





**DECEMBER 2023** 

## **ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H**

The latest news and updates from Atascosa County 4-H



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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. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTS OF TEXAS COOPERATING. WE WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THIS MEETING. WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE ATASCOSA COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE TWELVE DAYS (12) PRIOR TO THE EVENT AT (830) 569-0034 OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ADVISE US OF THE AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE THAT YOU REQUIRE

# ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H CLUB INFORMATION





### **MESQUITE 4-H CLUB**

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6:00 PM
PLEASANTON 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUE ANN SMITH & JOHANNA HAGEN
JSPJSMITH@ATT.NET
JOHANNAHAGEN1973@GMAIL.COM

#### **LEMING/VERDI 4-H CLUB**

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM
VERDI COMMUNITY CENTER
CARL ROYAL
CARL.ROYAL@YAHOO.COM

#### **POTEET 4-H CLUB**

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM
POTEET HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
USVALDO & ANGELA LANDA

#### **BLACKHILL 4-H CLUB**

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM
BLACKHILL COMMUNITY CENTER
KIM LUTZ
KIMLUTZ97@GMAIL.COM

#### LA PARITA 4-H CLUB

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM
COWBOY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
JOURDANTON, TX
JASON & VALERIE AGUILAR
JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

#### LYTLE 4-H CLUB

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 PM
LYTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
JENNIFER CRISWELL
JENNIFER.CRISWELL.JC@GMAIL.COM

### **CHARLOTTE 4-H CLUB**

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
T6:30 PM
CHARLOTTE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
PATRICIA SCOTT

## 4-H Enrollment for the 2023- 2024 Year

Enrollment for the 2023 - 2024 year is open on 4-H Online. The website is: https://v2.4honline.com. If you are in need of guidance on how to get registered on 4-H Online please visit the family guides at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline.

## **NO PASS NO PLAY**

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H SPONSORED EVENT INCLUDING STOCK SHOWS, SHOOTING SPORTS, OR OTHER CONTESTS, MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED WITH ONE OF OUR AREA CLUBS AND MEET THE 50% ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO THE CONTEST.

PARTICIPATION IN ANY COMPETITION OR SHOOTING EVENT IS ONLY PERMITTED WHILE MEETING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER TEXAS EDUCATION CODE 33.081 "NO PASS NO PLAY".

## ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES

## **RIFLE**

JIMMY MEYER JIMMYGUN-SHOP@HOTMAIL.COM JASON AGUILAR JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

#### **ARCHERY**

PAUL MCMANUS
MACMANUSPAUL@GMAIL.COM

Any rabbits that were entered into the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated on December 9, 2023 from 8AM- 10AM at the Atascosa County Show Barn.

## **Livestock Weights and Project Help**

The Extension Office has sheers and scales available for check out. Dale is also available to come out and help with livestock projects at home.

For more information please reach out to Dale Rankin.

## **Record Book Information**

The updated 2023 - 2024 Texas 4-H Record Book information has been posted at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/record\_book\_family\_guide\_23\_24.pdf .

Records books for the
Atascosa County Record Book Contest are due in June.

There will be an orientation for 4-H Rifle Shooting Sports on February 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

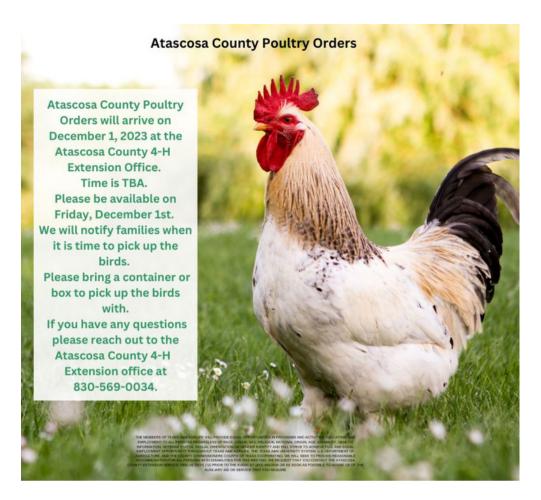
The orientation will be held at Jimmy Meyer's gun range.

For more information please contact

Jimmy Meyer: JIMMYGUN-SHOP@HOTMAIL.COM

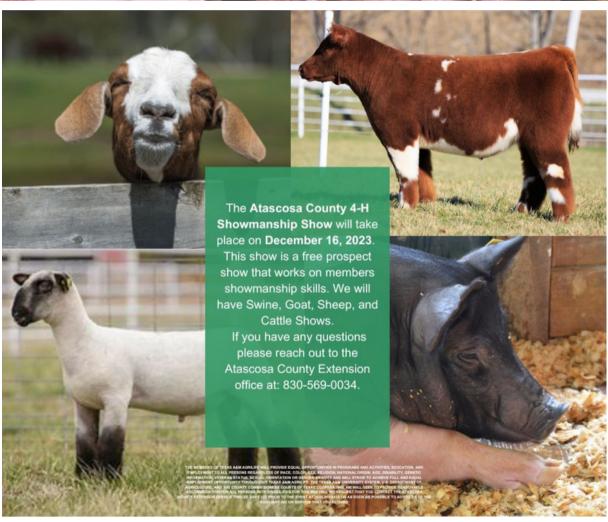
Jason Aguilar: JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

Atascosa County 4-H Extension office: 830- 569- 0034.









Showmanship show times for December 16, 2023 are as follows:
All swine are to arrive by 8:45 a.m; all goats at 9:30 a.m.; all lambs at
10:15 a.m., and all steers at 11:00 a.m.

More information will be sent to the families that RSVP for the event the week before the show.

## **District 12 4-H Shooting Sports**

The District 12 Shooting Sports Archery Match (Modified 420 & 3-D) will be held on December 2, 2023 at the Duval County Park and Shooting Complex in Benavides, Texas. Best of luck to all competitors!!

## 2024 District 12 4-H Horse Judging

The 2024 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition's (SALE) Horse Judging Contest. The event will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024.

Registration will be on 4-H Online from November 1, 2023through December 1, 2023. Registration will also be completed through the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.



#### Stock Show Season will be here fast.

It is time to start to review major stock show requirements.

Do not forget about Health Certificates.

Fort Worth: https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-premium-list

San Antonio: <a href="https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?">https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?</a>
<a href="mailto:tefg&rid=SARodeo&f=2024\_San\_Antonio\_Stock\_Show\_Rodeo\_Competitive\_Ev\_ents\_Premium\_List(7).pdf">https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?</a>
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Houston: <a href="https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024">https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024</a> ExhibitorHandbook-1.pdf

Austin: <a href="https://rodeoaustin.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Premium-Book-1.pdf">https://rodeoaustin.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Premium-Book-1.pdf</a>

Texas Elite: https://www.texaseliteshowcase.com/rules

**Grandstand:** <u>https://thegrandstand21.wixsite.com/2021</u>

ACLS: http://aclsweb.org/show-information

Fort Worth Livestock Show requires health papers for Market Barrows & Market Steers.

All Major Livestock Shows require health papers for breeding animals.

#### 2024 Atascosa County Livestock Show Schedule

MONDAY - JANUARY 8th

6:00 am **GROUNDS OPEN - Rabbit, Poultry, Hog &** 

Ag Mech Move In ONLY

7:30 am Check in & Sift Rabbits & Rabbit Showmanship

8:00 am **DEADLINE** for **RABBITS** to be in line & on show grounds

**Immediately** 

Following Sift

**Judge Rabbits** 

2 pm - 6 pm Ag Mech Superintendent on Site

4 pm - 5 pm Check in & Sift Poultry

6:00 pm Judge Poultry

Followed by Poultry Showmanship

6:00 pm **DEADLINE** for **AG MECH PROJECTS** to be in place

10:00 pm **DEADLINE** for **HOGS** to be in place & in assigned pens

11:00 p.m. **GROUNDS CLOSE - All Rabbits & Poultry** 

Must be off Show Grounds

TUESDAY - JANUARY 9th

6:00 a.m. GROUNDS OPEN - Goats & Lambs Move in Only

7:00 a.m. **DEADLINE** for **GOATS** to be in place & in assigned pens

7:30 a.m. Weigh & Sift Goats (Market & Breeding)

**Immediately** 

**Following Goats** Weigh, Sift & Classify Lambs

8:00 a.m. Weigh, Sift & Classify Hogs

**Check Breeding Gilt Papers** 

9:00 a.m. Judge Ag Mech

30 minutes

after Judging Ag Mechanics Awards Presentation

9:00 a.m. Judge Goats - Breeding followed by Market

Followed by Goat Showmanship

Following Judge Lambs

Goat Show Followed by Lamb Showmanship

2:00 p.m. or

after Lamb Show Set up Swine Arena

4:00 p.m. or Swine Showmanship after Arena Setup Judge Breeding Gilts

11:00 pm GROUNDS CLOSE - All Goats & Lambs Must

be off Show Grounds

**SETUP WORKDAYS** 

Sat, Dec 30th, 2023 - 8am - 12:00

Sat, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 8am - 12:00

**CLEANUP WORKDAY** 

**Sat, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 –** 8am – 12:00

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 10th

6:00 am GROUNDS OPEN - Cattle may begin arriving

8:00 am Judge Market Hogs

10:00 p.m. **GROUNDS CLOSE - All Hogs Must be off Show Grounds** 

THURSDAY - JANUARY 11th

6:00 am **GROUNDS OPEN** 

11:00 am **DEADLINE** for **CATTLE** to be in place & in assigned stalls

11:30 am Weigh, Sift & Classify Steers

**Check Breeding Heifer Papers** 

12 Noon All Ag Mech Projects must be off Show Grounds

2:00 pm Judge Breeding Heifers

3:00 pm **Judge Market Steers** 

Followed by Beef Showmanship

**GROUNDS CLOSE - All Cattle Must be off** 10:00 p.m.

**Show Grounds** 

FRIDAY - JANUARY 12TH

7:00 a.m. **GROUNDS OPEN** 

8:00 am Lamb, Goat, Swine & Beef Skillathon Contest

10:00 am Barn Buddies

**DEADLINE** - Award Thank You Notes Due to 5:00 pm

Livestock Office (if not turned in you will NOT

receive your award until Thank You Note is turned in)

5:00 pm Livestock Judging

Throughout the Day - Set Up for Auction

10:00 pm **GROUNDS CLOSE** 

SATURDAY - JANUARY 13th

8:00 am Parade of Champions - Stage in Show Arena

8:00 am Buyer Registration Opens - Main Showbarn

10:00 am Auction Sale Begins - Main Showbarn

Market Animal Weight Requirements & Weight Tolerances				
	Min	Max	Tolerance	
Poultry	None	None	N/A	
Rabbits	3 lbs. 8 oz.	5 lbs. 8 oz.	+/- 2 oz.	
Goats	60 lbs.	115 lbs.	+/- 2 lb.	
Lambs	80 lbs.	None	+/- 2 lb.	
Hogs	190 lbs.	280 lbs.	+/- 3 lb.	
Steers	900 lbs.	None	N/A	

## Atascosa County Livestock Show Weights

Prepared October 10, 2016 following Constitution and Bylaws Revised 2016

Updated November 27, 2023

## ALL EXHIBITORS NEED TO READ AND FOLLOW ATASCOSA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES Please go to their website:

http://aclsweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2024-Constitution.pdf look under 2023 Revised Constitution. Or obtain a printed copy

Market Steers Minimum of 900 Pounds

Market Swine 190 to 280 lbs with a 3 pound tolerance

(187-283 lbs)

Market Sheep Minimum of 80 Pounds with a 2 pound

tolerance (78 lbs)

Market Goats 60 to 115 lbs with a 2 pound tolerance (58-

117 lbs)

Market Rabbits Weigh limit of 3 lbs, 8 oz and a maximum

weight limit of 5 lbs 8 oz with a 2 ounce tollerance

Poultry No weigh in or minimum weights on poultry

This information is for reference only official Atascosa County Junior Livestock Show Rules will supersede anything on this sheet.

## San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Calf Scramble

The eligibility requirements for the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble are:

- Participants must be be bonafide members of a Texas County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
- Participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January
   1 and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school.
- Participants must be selected by their CEA or AST.
- Participants may only be awarded one (1) San Antonio Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate during his/her FFA or 4-H career.

For more information please visit <a href="https://www.sarodeo.com/p/competitive-events/calf-scramble1">https://www.sarodeo.com/p/competitive-events/calf-scramble1</a>

## **Rodeo Austin Calf Scramble**

Rodeo Austin Calf Scramble Requirements include:

- Online entries begin October 18, year prior to Show and will be accepted until all 168 USC spots are filled. Participants are accepted to USC on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Participants must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on August 31, year prior to Show, and must not be enrolled beyond their junior year in High School.
- Participants must be active participants in a FFA or 4-H program and reside in the state of Texas.
- Each Participant must complete a current USC Entry Form. Incomplete and faxed USC Entry Forms will not be accepted. All information requested on the USC Entry Form must be complete, with original signatures (no copies). The USC Entry Form must be signed by a parent/guardian, contestant and the CEA or AST. 3. Rodeo Austin will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any contestant in USC before, during or after USC.

For more information please visit <a href="https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/ultimate-scramble/">https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/ultimate-scramble/</a>

## **Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Calf Scramble**

# Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble entries opened October 17th and must be submitted by December 1st

Applicants must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a TX 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble.

- a. Applicants MUST be United States citizens and MUST possess a social security number.
- b. Applicants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school in the state of TX.
- c. Applicant must have reached their 14th, but NOT their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2024 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
- d. Applicant is required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry. Calf scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code. The test can be found at <a href="https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/">https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/</a>
- e. Applicant must be financially capable to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase the heifer or market steer and to feed and care for it.
- f. Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.
- g. Applicant must be able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2025 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
- h. Applicant and his/her parents/guardian must be willing, and the participant must be eligible to spend the required time away from school and other activities to exhibit and care for the heifer or steer at the 2025 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly reports, essays and business plan.

For more information please visit <a href="https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/calf-scramble/">https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/calf-scramble/</a>

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications opened November 1, 2023.

Deadline to apply is February 15th, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

You must complete your FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before submitting your scholarship application at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov/">http://www.fafsa.gov/</a>. This is required for Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart scholarships. Please complete this before mid-December.

For more information please visit

<a href="https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/">https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/</a>

The 2024 State Fair of Texas Scholarship application process is now open. The application will close on February 1, 2024. For more information please visit <a href="https://bigtex.com/supporting-texans/scholarship/">https://bigtex.com/supporting-texans/scholarship/</a>

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship application opens December 5th, 2023.

Online Application closes January 31, 2024. For more information please visit

<a href="https://www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships-and-grants/how-to-apply/">https://www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships-and-grants/how-to-apply/</a>



## **Atascosa County Photography Contest**

The Atascosa County 4-H Photography Contest will take place February 2024. Photos will be due to holly.kopplin@ag.tamu.edu by 5PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024. This contest is open to all Atascosa County 4-H members registered on 4-H online. Grades 3rd- 12th can enter one photo per category. Clover members (grades K- 2nd) can enter 1 photo from any of the categories. You can start to take photos now for the February contest. Cameras can be a point and click, phone, manual, or automatic camera. Photos are submitted digitally for the contest. please see below for the full list of categories. For more information please visit <a href="https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography">https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography</a> rules 24.pdf

## TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023-2024 CATEGORIES

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and County Extension Agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

#### **ANIMALS - DOMESTIC**

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

**Examples:** Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals - Wildlife.

#### ANIMALS - WILDLIFE

Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

#### CATCH-ALL

Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories.

Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.

#### **DETAILS & MACRO**

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger that we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.

**Examples:** Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.

#### **ELEMENTS OF DESIGN**

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.

Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.

**Not allowed:** Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

#### **ENHANCED**

A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Others variations are allowed as well.

**Examples:** Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

#### **FOOD**

A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. **Examples:** Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc. **Not allowed:** A photo of alcohol beverages.

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#### LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, etc.

**Not allowed:** Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

#### LEADING LINE

This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject. **Example:** A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

#### LONG EXPOSURE

Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obsuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions.

**Examples:** fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

#### MOTION/ACTION

The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen".

**Examples:** Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.

#### PEOPLE

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject

**Examples:** Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

#### PLANT/FLORA

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category.

**Examples:** A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

#### SHADOW/SILHOUETTE

A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image. **Examples:** shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals,

structures, architectures, or natural structures.

Not allowed: reflections

#### **THEME (New)**

The 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned". Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature.

Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.



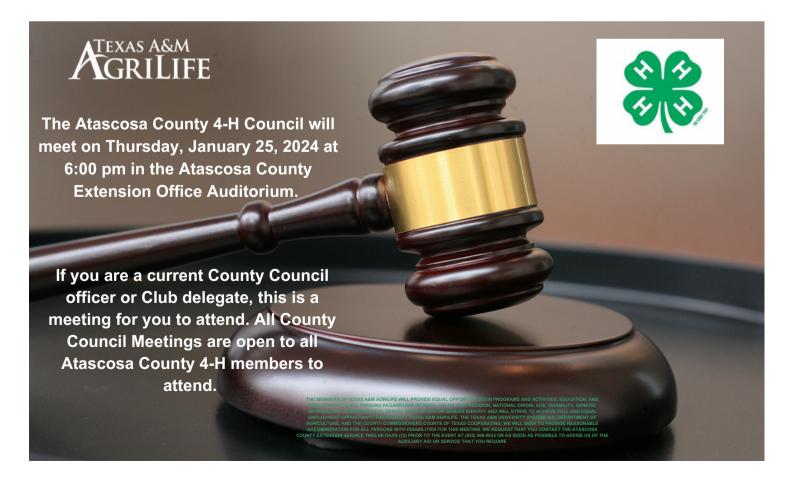


## **Atascosa County Livestock Show Set Up Days**

Atascosa County Livestock Show set up days at this time are scheduled to be on Saturday, December 30, 2023 and Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 8 AM.

We ask that if you plan on showing at the Atascosa County Livestock Show you plan to attend one of the two days.

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# Congratulations to all the Atascosa County 4-H Members that Participated in the District 12 4-H Food Show and Consumer Decision Making contests!

The District 12 4-H Food Show results are as follows:

Olivia Barrera Main Dish Junior Category 2nd place

Riley Fischer Appetizer Intermediate Category 2nd place

The District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making team results are as follows:

Chloe Nieschwitz, Holden Hagen, Sarah Scharmann- Consumer Decision Making 1st Place Senior Team

Kolbi Perkins, Milee Wilkins, Killian Kaiser - Consumer Decision Making 4th place Senior Team

Kaycee Kaiser, Kingston Fox, Easton Rankin and Robert Tom - Consumer Decision Making 2nd place Intermediate Team

Ryan Tom, Ryden Rathmell, Salem Jasik, and Coy Kutac- Consumer Decision Making 1st place Junior Team

Eliana Dobbins- Consumer Decision Making 4th Place overall individual.







Members of the Atascosa County 4-H participated in the South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show.









## Members of the Atascosa County 4-H participated in the South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show.







Members of the Atascosa County 4-H Council and Mesquite 4-H Club put up two trees for the Merry on Main Christmas tree path at the Pleasanton City River Park.



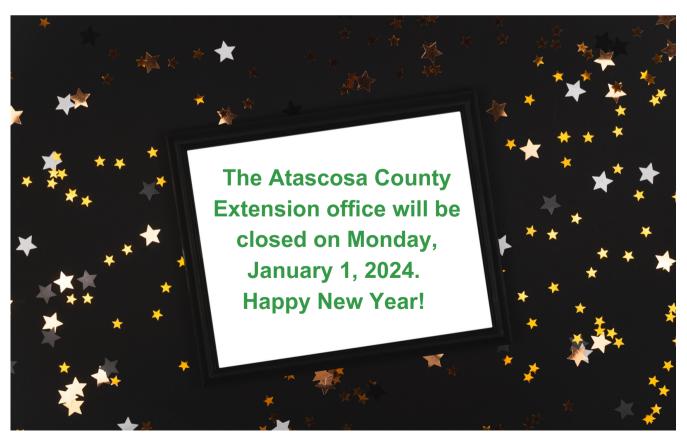
Atascosa 4H County Council

## La Parita 4-H Dance



ENTRY FEE \$5 A PERSON/ DINNER INCLUDED/ DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN 4-H TO ATTEND
6 p.m.- 10 p.m.





## **4-H Christmas Activity**

## Elf on The Shelf Ag & Natural Resources Ideas

The Elf on the Shelf has returned! This opportunity has a free month of agriculture & natural resources activities for your elf. It started the morning after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve. Each day has an easy activity that coordinates with a fact about Texas ag & natural resources. It's a "lotta fun with a little learning, too!" Just click here, download the PDF & print it. Happy Elfin'!!! <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8r8hfkkjdetb9tunjnx5m/Merry-christmas-Elf-on-the-Shelf-2023.pdf?">https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8r8hfkkjdetb9tunjnx5m/Merry-Christmas-Elf-on-the-Shelf-2023.pdf?</a>

## **Texas 4-H Dog Show**

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas.

To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024 in 4-H Online. Dog Show validation instructions can be found at: <a href="https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/dog-show-dog-animal-validation-instructions.pdf">https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/dog-show-dog-animal-validation-instructions.pdf</a>

Video instructions can be found at <a href="https://youtu.be/3NzoljK9Pco">https://youtu.be/3NzoljK9Pco</a>.

For more information please visit <a href="https://texas4-http

## Tis the season to spread holiday cheer!



The Texas 4-H Foundation Christmas card collection is now available for purchase!

These handcrafted, festive Christmas cards will spread the holiday cheer while supporting the Texas 4-H community.

Christmas Card sales are available through December 12th. For more information visit <a href="https://texas4hfoundation.givecloud.co/christmas-cards">https://texas4hfoundation.givecloud.co/christmas-cards</a>

## 2024 HLSR Trailblazer Committee Writing Competition

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Trailblazer Committee is accepting writing entries from Texas 4th grade students for both Essay and Poetry. The 2024 HLSR Writing Competition prompt is My Magical Rodeo Garden. To enter please submit entries by Dec. 5, 2023. Winners will be announced on Feb. 9, 2024.



For more information please visit:

https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/writingcompetition/







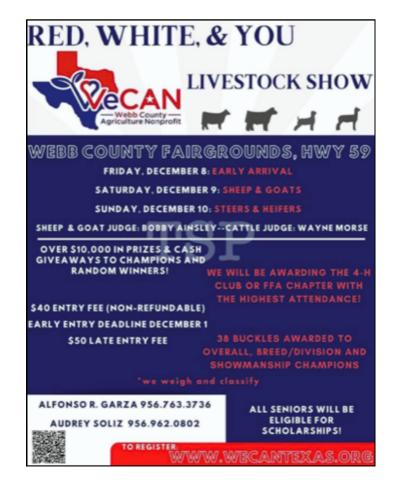




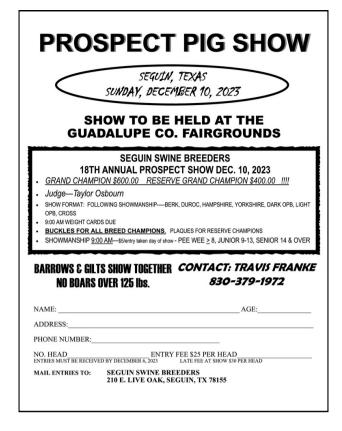
















January 6-7, 2024

## Buckles for Grand and Reserve Champions & Showmanship

Oswaldo & Juanita Ramirez Exhibit Hall 23rd & Glenn St. Zapata, Texas

## **Schedule of Events**

Banners for

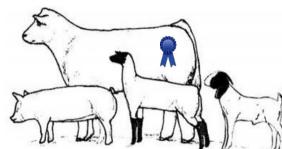
**Breed Champions** 

**22 Buckles** 

to be Awarded

#### Saturday, Jan. 6 Weigh-in & Classify

7 – 9 am Hogs 9 - 11 am Steers & Heifers



## Sunday, Jan. 7

Weigh-in & Classify
7 – 9 am Lambs
9-11 am Goats
\*Lambs and Goats may
move in Saturday Night



#### HOG SHOWMANSHIP

10 am

Hog Show immediately following Showmanship Breed Format: Duroc, Yorkshire, Hampshire, OPB & Cross

#### **Heifer & Steer Show**

1hr after Hog Show

Division Format: American, British and Exotics

#### CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Heifer and Steer Participants- 1 buckle will be given to winner of Cattle Showmanship



### **Heifer Show**

Immediately after Cattle Showmanship

#### **Steer Show**

Immediately after Heifer Show

#### LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

10 am

<u>Lamb Show immediately following Showmanship</u>
Breed Format: Southdown, Fine

Wool, Cross, & Medium Wool

#### **Goat Show**

1hr after Lamb Show

#### GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Goat Show immediately following showmanship

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Age Divisions: 9-11, 12-14 & 15-18 Showmanship Champion Buckle for Each Division

\$10 at the Gate

Winner Takes All!

## **Indoor Facilities**

**Generators Welcome** 

For Out of Town Exhibitors

Facilities Open 6 pm Friday

## **Entry Fees \$40**

Pay entry fees on day of show Checks payable to: Zapata High School

## **Contact:**

Fernando Rodriguez Joevanna Sanchez Jesse Rodriguez Orlando Nava 956-763-1344 956-437-9922 979-574-6510 830-776-9246



# 2024 Gulf Coast BB Gun and Air Rifle Match





Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Awards Ceremony to follow

Location: Montgomery County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall 2

9201 Airport Rd. Conroe, TX 77303

Hosted By: Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Events:

• 5 meter BB Gun: 4x10 (prone, standing, sitting, kneeling) 8 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) - 15 years old\*

\*16<sup>th</sup> birthday cannot occur before 2024 Daisy Nationals

• Sporter Air Rifle: 3x10 (prone, standing, kneeling) 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> grade

3x20 (kneeling, prone, standing) 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

• Precision Air Rifle Standing: 60 shots 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

<u>Entry:</u> Match Bulletins available by contacting Match Director. Match bulletins will be emailed to all competitors upon completing registration form. Competitors are responsible for knowing the competition format and rules. Complete registration through online form: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/232676576900060">https://form.jotform.com/232676576900060</a> or through Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports Website. No onsite registration will be offered.

Entry Fee: \$30 per individual per event

Payment made through emailed PayPal Invoice sent after online entry form is received.

Registration Deadline: January 1, 2024. Late Registration as space allows through January 15, 2024.

Awards:

BB Gun: Individual: Overall 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place by Age Group

Individual: Overall 1st - 3rd Place

Individual New Competitor: 1st – 3rd Place

Team (5 member, no alternates):  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$  Place (based on # of entries)

• Air Rifle: Individual 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Place (Sporter 3x10)

Individual 1st – 8th Place (Sporter 3x20 and Precision Standing)

Match Director: Laura Haines - Contact laurahaines44@gmail.com for questions.





## National 4-H Conference April 19-24, 2024.

#### LOCATION:

The 2024 National 4-H Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Arlington, VA. It is right by the Ronald Reagan National Airport and approximately 5 miles from the Nation's Capitol, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums.

#### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The

Texas delegation will consist of 10-20 youth delegates, who will be required to engage in pre- and post-conference work and participate in

all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2024).

The maximum age for a Texas youth delegate is 18.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Applications will open on December 1, 2023. Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by December 15, 2023.

Choose '2024 National 4-H Conference Delegate Application'. A fee is NOT required to complete the application. County Extension Office

personnel will certify the application, so please communicate with your Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates

will be made on the basis of the online application; you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The final selection of delegates will be announced on, or before, January 17, 2024.

#### COST:

The delegate's share of registration, adult chaperone registration(s), lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs between \$2,000.00-

2,500.00 Once we receive the information from Nationals and can look at additional costs, we will let selected participants know the final

cost. This registration fee will be due on February 1, 2024 payable through 4-HOnline.

#### **TEXAS DELEGATION MEETING LOCATION:**

The Texas delegation will travel out of Houston, Austin, San Antonio or Dallas (depending on the cost of airline tickets and the geographical makeup of the delegation). All travel costs to the airport to meet the group is the responsibility of the delegate.

## **Texas Brigades Summer Camp opportunities**

Texa	s Brigades	2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE		
JUNE	3-7	NORTH DAKOTA WATERFOWL BRIGADE 4-H CENTER	WASHBURN,	NE
	9-13	SOUTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE CHAPARROSA RANCH	LA PRYOR,	TX
	10-14	ROLLING PLAINS BOBWHITE BRIGADE THE 1687 FOUNDATION	RISING STAR,	TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS BOBWHITE BRIGADE BUCK HORN CREEK RANCH	MCCOY,	TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS RANCH BRIGADE DUVAL COUNTY RANCH	FREER,	TX
JULY	9-13	BASS BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA,	TX
	15-19	RANCH BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA,	TX
	17-21	WATERFOWL BRIGADE PINTAIL HUNTING CLUB	GARWOOD,	TX
	21-25	NORTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA,	TX
	23-27	COASTAL BRIGADE PRIVATE PROPERTY IN GALVESTON	GALVESTON,	T>







# 2024 Texas 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Team Role Overview and Application Process

## **Eligibility:**

- Have served or are currently serving on at least one of the following groups during their Texas 4-H career:
  - o Texas 4-H Council
  - District Council
  - State Ambassador Group:
    - Equine Ambassadors
    - Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador
    - Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador
    - Livestock Ambassador
    - Poultry Ambassador
    - Photography Ambassador
    - Shooting Sports Ambassador
    - STEM Ambassador
    - Water Ambassador

## **Requirements:**

- Complete application on
   4HOnline between November 1,
   2023 December 5, 2023
  - Includes YouTube video upload.
  - Leadership Team
     announced in January limited spots available
- Can attend <u>mandatory</u> in-person meeting for selected Leadership Team members April 13, 2024
- Participate in virtual meetings
- Present at Texas 4-H Congress -Austin, TX - July 12-17, 2024
  - Actual event is July 14-17,
     2024. Leadership team is required to arrive a few days in advance.







# 2024 Texas 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Team Role Overview and Application Process

## Texas 4-H Congress Legislative Roles:

- Leadership Team members will be selected and announced in January 2024.
  - Roles at Congress will not be announced until after Texas
     4-H Roundup
    - Roles will be selected based on your service with Texas 4-H Council, District Council, and/or Ambassador group; leadership within the program, parliamentary procedure knowledge and abilities, team work skills (attitude, behavior, participation), and online application.
  - Deadline for submitting applications is December 5, 2023.

## Official Dates and Times:

- Virtual Meetings as needed
- In-Person Leadership Team Meeting
  - Saturday, April 13, 2024
  - o 10:00am-3:00pm
  - College Station, TX
- Texas 4-H Congress Pre-Conference
  - July 12-14, 2024 (Friday-Sunday)
  - o Austin, TX
- Texas 4-H Congress
  - July 14-17, 2024 (Sunday-Wednesday)
  - o Austin, TX

#### **Transportation:**

 Leadership team members will be responsible for their transportation to and from the event. Due to the exhaustion factor you should not drive to the event.







# 2024 Texas 4–H Congress Youth Leadership Team Role Overview and Application Process

## **Leadership Team Expectations:**

- Texas 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Team will be expected to serve as the role models to the other 4-H members attending Texas 4-H Congress. This includes:
  - Abiding by the Texas 4-H Code of Conduct and Consequences of Misbehavior
  - Abiding by rules set by the Adult Leadership Team for Texas 4-H Congress
  - Respecting other members of the Leadership Team
  - Respecting the Capitol building and other facilities being used throughout the event
  - Writing and submitting a minimum of one legislative bill for the event
- Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team will be responsible for teaching the legislative process; you should be working on your own personal knowlege as to how a bill becomes a law prior to the event.
  - Team members will be divided into smaller groups to teach the process.
- Professional dress or official dress (Texas 4-H Council members) will be required to be worn for the July 14-16, 2024 dates.







# 2024 Texas 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Team Role Overview and Application Process

## <u>Submission Guidelines</u>

- Deadline for submitting application and video is 11:59pm on Tuesday,
   December 5, 2023. No late applications will be accepted.
- You are applying to serve on the Youth Leadership Team which will also require you to serve in a Legislative role during the event.
- You can select your top four (4) legislative roles you would like to be considered for. Please review the position descriptions. These selections will be used when making official assignments in June (for those selected to serve on the Leadership Team). Please note that you may be assigned a role you did not request to be considered for.
- A video lasting no more than four (4) minutes introducing the applicant, their leadership and parliamentary procedure skills, and why they feel they would be outstanding in the positions they have selected. Video must be posted on YouTube as unlisted, but public. Video must be posted by December 5, 2023 and stay posted until June 30, 2024. The correct YouTube link must be included on the application form prior to submission. Please make sure the link is correct, working, and verified prior to submitting.
- If selected for the Leadership Team you will not be notified of your Legislative role for the event until after Texas 4-H Roundup in June.







#### **GOVERNOR (1 POSITION)**

The Governor is responsible for recommending certain bills he/she wishes to be passed, urging defeat of others, and approving or vetoing bills passed by the 4-H Legislature.

### Specific duties are:

- Review all bills in the 4-H Legislature Bill Book. Develop "package" or list of bills which he/she would like to see passed.
- Make a brief (about 10 minutes) address to the joint session on first day which
  recommends the Governor's program. This should be a persuasive address of
  what the governor would like to see passed and accomplished. May also use this
  as an opportunity to emphasize opposition to certain bills.
- During the Legislative session, the Governor should observe the House and Senate sessions and committee meetings. The Governor may request the opportunity to speak briefly to the House and Senate separately on a particular bill. He/she should work closely with his floor leaders.
- Shortly after the beginning of the Legislative session on Tuesday, the Governor will begin receiving bills which have passed both houses. The Governor shall immediately decide whether to: (a) Approve the bill by signing it or (b) Disapprove the bill by vetoing it.
- The Governor signs bills which he/she approves and announces those which have been vetoed in the presence of everyone during the closing joint session.
   The passed bills will be presented to a representative to the Governor's Office.







## <u>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE) and SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (1 POSITION EACH)</u>

The presiding officer in each house is very important. He or she should be impartial and familiar with the rules of procedure.

In many ways, the presiding officer is like a "traffic cop" to ensure that there is a smooth flow of legislation. The basic duties are:

- To maintain order in each house; to call the house to order; announce the business before the house.
- To state the question before the house and to call for the vote. The presiding
  officer announces the vote, even though the votes are counted by the clerk of
  the house or secretary of the senate. It is the chair's privilege to announce the
  result.
- To sign all bills and resolutions which are to be sent to the Governor and which have passed the House.
- The Speaker is a full member of the House and may vote on any question.
- The Lieutenant Governor is not a member of the Senate and may vote only in the case of a tie.
- If the Lieutenant Governor must leave his chair, the President Pro Tempore assumes it. The Speaker may designate a member to preside if he must leave his chair.







## <u>GOVERNOR'S FLOOR LEADERS (7 POSITIONS IN EACH OF THE CHAMBERS - 14</u> TOTAL)

The Governor will have floor leaders in each chamber to communicate the governor's feelings on various bills. These floor leaders are members of the Leadership Team that will also serve as chairman of the House and Senate committees.

A floor leader can vote, make motions, and do everything else a legislator can since he or she is a member of the legislature. In addition, the floor leaders will participate in debate on various bills, indicating those bills which are supported strongly or opposed strongly by the governor.

## <u>SERGEANT AT ARMS (1 TO 2 POSITIONS IN EACH CHAMBER - UP TO 4 POSITIONS)</u>

The Sergeant at Arms is responsible for securing the attendance of the representatives/senators, enforcing order on the floor, maintaining the decorum of the House/Senate Chambers and assisting all officers in carrying out their administrative functions. The sergeant's office may utilize a staff of assistant sergeants, and House/Senate pages and porters.

The sergeant's office distributes supplies, materials, and mail; assists the senatorial/representative offices with their statewide mailing and maintains an inventory of equipment and supplies.







#### SECRETARY OF THE SENATE and CLERK OF THE HOUSE (1 POSITION EACH)

While the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House are not members of their respective houses and therefore cannot vote, they are important. They handle the paperwork of each house. They are in charge of all assistant clerks and the reading clerks.

#### Their duties are:

- To keep the original copies of bills in proper order to be taken up by the house according to the calendar.
- To properly mark on the original copy of a bill the action taken by the house.
- To sign the messages to the other chamber.
- To inform the presiding officer of the results of a vote so that the presiding officer
  may announce the result. The announcement of the results is the duty of the
  presiding officer; the clerk/secretary informs the presiding officer.
- · To maintain a journal of proceedings of what has happened in the chamber.
- On division of the house votes, to direct the counting of the votes.

#### **READING CLERK (SEE ABOVE)**

The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House in the 4-H Legislature shall also serve as reading clerk.

The primary duty is to read the short titles of the bills and resolutions, to read messages from the governor and from the other house, and to call the roll. A good reading voice and ability is essential.

The reading clerk is not a member of either house and cannot vote.







#### **JOURNAL CLERK (1 POSITION EACH)**

The journal clerk in the house and the senate serves directly under the house clerk and secretary of the senate, respectively. The basic duties are to keep a running record of the actions of each house by noting the motions made, the votes taken, the messages received. A journal will be provided for this purpose.

The clerk does not take down the contents of the debate, that is, who expressed this opinion and that opinion. Rather, the journal is a record of the official actions:

- · bills introduced
- · names of senators or representatives who speak for or against a bill
- messages received from the Senate, House, Governor, etc.
- · reports made by committees, etc.
- At the close of the session, the journal clerk compiles the permanent journal of the current 4-H legislature including bills considered and action taken.

### **CALENDAR CLERK (1 POSITION EACH)**

The Calendar Clerk in the house and in the Senate serves directly under the House Clerk and the secretary of the senate, respectively.

The primary duty is to prepare and distribute a "calendar" or order of business for each day the House and Senate is in session. The "calendar" includes the chronological order of bills and resolutions reported favorably by standing committees.

The Calendar Clerk also acts as custodian of all House/Senate bills after they are introduced and until they are finally passed or failed. After signing by the presiding officers, bills or resolutions are sent to the other house or presented to the Governor.







### PRESS CORPS COORDINATOR (1 OR 2 POSITIONS)

Members of the Press Corps have the responsibility of reporting the actions of the different areas of the Texas 4–H Legislative in a daily newspaper. In addition to preparing the daily newspaper, Press Corps members will work jointly with STEM Ambassadors in getting information, photographs, and updates posted to the Texas 4–H Congress website in a timely manner.

Press corps members are not considered members of the legislature and during the sessions will not have access to the floor.

## **LOBBYISTS COORDINATOR (1 OR 2 POSITIONS)**

Lobbyists serve an important role in the direction of bills during Texas 4-H Congress. As a group, Lobbyists will select certain bills to lobby for their passage, or failure during Texas 4-H Congress. By means of explaining the positives and negatives of particular bills through communication with members, messages to the members, the lobbyists reception, and individual conversations the Lobbyist will persuade members to vote in certain directions.