

APRIL 2019 EDITION

2019 Calhoun County Awards

*In order to be considered for **Gold Star**, **Silver Star**, **Bronze Star**, or the **I Dare You Award**, you must complete the Awards application and turn in the application with your record book on June 3, 2019. All applicants must undergo an interview in order to be considered. Award applications will be available at the Extension office. If you have any questions contact the extension office, 361-552-9747.*

REMEMBER TO QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH 4-H YOU NEED TO COMPLETE RECORDBOOKS STARTING IN YOUR 9TH GRADE YEAR.

SHOOTING SPORTS

ARCHERY practice will start up again in the Fall.

SHOTGUN practice will be April 6th and April 20th at 9:00 am

RIFLE practice will be every Sunday in April from 2-4 pm

STEER TAG IN

Steer tag-in will be April 2nd from 6 - 7 pm in the barn. Exhibitor fee will be \$10 per exhibitor. Junior Livestock committee made a rulebook change in the steer division under #4 - "**No pumping of any kind, including drench gun, will be permitted**". Make sure to pick up your rulebook on the night of the tag-in.

Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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Major Steer, Heifer, Sheep, and Goat Tags

If you are planning on exhibiting lamb or goat at the State Fair, you must order State Validation Tags. The tags cost \$15.00. Please have your order and payment into the Extension Office on or before April 17th. Please make all checks payable to Calhoun County 4-H Council. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

Please remember that first-time Major Show Exhibitors must be Quality Counts Verified BEFORE they fill out entry forms.

If you are planning on exhibiting a Steer at Major Shows, please contact the extension office by April 17th to order steer tags. Fee \$15 per steer.

If you are going to show a heifer at the Major Shows, please contact the extension office for the number of UIN numbers you will need by April 17th. No charge for UIN numbers.

Purchasing Animal Projects

It is that time of year again to start thinking about animal projects for the 2019 Calhoun County Fair. For first time feeders it can get a little overwhelming and stressful. If you would like assistance with locating or selecting market lambs and goats, or information about your desired project, contact Emilee DeForest at the Extension Office by April 20th. Below is a guideline to the approximate age range you might try to look at when purchasing your animals for the Calhoun County Fair:

Market Hogs: April Born (Approximately 6 months old on show day).

- Hog exhibitors are allow to show 2 hogs this year but can only sell one in the auction
- There **will not** be a breeding gilt division this year at the livestock show.

Market Lambs: 1st of January - Middle March (8-10 months old on show day).

Market Goats: 1st of January - Middle March (8-10 months old on show day).

- Tag in for Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, as well as State Fair Lambs and Goats is on June 26th

Rabbits: Begin communicating with your Breeders in May about your intention to purchase rabbits from them. This gives the breeder adequate time to plan their breeding season and be able to fit your needs. For a list of rabbit breeders in the area, contact the Extension Office. This year there is a change in the Rabbit division #1 - "All rabbits shall be a maximum of 70 days old on day of judging." Please read your rulebook.

- Rabbit Validation and tattoo date is September 10th @ 6 pm in the extension auditorium

Poultry: Families are required to place their Roaster and Broiler orders to the Extension Office. Exhibitors are not responsible for locating their own hatchery. All birds are ordered through Texas A & M University poultry department and picked up on the same date to ensure uniform age.

- **Must order Broilers and Roasters by June 13th**

Workshops and Progress Shows

EVERY EXHIBITOR HAS TO MAKE A PROGRESS SHOW OR WORKSHOP. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!

May 5, 2019 - Hog Clinic I - 4 pm fairgrounds

July 7, 2019 - Poultry Clinic - 3 pm fairgrounds

July 8, 2019 - Steer / Heifer Progress Show - 6 pm fairgrounds

August 6, 2019 - Hog Clinic II - 6 pm fairgrounds

August 13, 2019 - Sheep / Goat Progress Show - 6 pm fairgrounds

September 14, 2019 - Lamb, Goat, Steer, Heifer Progress Show II - 1 pm fairgrounds

September 15, 2019 - Rabbit Clinic - 2 pm fairgrounds

September 17, 2019 - Rabbit Clinic II - 6 pm fairgrounds

SPRING SPECTACULAR

2019 District 11 4-H Spring Spectacular SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 12

**Awards will be done at the conclusion of each contest*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:00 am	Food Challenge INT interview Sr Interview	101CD 102/103 104/107/108
12:30 pm	Food Show (holding) <i>Jr Judging</i> <i>Int Judging</i> <i>Sr Judging</i>	101AB 101CD 102/103 104/107 108
4:00 pm	Fashion Show Holding	101AB 101CD 102 102 103 103 104 104 107 108

Saturday, April 13

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8:15 am	General Orientation	101AB
8:30 am	Share the Fun – Orientation	101AB
9:00 am	Share the Fun –	101AB 101CD
9:00 am	Quiz Bowl <i>Beef</i> <i>Nutrition</i>	202 207
9:30 am	Duds to Dazzle – Orientation Quiz Bowl – Orientation	304 202
10:00 am	Duds to Dazzle – Contest <i>Interview Rooms</i>	304 302, 308
10:30 am	Educational Presentations/Public Speaking Orientation	Respective Rooms
10:45 am	Educational Presentation Public Speaking	103, 104, 203, 102
12:30 pm	Consumer Decision Making Registration	101CD
1:00 pm	CDM <i>Int Reasons</i> <i>Sr Reasons</i>	101CD 103 107, 108



Calhoun County 4-H End of Year Hoedown

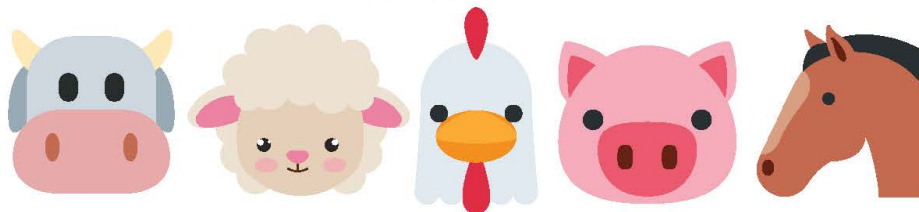
Join us for an evening of
Barnyard Olympics, Dancing,
Community Service Project
and MORE!

WHEN:
May 18, 2019

WHERE:
Bauer Barn

TIME:
6:00 PM -
Midnight

For More Information, Contact:
Emilee DeForest, CEA-4-H
361-552-9747



For Calhoun County 4-H Members aged 3rd-12th Grade



Spring 2019 TSC Paper Clover

Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4 H programs through the sale of Paper Clovers in their stores. 90% of funds raised come back to state and local 4 H programs to support scholarships for camp and leadership activities.

Dates for the Spring 2019 Campaign is 3/27/19 – 4/7/19.



Time to become a Farmfluencer

www.farmfluencer.com

Are you ready to be a Farmfluencer? The time has finally come to try. Submit your video by April, 24, 2019, for a chance to win up to \$5,000 and star in your very own documentary.

Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. Must be age 16-24 to enter.

GUIDELINES

1. Find something worth sharing and tell us what you think about it and why it matters to you.

Answer one or more of the following questions:

What does farming mean to you?

Does an industry that's been around for 10,000 years have a future for you?

How will you fight against food deserts and world hunger?

Or talk about a topic that interests you, like organic food, robotics on farms, hydroponics, urban farming, data analytics, or the reengineering of seeds.

2. Show us a part of the farming industry.

You could visit a farm or greenhouse near you, head over to your local university and interview an agriculture professor about the industry, or visit a grocery store and ask an employee where they get their food.

3. Create a two-minute video that talks about what you learned and shows where you visited.

4. Submit your video and get the chance to become an official Farmfluencer.

5. Be sure not to use any copyrighted material in your video (if you add music, make sure it's Creative Commons).

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Did the entry show a compelling point of view? Was it expressive and unique? Honest and persuasive?***
- What was the level of craft in terms of image, audio, and storytelling?***
- How creative was it? Did it surprise us? Make us laugh? Did you have fun?***
- Did it address an aspect of modern agriculture and teach us or show us something new?***
- Did the entry follow all the rules of the contest?***

TEXAS 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University - July 8-11, 2019

Texas A&M University Kingsville - June 17-20, 2019

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University July 22-25, 2019

Cost: \$250

Livestock Ambassador APPLICATION:

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C2PxJ597FTPIFL

DUE: MAY 15, 2019

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applicant goes to: http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3O9MuXE8KeGj1sh
- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university
- Applications are due May 15, 2019 by 5 PM

Texas 4-H App

Our Texas 4-H app houses important information throughout the year for events like Roundup and the State Horse Show, information about projects, and more! Our app recently got an update; if you've previously downloaded it, update it for free now! Go to the app store and download today.

DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL APP

TEXAS 4-H



http://grandstandsites.com/gs/index.php?c-Texas_4-H



TEXAS 4-H
Outdoor Challenge

TEXAS 4-H CENTER,
LAKE BROWNWOOD

JUNE
26-28,
2019



CONTEST DETAILS

When: June 26-28, 2019

Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood

Registration: April 15 - May 19 on 4-H Connect; limited to the first 50 teams to have both team members registered

Cost: \$50 per team member

Rules Guide: <https://goo.gl/yafsZ5>

Rules and Resource Guide

Follow the guide found on the webpage linked above to learn more about the general rules, age divisions, event specific rules and descriptions, tentative schedule, firearm safety rules, and study resources for each event.

This guide is found on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage. Scroll down to "Contests"

Fishing will take place from the 4-H Center waterfront which is on a cove of Lake Brownwood. Various warm water fish species are found in this fairly shallow water.

2019 Events

- Shotgun
- Swimming
- Archery
- Fishing
- Climbing
- Kayaking
- Outdoor Skills
- Biologist Skills
- Gear Judging
- Outdoor Safety





MISSION POSSIBLE

For an application contact:

Cari Snider 325.784.5482
cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

- July 1-3
- Grades 3-12 [age 21]
- \$175/Youth
- \$120/Adult

Registration
Feb. 1 - May 31

More information: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



An inclusive camp for youth with medically diagnosed disabilities to enjoy traditional camp experiences and raise awareness about the disability community.

MISSION POSSIBLE MENTOR TRAINING

What is Mission Possible Mentor Training?

- Who is a mentor: Youth who have completed 8th grade as of June 15 who would like to serve alongside a Texas 4-H Center Counselor and Adult Volunteers to provide a safe and fun camp experience for all.
- A minimum of (10) ten 4-H Mentors will be selected to assist with Mission Possible.
- 4-H Mentors reside in the dorms & participate in all camp activities. As a Mentor, they may be asked to work individually with a camper needing special attention or with the entire group. Mentors will shadow the 4-H Center Counselor and be available to assist in whatever capacity that is needed.
- To be considered as a 4-H Mentor, individuals must complete the online application.
- *In-Service Training: all selected to serve as mentors will be required to participate in an in-service training June 30th 10:00 a.m through July 1st 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Center. There may also be information presented on-line before the camp, to help prepare mentors for their role.

Tell me about the Texas 4-H Center

The 4-H Center is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and has been in the youth camping business since 1975! The Center is located on Lake Brownwood, in the geographic center of the State.

Accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), families are assured of a quality program and facility that meets rigorous standards.

Accommodations — youth are housed, by gender, in air-conditioned dormitories. Each dorm has its own restroom and shower facilities.

Staff — program coordinated by Youth Professionals of AgriLife Extension and college interns.

Health Care — nurse on duty 24/7. All medications are administered by the nurse.

Meals — a full time staff provides three wholesome, balanced meals each day.

Lunch and Dinner include a self-serve salad bar, ensuring there's something for everyone.

For more information:
Call 325.784.5482
Email: cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu
Web: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

We can add- Mentor applications are being accepted online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu through March 19th, 2019 and all applicants will be notified by April 2nd.

Calhoun County 4-H Club meeting dates

Town & Country - Shawn Wehmeyer - 1st Sunday of each month @ 6:30 pm

All Around - Heather Conde - 1st Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Intercoastal - Roxanne Ochoa - 1st Monday of each month in Port O'Connor

Greenlake / Long Mott - Alice Tidrick - 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Olivia - Johnny Rivera - 2nd Sunday of each month @ 4 pm in Olivia

Lakeside - Stacey Epley - 2nd Thursday of each month @ 6:30 pm in Seadrift

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Around Intercoastal meetings Beef Quiz Bowl & Share the Fun	2 Steer Tag-In Barn	3 Greenlake meeting	4	5	6
7 T & C Mtg Food & Nutrition Mtg - Bauer Olivia Mtg	8 Beef Quiz Bowl 5:30 pm Sr Share the Fun 6 pm	9 Share the fun practice 5:30 pm	10	11 Lakeside Meeting	12 Spring Spectacular Victoria	13 Spring Spectacular Victoria
14	15	16	17	18	19 	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Council Meeting	30				



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