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Eastland County



# 4-H Newsletter

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# September 2023



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The members of Texas A&M AgriLife provide equal opportunities in programs, education and employment, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.



# Club Meeting Dates



## Carbon 4-H Club

**Monday, September 25th  
@ 6:30PM**

Carbon Christian Academy  
515 Anthracite St Carbon, TX

*Club Leader: Randi Gibson*

*Phone: 254-631-9353*

*Email: randilynngibson@gmail.com*

## Cisco 4-H Club

**Tuesday, September 19th  
@ 6:30PM**

Myrtle Wilks Community Center  
1498 I-20 Frontage Rd Cisco, Tx

*Club Leader: Sarah Sellers*

*Phone: 817-602-2251*

## Highway 6 4-H Club

**Tuesday, September 5th  
@ 5:30PM**

Leon River Cowboy Church  
491 CR 447 Eastland, TX

*Club Leader: Shandy Monty*

*Phone: 254-631-7105*

## Rising Star 4-H Club

**Tuesday, September 12th  
@ 4:30PM**

First Baptist Church  
306 N Main Rising Star, TX

*Club Leader: Caryl Lawrence*

*Phone: 325-642-8616*

*Email: hccattlecompany@gmail.com*

## Adult Leaders & 4-H County Council

**Wednesday, September 20th @ 5:30PM**

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Ste 307 Eastland, TX 76448



# Practice Dates



## Shooting Sports

### Archery

Monday, September 18th

6:00 PM

Eastland Archery Range

CR 536 Eastland, TX

*Project Leader: Randi Gibson*

### Pistol

Tuesday, September 19th

5:30 PM

Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club Range

599 CR 536 Eastland, TX

*Project Leader: Chris Gibson*

### Rifle

Friday, September 22nd

5:30 PM

Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club Range

599 CR 536 Eastland, TX

*Project Leaders: TJ Cummings &  
Judge Jon Glenn*

***All participants must be enrolled  
in 4-H and be accompanied by a  
parent/guardian.***

## Food Challenge, Food Show & Ag Product ID

### Informational Meeting & Sign-Ups

Wednesday, September 13th

4:00 PM

Eastland County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Suite 307 Eastland, TX

*Project Leader: Amy O'Brien-Glenn*

*\$10 fee to participate in Food Challenge  
(to assist with food cost).*

*\$5 fee to participate in Ag Product ID  
(to assist with food cost).*

*\$5 for an Ag Product ID Study Guide  
(updated guide is 460 pages, can be  
accessed for free via phone or computer)*

***If you cannot attend this meeting, call  
254-629-2222 to sign up by September 13th.***

***All participants must be enrolled in 4-H and  
be accompanied by a parent/guardian.***

## Beginning Sewing

### "Make and Take"

Saturday, September 9th

10AM—2PM

JT Ranch Quilt Shop

706 Conrad Hilton Blvd Cisco, TX

\$25.00 per member

Bring good scissors, seam ripper,  
fabric pins and lunch.

***Must call 254-629-2222 to sign up  
by Tuesday, September 5th.***



# 4-H ENROLLMENT

## V2.4HONLINE.COM



**ALL 4-H Members & Adult Volunteers will need to re-enroll for the 2023-2024 year.**

*Clover Kid enrollment fee is \$10*

*4-H enrollment fee is \$25 (increases to \$30 on Nov. 1st)*

*\*All 4-H members who plan on participating in the Eastland County Stock Show must be enrolled in 4-H by October 31st\**

*\*All 4-H members who plan on participating in Archery, Pistol, Rifle and/or Food Challenge, must be enrolled before attending their first practice\**

## QUALITY COUNTS

**All 4-H members, 3rd grade and above, who plan to participate in any major stock shows will need a Quality Counts number.**

All members who will be showing for the first time or members moving into a new age division will need to complete the Quality Counts curriculum and test at the following link:

**<https://agrifilearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>**

*\*Entries for major stock shows cannot be submitted without a Quality Counts number\**

For more information,  
please call the Extension Office at 254-629-2222.



# **OLD RIP FEST & ONE DAY 4-H**



**Saturday, October 7th in Eastland, TX**

**Eastland County 4-H will be participating in the Old Rip Fest parade this year!**

All Eastland County 4-H members are encouraged to attend!

Wear your 4-H shirt (or white & green)!

*4-H Club Leaders will be riding on the float with the 4-H members.  
Parents will be able to watch the parade and pick their child up after.*

**Further information on times and locations will be sent out via Facebook and emails as soon as possible.**

**Eastland County 4-H will be doing a Canned Food Drive for this year's One Day 4-H Community Service Project.**

Bring your canned food items with you when you get on the parade float.

*Canned food items will be donated to the Eastland County Food Pantry.*

## **DISTRICT 8 LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON & AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST**

**Thursday, November 9th  
Lakeview Baptist Church  
7717 TX 317 Belton, TX**

***Entries due October 13th***

**Individual or team entry**





# **EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW & FOOD CHALLENGE**



**Friday, October 27th**

**Beginning at 9:00AM**

*(A full schedule will be sent out by Monday, October 23rd)*

**Judge Scott Bailey Event Center**

***102 N Lamar St Eastland, TX 76448***

**2023 Food Show theme—TBA**

**Entries due: Friday, October 13th**

*Entry forms and rules will be available at the Informational Meeting on September 13th at the Extension Office.*

***New!** Clover Kids can now participate in Food Show!*

*(Clover Kids are not eligible to advance to District)*

*All 1st place Food Show winners will advance to the District 8 4-H Food Show Contest.*

*All 1st and 2nd place Food Challenge teams will advance to the District 8 4-H Food Challenge Contest.*



# VALIDATION & CHICKEN ORDERS



**Pig Validation Tag Orders**—due September 18th  
Tags will be \$15. Payment is due at time of order.

**Chicken Orders**—due October (date TBA)  
Further information will be released when available.

**Sheep & Goat Validation**—October (date TBA)

**Heifer Validation**—October (date TBA)

**Pig Validation**—November (date TBA)

**Rabbit Validation**—December (date TBA)

Further information will be released when available.

## STOCK SHOW ENTRY DAY

Thursday, November 2nd

8:00AM—7:00PM

@ Eastland County Extension Office

**All stock show entries & payments are due to the Extension Office on this date**

We can only accept cash or check.

Checks should be made payable to “Eastland County Ag Fund”.

All payments will include a \$5 processing fee per family, per stock show.

If you cannot make it to the office on this day, please call us in advance to make other arrangements.



*For more information, please call the  
Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*





# **DISTRICT 8 HOLIDAY CLASSIC**



**Saturday, November 4th—Sunday, November 5th**

**Bell County Expo Center**

**301 W. Loop 121 Belton, TX**

**Barns open at 6:00AM on November 4th**

**\*All livestock must be in the barn by 11:00AM\***

**Open to all 4-H and FFA members in grades 3-12.**

**No entry fee.**

**Bring your cattle, lambs, goats and swine to learn more about  
how to care for and show your livestock projects!**

Youth exhibitors and families will receive hands-on training to learn the basic principles of livestock management and showmanship, followed by a Prospect Show on Sunday!

**\*Youth must attend the Saturday clinics to participate in the Showmanship Contest and Prospect Shows\***





# 23-24 4-H YEAR UPDATES & RULE CHANGES



- Clover Kids will now have a \$10 enrollment fee.
- 4-H Members will have a \$25 enrollment fee until October 1st. The fee will increase to \$30 on November 1st. Volunteers will have a \$10 enrollment fee.
- All club leaders, assistant club leaders, project coaches, bank account signers and others who would like to help at meetings, practices, or community service events, **MUST** enroll in 4-H as a volunteer and complete the trainings and background screening.
  - ⇒ Parents who plan to only observe are not required to enroll but are highly encouraged to.
- All 4-H members must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at club meetings, project practices, community service events and when visiting the Eastland County Extension Office
  - ⇒ If a member's parent/guardian is unavailable, other arrangements must be made to have the member accompanied by a responsible adult.
  - ⇒ Members cannot be dropped off – they must always be accompanied by a parent/guardian or other responsible adult.
- Eastland County Extension Agents and Office Staff will not be able to provide transportation to 4-H members to or from any meetings, practices, contests, or events.
  - ⇒ Transportation can possibly be provided by other approved 4-H volunteers, if available, to district contests/events – this **MUST** be arranged through the Eastland County Extension Office to ensure all guidelines are followed.
- ALL club fundraisers, donation requests and community service projects **MUST** be approved and arranged by the Eastland County Extension Office
  - ⇒ Donation requests **MUST** come from the Eastland County Extension Office on official Extension/4-H Letterhead



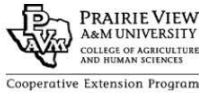
*If you have any questions, please contact the Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222 or [eastland-tx@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:eastland-tx@ag.tamu.edu)*





Complete this form on the highlighted lines and return it to the Eastland County Extension Office. This form is required for all 4-H members that will be participating in a contest or stock show.

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# Texas 4-H Youth Development Program DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school board policies.

Instructions: Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension Office

## PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request:

(CHECK ONE)

Academic eligibility information only.

Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of 4-H in \_\_\_\_\_ Eastland County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader.

(4-H Member Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*TJ Cummings Amy O'Brien-Glenn*  
Signature of County Extension Agent

## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (CHECK ONE)

I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

I do not certify the student because he/she is **NOT** academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

### EXCUSED ABSENCE (CHECK ONE)

An excused absence will be granted.

An excused absence will **NOT** be granted.

Does not apply.

### EDUCATIONAL STATUS (CHECK ONE)

Face-to-Face (on campus)

Virtual Option

Homeschooled

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School