

MEDINA COUNTY 4-H



NEWSLETTER

September 2023



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Enrollment is OPEN for our 2023-2024 4-H year!

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 Connect at <https://v2.4honline.com>. The enrollment fee is \$25 until October 31st. A Family Guide has been uploaded to the website, if you need further assistance please contact your club manager or the extension office.

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

AUG 15 - Medina County 4-H Club Contest Starts
SEPT 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens
SEPT 5 - Extension Office Closed
SEPT 9-10 - MCJLS Steer & Heifer Prospect Show
SEPT 14 - 4-H Open House
SEPT 16-17 - MCJLS Goat & Lamb Prospect Show
SEPT 18 - Food & Nutrition Kickoff
SEPT 18 - Commercial Heifer Validation Fees Due
SEPT 24 - Commercial Heifer Validation
SEPT 25 - County Council Meeting @ 6:00pm
SEPT 25 - Swine Tag Orders Due
SEPT 25 - Major Show Broiler Orders Due

- More Info can be found in Project News or on our website.
- Go to District 10 4-H website for District events.
- Like us on Facebook to get news about 4-H events and contests throughout the year!

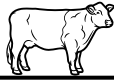
UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

AUG 28 - D10 Shooting Sports Coach Trg. Opens
SEPT 9 - 2023 Youth Day at Helotes Ag Youth Ranch
SEPT 12 - TX 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza Registration CLOSES
SEPT 15 - D10 Shooting Sports Coach Trg. CLOSES
SEPT 15 - D5 Shooting Sports Coach Trg. CLOSES
SEPT 15 - Texas A&M Forest Service Poster Contest DEADLINE
SEPT 16 - Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
SEPT 19 - TX Triple P Plant ID Workshop (Fredericksburg)
SEPT 20 - Junior Master Photography Workshop 1 DEADLINE
SEPT 23 - Invitational CCS Sporting Clay Shoot (San Antonio)
SEPT 29 - Guadalupe Co. Fair Invitational Contest DEADLINE CDM, Desserts on Display, Food Challenge
SEPT 30-OCT 1 - D10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Trg.
OCT 13 - D12 Shooting Sports Coach Trg. CLOSES

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: medina.agrilife.org

Our website has been updated and will have new information throughout the year for our 4-H projects! We have even added a scholarships tab for our members so be sure to check it out!





LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS



The livestock project covers many projects that occur throughout the year from showing animals to judging to skillathons. Interested in finding what projects are in our county? Look at our website: medina.agrilife.org to see what livestock projects are available in our county. Contact the extension office if you are interested in starting a project or joining a team.

QUALITY COUNTS

All exhibitors are required to take QC and provide a Quality Counts number when signing up for major livestock show entries. Only members who are new or moving to the next grade level (Junior: 3-5th grade, intermediate: 6-8th grade, senior: 9-12th grade) are required to take Quality Counts. Attached is the new link for the new Quality Counts system: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>

VALIDATION DATES

COMMERCIAL HEIFER VALIDATION - September 24, 2023, 3:00-5:00pm - David Jones Ranch

HALTER HEIFER VALIDATION - October 22, 2023, 2:00-4:00pm - Persyn Ranch

SHEEP & GOAT VALIDATION - October 14, 2023, 8:00-11:00am - Hondo HS Project Center

SWINE VALIDATION - November 11, 2023, 8:00-10:00am, MV Project Center - November 11, 2023, 11:00-12:00pm, Natalia Project Center - November 11, 2023, 1:00-3:00pm, Devine High School - November 19, 2023, 2:00-4:00pm, Hondo HS Project Center

RABBIT VALIDATION - December 27, 2023, 9:00-11:00am - Devine High School

Tag Orders have been uploaded to the website under 4-H > Livestock Project

HORSE PROJECT

Medina County 4-H Horse & Riding Club
Medina County 4-H Horse Judges

Anyone interested in joining please contact Jenn Zerr at 210-825-4433.

MCJLS

BY-LAWS have been uploaded to our website

PROSPECT SHOWS:

MCJLS Fall Prospect Show Heifer & Steer: September 9-10, 2023

MCJLS Fall Prospect Show Goat & Lamb: September 16-17, 2023

MCJLS Swine Prospect Show: November 25, 2023

MEDINA COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK SHOW:

January 23, 2024 - Lambs, Goats & Poultry

January 24, 2024 - Halter Heifers, Steer & Rabbits

January 25, 2024 - Market Swine, Ag Mech, & Commercial Heifers

January 26, 2024 - Gilts, Yearling Ranch Colts, Youth Showcase & Commercial Heifers

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Livestock Judging

Wool & Mohair Judging

Horse Judging

Meat Judging

AG Product ID

Skillathons

Quiz bowls

Public Speaking



FCH PROJECT NEWS



It's time to get cooking...the 4-H Food and Nutrition projects will begin in September. The food and nutrition project helps participants learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness, reduce disease and illness risks, and gain knowledge of nutrients. Major learning experiences are centered around nutrition, menu planning, food buying, preparation and food safety, careers, and cultural influences. Contests involved in FCH are Food Show, Food Challenge, AG Product ID & Consumer Education. Contact the extension office or join us at our Kickoff meeting for more info.

UPCOMING DATES

SEPT 18 - Food & Nutrition Kickoff
 SEPT 29 - Guadalupe Co. Fair Invitational Contest DEADLINE
 CDM, Desserts on Display, Food Challenge
 OCT 14 - Guadalupe Co. Fair Consumer Decision Making Contest @ 8am
 OCT 14 -Guadalupe Co. Fair Desserts on Display Contest @ 2pm
 OCT 15 - Guadalupe Co. Fair Food Challenge Contest @ 1pm
 OCT 28 - County Food Show @ 10am
 JAN 26 - MCJLS Youth Showcase

Food Challenge dates will be announced in the future.

YOUTH SHOWCASE

Registration deadline: December 15, 2023

By-Laws can be found on our website under FCH Projects
 \$10 per entry

Contest Categories:

- Baked Food
- Canned Food
- Art
- Photography
- Sewing

FOOD AND NUTRITION

PROJECT KICKOFF MEETING

Open to all 4-H ages!

Please attend if you are new to 4-H or interested/planning on participating in Food Show or Food Challenge.

We will discuss:

- Food Show Theme
- Project Meetings
- Contest Opportunities

➤ **AND make a fun recipe together!**

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday September 18th	Hondo Public Library 2003 Avenue K Hondo, TX	6:00-7:30 PM

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 Please RSVP to Medina County Extension office - 830-741-6180 or elyse.hernandez@ag.tamu.edu
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NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECT NEWS



Our county has a few projects in Natural Resources, our most popular is Shooting Sports. Medina County 4-H currently has project clubs in shooting sports for Smallbore Rifle, Shotgun and Western Heritage. Contact the extension office for more information on joining one of these project clubs.

Shooting Sports training dates have been uploaded to the website.

NEW CONTEST & PROGRAM!!

NEW!! Medina County 4-H Club Contest - Deadline Oct. 31st

The 4-H Club who registers the most volunteers & new 4-H members through 4-H online wins a pizza or ice cream party! Invite people to 4-H Open House! Volunteer for Open House! Spread the Word!

4-H 4 More - Year Round

Texas 4-H is challenging youth to invite four friends to join 4-H! Returning members who invite new members in can be listed under "referred by" when a new member signs up on 4-H online. This info is tracked and pulled twice a year, members who participate can receive awards for inviting members in.

- 1 new member: 4-H 4 More t-shirt
- 2 new members: Membership refund
- 3 new members: Leather portfolio
- 4 new members: Backpack and state recognition
- All participants are encouraged to list participation on Texas 4-H scholarship applications and record books.

New projects & teams:

- Outdoor Education and Living Skills
- Range Science
- Plant ID

Anyone interested in joining this project can contact the extension office for more information.

CHECK OUT: medina.agrilife.org/4-H for more info on our natural resources projects and a link to trainings and contests available throughout the year.

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
Hondo Jr High (6th-8th)	Nicole Steubing Sandy Steubing	830-423-4589 830-931-5327
Hondo Sr High (9th-12th)	Vicky Steubing Laurie Lentz	210-275-3973 210-213-2088
LaCoste	Laura Kohlleppel Tonyha Johnson Kari Menchaca	210-288-5645 210-837-5616 210-508-3401
Rio Medina	Michael Zinsmeyer Rikki Zinsmeyer	830-931-5390 830-931-3368

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers Needed for Downtown Dineout! We are looking for volunteers willing to help serve dinner and beverages Sunday, October 8th in Hondo. Use the link provided (also sent through email & remind) to sign up!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pJ328rEwIV2A5qJTrhkwe0sc2UmV_HFd7_-ii7HWL3w/edit?usp=sharing

Volunteers needed for our 4-H Open House! Come and show others what your 4-H project is all about! more info on sign up sheet provided. (also sent through email & remind)
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1m262JupVMriqYzPQSUM0gVNyW-y53EvDbTQe6L9uxZk/edit?usp=sharing>

Next 4-H Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars...

Castroville - Monday, Oct. 9 @7:30pm
 Castroville American Legion
 Devine - Tuesday, Oct. 10 @7:00pm
 Devine Intermediate Cafeteria
 D'Hanis - Wednesday, Oct. 4 @7:30pm
 D'Hanis Community Center
 Hondo - Sunday, Oct. 8 @5:00pm
 St Paul Lutheran Church
 LaCoste - Monday, Oct. 16 @6:30pm
 LaCoste Elementary Cafeteria
 Rio Medina - Sunday, Oct. 8 @5:00pm
 Metal Building to the west of
 Mumme's Rio Medina Store
 Medina County Horse & Riding Club
 Sunday, Oct. 1 @5:00pm
 Hermann Son's Lodge Devine

Where to Find us!

Facebook - Medina County 4-H
 Remind App - medina4h
 Website- medina.agrilife.org

HOW TO CONTACT US

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

Taryn Titsworth - Ag & NR Agent
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Silia Lopez - 4-H Program Assistant
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Becky Martinez - Office Manager
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Joan Lindeman - Office Secretary
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2023 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 4-H Enrollment Opens	2
3	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY Office Closed	5 Club Manager Meeting	6 D'Hanis 4-H Club Meeting	7	8	9 MCJLS Steer & Heifer Prospect Show
10 MCJLS Steer & Heifer Prospect Show Hondo 4-H Club Meeting Rio Medina 4-H Club Meeting	11 LaCoste 4-H Club Meeting Castroville 4-H Club Meeting	12 Devine 4-H Club Meeting	13	14 4-H Open House	15	16 MCJLS Goat & Lamb Prospect Show
17 MCJLS Goat & Lamb Prospect Show	18 Food & Nutrition Kickoff Commercial Heifer Validation Fees Due	19	20	21	22	23
24 Commercial Heifer Validation	25 County Council Meeting Swine Tag Orders Due Major Show Broiler Orders Due	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming news...


October 14th - Sheep & Goat Validation (8am-11am Hondo FFA Project Center)

October 22nd - Halter Heifer Validation (2pm-4pm Persyn Ranch)

October 23rd - County Broiler Orders Due

October 28th - County Food Show

October 30th - Club Managers Meeting



October 2023



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County Horse
& Riding Club
4-H Meeting

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D'Hanis 4-H
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One Day 4-H



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Hondo 4-H
Meeting

Rio Medina
4-H Meeting

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Castroville 4-H
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Devine 4-H
Meeting

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Sheep & Goat
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Upcoming news...

November 9th - Ft. Worth Stock Show Entries Due

November 10th - County Holiday Office Closed

November 11th - Swine Validation (8am-10am Medina Valley FFA Center,
(11am-12pm Natalia Project Center, 1pm-3pm Devine HS)

November 13th-17th - Major Show Signups (8am-5pm Monday-Wednesday,
(8am-7pm Thursday, 8am-5pm Friday)

November 19th - Swine Validation (2pm-4pm Hondo FFA Project Center)

November 23rd-24th - County Holiday Office Closed

