



MEDINA
COUNTY
4-H

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT STUFF all active 4-H'ers need to know

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Be Thankful in March!



MCJLS Checks will be ready soon, so it is time to write the "Thank You" letters to **ALL** of your buyers. In addition, be sure to complete the 4-H Project Record Form, see below. Your club manager will need to receive your record form and Thank You notes before your auction check can be released to you. Good Luck to all that will be competing in the major livestock shows!!

LIVESTOCK PROJECT RECORD FORMS

It's time to start finishing up your project record forms...these get confused with the Texas 4-H Recordbook, but are **very different**. The Livestock Project Record Form is filled out by 4-H livestock exhibitors in regards to their livestock project. The Project Record Form teaches the skill of record keeping, along with showing progress, growth and accomplishments in your livestock project. The record form needs to be given to your club manager along with your thank you notes to buyers as soon as possible after the Medina County Jr Livestock Show.

The 4-H Livestock Project Record Form is located on the Medina County Extension website (medina.agrilife.org) under publications, livestock, 4-H Livestock Project Record Form.

Thank You

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ANNUAL MEDINA COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK SHOW OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Medina County Junior Livestock Show is Monday-March 20, 2023 at the Hondo High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is designed for the Board of Directors to hear any suggestions for improvements or changes for next year's show.

The meeting is open to the public.



STEER & HEIFER (for State Fair) VALIDATION TAG ORDERS

Steer & Heifer Validation Tag Orders are due

NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

A steer/heifer validation tag order form can be found in this newsletter.

Return the attached order form along with a prepaid tagging fee of **\$27** per tag to the Extension office.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension office at 830.741.6180

LAMB & GOAT ORDERS FOR STATE FAIR are due on Monday - April 3, 2023. Tags are \$17 each.

LAMB AND GOAT CAMPS

HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPS

Howard College LAMB CAMP

When: TBA

Where: Howard College Agricultural Complex

Cost: \$150.00 per child & \$50.00 per adult for meals and awards

Howard College GOAT CAMP

When: TBA

Where: Howard College Agricultural Complex

Cost: \$150.00 per child & \$50.00 per adult for meals and awards

AGGIELAND CAMPS

AGGIELAND Lamb Camp

When: TBA

Where: Bryan, TX—Brazos County Expo Center

Cost: \$250 per youth \$125 per adult

AGGIELAND Goat Camp

When: TBA

Where: Bryan, TX—Brazos County Expo Center

Cost: \$250 per youth \$125 per adult

HORSE CORRAL

HORSE JUDGING

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HORSE JUDGING, PLEASE
CONTACT JENN ZERR AT

210-825-4433

4-H HORSE AND RIDING CLUB

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE 4-H HORSE AND
RIDING CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT

JENN ZERR AT 210-825-4433

horse validation information



2023 Horse Validation information is coming soon. Validation will open on 4-H Online

March 1-April 15: \$10.00

April 16-May 1: \$20.00

All horses must be validated or re-validated with payment each year to be eligible to show at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.

May 1st is the absolute deadline for validation of horses.

For instructions on how to validate a new horse or re-validate a horse already in the system, please go to:
<http://horse.tamu.edu> (click on State 4-H Horse Show link)

County offices must approve validations by May 5th.

Opportunities in 4-H...

4-H Outdoor Challenge

Are you up for a challenge? Do you love the great outdoors? The Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge might be just for you.

Grab a friend and learn, practice, and train to compete in a series of ten outdoor events that will challenge you physically and mentally. Events may include: Shotgun, archery, fishing, climbing, kayaking, rifle, biologist skills, gear judging, outdoor safety/first aid and outdoor skills. Once registration is open it will be on 4-H Online and is limited to the first 50 teams. Are you the ultimate Texas Outdoor Challenge team? Join in and find out!

For more information and rules go to:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors

This program is for teens that are motivated, excited, and ready to make a change in their community! This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. 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.

Applications will be due online on **March 15, 2023**. A mandatory Super Summit will be held June 4-5 prior to Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. *There will be no virtual or alternative options offered in 2023.* Online Application link:

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador 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.

Applications are found at: www.texasyouthlivestock.com, registration closes **April 15, 2023**. The National Livestock Ambassador Short Course will be held July 10-13 at Texas A&M University, College Station.

4-H Council Officer Elections

ATTENTION former and present Medina County 4-H Council members! County Council Officer applications are being accepted! If you are 12 years old and have served at least one year (past or present) as a Medina County 4-H Council Member, you are eligible to run for office. Medina County 4-H council members are: 4-H Club Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents and the County Council delegates.

Positions Available are: Chairman, 1st and 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter as well as 2 District 10 Delegates. Council Officers job descriptions, responsibilities and officer application are available at the Extension office or at: <http://medina-tx.tamu.edu> (click Publications then 4-H club Resources).

Applications are due at the extension office on or before **Monday, April 3rd**.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Photography contest will be displayed during the 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to all senior age 4-H members. 2022-2023 theme is "Reflections" Reflection photography uses reflective surfaces to create an artistic "echo" of a scene. It includes photos that are creatively composed to capture an image from a reflective surface. The reflection should play a significant part of the image's composition.

Along with the theme category there are 14 other categories in which to enter. Each county may have one entry per category.

Entries will be taken between April 1-15th, 2023

Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence (C.O.R.E.) Academy

The Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence Academy is a 4-day exploration program for youth to experience higher education and career choices. This program will provide youth

an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas. Our goal is to provide youth a connection to meet academic personnel that will help guide their career choices; meet with industry and business professionals to

expose them to a variety of career paths in the areas on Hospitality and Tourism, Business and International Relations, Law Enforcement, Foods and Nutrition, Research Programs, Wildlife Photography and Corporate Careers. Watch for dates and registration info in the next newsletter.




2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

Essay Topic:

The Importance of Beeswax

DEADLINE
Monday, April 3, 2023
via 4HOnline



Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

2023 Spring

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 5-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2023
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheephead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jmcswain@tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 20 at 12:00 am thru
May 31 at 11:59 pm

Official Check-It-Sticks to be mailed to first time registered 4-H participants!

We members of Texas A&M AgLife 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 AgLife.

4-H Recordbooks

Keeping records is a great way to hold on to your memories about your incredible adventures in 4-H. Record keeping is also a great way to develop skills in time management, communication, setting goals and deadlines, money management and project evaluations. In an effort to update the current record book system a committee has developed an online program with a data entry system that easily allows for updates, editing and printing.

- There will be three (3) levels of record books based on 4-H age (junior, intermediate, and senior). Information requested for each level will progressively add on to each other. The junior & intermediate books are significantly simplified from past record books. The senior level book is similar to the past record book with some minor edits.
- Parts of the report form will be standardized to allow for ease of completion and judging.
- Much of the data from previous record books that a member may have saved on their home computer may be "cut and pasted" into the new form.
- All 4-H members will begin using the new online forms or a new paper form that is available for download from the Texas 4-H website.
- Record books will still be printed and turned in (in hardcopy form) to be judged by the deadline June 12th.

This system is available for use at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Contact Taryn Titsworth at the Extension office if you need help with your record book.

SHOOTING SPORTS

The County Smallbore Rifle Contest will be held Saturday, March 4th beginning at 7:30 am with a safety orientation. The contest will take place at the Alamo Muzzle Loader's location in LaCoste. Contact your Shooting Sports Coach for more information and a shooting schedule.

Hondo— for information on the Shotgun and Smallbore Rifle projects contact Sandy Steubing at 830-931-5327

Castroville—For information on the Smallbore Rifle project contact Josh Keller at 830-355-7611

La Coste—For information on the Smallbore Rifle project contact Natalee Mueller at 210-413-0556

Rio Medina—For information on the Smallbore Rifle project contact Griffin Beck at 830-214-3339

4-H Enrollment 2022-2023

Fantastic News! We still have plenty of projects to participate in...REGISTER FOR 2022-2023 4-H year NOW!

4-H members and volunteers must register each year to be a member of Medina county 4-H. Don't miss out on all the fun projects and workshops provided to 4-H members, receive our monthly newsletter, and join the millions of youth worldwide who "Make the Best Better". Enrollment will be on 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

TIPS IN USING 4-H online:

- If you already have a profile DO NOT create another one! (call the extension office if you cannot remember your email address used or password)
- If you are new to 4-H, set up a profile and follow the prompts.
- To be an official 4-H member in Texas 4-H you must have an Active profile in 4-H Connect!
- An active membership will not be granted until participation fee is paid.
- You cannot register for an event until your profile is ACTIVE.

Participation Fee is \$30

If you have any questions or cannot access 4-H connect please call the Extension office at 830.741.6180.



How to contact us

We welcome any calls or emails and will respond in a timely manner.

Taryn Titsworth—Ag and Natural Resources Agent & 4-H—taryn.titsworth@ag.tamu.edu

Elyse Hernandez—Family & Community Health Agent—elyse.hernandez@ag.tamu.edu

Becky Martinez—Office Manager—becky.martinez@ag.tamu.edu

Joan Lindeman—Office Secretary—joan.lindeman@ag.tamu.edu

Extension Office—medina-tx@tamu.edu Website: <http://medina.agrilife.org> Phone: 830.741.6180

OFFICE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM TO NOON & 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

TEXAS 4-H AGE AND YEAR REQUIREMENTS

Youth may participate in 4-H from September 1st of grade 3 through August 31st following completion of grade 12 with these restrictions:

Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE not age. The new eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Minimum age—8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age—18 (as of August 31, 2022)

4-H MEMBER CATEGORIES

SENIOR: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

INTERMEDIATE: Grades 6, 7, and 8

JUNIOR: Grades 3, 4, and 5

LEADERS BECOME GREAT NOT BY THEIR POWER BUT, BECAUSE OF THEIR ABILITY TO EMPOWER OTHERS.

JOHN MAXWELL

CLUB MANAGERS

4-H Club	Manager(s)	Phone #
Castroville	Cindy Guzman Krista Binford Amber Haby	210-273-8055 210-364-5568 210-316-3867
Devine	Carly Parson Jeanine Mello Madeline Steubing	210-413-3885 210-219-2507 830-426-0160
D'Hanis	Laurie Henefey	830-426-6260
Hondo Intermediate (3rd-5th)	Sarah Reus	979-220-8414
Clover Kids (K-2nd)	Rebekah Nilson	512-787-3419
Hondo Jr. (6th-8th)	Sandy Steubing Nicole Steubing	830-931-5327 830-423-4589
Hondo High (9th-12th)	Laurie Lentz Vicky Steubing	210-213-2088 210-275-3973
LaCoste	Melinda DeCock Tracy Chafin Laura Kohlleppel Tonyha Johnson	210-884-4977 830-709-5553 210-288-5645 210-837-5616
Rio Medina	Michael Zinsmeyer Rikki Zinsmeyer	830-931-5390 830-931-3368

Next 4-H Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars.....

Castroville— Monday, April 10 @ 7:00 pm

American Legion Hall, Castroville

Devine—Tuesday, April 11 @ 7:00 pm

Devine Intermediate Cafeteria

D'Hanis—Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:30 pm

D'Hanis Community Center

Hondo—Sunday, April 2 @ 5:00 pm

St Paul Lutheran Church

LaCoste—Monday, April 10 @ 6:30 pm

LaCoste Elementary Cafeteria

Rio Medina—Sunday, April 10 @ 5:00 pm

Metal building West of the
Mumme's Rio Medina Store



Taryn Titsworth

Medina County Extension Agent

Ag/NR

Elyse Hernandez

Medina County Extension Agent

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1 D'Hanis Club Meeting	2 County Roundup	3 Houston Gilt Show Registration for Dist Spring Round Up Opens	4 County Smallbore Rifle Contest
5 Meat Judging @ HLSR	6 LaCoste Club Meeting Horse Judging @ HLSR	7 Devine Club Meeting	8 Houston Lamb & Goat Show	9 Houston Turkey Show	10 Austin Steer Show	11
12 Hondo Clubs Meeting Rio Medina Club Meeting	13 Castroville Club Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
Houston Barrows Wave 1		Houston Steer Show-Wave 1		Houston Steer Show-Wave 2		Austin Lamb & Goat Show
19	20	21 Registration for Dist Spring Round Up Ends	22 Austin Barrow Show	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

April News

April 3rd - Club Managers Meeting

April 3rd - Deadline for County Council Officer Applications

April 3rd - State Fair Lamb & Goat Tag Orders Due

April 3rd - Steer & Heifer (for State Fair) Tag Orders Due

April 7th - County Holiday Extension Office Closed

April 18th-April 22nd - District Spring Roundup

April 23rd - Sausage Dinner

April 28th-April 30th - Scholarship Interviews in College Station





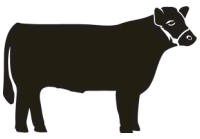
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hondo Clubs Meetings	3 Club Managers Meeting Steer/Heifer & State Fair Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Due	4	5 D'Hanis Club Meeting	6	7 County Holiday Office Closed	8
9 	10 Castroville & LaCoste Club Meetings	11 Devine Club Meeting	12 District Meat Judging in San Angelo	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		← District Spring Roundup →				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					4-H Scholarship Interviews in College Station	
30 4-H Scholarship Interviews in College Station						

Coming in MAY

May 1st - Deadline to Validate Horses
May 1st-14th - Registration for Texas 4-H State Roundup
May 1st-16th - Registration for District Horse Show
May 1st-May 28th - Registration for District Leadership Lab



STEER VALIDATION TAG ORDER

*This is a validation tag order form only.
It does not enter you in any stock show (county or major).*

Due Date: Monday - April 3, 2023

Name_____Grade____School_____4-H Club_____

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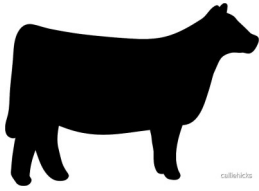
Address:_____ **Phone #**_____

Email:_____

Steer Tags _____ X \$27.00 each = \$_____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Make check payable to: MCJLS. Mail or bring this form with your payment to:
Medina County Extension Office, 1506 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas 78861



HEIFER VALIDATION TAG ORDER

*This is a validation tag order form only.
It does not enter you in any stock show (county or major).*

Due Date: Monday, April 3, 2023

Name_____ Grade____ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade____ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade____ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade____ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Address: _____ **Phone #** _____

Email: _____

Heifer Tags _____ X \$27.00 each = \$ _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Make check payable to: MCJLS. Mail or bring this form with your payment to:
Medina County Extension Office, 1506 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas 78861



GOAT & LAMB VALIDATION TAG ORDER FOR
STATE FAIR - DUE Monday, April 3rd



Name_____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Name_____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club/Chapter_____

Address _____ Phone #_____

Email_____

Goat/Lamb Tags _____ X \$17 each = \$_____

Registered Breeding Goat/Lamb _____ X \$17 each = \$_____

Wether/Commercial Doe/Dam _____ X \$17 each = \$_____

Parents Signature_____ Date_____

Make check payable to: **MECA**. Mail or bring this form along with your payment to:
Medina County Extension Office, 1506 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas 78861

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