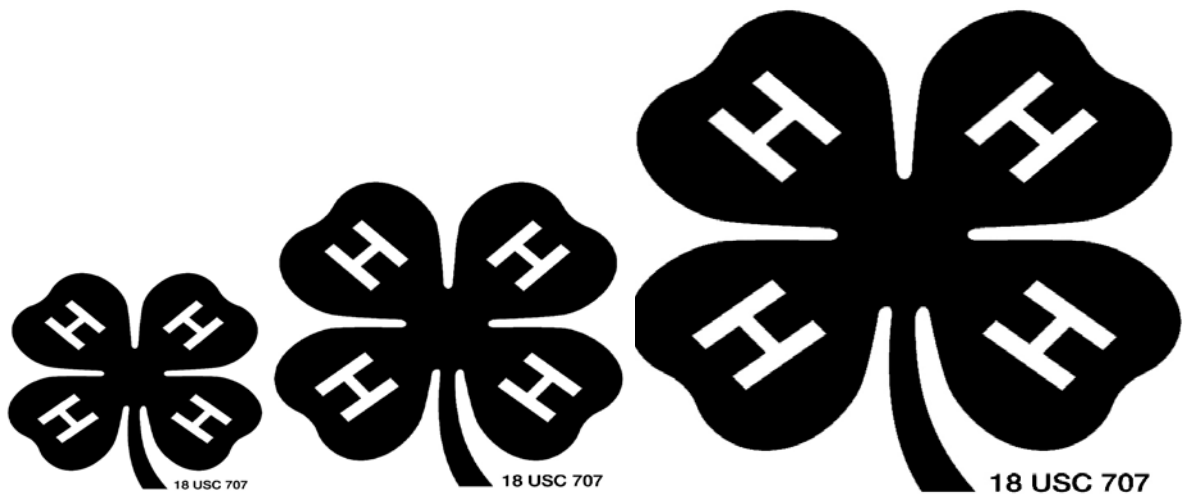


Welcome to Anderson County 4-H



Leaders Grow Here.



WELCOME TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM!

We are glad that you have chosen to be part of the largest non-formal youth education organization in the United States! Over 5.6 million youth participate in 4-H each year to become self-motivated, productive and contributing citizens.

4-H is designed to be a family affair, so 4-H parents are encouraged to get involved in the 4-H experience. Ways that 4-H parents can contribute range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities, or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events. 4-H parents are also needed to supervise 4-H activities.

Anderson County has an outstanding group of dedicated adult volunteer leaders as well as a superb group of motivated 4-H members. We welcome your family into our Anderson County 4-H family!

Please read through your Anderson County 4-H Handbook to answer any questions you may have about the 4-H program. This handbook is designed as a reference tool for you throughout the 4-H year. Please refer to the 4-H Newsletter as you set your goals for participation in 4-H events and contests.

Best wishes for a fulfilling year in 4-H! We look forward to seeing you at events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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About 4-H

Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18U.S.C. 707. Permission is required to duplicate it.

Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity.

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 Year

September 1 to August 31

Age of 4-H Members

Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31)

Clover Kids may participate from K-2 grades.

Texas 4-H Age Categories for project activity purposes are:

Junior	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Intermediate	Grades 6, 7, and 8
Senior	Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Adult Leaders Association

All 4-H parents and leaders are encouraged to become part of the Adult Leaders Association!

This association is composed of volunteer 4-H leaders who meet and work together to support the 4-H youth of Anderson County. The Adult Leaders works in conjunction with the County 4-H Ambassadors to plan and coordinate county-wide 4-H activities. The Adult Leaders Association works to financially assist the 4-H youth through fund raising projects. The Association is also useful as a meeting forum in which leaders may exchange ideas.

4-H Ambassadors

Members of the Anderson County 4-H Ambassadors plan and coordinate 4-H activities in the county. The Anderson County 4-H Ambassadors also promotes district and state level 4-H activities. Ambassadors are comprised of 4-H members from each of the various 4-H clubs in the County. Clubs are encouraged to have council delegates who will attend the County 4-H Ambassadors events. Typically, a 4-H member is elected into the position of council delegate and represents his or her club at the County 4-H Ambassadors meetings. In



most cases, the president of the 4-H club also serves as a delegate to the County 4-H Ambassadors. In addition to the club council delegates and presidents, membership to the Ambassador activities is open to all 4-H youth.

The Anderson County 4-H Ambassadors serves as a communication channel. Council delegates represent their club and relay information and ideas from their club to the council. The council delegates also relay information from the Ambassadors to their club to keep the members up to date on county-wide activities and events.

Ten easy steps to getting the most out of 4-H:

- Step 1 - Youth Complete Online Enrollment
- Step 2 - Parents Complete Online Enrollment
- Step 3 - Get Involved
- Step 4 - Start a Project
- Step 5 - Complete a Project
- Step 6 - Participate in Activities
- Step 7 - Keep Records
- Step 8 - Share Information
- Step 9 - Help Others
- Step 10 - Promote 4-H

Step 1 - Youth Complete Online Enrollment

Enrollment Time

On September 1st each year, all former, new 4-H members, and volunteer leaders must re-enroll for the current year. Enrollment stays current from September 1st through August 31st.

Participation Fee - each enrollment year (no fee for Clover Kids ages 5-7)

September 1st thru October 31st-----\$25 per child
After November 1st-----\$30 per child



**4-H Connect 2.0 is
NEW, LIVE, and
EASY TO USE. See
instructions below!**





Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H! Here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and approved. All membership records change to an inactive status in August. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1 but enrollment opens on August 15th. Enrollment procedures and payment method options vary in each county, so check with your local county office for more information.

Youth Member Participation Fees

\$25.00 August 15 - October 31st
\$30.00 November 1 to the completion of 4-H year

Adult Volunteer Application Fee

\$10.00 August 15 to the completion of 4-H year

About 4HOnline!	Did You Know?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4HOnline is the official Texas 4-H online system for adult and youth members directly involved with 4-H. 4HOnline is a partnership between the 4-H family and the local county office. (counties.agrilife.org) 4HOnline is a secured system that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. Texas 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission. 4HOnline is based on "zero-based enrollment." Each year at the start of the enrollment cycle all 4-H membership in Texas goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most questions can be answered by calling the local county office. (counties.agrilife.org) An approved youth or adult membership record means a person is officially enrolled with Texas 4-H. An approved youth or adult member record also means a person can register for state or district level events. Adult volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program every three years. The screening process can take up to two weeks. A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. The Texas 4-H year officially starts September 1.



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.



TEXAS 4H ONLINE

(Formerly Called 4HConnect)

FAMILY ENROLLMENT TIPS

<http://texas.4honline.com>

NEW FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding a member Enter one enrollment profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	YOUTH	Adult
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
			Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs. Find your local county office online at: <http://counties.agrilife.org>

RETURNING FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll next to the member's name.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	YOUTH	Adult
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.	Click continue through each screen to update. You must update school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
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If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact the previous local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. **Do not create a new profile.**

Once approved an email confirmation will be sent to the family email address.

[What's my status mean?](#)



Step 2 - Get Involved

As a Member or Leader, you need to get involved in your local club; attend monthly meetings, volunteer for committees, and stay informed of what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on throughout the County, District and State by reading the Anderson County 4-H Handbook, 4-H Newsletters, News Flash, and the 4-H and Youth Development pages on the Anderson County Extension website:

<http://Anderson.agrilife.org/>

The screenshot shows the Anderson County 4-H website. The main content area on the left is titled "4-H" and contains a paragraph about the program: "Anderson County 4-H is made up of kids in 3rd-12th grade who want to learn, grow, and develop skills that will aid them for the rest of their lives. 4-H is a personal development aimed at teaching kids life skills through the use of Ag and non-Ag projects. We are more than just raising cows in our back yards; however, we do that pretty well, too! 4-H is a national organization which helps young people develop life-long knowledge and skills to become engaged citizens. 4-H is truly a model of the 'learning by doing' teaching concept. It reaches people in their own communities with delivery methods suitable to their needs. 4-H also helps provide opportunities for families and communities to develop stronger bonds." Below the text is a photo of a person in a 4-H shirt working in a field. At the bottom of the page, it states: "The 4-H program is a voluntary, non-formal education program offered to ALL youth regardless of race, color, genes, national origin, residence, or handicap, the Texas 4-H and adopted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service."

On the right side of the website, there is a navigation menu with links to "4-H Newsletters", "4-H Publications", "4-H Events/Opportunities", and "4-H Facebook Page". Below this is an "EVENTS CALENDAR" showing a grid of dates. The calendar highlights several events:

- Pinewoods Conservation Adventure Camp Registration Open**: July 12 @ 12:00 pm - July 15 @ 1:00 pm
- Livestock Judging Workshop - For ADULTS**: July 15 @ 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Family Film Festival**: July 19 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
- Texas 4-H Golf Challenge**: July 25 @ 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Family Film Festival**: July 28 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

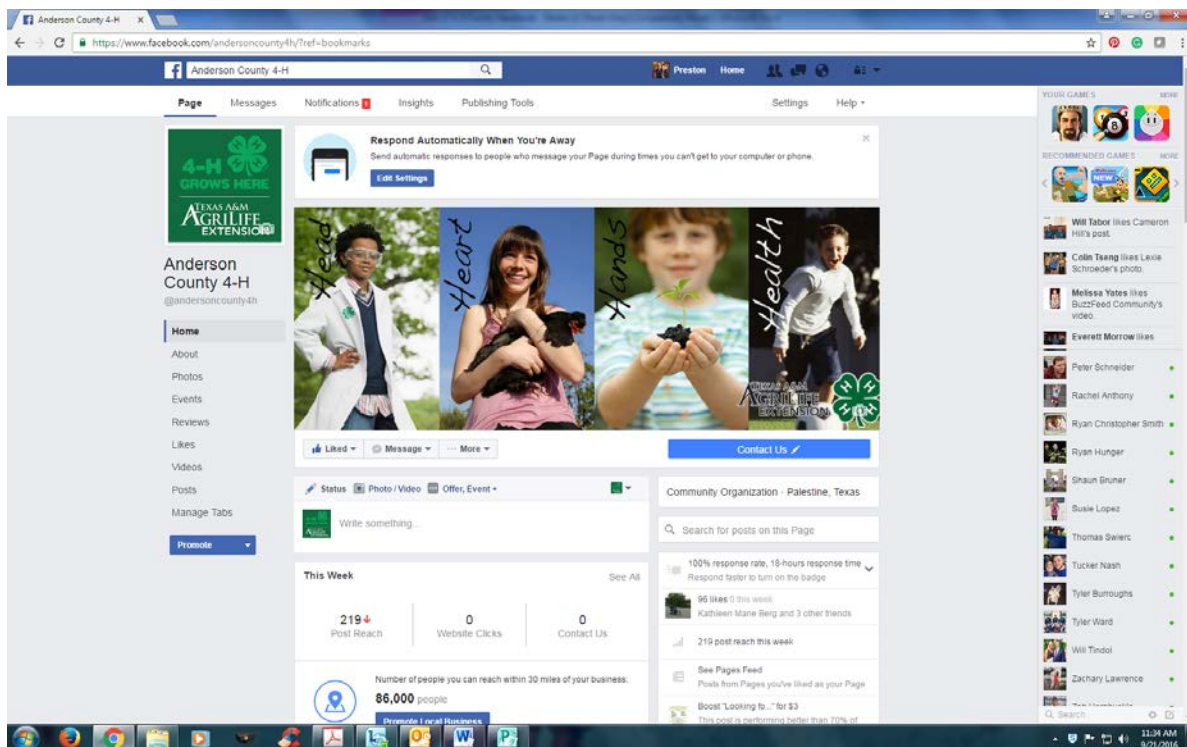
At the bottom of the page, there is a section for "EXTENSION DISASTER EDUCATION".

Find our Newsletters and Program guides here.

Check here for updates on events and opportunities



Follow Us On Facebook!



4-H Remind

We have a new way to get information out to our members! All parents, leaders, members, etc. can sign up for 4-H reminder text messages. It is safe and private. No phone numbers will be shown to the sender or receiver. It's super easy and will be a great tool to keep everyone updated! Send this message: @d58124 to the phone number: 81010.



Join a Club!

The following are the 4-H Clubs in Anderson County and their Club Name, Club Manager(s). Please contact the manager in your area to get meeting details.

Cayuga 4-H	2 nd Sunday, 1PM
Robotics SPIN Club	Preston Sturdivant Preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu
Elkhart Growers and Showers 4-H	Call Extension Office for Details 903-723-3735
Harmony Broyles 4-H	3 rd Sunday, 3PM
New Beginnings 4-H	1 st Tuesday, 5PM
Ioni Creek 4-H	1 st Monday, 6PM
Old Cayuga 4-H	2 nd Sunday, 3PM
Xtreme 4-H Shooting Sports	Please call Amy Honeycutt 903-391-4079
Vet Science 4-H SPIN Club	Call Extension Office for Details 903-723-3735



Step 3 - Start a Project

On the 4-H Connect Enrollment pages, 4-H members are asked to select projects of interest to them. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects. The more years you are in 4-H, the more projects you can usually handle. 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the 4-H year (September 1-August 31). Certain projects have special activities or contests, so you need to begin some projects at specific times during the year. After you select your projects, contact your Club Manager or County Extension office if you have any questions.

Anderson County 4-H Livestock Projects Important Dates

<u>LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Market Steers..... Validation/Ownership Deadline	10/5/2020	
Lambs Validation/Ownership Deadline.....	12/7/2020	
GoatsValidation/Ownership Deadline	12/7/2020	
Barrows-ACYLS only Validation/Ownership Deadline	1/4/2021	
Houston Broilers (Order Date)	12/2020	
HorsesValidation.....	TBD	
ACYLS Broilers (Order Date)	12/4/2020	
Market Rabbit(claim tattoo number by calling Extension Office).....	3/22/2020	
Market Rabbit (validation)	3/22/2020	

****NOTE:** Poultry: The date ordered is not the entry date. You must submit entries at the designated time to be able to show.

*****NOTE:** Rabbits: Make special note of the breeding dates for market rabbits or when they must be purchased



Major Livestock Show Information

Barrows..... Validation/Ownership Deadline TBD
 (must contact Karrie Cox – orders by Sept 21)
 Steers..... Validation/Ownership Deadline.....6/2020
 Heifers..... Validation.....6/2020, 10/2020
 Lambs/Goats..... Validation.....10/2020

2020-2021 MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

SHOW	REGISTRATION DUE IN OFFICE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
STATE FAIR OF TEXAS	8/24/2020	8/25/2020
EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR	Cancelled for 2020	
HEART OF TEXAS FAIR	9/7/2020	9/11/2020
FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK SHOW	11/6/2020	11/15/2020
RODEO AUSTIN	11/20/2020	12/1/2020
HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW	11/20/2020	12/1/2020
SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION	11/20/2020	12/1/2020
SAN ANGELO LIVESTOCK SHOW	11/20/2020	12/1/2020

<https://bigtex.com/livestock/livestockshow/>

<http://www.etstatefair.com/events/2017/livestock-show>

<http://www.hotfair.com/events/competitive-events/livestock-show>

<http://fwssr.com/livestock-entry-forms/>

<http://www.rodeoaustin.com/events/stock-show/>

<http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show>

<https://www.sarodeo.com/livestock>

<http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/315>



All information and payment must be turned in **TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE by the designated date.



Other 4-H Projects and Programs

<p><u>Shooting Sports-</u> The 4-H Shooting Sports project is a comprehensive introduction to shooting sports safety and the fundamentals of shooting disciplines including: archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading, and hunting. Youth may participate in one or more of the listed disciplines where certified 4-H coaches are available to lead.</p> <p>Contacts Archery– Amy & Keith Honeycutt xtreme4h@yahoo.com.</p>	<p><u>Robotics-</u>The 4-H Robotics Curriculum is designed to meet the diverse requirements of 4-H clubs, after-school programs, individual youth and school enrichment activities. The curriculum was developed for all levels of expertise: from beginning to advanced.</p> <p>Contact– Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p><u>Horse Judging-</u> the evaluation of a horses characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class</p> <p>Contact– Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p><u>Consumer Decision Making-</u> The 4-H Consumer Education Project engages youth in the importance of making wise consumer decisions. Through educational experiences such as workshops to a retail store, to learn how to make good decisions about purchasing a variety of projects, to learning about “Consumer Savvy” and the importance of becoming informed to be able to help make responsible consumer purchases of a variety of products for your family.</p> <p>Contact– Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p><u>Leadership</u> – Leadership is an incredibly important program in 4-H, and we hope all kids get a taste of leadership, regardless of their involvement in the leadership project. However, you can also compete in Leaders4Life contest, which tests kids knowledge of basic leadership theory. Contact – Preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p><u>Livestock Judging-</u>the evaluation of an animal’s characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class</p> <p>Contact– Truman Lamb 903-723-3735</p>
<p><u>Horticulture</u> The horticulture project is a hands-on project that incorporates community and volunteer service with learning about plant growth, environment horticulture and ecology, fruits and nuts, landscape design, soil and water, insects and diseases, vegetables and herbs, and life skills and career exploration.</p> <p>Contact– Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p><u>Commercial Heifer-</u> The commercial heifer program is designed to be educational and beneficial for the youth of Brazos County. It is held in conjunction with the Brazos Valley Fair in October. You will show a pen of 3 bred females, complete a record book, and an interview for the overall score for this project.</p> <p>Contact: Truman Lamb</p>
<p><u>Photography-</u>The 4-H Photography project offers opportunities for youth to explore the world through the lens of a camera. Photography is a great way to engage youth in communicating what the world looks like to them. Through the photography project, youth learn skills from the basic parts of a camera, careers in photography, and digital publishing and developing.</p> <p>Contact–Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p><u>Dog Project-</u> The 4-H Dog project provides a safe environment for youth to interact with and learn about one of their closest friends, their dog. The project is designed to enhance the relationship a young person has with their dog and make their dog a happier better adjusted member of the family.</p> <p>Contact– Preston Sturdivant – preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>
<p><u>Swine-</u>The Swine project is the most popular large animal livestock project in Texas. The swine project teaches the fundamentals of the swine industry by allowing youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, daily maintenance and care, in addition to exhibiting swine at local, county, state, and national swine shows.</p> <p>Contract– Truman Lamb</p>	<p><u>Poultry-</u>The poultry project teaches members poultry production and marketing by managing poultry projects. Project topics include broilers, capons, turkeys, egg production, and development from egg to chick</p> <p>Contact Truman Lamb</p>
<p><u>Cattle-</u> The beef project teaches the fundamentals of the beef cattle industry by allowing youth to explore the area of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, and care, in addition to exhibiting beef cattle at the local, county, state, and national shows.</p> <p>Contact– Truman Lamb</p>	<p><u>Sheep & Goats-</u>The Sheep & Goat project teaches youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H sheep project individuals learn decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.</p> <p>Contact– Truman Lamb</p>
<p><u>Equine -</u>The Horse Project is designed as a tool for 4-H members to learn about horse care and handling, and the equine industry in general, through hands-on activities designed to develop skills not only in horsemanship and equine handling, but also in leadership, communication, decision-making and personal management.</p> <p>Contact– preston.sturdivant@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p><u>Food & Nutrition</u> The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project engages youth in the importance of eating and living a healthy lifestyle. Through educational experiences, such as field trips to the grocery store to learn how to buy fresh vegetables and fruits and interactive workshops to learn how to build a healthy plate and the importance of eating a balanced meal, youth gain the necessary skills to make smart decisions for themselves, as well as helping their family.</p> <p>Contact– Holly Black</p>
<p><u>Clothing & Textiles-</u>The 4-H clothing and textiles project allows youth the opportunity learn basic sewing skills, learn the process for creating their own original designs, create beautiful quilts, learn to be a super shopper and develop a personal fashion style.</p> <p>Contact– Holly Black</p>	<p><u>Healthy Lifestyles-</u>Youth also learn how to improve physical, intellectual, emotional and social health through participation in the health project. Specifically, youth learn about the importance of physical activity, proper hygiene, dental care, healthy snacking, vaccinations and sleep.</p> <p>Contact– Holly Black</p>
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Step 4 - Complete a Project

After you have selected your project you are ready to start gaining information and having fun learning about your project. In 4-H, you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project. Learning experiences will vary from project to project, such as meetings with other 4-H'ers and Leaders, going on tours, attending workshops, reading publications or surfing the Internet. Many 4-H'ers work on the project with their parents, grandparents or other family members while other 4-H'ers work on projects with a group of friends. Working through a project from start to finish helps a 4-H member gain skill in carrying out responsibilities, as well as setting and completing goals.

General Project Calendar for Anderson County

On the following pages, you will find a calendar that outlines some of the project areas in Anderson County 4-H. Use this information to look ahead for major deadlines and event timeframes.

COUNTY 4-H AWARDS, RECORD BOOKS AND PINS

In addition to recognition at Anderson County 4-H Contests, 4-H members are also recognized for accomplishments at the annual Anderson County 4-H Achievement Banquet held in the early fall. The entry deadline for these awards is in July. All awards applications can be found in the Anderson County Awards & Recognition Handbook at the Extension Office, and briefly described here:

- 1) RECORD BOOK AWARDS** - Record Book awards are presented based on what 4-Hers report in their 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth and development by reading the record books. Recordbooks are judged at the County, District, and State level as winner advance. As a senior, the division winners at the state contest are eligible for a trip with Texas 4-H to Washington D.C.!
- 2) ROOKIE AWARDS** - A 4-H member who has completed his or her first year of membership, regardless of age, is eligible for the Rookie Award.
- 3) DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD** - This award is offered as recognition of excellence in character, well-balanced personal development and demonstrated leadership. Must be Intermediate or Senior age category. Anderson County can give two (2) awards to deserving 4-H Members.
- 4) GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD** – This award is awarded to 4-H members who: 1) are beginning their senior year of high school OR have completed their senior year; 2) have completed a Recordbook the previous 2 years; 3) have filled out the senior award application
- 5) GOLD STAR AWARD** - The Gold Star Award is the most sought-after 4-H award at the county level. It can be awarded each year to two outstanding Senior 4-H members in Anderson County based on their total 4-H career.
- 6) SILVER STAR AWARD** - The Silver Star Award is presented each year to outstanding 4-H Intermediate Members. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with the record book. This is the second-highest award given to 4-H members.
- 7) BRONZE STAR AWARD** - The Bronze Star Award will be presented each year to outstanding 4-H Junior Members at the County Awards Banquet. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with
- 8) CLUB ALL-STAR AWARD** – While most awards require a Recordbook, an application, and an interview, the All-Star award recognizes 1 member of each 4-H club that has been an outstanding 4-H member. This individual



has shown up regularly, had a willingness to learn with an open mind, taken part in service and leadership activities, and has lived out the 4-H motto and pledge.

Step 5 - Participate in Activities

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained through their project work. Some of the activities allow a team of 4-H'ers to prepare a presentation, while other activities are for individual contest entry.

Participating in 4-H activities helps the member gain public speaking skills and presentation skills that will help them throughout their life. Other activities available to 4-H'ers are a variety of camps and workshops conducted mainly in the summer.

Some of the major activities:

Fashion Shows	Performing Arts	Service Projects
Quiz Bowls	Horse Shows	Judging Contests
Food Shows	Livestock Shows	Shooting Sports Contests
Outdoor Activities	Photography Contests	Talks or Method Demonstrations

Camps

Prime Time, July	(9-13 year olds)
Yes Camp, October	(9-13 year olds)
Spectra, July	(14-18 year olds)
Leadership Lab, June	(14-18 year olds)
Teen Retreat, January	(13-19 year olds)

You must register on 4-H Connect to participate in some of the activities 4-H has to offer.

1. When approved, you may log in to your account by clicking “I have a profile” and providing your email address and password.
2. On the “Member List” page, scroll to the bottom of the page and select a member from the “Register a member for an event” drop down menu. Select the event you are registering. Only events that a member is eligible for will be shown.
3. After you register, your county extension agent will review your registration and approve.

Anderson County Youth Livestock Show

As in the past, the 2021 Anderson County Youth Livestock Show and Sale is anticipated by numerous 4-H and FFA members from throughout Anderson County. The annual Anderson County Youth Livestock Show and Auction will be held at the Anderson County Youth Livestock Pavilion, April 18 – April 22, 2021.

Eligibility Form

This is a required form for some events. Contact the Anderson County Extension Office for more details.

Step 6 - Keep Records

When you spend time working on a project, you need to record or take notes and pictures to track what you learn through your progress. Anderson County 4-H'ers have the chance to complete a ***Record Book*** for recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet held in the fall and to be considered for 4-H awards.

4-H Record Books are a great way for 4-H'ers to keep records of their progress on their project! In constructing a 4-H Record Book, members organize information about their participation and accomplishments in all 4-H projects and activities. Any project can be completed using a 4-H Record Book. Record books are judged at county, district, and state levels at the end of the project year. This also prepares our older 4-H'ers for scholarship applications, job applications, and interview readiness in the future!

Step 7 - Share Information



As a 4-H member, you learn to share with others the information you gain through your project experience. This can be done at school, in your community, or anywhere you see fit!

Step 8 - Help Others

The 4-H experience includes helping others. We call our 4-H helping, Community Service. This is something that you do for a non- 4-H audience without pay or compensation.

“One Day” Community Service Project Day



One day 4-H is a way for all 4-H members to take one day to say “thank you” to their communities, county, and state for all the support they have provided to 4-H members for more than 100 years.

One day 4-H will occur on October 6, 2018 in every county across Texas. Each 4-H member can recruit friends to help make their communities better through adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals or as an entire county 4-H Program. Regardless of the project that is chosen, it is one day to make a difference!

Step 9 - Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to attend. Part of your 4-H experience will be to get others involved in the program. This could mean asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week.



If you have any questions at all, please contact the Anderson County Extension Office at 903-723-3735!

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