



# San Patricio County 4-H Today

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1**  
Start of New 4-H YEAR!
- September 3**  
4-H Archery Club  
Mandatory Safety Meeting
- September 15**  
4-H Club Officer Training
- September 23**  
4-H Club Manager Meeting &  
Food & Nutrition Leader Training
- September 25**  
Beef Workout  
5:30-7pm
- October 6**  
Pen of 3 Heifer Entry Deadline
- October 11**  
Pen of 3 Heifer Validation  
4-6pm
- October 11-12**  
South Region SS Coach Training  
Victoria County 4-H Activity Center
- October 16**  
Sheep/Goats Validation  
Non Registered Heifers
- October 23**  
Beef Workout  
5:30-7pm

## September 2014

## Issue 1

### VALIDATION SCHEDULED

#### Sheep/Goats

October 16, 2014  
3:00pm-8:00pm  
County Fairgrounds

#### Non Registered Heifers

October 16, 2014  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
County Fairgrounds



#### Swine (Major Show Only)

Nov. 10; Time 5-8pm & 24; Time: 8am-7pm  
County Fairgrounds

#### Swine (County Only)

Nov. 8 & 15; Time: 8am-12pm  
County Fairgrounds

#### Rabbits

TBA

#### Pen of 3 Heifers

October 11, 2014  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

#### State Show Heifer

November 4, 2014  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

### 2014-2015 Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation Program

**\*\*Validation Fee is \$10 per Heifer\*\***

#### Purpose

An electronic verification for heifer registration papers would serve four primary purposes:

1. Ensure ownership has been transferred by the respective ownership deadline.
2. Eliminate backdating of junior heifer ownership
3. Allow heifer verification chair & co-chair to communicate any disqualifications prior to arrival to shows
4. Allow for a more efficient check-in process

#### Physical Validation would serve four primary objectives:

- Ensure ownership and physical possession of heifer in designated county on validation day(s).
- Physical viewing of tattoos/brands allows for verification tattoos/brands match the registration paper reducing disqualifications at major livestock shows.
- DNA collection provides a robust system to authenticate that the heifer presented at physical validation is the same heifer exhibiting at major livestock shows.
- Allows County Extension Agents & Ag Science Teachers to continue building positive relationships with breeding heifer exhibitors.

**FYI - All Tattoos/brands MUST be in place PRIOR to Validation!!**

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EXTENSION

sorry, we're  
**CLOSED**

County Extension Office will be **CLOSED**  
Monday, September 1, 2014 in Observance of  
Labor Day.



A **Mandatory** Safety Meeting will be held **September 3, 2014** from 5:45pm til 6:30pm at the Exhibition Building at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds. **Be sure to bring your bow for maintenance check-up.**

If any parents would like to volunteer, you will need to attend a Shooting Coach Training. Should you need the injection training, it has been put on hold until further notice, you will need to attend the full training.

For more information or questions please contact Tina Buffa, 4-H Archery Club Project Leader at [sanpatarchery@yahoo.com](mailto:sanpatarchery@yahoo.com) or call 361-229-0505.



## 4-H Enrollment Time 2014-2015

AUGUST 15, 2014 STARTED A **NEW** ENROLLMENT YEAR ON 4-H CONNECT! ALL PROFILES HAVE CHANGED TO "INACTIVIE" AS OF AUGUST 15TH AND YOU NEED TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H FOR THE 2014-2015 4-H YEAR.

Go To <https://texas.4honline.com/>

**Returning Members** - You **do not** need to create another profile for your family or for yourself. Just Edit/Update your profile for you & your family.

**\*\*A Note From Adrian Arredondo, CEA-4-H & Youth Development\*\***

**ATTENTION!** ALL Returning Members & Club Managers To receive credit/eligibility from your 4-H meetings to show in the 2015 A&H Show and Major Shows, from January, 2014 to Current; You **Must** re-enroll on 4-H Connect by **October 15, 2014.**

### SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING



District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Training  
September 27-28, 2014  
Jim Wells County Fairgrounds, Alice, TX  
Registration: September 1-21, 2014 - 4-H Connect  
Registration Fee: \$125



More information Contact Luis Saldana at [L-saldana@tamu.edu](mailto:L-saldana@tamu.edu)  
<http://agrilife.org/d124h/2014/04/20/shooting-sports-coachs-certification-training-scheduled/>

South Region SS Coach Training  
October 11-12, 2014  
Victoria County 4-H Activity Center  
Registration: August 21-September 18, 2014  
Registration Fee: \$120

District 11 Shooting Sports Coach Training  
January 10-11, 2015  
Victoria, Texas  
Deadline to Register: December 15, 2014  
Registration Fee: \$120  
More information contact Meredith Carter at [macarter@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:macarter@ag.tamu.edu)

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports#training>  
There is a need for a coach trained in Rifle for San Patricio 4-H.  
**Practices will not be able to take place unless a leader attends the training.**





## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

September 18  
6:00pm  
Extension Office

It is very important that all club presidents and council delegates attend this meeting!



## Meeting Schedule

Sept. 1 - Rockin'O  
Sept. 1 - San Pat Horse  
Sept. 8 - Gregory-Portland  
Sept. 8 - Taft  
Sept. 8 - Mathis  
Sept. 10 - Aransas Pass  
Sept. 14 - Ingleside  
Sept. 14 - Portland  
Sept. 21 - West Sinton  
Sept. 21 - Blue Ribbon

# 4-H CLUB NEWS

## BLUE RIBBON

Thank you to the Durrill family for hosting Hurricane Alley. Our next meeting is September 21, 2014 at 4pm at the homemaking building. The Frerich family will provide snacks. The Payne family will provide drinks. Club members should be sure to bring \$10 for club dues.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING

September 15, 2014  
5:30 pm  
Extension Office



All Club Officers are Highly Encouraged to Attend this Training!

**ATTENTION!**

## 4-H CLUB MANAGERS

A meeting for all 4-H Club Managers will be **Tuesday, September 23, 2014** at 5:30pm at the Extension Office.

Attendance of all Club Managers is Encouraged.



## FOOD & NUTRITION LEADER TRAINING

Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
6:00pm  
(following club managers meeting)  
Extension Office

Any adult volunteer or teen leader interested in the Food & Nutrition Project should attend.

RSVP by **Friday, September 19, 2014** by calling the extension office at 361-364-6234.



**October, 2014**

- 01 Major Show Broiler Orders Due
- 01 County Roasters & Broiler Orders Due
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 06 Pen of 3 Heifer entry due
- 11 Pen of 3 Heifer Validation
- 11 One Day 4-H
- 16 Lamb & Goat Validation
- 23 Beef Workout
- 31 Trunk-or-Treat

**November, 2014**

- TBA A&H / Major Show Turkeys Arrive
- 04 State Show Heifer Validation
- 06 Beef Workout
- 7-9 Junior Leadership Retreat
- 08 Swine Validation (County Only)
- 08 Aggieland Horse Judging Workshop
- 10 Swine Validation (Major Show Only)
- 13 Major Show Sign Up
- 13 County Food Show Entry Deadline
- 15 Swine Validation (County Only)
- 20 County Food Show
- 21-23 District 11 Crossroads
- 24 Swine Validation (Major Show Only)

**December, 2014**

- TBA A&H Show Roasters Arrive
- TBA District 11 Archery Meet
- TBA A&H Show Broilers Arrive
- 06 Coastal Bend Classic

**January, 2015**

- TBA A&H Show Work Day
- TBA A&H Show Queen's Contest
- TBA A&H Horse Show
- 03 D11 Food Show & Food Challenge
- 9-11 Teen Retreat
- 18-24 A&H Show
- 23-25 4-H Archery Camp

**FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT**

Now is the time to start thinking about your food & nutrition project.

**COUNTY FOOD SHOW**

November 20, 2014  
Entry Deadline: November 13

**DISTRICT FOOD SHOW & CHALLENGE**

January 3, 2015  
La Grange, TX

**September**  
**21 - 27**

## Extension Celebrates Family Mealtime

*"Research shows that compared to children who seldom participate in family meals, children who sit down to regular family meals consume more fruits, vegetables, and fiber, consume less soda and fried foods, and eat less heart damaging saturated and trans fat. Families that eat together also have more time and opportunities to communicate and build relationships and these children tend to perform better academically."*

Source: *Make Meals and Memories Together* press release by Amanda Scott, Program Specialist, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, August 2009.

For more information, contact your local county Extension agent:



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AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Cooperative Extension Program



## Family Tip Sheet

**Benefits of Family Mealtime**

Families can experience the positive benefits of family meals by eating together at least four to five times per week:

- If possible, start eating meals together as a family when your kids are young. This way, it becomes a habit.
- Plan when you will eat together as a family. Write it on your calendar!
- During the meal, focus on each other. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later.
- Talk about fun and happy things and make meal time stress-free.
- Encourage your child to try foods, but do not lecture or force your child to eat.

Provided by: *Make Meals and Memories Together* press release by Amanda Scott, Program Specialist, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, August 2009.

**Involve Your Children in Family Mealtime**

A good way to get young children excited about new foods and healthy eating is to get them involved in the kitchen. Young children like to imitate their parents, and this is especially true during meal planning and food preparation.

Young children can:

- wipe and help set the table,
- select fruits or vegetables for the meal,
- rinse vegetables and fruits,
- snap green beans,
- stir pancake batter, and
- help assemble a pizza and make sandwiches.

Parents need to remember some safety tips when children are in kitchen:

- Cook with pots and pans on the back burners.
- Keep hot dishes where children cannot touch or pull them down on top of themselves.
- Children should not remove cooked food from the microwave.
- Keep knives and other sharp objects out of children's reach.

Provided by: *Mealtime Memories Begin in the Kitchen* press release by Sharon Robinson, PhD, RD, LD; Associate Professor and Nutrition Specialist; Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, September 2011.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

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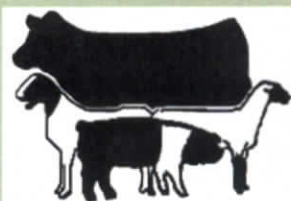
## MAJOR SHOW INFORMATION

**Fort Worth  
Stock Show & Rodeo**  
January 16-February 7, 2015  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Website: www.fwssr.com  
**Entry Deadline:**  
Nov. 13, 2014, 4-7pm  
County Extension Office

**San Antonio  
Stock Show & Rodeo**  
February 12-March 1, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas  
Website:  
www.sarodeo.com  
**Entry Deadline:**  
Nov. 13, 2014, 4-7pm  
County Extension Office

**Houston Livestock  
Show & Rodeo**  
March 3-22, 2015  
Houston, Texas  
Website:  
www.rodeohouston.com  
**Entry Deadline:**  
Nov. 13, 2014, 4-7pm  
County Extension Office

**Star of Texas & Rodeo**  
March 14-28, 2015  
Austin, Texas  
Website:  
www.rodeoaustin.com  
**Entry Deadline:**  
Nov. 13, 2014, 4-7pm  
County Extension Office



### PEN OF 3 HEIFER ENTRY

**Deadline:** October 6, 2014

**Fee:** \$60 Per Pen

**Must turn in Order form and Breeders Agreement.**

### STEER & HEIFER WORKOUTS

Anyone with steer or heifer projects are welcomed to bring their project on any of the following dates. **September 23, October 23, and November 16** from **5:30pm to 7pm**, at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds Horse Arena. This is a good opportunity to get your calf out in the arena. There will be several leaders on hand to provide "informal" instructions.

#### County Swine Tag Orders

4-H'ers who are interested in showing swine at the A&H Show need to place their tag order by **September 19**. Tags are \$2 each.

#### Major Show Swine Tag Orders

Anyone interested in showing swine at any Major Livestock Show need to place their tag order by **September 19**. Tags are \$12 each.

#### County Show Roaster & Broilers

Orders for roasters and / or broilers for the A&H Show need to place their order by **October 1**. Cost is \$1.75 per bird. They must be ordered in lots of 25 with no more than 100 birds per child.

#### Major Show Broilers

Anyone showing broilers for Major Shows need to place their order by **October 1**. Cost is \$35 per standard order of 25. Must order in lots of 25 with no more than 75 birds per child.

▶▶▶ ORDERING TAGS DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN ANY MAJOR SHOW OR COUNTY SHOW! ◀◀◀

### MAJOR SHOW SIGN UP

Entries for Major Shows will be completed at the Extension Office

**Thursday, November 13, 2014** from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

No appointment necessary; first come, first served.



### Hunters Education Course

**When:** Saturday, October 18, 2014

**Time:** 9am-4pm with lunch break 12pm - 1pm

**Where:** County Extension Office

**Cost:** \$15 per person taking the course and test

**Deadline:** October 6, 2014

The class is available for Ages 9 and up. **All youth 15 years of age or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

Call the Extension Office at 361-364-6234 to Reserve your spot today.

## Helpful Links:

Texas 4-H Website  
<http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/>

Register for 4-H  
<http://texas.4honline.com>

San Patricio County Website  
<http://sanpatricio.agrilife.org>

District 11  
<http://d114-h.tamu.edu/>

San Pat/Aransas A&H Show  
<http://sanpatahshow.com/>

Online 4-H Record book  
<http://4hreports.com/>

4-H Mail  
<http://4-Hmail.org/>



To be eligible to compete in the A&H Show in any division, (including Homemaking) you must attend at least 60% of club meetings. Attendance for the 2015 Show started in January, 2014. You must also meet **UIL academic eligibility requirements** by passing all of your classes. Start out the 4-H year right by attending club meetings and keeping your grades up!

**New 4-H members** must also attend 60% of their club meeting, however, their club attendance begins on Sept. 1, 2014. Only new 4-H members will be allowed to count January 2015 attendance.



Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and download the Texas 4-H app on your iPhone! Feel free to share any pictures you have of you or your fellow 4-Hers in action!

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 LET'S STAY CONNECTED  
**Texas 4-H News and Events**

Download the **FREE APP** Today!



If your address changes,  
**PLEASE** correct it on  
 4-H Connect:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

The address needs to be corrected on the family profile **AND** in each individual's profile. The labels for the newsletter and other miscellaneous mailings are generated by the information entered by you or your family. Don't risk missing out on the monthly 4-H newsletter or other important mailings!



### Reminder:

If your animal loses its validation tag, call the Extension Office ASAP with the tag number so that a replacement can be ordered.

### ADULT VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK

To protect our 4-H members, the Texas 4-H Program administers an adult screening program. This screening is conducted every 3 years. All adults who will be working directly with youth (other than their own children) must complete the adult registration form on 4-H Connect to be screened. Once their registration has been approved from the State office, then we can certify those adults as San Patricio County volunteers. Only those adults who have been screened and cleared through YPS will have the privilege of working with 4-H members. There is a \$5 annual fee for each adult who will be a Volunteer. Checks need to be made out to San Patricio 4-H Council and mailed to the Extension Office. Once a check has been received by the office, the office will mail off for the screening to be completed.

# September 2014

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1 Happy Labor Day	2	3 Archery Safety Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Club Officer Training	16	17	18 Council Meeting	19 Swine Tag Orders Due	20
21	22	23 Mgr. meeting Food Training	24	25 Beef Workout	26	27
28	29	30				

## TEXAS 4-H AGE CATEGORIES (9-1-13 through 8-31-14)

**Clover Kids:** 5 thru 8 (Kinder through 2nd grade)  
**Juniors:** 8 & in 3rd grade, 9, 10 on Sept. 1, 2013  
**Intermediates:** 11, 12, 13 as of Sept. 1, 2013  
**Seniors:** 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 as of Sept. 1, 2013

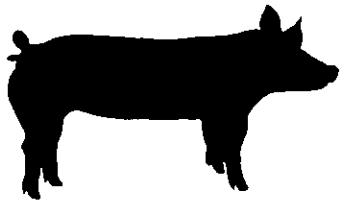
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **October 2014**

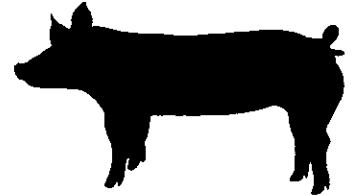
01: County & Major Roaster & Broiler Orders due  
 11: Pen of 3 Heifer Validation  
 16: Sheep & Goat Validation  
 16: Non Registered Heifer Validation  
 18: Hunter Education Course  
 23: Beef Workout  
 31: Trunk-or-Treat

#### **November 2014**

04: State Show Heifer Validation  
 08: Swine (County Only) Validation  
 10: Swine (Major Show Only) Validation



# A&H SHOW SWINE EAR TAG ORDER FORM



Deadline: September 19, 2014

Payment must be attached

This is for swine to be shown in the County Show ONLY

Please specify 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Swine Tags \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: San Patricio A&H Show

and mail form along with payment to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

A&H Show Tag Orders

219 N. Vineyard

Sinton, TX 78387

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**



SWINE COUNTY SHOW ONLY

Validation Date:

November 8 & 15

Time: 8am - 12pm (noon)





# MAJOR SHOW SWINE TAG ORDER FORM



**Deadline:** September 19th

Payment must be attached.

Please specify 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tags \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Make checks payable to:

**San Patricio 4-H Council**

(If you are ordering County & Major tags, it must be 2 different checks)

mail form along with payment to:

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**

**Major Show Swine Tag Orders**

**219 N. Vineyard**

**Sinton, TX 78387**



### Major Show Only

**Swine Validation Date:**

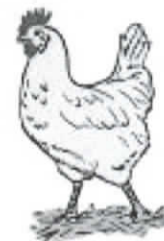
**November 10; Time: 5pm - 8pm**

**November 24; Time 8am - 7pm**

**San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Show Barn**



**Major Show Broiler  
Order Form**  
**Deadline: October 1, 2014**  
Payment must be attached.



Please specify 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of standard\* broiler order \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 order = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*each exhibitor can order only 25, 50 or 75 birds)

The price will be \$35.00 per standard order of 25 (\$1.40 per chick) paid in advance for the San Antonio, Star of Texas and Houston Junior Marker Broiler Shows. Star of Texas broilers may be exhibited from the same box used for Houston broilers.

**NOTE: If less than 10 families order Major Show Broilers, picking up the orders will be the responsibility of the families involved. Also, this order form is for 4-H member orders ONLY. No FFA orders for poultry will be taken by the Extension Office.**

Please check off show(s) you will be participating in:

San Antonio

Houston

Star of Texas

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Make checks payable to:

**San Patricio 4-H Council**

and mail form along with payment to:

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**

**Major Show Broiler Orders**

**219 N. Vineyard**

**Sinton, TX 78387**

**Pick up dates**

January 13, 2015 for San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

January 29, 2015 for Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Austin



# A&H SHOW ROASTER & BROILER ORDER FORM



Deadline: October 1, 2014

Payment must be attached.

Please specify Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(Order in lots of 25 only—Maximum 100 per child)

Number of Roasters \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.75 per Roaster = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Broilers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.75 per Broiler = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Make checks payable to: San Patricio A&H Show

and mail form along with payment to:

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**

**A&H Show Poultry Orders**

**219 N. Vineyard  
Sinton, TX 78387**

Scheduled delivery dates

TBA in future newsletter.

# A&H Show Pen of 3 Heifer Entry/Tag

Deadline: October 6, 2014

Member/Family \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

# of Pens \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSOLUTELY NO MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT TAG IN!**

**No Late Entries will be accepted**

**Must attach Breeders Agreement**

**Make checks or money order payable to:**

***San Patricio A&H Show***

**NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Mail orders and payment to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

A&H Show Pen of 3 Heifer

219 North Vineyard

Sinton, TX 78387

*Important  
DATE!*

**Validation October 11, 2014**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Hamilton Ranch Headquarters**