



Austin County 4-H Newsletter

September 10, 2018



Welcome!

If you are a new 4-H member, I would like to welcome you to Austin County 4-H! There are awesome opportunities for you in 4-H. For those that are enrolled again this year, I would like to say welcome back. I am extremely excited for the 4-H year ahead. We're going to have a ton of fun, and learn as much as possible. If you ever have any questions or would like to become more involved, you can always call the extension office (979) 865- 2072 or email kailyn.capps@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

Kailyn Capps 4-H & Youth Development



I would like to introduce myself once again for any new members who might have missed my August Newsletter. I am honored to be your 4-H Extension Agent in Austin County! I hope that I can serve Austin County well. I figured I would share a little about myself, my interests, and my education to start off. I grew up right down the road in Brenham and didn't go too far for college! I received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership & Development from Texas A&M University in 2015 and am currently pursuing my Master of Science in Animal Science. I hope to graduate with my degree in May after presenting my research that's focused on exercise physiology. I also have a passion for reproduction and nutrition. During my time at A&M, I served as the Assistant Horse Judging Coach after being a part of the 2013-2014 Judging Team. I also had the opportunity to teach many classes as a graduate student and help develop programs under the Extension Horse Specialist. Growing up, I was involved in 4-H and FFA by exhibiting livestock, judging, and holding officer positions. I also served as the 4-H Washington County Fair Queen Candidate. I started off showing goats and my family owned Hereford cattle - so I am a little partial to both. But, I am always open to learning everything I can about any project (livestock or not). When I am not working, you can probably find me at a rodeo. I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge of 4-H and helping develop some exciting programs in the future. Feel free to stop by my office, send me an email, or call me if you have any questions. I'm excited to be here and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

What's This Newsletter Thing?

This newsletter will serve as a monthly communication to discuss all things related to 4-H. Important dates and details regarding upcoming programs will be outlined here, so make sure to keep an eye out for the newsletter whenever it is released through email! If you have some information that you would like to be included in the monthly newsletter, just email any details and important dates to kailyn.capps@ag.tamu.edu and I can get the information sent out to all 4-H Connect enrolled members! There will also be a “Club Manager Corner” for any information that needs to be communicated between myself and our awesome club managers! Never hesitate to ask your club manager for help or guidance! They'll always point you in the right direction!

4-H Connect

You must enroll in 4-H through the 4-H Connect online system in order to be an official 4-H Member.

Visit <https://texas.4honline.com> and enroll or re-enroll into 4-H. There is a \$20 participation fee for 4-H youth if enrolled by October 31st. After November 1st, that fee increases to \$25 until the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$10 volunteer applicant fee and Clover Kids (younger than 3rd grade) are free. If your child will be in 3rd grade for the (2019 – 2020) school year, and they would like to exhibit an animal in the 2019 Austin County Fair, choose a club to enroll in to attend the required number of meetings.

County Council

County Council is made up of representatives from each 4-H club. The Council's purpose is to assist with planning and conducting county 4-H events. The Council is composed of elected officers, but all 4-H members are

invited to attend. The Council Delegate of each club is also expected to attend the meetings to inform their clubs of upcoming events. County Council meets the first Tuesday of every other month to discuss upcoming events and vote on details regarding those plans. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:00 at the Extension Office.

Parent Leaders Association

Parent Leaders Association (PLA) is composed of club managers, parents of 4-H members, and adult leaders who are enrolled 4-H Volunteers. PLA is responsible for decisions regarding Austin County 4-H, and fundraising opportunities to help provide educational programs for the youth of Austin County. The next PLA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 at the Extension Office.

4-H Clubs

In order to be a bona fide 4-H Member, you must be enrolled on 4-H Connect and attend club meetings. There are currently seven clubs in Austin County to choose from. Feel free to contact club leaders to learn more about each club!

Bellville 4-H

Meeting Place: First Baptist Church Youth Building – Bellville

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Day: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Managers: Nathan & Felicia Hale

(iamnhale@gmail.com)

(979) 627-5823

Frydek 4-H

Meeting Place: St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall – Frydek

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Day: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Manager: Heather Harr (hharr@live.com)

(979)627-0665 & Lynette Lee

(lynettemlee@yahoo.com) (979-877-

5702)

Millheim 4-H

Meeting Place: Millheim Hall (4-H Building)

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Day: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Manager: Chad & Tracie Eckelberg

(ceckelberg@humphreyltd.com)

Stars & Stripes 4-H

Meeting Place: St. John Lutheran Church (Faith Center)

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Meeting Day: 2nd Sunday of each month

Managers: Lanthia Lischka

(lanthia.lischka@gmail.com) & Courtney

Locke (courtjo8@hotmail.com)

Wallis 4-H

Meeting Place: Wallis Community Building, Room 14

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Day: 2nd Monday of each month

Manager: Kim Vykukal

(vykukal97@yahoo.com)

(979)877-9032

Welcome 4-H

Meeting Place: Bleiblerville Fire Station

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Day: 1st Monday of each month

Managers: Tracey Geistmann

(tgeistmann@industryinet.com)

(979) 277-8790 & Lisa Wise

(lisagalle@yahoo.com) (979) 877-9231

West End 4-H

Meeting Place: Industry Methodist Church

Meeting Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Day: 3rd Sunday of each month

Manager: Erika Guerrero

(979) 251-8043

(erikag389@yahoo.com)

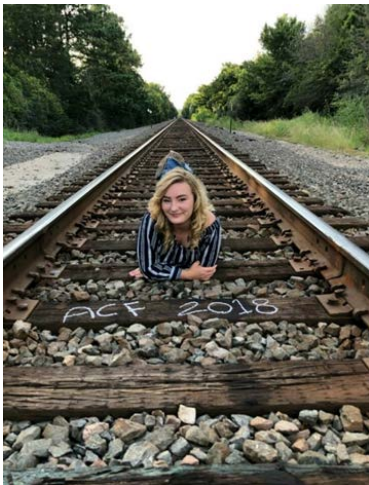
Judging Teams

There will be informational/planning meetings for Livestock, Dairy, and Horse Judging Teams on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018** at the Austin County AgriLife Extension Office. If interested in Livestock or Dairy Judging, please attend the **6:00 pm** meeting. If interested in Horse Judging, please attend the **7:00 pm meeting**.

Austin County Fair

Good luck to all Austin County Fair exhibitors! I know each of you have dedicated a substantial amount of time and effort towards your projects. I am proud of your success thus far and wish you the best of luck at the Fair!

4-H Fair Queen Representative



Austin County 4-H is excited to announce our representative for the Austin County Fair Queen Contest. Mackenzie Burke is

selling tickets for 2018 ACF! Please contact her at (979) 203-9342 to

purchase your tickets by October 4th! Austin County 4-H is proud to sponsor Mackenzie!

Hamburger Stand

Each year at the fair, 4-H families work the Hamburger Stand as the major fundraiser for all 4-H activities in the upcoming year. We ask that two adults from each family work a shift in the HB stand. The link for 4-H families to sign up to work at the Austin County Fair is live and published. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to work a Hamburger Stand Shift or call the extension office at (979)865-2072! Remember, this fundraiser helps fund all the activities for the 4-H year such as 4-H awards, roundup, camps, training events, etc. This cannot happen without the help of our 4-H families and volunteers. So grab a group of friends and make it fun. We need everyone's help to keep the Austin County 4-H Program strong.

Soda Stand

Austin County 4-H collaborates with Austin County FFA Chapters to work the soda stands at the Austin County Fair. This is the annual major fundraiser for County Council. Austin County 4-H will be responsible for two days (Thursday & Sunday). 4-H members will be asked to sign up to work the soda stand with their club manager during their monthly meeting. Stop by and visit the coke stand for a drink at the fair!

Quality Counts CHANGES

Focused on quality assurance and character education, Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. Quality Counts helps youth exhibitors learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved. A new Quality Counts Curriculum was released in August. For the 2018 Austin County Fair, and exhibitors entered in the State Fair of Texas for 2018, you will NOT need to be verified under the new system. If you plan to exhibit in ANY MAJOR Show for the 2019 year, you must be verified under the new system (Link at bottom of page). Quality Counts Verification under the new system must be completed prior to Major Show Entry Day (November 1st). NOTE: The new system is under a different website than the old Quality Counts website. Please pay close attention that you are following the Enrollment Guidelines (attached) in order to complete the correct Quality Counts Verification Test.

Please follow the Quality Counts Enrollment Instructions (attached) closely. Here are a couple of new components of the program to be aware of:

~IMPORTANT: The curriculum site requires unique email addresses for each user. This is explained further in the Enrollment Instructions Attachment. We realize there will be cases of families with multiple youth and limited email addresses. If the family cannot use a parent email, create one, or use a student email address, we will assist on a case-by-case basis.

~Exhibitors will first be required to engage in the full learning content before being presented with the verification exam.

~Please be aware of this in advance as this could take around two hours for most students to complete the full content and test.

~Exhibitors will be able to start and revisit the curriculum as many times as needed.

~Exhibitors will have to complete the test once it is started.

~Exhibitors must achieve 80% or great to pass the exam, but can take it as many times as needed.

~Exhibitors will be exposed and tested on the content potentially three times in their livestock showing career: junior (grade 3-5), intermediate (grade 6-8), and senior (grade 9-12).

~Exhibitors will access the course and exam at a new website:

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Major Show Heifers

If you plan to exhibit a Heifer in any Major Livestock Show including Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo, and San Antonio, you must order a UIN “tag order” for your heifer to be validated in October. These UIN’s are good for 2019 Spring Majors. Once a UIN is ordered for a heifer and she is validated under that number, the validation is good for the entire show career of the heifer, unless it changes ownership. Heifer Tag Orders are now considered late. The cost to order a UIN increased to \$25 until September 19th. (Order form is attached). Please complete form and remit payment to the Austin County AgriLife Extension Office. Heifers must be under the sole ownership of the exhibitor (on registration papers) by November 1st. Validation date to be announced.

Lamb & Goat Major Tag Orders

If you plan to exhibit a Market Lamb, Market Goat, Wether Dam, Wether Doe, Breeding Sheep, or Breeding Goat in any of the 2018-2019 Major Shows, you must order tags and validate your animal in October. Please complete the attached form and remit payment to the Extension Office. Lamb & Goat Tag Orders are now considered late. The price of tags has increased to \$25 until October 23rd. Validation date to be announced.

Swine Major Tag Orders

If you plan to exhibit swine at one of the major shows (Houston, San Antonio, San Angelo, Rodeo Austin, State Fair, and Fort Worth), it must be validated. Please make checks out to BELLVILLE FFA, complete the attached order form, and remit to Austin County Extension Office. Orders will be delivered to Jacob Diezi, Bellville FFA Advisor. Validation date TBA. Any question regarding Swine Validation and Tags may be directed to Mr. Diezi at (jdiezi@bellvilleisd.org).

College & Career Fair

Monday, October 1, 2018 from 9:00 – 11:00 am there will be a College & Career Fair held at Austin County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact your high school counseling office.

Adult Leader Training

There will be an Adult Leader Training hosted at the Austin County AgriLife Extension Office @ **6:30 pm on Thursday, October 18th**. This training is for club managers, and potential project leaders. All adult volunteers are welcome. There will be a meal provided, but you must RSVP by Tuesday, October 16th to be included in the head count.

“Remind”ers

Receiving instantaneous information can be helpful! I will be sending out deadlines and reminders through the Remind App. If you have a smartphone, download the Remind App and get push notifications regarding Austin County 4-H. If not, you can receive text messages with important information and updates. Click the link or text @3b32k9 to 81010 to join Austin County 4-H!

<https://www.remind.com/join/3b32k9>

Website

Visit the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Austin County Website for more information!

<http://austin.agrilife.org>

Facebook

Another way of seeing information quickly and communicating with the Extension Office is through the Austin County 4-H Facebook Page.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/AustinCounty4H/> and give us a like!

Club Managers Corner

-Adult Leader Training (meal served) on Thursday, October 18th. Please RSVP by Tuesday October 16th.

-Managers, please email a copy of your Soda Stand Sign-Up Sheets.

-Please encourage families to sign up (HB Stand)

-Validation Date TBA (tentatively to be held the last full week of October)

-Major Show Entry Night TBA (tentatively November 1st)

I look forward to a fantastic year with each of you! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at kailyn.capps@ag.tamu.edu or (979)865-2072.

“To Make the Best Better”,



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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Austin County
County Extension Agent
4-H and Youth Development**

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife 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 AgriLife.

QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

1. Go to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
2. Register with your information
 - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
 - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
 - i. On Android devices, you will need type the hyphens and dashes.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu to keep for your records.
 - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum
6. You will be directed to the curriculum website. If you have an existing login from another course on this website (ie. Leading the Legacy Course, Master Gardeners, etc.), feel free to log in with your existing login credentials! If using an existing login, please login and skip to Step 11.
 - a. There is a "Forgot Password" option if needed.
7. If you do not have an existing login, click Create New Account under "Is this your first time here?" on the right side of the screen.
 - a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
 - b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
8. Create username and password and complete login details.
 - a. You will have to use unique email addresses for each account. This means that siblings registering for the course will need separate email addresses (personal, parents', and school email are acceptable).
9. Click Create My New Account
10. You will receive an email from noreply@agriflife.remote-learner.net. You will need to verify your email address by clicking the link in the email. This will open a new webpage.
11. Select QUALITY COUNTS CURRICULUM from the menu under 4-H Youth Development
12. Click Quality Counts
13. Click Enroll Me
14. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
15. Click the course link that follows.
16. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
17. You may leave and come back to the course as needed using the Return Link (Step 4a).
18. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
19. You must complete the exam once you start it, but can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
20. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

ONE DAY 4-H T-SHIRTS

**ORDERS DUE
SEPTEMBER 21ST**

- **SIZES:**
YOUTH S-L
ADULT S-XXXL
- **YOUTH AND ADULT
SM-LG \$10**
- **ADULT 2X-3X \$12**
- **PRICE INCLUDES
SHIPPING TO
COUNTY OFFICE**



ORDER ONLINE AT:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/>

Texas 4-H Day in Aggieland

**SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 6, 2018**

Help us kick off National 4-H Week with 4-H Day in Aggieland as the Texas A&M Aggies take on the Kentucky Wildcats October 6, 2018! Purchase group football tickets, tailgate with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, join a prospective student session, and more! Texas 4-H is partnering with COALS for a Going Green tailgate 3 hours before kickoff. Want to learn more about being an Aggie? Join a FREE prospective student session with COALS faculty and students. And of course there's no such thing as too many 4-H t-shirts... Choose 1 activity or all 4 - it's up to you!

Follow these 4 simple steps to plan your Texas 4-H Day in Aggieland:



To purchase football tickets, use this link: 12thman.com/promocode
Promo code: Texas4H
Game time will be announced closer to date. Tickets \$30.



To RSVP for the FREE College of Agricultural and Life Sciences tailgate, use this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PD356RZ>
Start time is 3 HOURS prior to kickoff. Game time TBD.



To RSVP for the FREE prospective student session use this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCLNLJQ>
To be held at beginning of tailgate; time is TBD dependent on kickoff.



To order a t-shirt, use this link:
T-shirts \$

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Callie Henly @
(979) 458-0210 or callie.henly@ag.tamu.edu

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