



WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H



FAMILY HANDBOOK

2020-2021

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2020-2021 Williamson County 4-H Clubs

Regular meeting dates are subject to change, please contact
Club Manager prior to attending your first meeting.

Florence 4-H

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Regular Meeting:
2nd Monday of the month
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Florence Elementary Cafeteria

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Regular Meeting:
3rd Sunday of the month
Time: 4:00pm
Location: Central Maintenance Facility
Training Room (Old CEO Training Room)

Granger 4-H

Danielle Hamende
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Regular Meeting:
2nd Monday of the month
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Granger ISD Cafeteria

Cedar Park 4-H Gavel

Diana Wiggins
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Regular Meeting:
Every Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Lakeline Oaks Community Center

Hutto 4-H

Carrie O'Connor
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Heather Miller
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Regular Meeting:
2nd Monday of the month (starting Sept)
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Beck Funeral Home in Hutto

Jarrell 4-H

Heather Faske
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Mindee Hernandez
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Regular Meeting:
2nd Monday of the month
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Sonterra Mud Office

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Leander/Cedar Park 4-H

Leslie Williams

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Email: leander.cedarpark.4hclub@gmail.com

Regular Meeting:

2nd Tuesday of the month

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Cedar Park Public Library

Liberty Hill 4-H

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Julie Norris

Phone: 512-508-7333

Email: jm14ranch@gmail.com

Email: libertyhill4hclub@gmail.com

Regular Meeting:

3rd Monday of the month

Contact club manager for more information.

Thrall 4-H

Kendra Miner

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Renee Hall

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Regular Meeting:

2nd Sunday of the month

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Thrall Country Diner

Taylor 4-H

Jenny Slauson

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Regular Meeting:

1st Monday of the month

Time: 6:30pm

Location: KC Hall, Taylor, TX

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Weir 4-H

Brandi Stark

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Regular Meeting:

2nd Sunday of the month

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Weir

Shooting Sports 4-H

Cindy Smith

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Jared Davis

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Regular Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Extension Office Training Room

Hoofpicks 4-H

Kellie Paulsen

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Regular Meeting:

3rd Monday of the month

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Extension Office Training Room

Summit 4-H

Jennifer Hoppe

Phone: 512-662-3536

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Regular Meeting:

2nd Tuesday of the month

Time: 6:00pm

Can vary contact club ahead of time

Location: Summit Christian Academy

4-H HELP DESK

There are many times when 4-H youth or adults need assistance in accomplishing a particular feat or objective. Whether one needs help completing an on-line form or selecting swine for the season's shows, the following people are willing to assist you. Please do not expect them to do everything for you, but feel free to use their knowledge and experience to enlighten you on a subject or project.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>WHO TO CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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4-H Motto/Pledge and Prayer

4-H Motto

To Make The Best Better.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



4-H Prayer

Help me, O Lord, to live so that
the world may be a little better
because Thou hast made me.
Amen.

The 4-H Emblem and Colors

The 4-H Club emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” stand for head, heart, hands and health. Leaves of the clover are green and the “H’s” are white. The white is for purity. Green is nature’s most common color and is symbolic of youth, life and growth.

4-H “411”

WELCOME TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H. As a 4-H family, you probably have a lot of questions about 4-H. We hope that this handbook will answer many of those questions.

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is a youth development program which is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, a division of the Texas A&M University System. 4-H's partners include the United States Department of Agriculture and local county governments.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN 4-H?

The 4-H method is “learn by doing.” Members complete learning experiences called 4-H projects. A project is a subject or area of interest that the 4-H member wants to learn more about. There are more than 40 areas that are supported by project materials, but a member may also choose from other areas. Youth participate through local 4-H clubs. Clubs participate in community service projects, tour interesting places and learn interesting things. 4-H'ers learn leadership skills by planning club activities and by being officers in their clubs. Older 4-H members act as teen leaders, assisting adult volunteers with projects and activities for younger members. 4-H members also attend camps, contests and conferences at the county, district, state and national levels

WHAT DOES A 4-H CLUB DO?

When you join 4-H, you pick a 4-H club. It elects its own officers and conducts its own business. The club group usually has a president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, reporter and may have a historian or parliamentarian. The club has a business meeting on a regular basis with an annual plan for their programs. At this meeting, the group discusses business and makes plans for activities. In addition, each meeting usually includes some kind of special educational program. The special program can be demonstrations by members, talks by members, parents or resource person (s), or anything else that interests the group. In this member guide is a listing of Bell County 4-H clubs, their club managers and assistants, meeting dates, times and places. Refer to this list for a club located near you or for one of the project clubs that might interest you. You are allowed to only be in one community club and as many project clubs as you want.

4-H NEWSLETTER

With over 500 4-H'ers, the Williamson County 4-H Happenings (newsletter) is the number one communication between all 4-H'ers and parents and the County Extension Office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to read the newsletter, which is sent out every Monday of each week. The newsletter contains important information about upcoming events, 4-H news, and deadlines.

Newsletters are emailed to all members with the current email on file on 4-H Connect.

4-H Connect Enrollment Guidelines

It is the policy of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to extend equal opportunities for membership and participation in 4-H activities to all Texas youth in accordance with the provisions stated within all federal/state Equal Rights legislation provided that the membership requirements below are met.

Any youth may become a member of 4-H when he or she has reached 9 years of age or 8 years of age and has entered the third grade. Young children ages 5 to 8 (kindergarten, first and second grades) may enroll as a Clover Kid. Some clubs in the county offer Clover Kid programs and many activities in the county allow Clovers to participate.

- Membership age is based on member's grade as of August 31, 2020. Must be at least 8 years old as of August 31, 2020 in addition to being in the 3rd grade to be eligible.
- ALL 4-H members must be officially enrolled (in an "active" status on 4-H Connect) to be considered an official 4-H member. No excused absences can be requested for any youth who is not enrolled in the official 4-H enrollment system (4-H Connect). • All 4-H enrollments must be conducted online via 4-H Connect. Please see 4-H Connect instruction manual at the back of this handbook. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service charges a \$25.00 participation fee for 4-H membership before October 31st, after October 31st a \$30.00 participation fee will be enforced. Clover Kids will not be charged a participation fee but will still need to register via 4-H Connect.
- A member must enroll in one or more 4-H projects and complete six project related learning experiences for each project.
- A 4-H'er cannot participate in 4-H activities, contests, projects, etc., in a county other than the county where he/she holds 4-H membership. If a 4-H member moves to another county, he/she may elect to join 4-H in that county but cannot retain membership in the previous county. A youth participates in 4-H by belonging to a 4-H club in the county where he/she resides. Exception: If a member lives near a county line or if a specific project is not offered in his/her home county and it is more convenient, desirable, or logical to belong to 4-H in another county, he/she may join 4-H in that county if the County Extension agents approve. Approval should be in writing. Fair guidelines do not have the same guidelines.

Age divisions: Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age.

The eligibility rules and guidelines are: Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions: Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2020 in addition to being in the 3rd grade) Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2020)

4-H members can look forward to new and different experiences as they get older.

There are 4 age divisions in 4-H:

Clover Kids.....	2nd grade and younger
Junior.....	Grades 3, 4, 5
Intermediate.....	Grades 6, 7, 8
Senior.....	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Project Contest and Activities

- 4-Hers can select from a variety of 4-H projects.
- After they select a project, 4-Hers work with a leader or parent to gain skills and knowledge in the subject matter area.
- Leaders work to train the individuals and teams to compete in the project subject matter area.
- Resources are available at the Williamson County Extension Office as well as the State 4-H website.

Quiz Bowl Contests

- Beef
- Horse
- Nutritional (Food & Nutrition Project)
- Teams of 3 to 4

Consumer Decision Making Contests

- Consumer Education Project
- Team 3 to 4

Roundup Contests

- Educational Presentations
- 1 to 6 4-Hers depending on contest
- Presentations to teach others about a project or activity
- Talks or demonstrations

Share the Fun

- Individuals and teams of 9
- Contest categories are: Poetry/Prose; Vocal; Musical, Solo/Band Performance; Choreographed Routines; Celebrate 4-H

Fashion Show & Design Contests Fashion Storyboard

- Clothing & Textiles Project
- 4-Hers express their knowledge and skills by constructing or buying an outfit or designing items on paper or display boards

Shooting Sports

- Individual and Teams
- Members of the Williamson County 4-H Shooting Sports Club are trained by leaders for safety and competition
- Members shoot archery, pistol and rifle, shotgun and muzzle loading.
- Hunting, Wildlife & Fishing Activities.

Food Show and Food Challenge

- Food & Nutrition Project
- Individual and team contests
- Food Show individual's display a dish and answer questions on nutrition, ect.
- Food Challenge team of 3 to 5 4-Hers in the same age division prepare a dish and talk about the food.

Holiday Classic

- District Livestock Showmanship Clinic and Prospect Show on beef, swine, lambs, and goat projects.
- Educational opportunity for 4-H families.

Horse Judging

- Horse Project
- Teams of 3 or 4
- Judging and placing animals

Horse Show

- Horse Project
- Individual
- Compete in riding events on your own horse.

Plant Identification and Range Evaluation Contests

- Range Science/Management Project
- Teams of 3 to 4

Photography Contests

- Variety of opportunities on county, district and state levels

Judging Contest

- Teams of 3 to 4
- Judging events available: livestock, horse, soil and meat.

4-H CONTESTS

4-H holds many contests to give members a chance to display their skills and measure their knowledge. Participation in contests is optional but strongly encouraged. Winners of most county contests advance to district and state contests. Only seniors can advance to state level competition at State Roundup in College Station. State winners may be selected for regional and national competitions. Information about upcoming events are located in the 4-H newsletter and emailed to each 4-H family, events are also published weekly in the local newspapers.

FOOD & NUTRITION

- **FOOD CHALLENGE:** The Food Challenge is a unique opportunity to participate in an innovative food and nutrition competition. The 4-H Food Challenge, similar to the popular television show Iron Chef, brings fun, learning, application of knowledge and skills, and group competition together at one event. At your table, they will have all the ingredients and a recipe with just the amounts on the table and no directions! You are to come up with a dish with what ingredients you have on the table and only use the bucket of supplies. Then groups will present their dish to the judges. Clover kids are allowed to compete at the county level.
- **4-H FOOD SHOW: SENIOR:** A chance for senior members of the Foods and Nutrition project to demonstrate their culinary skills and knowledge.
- **NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL:** Youth enrolled in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project may participate in the Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest where they can showcase core concepts of nutrition, food preparation, and food safety knowledge learned in the food and nutrition project. This contest conducted in a “game show/college bowl” format allows up to four members to participate on a team.
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:** This contest combines the consumer contest & knowledge in food & nutrition, and health & safety to teach youth these skills. The 4-H members learn about different topics and then judge classes to pick best choice for the person in the story. Intermediates and Seniors work as a team to give a presentation of their choice. The contest takes place at TX 4-H Roundup and is nonqualifying.
(Nonqualifying - you do not have to compete at district to go to state.)

4-H COUNTY ROUNDUP: During Roundup, members continue the knowledge they have gained in their projects and their skill in public speaking and showing others their talents. Presentations are an integral part of the 4-H program. They are an effective tool for teaching young people how to organize their thoughts and present their ideas and themselves. There are two contests available at 4-H Roundup:

- **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:** a 5-12 minute speech where members demonstrate how to make or do something related to their project area. The emphasis is on “showing” how to do or make something. An illustrated talk is speech during which members talk about a project using slides, charts or photographs. The emphasis is on “telling” how to do something. Clover kids are allowed to compete at the county level.
- **SHARE THE FUN:** The 4-H talent show provides a chance to develop talent, leadership and confidence, as well as wholesome recreation. 4-H members compete as club groups or individuals in a variety of categories such as: Choreographed Routine; Vocal; Musical; Poetry/Prose and Celebrate 4-H. 4-H’ers can also participate as stage hands, props design, and crew. etc. A fun activity for both the performers, coaches and audience. Clover kids are allowed to compete at the county level.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES:

- **4-H FASHION SHOW:** Fashion Show offers a contest for youth to gain valuable consumer skills in the Clothing Buying Division or demonstrate sewing skills in Clothing Construction and Textile Division. Youth learn poise and gain confidence modeling and speaking to judges about the garments and accessories. Clover kids are allowed to compete at the county level.
- **FASHION STORYBOARD CONTEST:** The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for the individual to apply, synthesize and evaluate his/her knowledge of fabrics and the arts and principles of design. It also provides the individual an opportunity to develop his/her knowledge of the career responsibilities of a designer and a fashion illustrator, enhance his/her personal presentation, and his/her verbal and nonverbal communication skills, resulting in a successful presentation board. • **Duds to dazzle:** Much like Food Challenge

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING: Athletic shoes, backpacks, emergency radios, gift cards, gold jewelry, insect repellent, pedometers, printing digital photos, sunscreen, are a few of the items 4-H Consumer Decision Makers have studied to be able to compare the relative qualities and prices of each to determine which offers the best value for the money. Each year the items change, but this judging contest teaches members how to be smart consumers and spend their money wisely. Clover kids are allowed to compete at the county level.

4-H RECORDBOOKS: Recordbooks become a record of what a member has learned and accomplished in his/her 4-H projects. Members submit their completed recordbooks to the County Extension Office, where they are judged by outside volunteers against other members in the same category and age group.

Recordbooks are an excellent way to teach youth how to keep records and allow them to record progress toward achieving their goals. Recordbooks are required to be turned in order to compete for 4-H awards.

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: Members may submit photographs in various categories to be judged at the county level. Senior (Grades 9—12) winners from each category will go on to compete at the state level in the spring contest. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior winners will advance to compete at the district level in the fall contest.

4-H Livestock judging contests: contact shelley.franklin@ag.tamu.edu

DEADLINES

It is important that 4-H'ers and parents pay close attention to entry deadlines. The Williamson County Extension Office operates under a zero tolerance policy for deadlines. No late entries will be accepted for ANY reason. All deadlines are announced in the Weekly Happenings.

4-H PARENTS

Good youth development programs do not just happen. It takes a combined effort of parents and volunteers along with the guidance of Extension youth development professionals to establish a good 4-H program.

In 4-H we have a team ... a 4-H team which contributes to the ultimate development of youth. On this team are the parents who become partners of the team. If a 4-H team is to be successful, then the parents must become “regular players,” not “bench warmers.” 4-H work would be totally impossible without the active support of interested parents. In clubs where parental support is good, individual club members receive more personal attention and guidance from leaders and parents. Closer family unity comes from planning, sharing and working together. When a family works as a team, the strength, talents, and skills of each family member can be developed and appreciated.

What can parents do to support and/or help the 4-H program?

- Learn what 4-H is all about (purposes, objectives. etc.).
- Exhibit a genuine interest and enthusiasm in 4-H and in your child.
- Encourage participation in 4-H activities. Participation stimulates interest and enthusiasm.
- Assist your child in selecting a project the like, a project that they have the ability to accomplish, and one for which you can help furnish facilities, financing, needed materials and guidance.
- Provide encouragement and help in their project work with record keeping, demonstrations, judging and completion of attempted work and leadership responsibilities.
- Provide transportation for members to local club meetings and to county events and activities. • Attend at least half of the club meetings each year with your child.
- Get informed about “what’s going on” and continue to stay informed.
- Provide a meeting place for a project group. Assist leaders and club by providing refreshments or other help.
- Volunteer to be a project leader. All adults have abilities that would greatly assist the 4-H program.
- Serve on a committee to help plan and conduct special club activities and events.

Participation in the 4-H program can give the parent a feeling of contributing to their community, a feeling of being helpful to young people, and a feeling of value and worth. There is some credibility to the saying that 4-H develops both youth and adults. 4-H is a family activity. There is something for everyone. 4-H can provide an extended family, a network of positive adult and older teen role models to help provide a positive environment in which their child can grow and develop.

Volunteer Background Checks

Each 4-H parent/volunteer/leader is required to complete an online Texas 4-H Volunteer Registration and undergo a criminal background check. The purpose of the volunteer background checks is to ensure the safety of all 4-H youth. If a background check does not come back with a positive result, that particular adult will be forbidden or limited on his/her involvement with 4-H youth. For more information on or questions regarding this system, please contact the Williamson County Extension Office.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

August

- 4-H Banquet
- State Recordbook Judging
- Enrollment Begins
- Club Meetings Start

September

- Adult Leaders meeting

October

- National 4-H Week
- County Council meeting
- County Food Show/Challenge
- Lamb and Goat Validation
- Heifer Validation

November

- Major Livestock Show Sign Up
- Youth Fair entries due
- Adult Leaders meeting
- Swine Validation

December

- County Council Meeting
- District Food Show/Challenge
- Youth Fair
- County Livestock Show

January

- Adult Leaders Meeting
- Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo

February

- County Council Meeting
- Texas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo
- San Angelo Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Fashion Workshop & County Fashion Show
- County Photography Deadline

March

- Adult Leaders Meeting
- County Round Up
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Austin

April

- County Council
- District Contests
- Adult Leaders Scholarship

May

- Adult Leaders Meeting
- District Round Up

June

- Texas 4-H Round Up
- District Horse Show
- Recordbook Contest

July

- 4-H Club Charters Due
- District Recordbook Judging
- County Camp