texas 4-H Member. Judged as one group, not by age divisions.

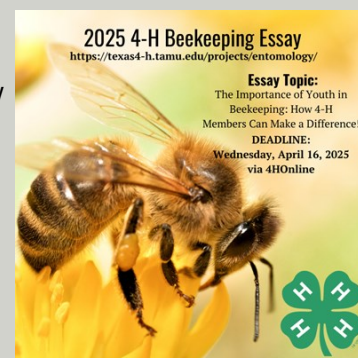
Rules & Guidelines: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

Deadline: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

How to Submit: Submit Electronically via Texas 4HOnline:

Event Name: State – 2025 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Topic: Announced by the The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. **"The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!"**



Coming up!



NAMI Bridges to Care Youth Wellness Program Online Virtual

NAMI'S Bridges To Care San Antonio (BTCSA) Teen Mental Health Champion Program is designed for 12-18 year old students who will learn how to have healthy conversations relating to mental wellness. The topics aim to give teen's the tools they need to navigate healthy conversations that empower personal growth and resilience. The program is made up of eight total sessions spread out over two months. Students will receive a " **Mental Health Workbook** " to track their progress. Students are certified as Teen Mental Health Champions when they receive five stamps for completing the five core sessions of the program.

[SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS.](#)

2025 4-H Outdoor Challenge

Registration April 1—May 15, 2025—\$60.00 per contest

Event Date: June 14-15, 2025

Information: The 4-H Outdoor Challenge contest consists of 10 events where teams compete to earn points for overall high point position. A team consists of exactly 2 members within the same age division and gender class. Teams compete in all 10 events during one weekend of competition. Participants will learn and practice various outdoor education activities from fishing and shooting to camping and biologist skills. See [AN-
NOUNCEMENT LETTER HERE](#). The 10 Events for 2025 will be:

- Outdoor Safety
- Outdoor Skills
- Paddling (Kayak)
- Rifle Shooting
- Archery Shooting
- Biologist Skills
- Outdoor First Aid
- Outdoor Gear Selection
- Off Road Biking
- Fishing



District 10 Leadership Lab—Alto Frio

Registration Opens: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Deadline, May 27, 2025

Leadership Lab is our annual Leadership camp for 4-H members from ages 13-18. This event provides a variety of leadership, recreation, and project enhancement workshops that participants are challenged to take back to their own county and implement. District 4-H Council Delegates from the 21 counties are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the District 4-H Council Business Meeting which includes the election of the District Council Officers for the new 4-H year. Candidates for District 4-H Council will present their campaign speech and participate in a question/answer session in front of the voting delegates.

**COMING SOON: 2025 District 10 Leadership Lab &
District 10 4-H Council Officer Information LETTER
THEME: "Space Cowboys"**

2025-2026 District 10 4-H Council Officer Candidate Application will be on 4HOnline
(See 2025 District 10 Bylaws for eligibility requirements)

To run for a District Officer Position, please make sure you register
on 4HOnline by the May 31st, 2025 DEADLINE!

Coming up!

NEW Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassador

Application **DEADLINE: April 15, 2025**

Texas 4-H is looking for the next co-hort of Texas 4-H [Livestock](#), [Equine](#) and [Poultry](#) Ambassadors in your county and recruit them to the program. Ambassadors will attend in-depth short courses and will be equipped with the knowledge and leadership skills to assist with educational programs in their County and beyond. Details can be found at www.texasyouthlivestock.com

NEW 2025 States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting Program

Information: *The Texas 4-H Program is proud to announce the 2025 States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting Program (FLYER)!* For over 20 years, Texan families have opened their hearts and homes to international youth across the globe, sharing our rich Texan culture and learning about theirs. Program details below:

- Interested host families & host siblings must commit to a 4-week homestay for a Japanese youth (12-18 yrs.). The host period will take place over the summer (July 23-August 16, 2025). **Note: Host families/siblings are not required to be 4-H members.*
 - Families must have a child of the same gender and within 4 yrs. of the hosted youth. Families without children may host an adult chaperone for a 2-week or 4-week homestay.
- Interested families may [check out the details and apply online today!](#)

NEW Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program

Application **DEADLINE: May 1, 2025**

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. By connecting with water professionals, water ambassadors gain exposure and recognition as youth leaders, learn about scholarship and internship opportunities, and explore the diverse career paths in the water industry.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level 4-H youth (grades 9-12 in fall 2026)
- Students with a genuine interest in water and natural resources
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Application Process:

- Student will review terms, conditions, and expectations of a 4-H Water Ambassador – www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application
- Student will complete the online application and submit two letters of recommendation
- CEA will be notified of any youth applying within their county
- Applications are reviewed and up to 30 youth are selected
- CEA will be notified of any youth selected within their county
- Applications accepted March 15 – May 1, 2025

Requirements:

- Participate in the Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (tour) – June 8-14
- Commit to completing a minimum of 40 hours of education/service by June 30, 2026
- Complete monthly assignments
- Make a good faith effort to attend Spring/Fall retreats and participate in monthly Zoom seminars
- Pay the \$300 participation fee
- Regularly attend and participate in local 4-H club meetings and events

Coming up!

CORE Academy 2025

DEADLINE: April 15, 2025

CORE Academy is a career exploration program that is designed to expose high school aged youth 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, or marketing & promotion. The primary goal is to provide youth an awareness of careers and businesses that they may have never considered. Interested members should apply by April 15, 2025. Please see the following documents for more information:

- [FLYER](#)
- [CORE SCHEDULE 2025](#)



NEW 2025 Yellow Rose Scholarship Opportunity

The San Antonio Roses are excited to offer steer kids who showed in San Antonio but did not make the sale a chance at \$2000 cash scholarships! See guidelines and application details below:

Guidelines: A Steer kid that showed in San Antonio and did not make the sale in 2025.

To Apply: Steer kid needs to mail a short letter to the San Antonio Roses which will include: Name, Email, Phone Number, Age, City of Residence, School you attend & something you learned from raising steers.

Deadline for entries is April 15, 2025.

Southwest Texas Ranch Heritage Association Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: April 15, 2025

The application for the Southwest scholarship has been posted to our website at Uvalde.agrilife.org. Click [HERE](#) for a direct link.

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship

DEADLINE: May 1, 2025

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) and the Cooperative Extension Program (C.E.P.) will award five (5) four-year scholarships, each with a total value of \$15,000. These scholarships award outstanding students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University. Youth participation in C.E.P.'s 4-H and Youth Development events have preference. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the application.

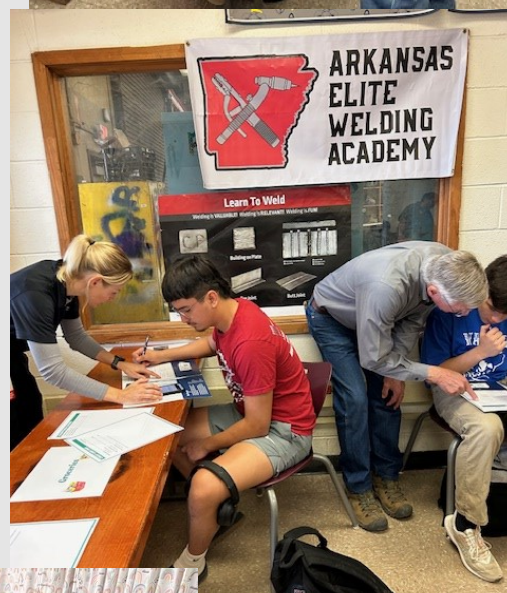
Jennifer's Corner

It's Your Money

Capital Farm Credit collaborated with Prairie View Extension and Texas A&M Extension agents to help students learn about financial literacy. It's never too early to start planning for the future. 'It's Your Money' is an engaging financial literacy outreach program developed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and supported by Capital Farm Credit.

In this 1-hour classroom simulation, students gain the knowledge and skills they need to navigate their financial futures. They have the chance to make real-life financial decisions in a risk-free environment, gaining valuable experience without the consequences of the real world.

<https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/products-services/ybs/financial-education>



Extension agents also attended College and Career Day at Sabinal ISD and Batesville Career Day this month.



“Every day is a chance to begin again. Don’t focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations.”

— Catherine Pulsifer



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