

MCCULLOCH 4-H NEWS UPDATE

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4-H ENROLLMENT

The 2023-2024 4-H year began on September 1. All 4-H members will need to enroll on 4-H Online

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Enrollment is \$30. All youth participants must be enrolled in 4-H online before entering any contests, camps, or special events. **You must enroll by March 1, to participate in any Roundup contests.**

If you know anyone interested in joining 4-H, but can't afford the enrollment fee, please let us know. We have need based scholarships available for incoming members. The enrollment scholarship fund was started by a generous donation from the Central Texas Master Gardeners.

MCCULLOCH 4-H

McCulloch 4-H Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 5:00 pm

The meeting will be held at Richard's Park and we will be having a photography scavenger hunt. Please bring a camera, phone, or iPad if you have one available.



MCCULLOCH 4-H APRIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00

Richards Park Playground

We will have our monthly meeting and a photography scavenger hunt. Please bring a camera, phone, or iPad with you if you have one available.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION, CALL
325-597-1295

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If you are interested in taking on a more active leadership role in 4-H, contact Carrie or Sarita. **Upcoming leadership opportunities include- Leadership Lab, Multi-County Camp, District Roundup, and applying for Ambassador programs.**

4-H CONTESTS

SPRING 2024

UPCOMING CONTESTS

3/26 DUDS 2 DAZZLE/ FASHION SHOW
Registration deadline March 11

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 4/15-SR, 5/6-JR, INT
all online- Jr./ Int. @ District, Senior @ State

4/26 D7 ROUNDUP
Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, Entomology, and Talent Show

WOOL/ MOHAIR JUDGING 5/10
practice Wednesdays @ 6:00, Coached by Darrell and Teresa Keese

MORE INFO: 325-597-1295

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Deadlines are approaching for the remaining spring contests. We are looking for kids of all ages (grades 3-12) who want to compete in speaking events at District Roundup. Contact Carrie at carrie.ross@ag.tamu.edu if you are interested.

4-H BEE ESSAY



The 2024 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic has been announced! This year's topic is, "For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: What makes a varietal honey? What are some unique varietals? How are some of the valuable varietals confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)? What are some culturally or economically important varietals and why are they important?". Contestant essays must be submitted to 4HOnline by 11:59 PM Sunday, April 21, 2024. This contest is open to any active 4-H Club members. The top three winners will be awarded a cash prize and the 1st place winner will be advancing to the National Contest.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOTGUN Anyone interested in Shot gun shooting sports, contact the Extension office. We will be starting practice soon. If you have any questions you can call: Rex Ewert (325) 456-6020, or the Extension Office at 597-1295.

RIFLE/ARCHERY interested in rifle or archery contact Michael Jordan 325-792-6272.

Meetings will be Sundays, 1:30 pm at County Barn
May 4 HOT Fun Shoot Rifle/Archery at Brady Lake Range

PLAN NOW FOR D7 4-H ROUNDUP

April 26th will be here before you know it. We need to be practicing now for District Roundup. Our goal is to have lots of competitors to sign up and show District 7 how awesome McCulloch 4-H members are!

Contests include:

- Public Speaking
- Educational Demonstration
- 4-H Talent Show

If you would like more information or need help getting started, contact Carrie at carrie.ross@ag.tamu.edu.

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

WATER AMBASSADOR



Applications are now open to senior-level (9-12 graders in the 2024-2025 academic year) 4-H members for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

The 4-H Water Ambassadors Program will select up to 30 students for a minimum 12-month term of service. Those selected will participate in the 7-day Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (tour) June 9-15, 2024, which includes hands-on experiential learning and covers a wide range of important water issues. Over the next year, water ambassadors commit to delivering at least 40 hours of education and service. Students will also engage in continuing education opportunities to broaden their understanding of water and equip them to share their knowledge with their local communities, clubs, schools, etc.

- Applications accepted March 15 – May 1, 2024
- Those selected are required to pay a \$300 program participation fee.
- Visit www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application for more details.

WOOL JUDGING

The McCulloch 4-H Wool Judging team is putting in the work to compete well at the District 7 contest. Several members traveled to College Station to participate in a Wool Judging Clinic. There is still time to join the team if you are interested. Wool Judging practice Wednesdays, 6:00 pm at G. Rollie. The District contest is May 10 in San Angelo. Thank you Teresa and Darrell Keese.

HORSE GROUP

Meeting April 11, 25, 5:00 pm at Extension Office

The Horse Club will be meeting every other Thursday at 5 PM at the Extension Office until ready to begin with live horses.

MAJOR SHOW TAGS

Major Show Steer Tags, State Fair Sheep/ Goat/Swine Validation fee for **Steers \$25** per head **March 1-April 5 Sheep/Goat Tags are \$15** per head **Deadline April 8 Swine Tags are \$ 15 per head Deadline April 30**
Please call the Extension Office with your orders.

LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Buyers list has been mailed to each participant. All thank you notes for buyers will be due in the Extension Office when checks are ready. MCJLA Scholarship Application is due April 26.

STAY CONNECTED WITH MCCULLOCH 4-H

Join our Remind group to receive messages about meeting times, community service projects, and other club news by **sending a text message to 81010 and enter the code @62fb6b** as the message of the text. Project specific Remind groups will be available after the start of the project year.

You can also follow us on Facebook, like and follow McCulloch County 4-H for important reminders and updates.

STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H EVENTS

<http://link.4-h.org/m/1/68774702/02-b21098a8e50ca9d2344296a3396c3c57a0efd5/3/615/bfeef303-ff75-4007-bf0d-1abe2de85e82>

FACEBOOK

Visit our Facebook pages to see the latest local 4-H information and “like” so that you can get the updates and pictures:

MCCULLOCH COUNTY 4-H

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=mcculloch%20county%204-h>

MCCULLOCH COUNTY FAMILY AND CONSUMER HEALTH

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=mcculloch%20county%20family%20%26%20community%20health>

MCCULLOCH COUNTY AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

<https://www.facebook.com/McCulloch-County-AgriLife-Ag-Natural-Resources-Agent-92197864501206/>

McCULLOCH EXTENSION WEBPAGE

Quick links are located on the page and our latest Newsletter. <https://mcculloch.agrilife.org/>

EXPLORE

Each guide has been developed to support volunteers, County Extension Agents, and even 4-H members, in leading project experiences for youth. There are six lessons in each book that follow the “do, reflect, apply” model of learning, providing guidance for hands-on exploration and learning about a specific topic. Click the topic name below to download the file to your computer or device.

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/>

- [Ag Product ID](#)
- [Beginning Beekeeping](#)
- [Beef](#)
- [Clothing & Textiles – Duds To Dazzle](#)
- [Clothing & Textiles – Sewing Basics](#)
- [Consumer Education](#)
- [Food & Nutrition – Cooking in the Kitchen | \[Participant Survey\]\(#\) | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Food & Nutrition – Dollars and Sense | \[Participant Survey\]\(#\) | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Food & Nutrition – Food Challenge | \[Participant Survey\]\(#\) | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Food & Nutrition – Kitchen Safety | \[Participant Survey\]\(#\) | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Food & Nutrition – Keeping Food Safe | \[Participant Survey\]\(#\) | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Global Opportunities Beyond Education](#)
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- [Leadership – Personal Character Development | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Leadership – Personal Leadership Development | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Leadership – Within A Group](#)
- [Livestock Judging](#)
- [Outdoor Education – Team Building in Outdoor Education](#)
- [Performance Arts – Theater](#)
- [Photography | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Poultry](#)
- [Public Speaking](#)
- [Rabbits-Showing | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
- [Robotics – Building Blocks of Bots | \[Evaluation\]\(#\)](#)
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- [Sheep & Goat](#)
- [Swine Project](#)
- [Water Projects](#)
- [Water Projects – Water Filtration and Electro-coagulation](#)

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:30 Project Wkshp 6 Wool practice	4	5 D7 Horse Jdging	6
7 1:30 Rifle/Archery	8 Deadline D7 Rifle Wool Judging	9 D7 Quiz Bowls	10 5:00 Mc 4-H D7 Meat Jdging	11 5:00 Horse	12	13
14 1:30 Rifle/Archery	15 Deadline Sr. Photography	16	17 4:30 Project Wkshp	18	19	20 D7 Rifle
21 1:30 Rifle/Archery	22	23	24 4:30 Project Wkshp	25 5:00 Horse	26 D7 Roundup Deadline MCJLA Scholarship	27
28 1:30 Rifle/Archery	29	30				

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