



TEXAS A&M  
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# Starr County 4-H Newsletter

April 2024

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DONATE TREATS

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EARTH DAY EVENT

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4-H ROUNDUP

2024 - 2025 HEALTHY  
TEXAS YOUTH  
AMBASSADORS SUMMIT



**HEAD  
HEART  
HANDS  
HEALTH**



HAPPY  
NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER  
WEEK

APRIL 21-27, 2024



## History of National Volunteer Week

The National Volunteer Week officially took root in the U.S. in 1974, many thanks to the 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon, who established it with an executive order. It has since become a tradition followed by other emerging presidents to date, growing to incorporate different willing participants and featuring a variety of projects and events that span throughout the week. The National Volunteer Week is organized by the U.S. organization — Points of Light Foundation whose mission is “to inspire, equip, and mobilize people to take actions that change the world” and Volunteering Canada — a charity initiative that provides expertise on volunteerism with the lens on increasing participation and quality of volunteer experiences.

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# Reminder



## **Steer Tags**

These steer tags will be for all shows across the state including the 2025 Starr County Youth Fair.

**Deadline to order is Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

## **Heifers**

These tags will be for those heifers being exhibited at the State Fair in October. Consequently, this validation can also be used for any future shows.

**Deadline to order is Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

## **Swine Tags**

These tags will be for those swine being exhibited at the State Fair in October.

**Deadline to order is Friday, April 26, 2024**

## **Lamb & Goat Tags**

These tags will be for those goats and lambs exhibited at the State Fair in October

**Deadline to order is Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

All orders need to be placed through the Starr County Fair Store: [https://www.starrcountyfair.com/online\\_store](https://www.starrcountyfair.com/online_store)



# IGNITE YOUR SERVICE

Our mission is to provide love, care, and support to animals in shelters by delivering essential supplies and goodies that bring them comfort and happiness.

**We need YOUR help: We need the following districts to gather supplies !**



**District 1-2 : Bowls**

**District 3-8: Dry food**

**District 6-7: Cleaning supplies**

**District 4-5: Toys**

**District 9-11: Dawn Dish Soap**

**District 10-12: Treats**



## DATES

**Tuesday: Tie blankets**

**Wednesday: Dog treats**

**This year's Texas 4-H Roundup Community Service Workshop will focus on gathering supplies for animal shelters local to the Bryan/College Station area. Texas 4-H Council is requesting that certain districts bring certain items.**

**Please bring the following items with you to Texas 4-H Roundup.**

**Districts 1 & 2: Food Bowls**

**Districts 3 & 8: Dry Food**

**Districts 6 & 7: Cleaning Supplies**

**Districts 9 & 11: Dawn Dish Soap**

**Districts 10 & 12: Treats**

***\*\*We will be in charge of Treats this year!! \*\****

**The treats can be dropped off at the Extension Office.**





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# CLOVER TIME!!

**LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
EARTH DAY!!**



**Starr County 4-H  
Clover Kids  
are invited to visit  
the Extension Office  
for fun activities!**

**APRIL 18TH  
4 PM - 6PM**

<https://starr.agrilife.org/links/>  
**Register Now :**  
**956-487-2306**



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**Rio Grande City, TX**



**FREE**



**\* FREE 4-H Garden Journal  
& tote bag!**

**\* Seeds or plant will be  
provided!**

**\* Enjoy a healthy snack!**



**Donated By**







# Texas 4-H Youth Leadership Teams

There are 9 unique teams in which senior level youth can participate in as Ambassadors or Texas 4-H Council. Those groups include:

- **Texas 4-H Council**

Members of this team are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

- **Equine Ambassadors**

This program provides high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for the equine industry in Texas.

- **Fashion & Interior Design Ambassadors**

This program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth, and to become knowledgeable representatives for the Fashion & Interior Design industry.

- **Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors**

This Program is for senior level 4-H youth that are motivated, excited, and ready to make a change in their community! These youth are trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle to improve their health, and assist county agents in programming.

- **Livestock Ambassadors**

This program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

- **Photography Ambassadors**

This program provides opportunities to grow in the photography project through community service, workshops, training sessions, field trips, and leadership/citizenship activities. Members must first complete the requirements to become a Junior Master Photographer.

- **Poultry Ambassadors**

This program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for the poultry industry.

- **Shooting Sports Ambassadors**

This group serves as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program, helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible. The Ambassadors further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

- **STEM Ambassadors**

This program involves a youth-adult partnership structure to promote, educate, and inspire others in the area of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Members should have a strong interest in promoting STEM. The team meets throughout the year to develop and support programs in areas such as robotics, photography, and video production.

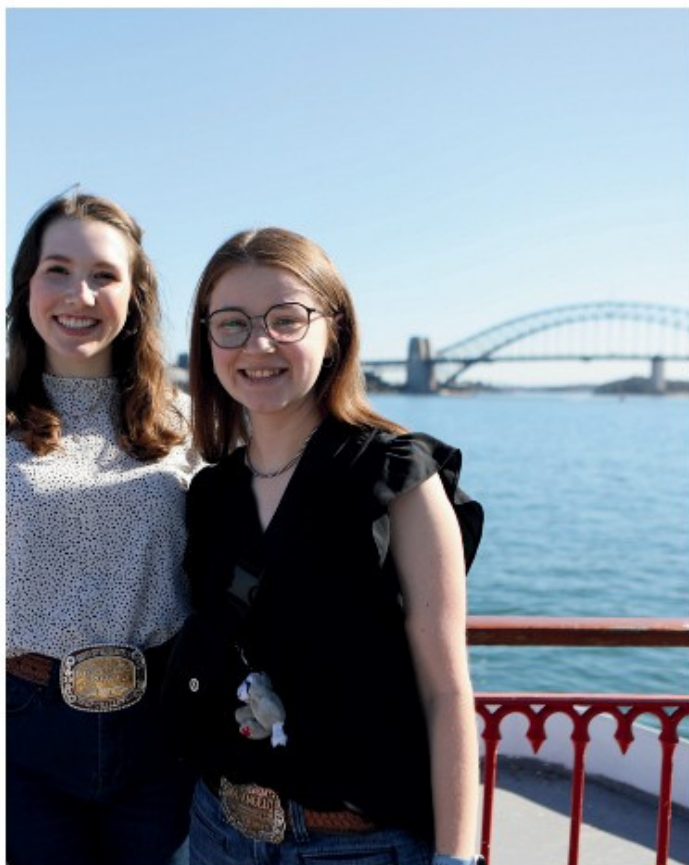
- **Water Ambassadors**

This program provides youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas.



## *Opportunities:*

Each of the nine groups offer unique experiences that allow for further exploration in that subject area. Most groups have a training or shortcourse during the summer. Most of the Ambassador groups offer additional opportunities as the youth progress through the specific program. Some of the Ambassador groups offer international or domestic experiences to learn more about that industry and cultural differences. The youth in all of the groups will develop leadership and public speaking skills, learn how to advocate for the program area in which they are participating, and become spokespersons for the 4-H program as a whole.



## *Application information:*

- Application type and timeline differs for each program. To learn more about the programs, their application timeline, or contact information for the program leads, scan the QR code below or visit [texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/).



## *Did you know?*

4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills and make friends. Youth can join 4-H in all 254 counties. Everybody ages 8-18 and in 3rd-12th grades can join 4-H. Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grades can join as Clover Kids. There are 43 different project areas in five project categories: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM.

## *Want to get started?*

First...Contact your County Extension Agent!

- Contact information can be found at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu) > contacts information at the bottom of the page > county offices

**Explore more at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu)**

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# 2024 District 12 4-H Events



## 2024 District 12 4-H Election Convention

**May 10, 2024 - Deadline for Candidacy Filing to run for office (D12 4-H website)**

**May 25, 2024 – Candidate interviews via TEAMS – a link will be provided.**

**May 31, 2024 - Deadline for Voter Registration to serve as a voting delegate (D12 4-H website)**

**May 31, 2024 - Deadline for Election Judge Applications (D12 4-H website)**

**May 31, 2024 – Deadline to register all attending including candidates, delegates, guests, age (via 4-H Online – Youth or Adult profiles).**

The 2024 District 12 4-H Officer Election process has changed due to the November 11, 2024, District 12 4-H Meeting. The letter will outline changes as well as The Election Code (Revised 12/2023) and the Standing Rules (Revised (12/2023) adopted by the District Council. Please forward this information to your candidates and voting delegates and have them review this thoroughly. Candidacy filing opens March 25, 2024, through the deadline of May 10, 2024. Please take note of the important dates.





# IGNITE

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP 2024   
June 3-6 | College Station, Texas

Scan QR code for 2024 Hotel Block



**Download the official Texas 4-H  
App for updates, schedules, and  
more!**







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## State-wide Summit | June 2-3, 2024 | College Station, TX

**Join us Sunday and Monday before Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station for the 2024 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador summit.**

**Registration will open in May 2024 for all accepted ambassadors.**

***Youth ambassadors will be responsible for their own lodging.***

***All applicants are strongly encouraged to make hotel reservations ASAP!***





# PAPER CLOVER

April 24th - May 5, 2024

Support your Local 4-H Program



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