

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H



# FAMILY GUIDE 2023—2024

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## Welcome to Williamson County 4-H!

## 4-H is full of opportunities and experiences, and I hope that you find 4-H to be an exciting and continuous journey for youth development.

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 partnering with local county government. **4-H membership** is for anyone in grades 3-12, and those in K-2 can join the Clover Kids program. The 4-H program is built upon community clubs with volunteer Club Managers and Project Leaders. The first step to joining will be finding your club (or clubs, you can join more than one!).

Start by identifying which projects you are interested in. 4-H 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. You can learn about all of Texas 4-H's projects on their <u>project page</u>.

Once you have your interests identified, find out which **4-H clubs** near you offer that project and reach out to that club's manager to attend a meeting. Feel free to visit as many as you like before deciding which clubs you would like to join. Most of our clubs are community clubs, based on the club location and offer multiple project opportunities. Some clubs are project clubs that have more specific focus areas. You can join multiple clubs to fit your interests, or join a club and start a new project area or an independent project! Clubs conduct business, participate in community service projects, learn new things, and practice leadership skills. A list of our clubs and projects is in this guide.

The last step will be to **enroll** as a 4-H member online at <u>4-H Online</u>. The 4-H year begins every September. Once you are enrolled, you will receive updates from me, your club managers, and through our weekly Williamson County 4-H newsletter, the "Williamson County 4-H Happenings." 4-H members also attend camps, contests, and conferences at the county, district, state and national levels. Enrollment is for **adult volunteers** too! We rely on adult volunteers to assist with clubs, projects, workshops, and events. All adults enroll through the same online system to complete safety training and a background check.

Below you will find helpful links that provide a great starting point to find more information about what the 4-H program has to offer, as well as our county website and our Facebook page where you can see what is happening here at home.

As always, please feel free to reach out to the Extension Office should you need any help or have any questions. We look forward to working with you!

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Texas 4-H http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/

What is 4-H? Video https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=GipcPXoHk9Q#action=share

Williamson County 4-H https://williamson.agrilife.org/4-h/

Williamson County 4-H Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/Williamson4H

Williamson County Extension Office https://williamson.agrilife.org/home/contact/

**4-H Online** https://v2.4honline.com/

## 2023-2024 Williamson County 4-H Clubs and Projects

## <u>Regular meeting dates are subject to change, please contact Club Manager prior to</u> <u>attending for meeting date, times and locations.</u>

## Cedar Park 4-H Gavel

Club Manager: Diana Wiggins Email: cedarpark4hgavelclub@gmail.com

Regular Meeting:

Cedar Park, Every Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm

Projects: Public Speaking, Citizenship, Civic Education and Community Service, Consumer Education, Leadership, Clover Kids

## Granger 4-H

Club Manager: Danielle Hamende Email: d\_hamende@yahoo.com Regular Meeting: Granger, 2nd Monday of the month Time: 6:00pm Projects: Livestock

## Georgetown 4-H

Club Managers: Heather Girvan Email: georgetown4h@gmail.com

**Regular Meeting:** 

Georgetown, 3rd Sunday of the month

Time: 4:00-6:00 PM

Projects: STEM, Fashion & Interior Design, Photography, Dog Care & Training, Outdoor Recreation, Poultry, Clover Kids

## Hoofpicks 4-H

Club Managers: Jessica Twohig Email: hoofpicks4h@gmail.com Regular Meeting: Georgetown, 3rd Sunday of the month Time: 2:00 pm Projects: Horse, Veterinary Science, Horse Judging,

Horse IQ, Horse Skill-a-thon, Community Service

## <u>Hutto 4-H</u>

Club Managers: Chris Florence and Heather Miller Email: cjflorence99@att.net Regular Meeting: Hutto, 2nd Monday of the month Time: 7:00pm Projects: Livestock

## Jarrell 4-H

Club Managers: Heather Faske Email: heather.faske@yahoo.com Regular Meeting: Jarrell, 2nd Monday of the month Projects: Livestock

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## Leander/Cedar Park 4-H

Club Managers: Leslie Williams and Stacy Bazyn Email: leander.cedarpark.4hclub@gmail.com

**Regular Meeting:** 

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Leander, 2nd Tuesday of September, November, February and April

Projects: Food & Nutrition, Fashion & Interior

Design, Photography, Leadership, Public Speaking

**Shooting Sports 4-H** 

Club Managers: Cindy Smith and Robin Parsons

Email: cbsmith123@mindspring.com,

rbp8273@yahoo.com

## Liberty Hill 4-H

Club Managers: Terresa O'Neill Email: libertyhill4hclub@gmail.com

Regular Meeting:

Liberty Hill, 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 6:00 pm

Projects: Archery, Gardening & Horticulture, Photography, Food & Nutrition, Fashion & Interior Design, Dog Care & Training, Vet Science, STEM (small engines), Clover Kids

## <u>Taylor 4-H</u>

Club Manager: Jenny Slauson

Email: jennylslauson@hotmail.com

**Regular Meeting:** 

Taylor, 1st Monday of the month

Time: 6:30pm

Projects: Livestock

## Projects: Shooting Sports– Rifle, Pistol, muzzle loading, shotgun, archery, hunting & wildlife

1 meeting per quarter on a Monday

## <u>Thrall 4-H</u>

Club Managers: Kendra Miner and Renee Hall Email: kendraminer17@gmail.com, hallc\_r@yahoo<u>.com</u> Regular Meeting:

Thrall, 2nd Sunday of the month Projects: Archery, Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, Livestock, Clover Kids

## **4-H HELP DESK**

There are many times when 4-H youth or adults need assistance in accomplishing a particular task or objective. Your club managers will be the best source of information for most things, but if you need additional assistance the Extension Office is happy to help! Below is a list of common subjects and questions, and who can help answer.

You can always call the Extension Office at 512-943-3300 for assistance.

## Contact Brittany Allen, CEA 4-H and Youth Development at Brittany.Allen@ag.tamu.edu for help with...

- 4-H Online (including enrollment, transfers, background checks, event registrations)
- Club Management
- County Council
- Clover Kids
- Scholarships
- Recordbooks
- Camps, retreats, and 4-H events
- 4-H Websites and Social Media
- Youth Fair
- Project and contest information for: Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, CDM, Photography, STEM, Vet Science, Leadership and Public Speaking

## Contact Shelley Franklin, CEA Natural Resources at Shelley.Franklin@ag.tamu.edu for help with...

- Stock Shows and Validation
- Livestock and Horse questions
- Shootings Sports
- Judging Teams
- Project and contest information for: Livestock, Horse, Natural Resources

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

#### <u>August</u>

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

#### **September**

#### **October**

- National 4-H Week and One Day 4-H
- County Council meeting
- County Fair and Rodeo Baking Contest
- Lamb and Goat Validation
- Heifer Validation

#### **November**

- Major Livestock Show Sign Up
- Youth Fair entries due
- County Food Show/Challenge
- Swine Validation

#### **December**

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

#### **January**

• 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

#### <u>March</u>

- County Round Up
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Austin

#### <u>April</u>

- County Council
- Recordbook Workshop
- District Contests
- Adult Leaders Scholarship

## <u>May</u>

• District Round Up

## <u>June</u>

- Texas 4-H Round Up
- District Horse Show
- Recordbook Contest
- Awards applications and interviews

## <u>July</u>

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