

# Waller Co. 4-H Handbook



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## **Resource**

Project Form

## 4-H Emblem



The 4-H Club emblem is a four leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” stand for Head, Heart, Hands, & Health. Leaves of the clover are green & the “H’s” are white. The white is for purity, & green is nature’s most common color, & is symbolic of youth, life & growth.

The four H’s represent the four square development of:

### Head



To help you learn new and better ways of doing things,

### Heart



To help you develop ideas and standards for living in society,

### Hands



To give you the opportunity to develop useful skills and to apply them,

### Health



To help you develop habits of good health.

## 4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it gives me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **HEAD** for the power it will give me to think, to plan, & to reason.

I believe in the training of my **HEART** for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic & true.

I believe in the training of my **HANDS** for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful & skillful.

I believe in the training for **HEALTH** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life & resist diseases, & to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, & my community & in my responsibility for their development.

In all of these things I believe, & I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

## 4-H MOTTO & PLEDGE

In support of the 4-H Club motto:  
**TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER**

I pledge:

My **HEAD** to clearer thinking

My **HEART** to greater loyalty

My **HANDS** to larger service

My **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, & my world.

## 4-H PRAYER

“Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world will be a little better because Thou didst make me.”

## 4-H COLORS

Green & White

## 4-H SLOGAN

“Learn By Doing”

# Waller County 4-H Calendar

Please check your monthly 4-H NEWSLETTER for information and date changes. Dates subject to change.

## 2007

### September

01	Beginning of 2007-2008 4-H Year
03	Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
09	Awards Banquet
17	Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings
20	Co. Hay Judging Contest Food & Nutrition Project Leader Training & Food Show Planning Meeting
29-Oct. 6	Waller County Fair

### October

07-13	National 4-H Week
11	Consumer Decision Making Workshop
15	Ambassador Meeting
18	Food & Nutrition Project Youth Workshop
28	"Trick or Can" Community Service Event
24	Waller Co. Ag Day
26-27	District Junior Leadership Lab

### November

02	Co. Food Show entries due to Extension office by 5 PM
03	AggieFest Judging Contests
08	Co. Food Show
15	Clothing & Textiles Project Leader Training & Fashion Show Planning Meeting
22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension office closed
26	Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings

### December

01	District Food Show
24-25	Christmas Holiday, Extension office closed

## 2008

### January

17	Co. Consumer Decision Making Contest
21	MLK Jr. Day, Extension office closed
25	Co. Fashion Show entries due to Extension office by 5 PM
31	Co. Fashion Show
TBA	Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings

### February

18	Ambassador Meeting
22	Co. Round-Up entries due to Extension office by 5 PM
23	District Fashion Show, District Council & VLAT Meetings
28	Co. Round Up Photography entries due to Extension office by 5 PM or at Round Up

## March

01 Co. Soil Judging Contest  
17 Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings  
29 District Horse Judging Contest, TAMU Invitational Judging Contests

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## April

06 4-H BBQ  
12 District Roundup, Share-the-Fun, Photo Contest, & Quiz Bowls  
19 District Judging Contests & Consumer Decision Making Contest

## May

01 Deadline for owning 4-H Horse Project, paperwork must be on file at the Extension office  
03 District Air & Rifle Contests  
PVAMU Goat Field Day  
19 Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings

## June

09-13 Texas 4-H Roundup  
13 Co. Record Books due to Extension office by 5 PM  
16 Ambassador Meeting  
16-18 District Horse Show  
25-27 District Leadership Lab

## July

04 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Extension office closed  
TBA District Record Books due to Extension office  
09 District Record Book Judging  
21 Ambassador, Council, & ALPA Meetings  
25 Project forms due

## August

02 CEP 4-H Goat Judging Contest  
16 District 4-H Leader College, District 4-H Council Meeting & VLAT Meetings

## **Major Livestock Show Dates**

SW Exposition & Livestock Show (Fort Worth): January 11<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>

San Antonio Livestock Exposition: January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 17<sup>th</sup>

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo (Austin): February 29<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: March 3<sup>rd</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>



## Club Manager & Assistant Manager Contact Information List

### **Bracy Island 4-H Club**

Travis & Misty Huebner-Co-Managers  
936-931-1234  
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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Schultz Middle School  
7 PM

Greg & Diane Payne-Co-Managers  
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### **Clover Kids Club**

Kevin & Janell Matticks-Managers in Training  
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### **Brazos Valley 4-H Club**

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Hegemeyer Home  
7 PM

### **Field Store 4-H Club**

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936-931-1691  
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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Field Store Community Center  
7 PM

### **Lone Star 4-H Club**

Lori Ehman & John Stalsby-Managers  
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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Mike's Country Store  
7 PM

### **Pine Island 4-H Club**

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[cvkulhanek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cvkulhanek@sbcglobal.net)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month  
Schultz Middle School  
7 PM

### **Rainbow 4-H Club**

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
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Prairie View  
5:30 PM

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Rock Island Baptist Church  
7 PM

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**Waller County Horse Club**

Kathy Anderson-Co-Manager  
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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Seargent's Western World, Hockley  
7 PM

Pat McKeever-Co-Manager  
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**Young Riders 4-H Club**

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Pattison Methodist Church  
Education Building  
7 PM



## 2007-2008 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairman: Joseph Jones  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman: Patrick Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman: Monica Bailey  
Secretary: Mandy Hegemeyer  
Sentinel/Chaplain: Miranda Jones  
Reporter: Katherine Seiler

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## 2007-2008 ADULT LEADERS & PARENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Chairman: Bob Meyers  
Vice Chairman: Melissa Hegemeyer  
Secretary: Katherine Jones  
Treasurer: Martin Ehman  
Parliamentarian: Harvey Laas

The Waller County Adult Leaders & Parents Association (ALPA) is open to all 4-H leaders and parents. Each leader/parent who attends the meeting has a vote. Club managers are asked to attend to keep their club updated on activities & opportunities as well as planned activities & events.

**4-H Council & ALPA Meeting Dates**  
(All meetings at Extension office @ 7 PM)  
September 17, 2007  
November 26, 2007  
January TBA, 2008  
March 17, 2008  
May 19, 2008  
July 21, 2008



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## General 4-H Information

### Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H members & leader/parent volunteers need to complete enrollment cards annually. This enrollment is required for all 4-H members to participate in 4-H activities & Waller County Fair activities. 4-H mailings are made only to the current enrollment. Please be sure that the Extension office always has your current address, phone number, & e-mail address.

### Program Year

The 4-H program year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> & concludes on August 31<sup>st</sup> the following year.

### 4-H Age Guidelines

Members are divided into age groups for all activities:

- **Clover Kids** ages 5 to 8 (through second grade) as of August 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Juniors** ages 8 (and in third grade) to 10 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Intermediates** ages 11 to 13 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Seniors** ages 14 to 18 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>

NOTE: Clover Kids can participate in all county 4-H activities, with the emphasis on non-competitive events. (Participation at livestock shows or the Waller County Fair Animal Divisions are not allowed). The Creative Living Building is open to all youth and adults of any ages.

### Where to Get 4-H Information

There are many places to get 4-H information:

- 4-H Handbook
- 4-H News Columns
- 4-H Newsletters
- County Website
- Club Officers and Members
- Club Managers and Leaders
- County Extension Office

### What is the Texas 4-H Clover?

Each year in September or early October the State 4-H Office distributes a publication called "Texas 4-H Clover." It is available on the State 4-H Website:

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

The "Texas 4-H Clover" is the opportunities handbook for 4-H youth, Extension agents, leaders & volunteers. It lists the most current project & activity information. If you are interested in a project area, the CLOVER will let you know what resources are available.

### Eligibility Forms (House Bill 72)

4-H members are required to complete a Declaration of Eligibility Form in order to participate in 4-H activities. This form must be signed by a parent, principal, & county Extension agent. A Declaration of Eligibility Form is enclosed in the Resources Section of this handbook.

### Project Forms

This is a way to record project accomplishments & records. The report form is designed to help 4-H members learn the importance & benefits of record keeping. Project completion awards are also presented at the awards banquet. Please see requirements in the Awards & Recognition Section. Project Forms are due to the Extension office by **July 25, 2008**. A Project Form is enclosed in the Resources Section of this handbook & are also available at the Extension office & can be found on the county website.

### 4-H Websites

<http://waller-tx.tamu.edu/>

<http://bryan.tamu.edu/4-H/index.htm>

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

# Ten Easy Steps to Getting the Most Out of 4-H

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## Youth Complete an Enrollment Form

The 4-H Year starts September 1<sup>st</sup>, so every year members must complete an enrollment form to participate in the 4-H Program, the Waller County Fair, & major livestock shows. Forms are available during club meetings or at the Extension office.

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## Parent(s) Complete Enrollment Form(s)

As youth sign up for 4-H, we need to have parents sign up to help. Helpers are called leaders in the 4-H Program. Leaders are needed for a variety of tasks from furnishing transportation to meetings & camps to assisting with parties, meetings & project groups. Each club has a Club Manager & Assistant Manager to make the most of the 4-H experience.

All adults who provide transportation for 4-H members must complete a leader enrollment form. Leaders are not required to drive, but if they want to assist in transporting 4-H members, they must complete the back side of their enrollment form.

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## Get Involved

As a member or leader you need to get involved in your local club. Attend the monthly meetings & volunteer for committees so you learn what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on throughout the county, district, & state by reading the 4-H Newsletters.

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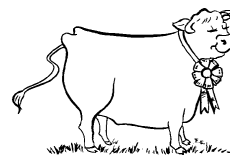
## Start a Project

On the enrollment forms 4-H members are asked to select projects of interest to them. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects of interest to you. The more years you are in 4-H the more projects you can usually handle. All 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the 4-H Year (September 1 - August 31), but some projects have special activities or contests available to 4-Hers so you need to start some projects at special times during the year. The following are examples:

### ***Animal Projects:***

The animal projects for the livestock shows have special deadlines. These deadlines are sometimes many months before the show. There are different rules for different shows. The major shows are:

- State Fair of Texas (Dallas)
- Heart O' Texas Fair (Waco)
- Southwestern Expo & Livestock Show (Fort Worth)
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- San Angelo Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo (Austin)
- Waller Co. Fair in October
- Area prospect shows



**Food and Nutrition Project:**

The County Food Show is scheduled for November. That allows the 4-Her time to work on the Food and Nutrition project during the fall.



**Clothing and Textiles Project:**

The County Fashion Show is scheduled for January. That allows the 4-Her time to work on the Clothing and Textile Project in the fall.



**Judging Contests:**

The sign up period for the Consumer Decision Making Contest & Soils are in January/February. Other judging contests, such as livestock, are in the fall. This early enrollment allows teams to enter contests & learn more about the events. Please remember these contests are activities to enhance your learning for your 4-H project.



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**Completed Project**

After you have selected your project & contacted your club manager or the Extension office for more information, you are ready to start gaining information & having fun learning about your project. In 4-H, you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project. These learning experiences will vary from project to project, but some ways would be to have project meetings with other 4-Hers & leaders, go on tours, attend workshops, read publications, surf the internet, & gain information from other 4-Hers & leaders. Many of the 4-Hers work on the project with their parents, grandparents or other family members while other 4-Hers work on a project with a group of their friends.

Most of the major projects offer leader training materials for adult & teen leaders as well as educational resources for the 4-H member. Working through a project from start to finish helps the 4-H member to gain skills in carrying out responsibilities & setting & completing goals.



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**Participate in Activities**

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills & knowledge they have gained in their project work. Some of the activities allow a

team of 4-Hers to prepare a presentation while other activities are only for individual entries. Participating in 4-H activities helps the members gain public speaking skills & presentation skills which will help them throughout life. Another type of activity available to 4-Hers in the variety of camps & workshops conducted mainly in the summer. You can learn about leadership, environment, wildlife, fisheries & much more.

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### Keep Records

Whenever you spend time working on a project you need to record your progress. This means that you take notes on the things you learn as well as take pictures that show what you have learned.



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### Share Information

As a 4-H member, you learn to share the information you gain in the project experience with others. This is called LEADERSHIP. The more you are involved in a project the more you will have to share with others. Also, serving as a club officer or committee member helps build leadership skills.



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### Help Others

Part of the 4-H Experience is to help others. We call our 4-H Helping COMMUNITY SERVICE. It is a way to give something back to the community for the continued support of the 4-H Program. Community Service is something that you do for a non-4-H audience without any pay or compensation.



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### Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to attend. Part of your 4-H Experience should be to get others involved in the program. This could mean asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week. Keep asking others to share the fun of 4-H!





# Projects & Activities

## Project & Activity Opportunities

Throughout the year 4-H Newsletters and 4-H News Columns will offer special opportunities and/or make changes on activities and dates. READ these materials to keep up on the latest in 4-H.

Your 4-H Handbook provides a lot of information on major 4-H opportunities. Also, contact your club managers and the Extension office for more information or answers to your questions.

## What is a 4-H Project?

To complete a 4-H project, a 4-H member should have a minimum of six learning experiences. This can include individual study and group activities such as tours, workshops and project meetings anywhere that skills and knowledge are gained. Parents/leaders work with the members to assist them in the learning experiences.

## Examples of 4-H Projects...

- Beef
- Citizenship
- Clothing & Textiles
- Consumer Life Sciences
- Dog Care & Training
- Family Life Education
- Food & Nutrition
- Goats
- Horse Leadership
- Meat Science
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Recreation
- Range Science
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Swine
- And MANY more!!

## What is a 4-H Activity?

A 4-H activity is when you participate in an event or contest. Here are some of the major activities:

- Food Show
- Fashion Show
- Livestock Show
- Horse Show
- Quiz Bowl
- Round-Up
- Camps
- Judging Contests
- And MANY more!!



<b>4-H Project Name</b>	<b>4-H Project Description</b>
Aquatic Sciences	Explores aquarium fishes, aquatic ecology, & water resources.
Automotive	Topics include driver responsibility, power, tires, car selection, operating costs, trip planning, & accident causes & prevention.
Beef	Explores the breeding, feeding, production, health, marketing, meats, & economics of beef cattle.
Bicycle	Focuses on healthy lifestyles & adventures with bicycles. Project includes ease of use, preventative maintenance, & repair.
Biological Sciences	Focuses on the physiological aspect of plants & animals, from single cell organisms to mammals.
Citizenship	Doing your part, following the rules, serving your community, knowing how to make a difference - these are the qualities of good citizens.
Clothing & Textiles	This project helps you develop a variety of skills, including clothing selection, care, purchases & construction.
County Government	Gain broad knowledge of the origin, purpose, & structure of county government; Learn about law enforcement, the judicial system, county finances, & the election process.
Companion Animals	Learn about the selection, care, maintenance, production & responsibility of companion animals.
Computer Science	Focuses on interaction with computers, use of software, development of software programs & using the Internet.
Consumer & Financial	Learn to make wise decisions when shopping. Activities focus on the economy, money management, consumer rights & responsibilities.
Dairy Cattle	Learn about the dairy industry, milk production, animal nutrition, health & reproduction.
Dog Care & Training	Learn about the care, training & production of dogs.
Electric	Deals with the development, use & conservation of energy, & the construction of energy-producing facilities.
Energy	Deals with energy development, use, construction, & conservation.
Entomology	Become familiar with the insect world by studying, collecting & identifying various insects.
Entrepreneurship	Enables youth to explore business ideas, methods & experiences.
Exotic Animals	Incorporates animals that would be considered "diversified agriculture", the focus of the project includes production & marketing.
Family Life	Increase your knowledge & again skills regarding family issues such as care of young children, working with older adults, preparing for marriage, & relating to others.
Field & Stream	Involves hunting, fishing, camping, natural history, & outdoor cookery.

Food & Nutrition	Learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy & alertness, reduce disease & illness risks, & gain knowledge of nutrients.
Forestry	Stresses tree identification, insect & disease identification, compass & pacing, & judgment about land & management.
Goats (Dairy)	Learn about the production of mild cheeses, & other quality products.
Goats (Meat)	Involves raising & caring for animals, while learning about animal health, nutrition, breeding, selection, & marketing of goats.
Health	Teaches you how to improve physical, intellectual, emotional, & social health; focuses on health care systems & community health resources.
Horse	Offers activities in horsemanship, horse development, management, & training.
Horticulture	A hands-on project that teaches about plant growth, environmental horticulture & ecology, fruits & nuts, landscape design, soils & water, insects & diseases, vegetables & herbs.
Housing	Learn & apply principles of design & function to make the home more attractive, safe, & comfortable for all family members.
Investigating Water	Introduction to issues related to water use & conservation.
Leadership	Helps young people learn & practice leadership life skills.
Meat Science	Learn to identify various cuts of meats, & determine the relative quality of wholesale & retail cuts of meat in this project.
Photography	Encourages self-expression & teaches proper use of photographic equipment & developing processes.
Poultry	Learn about poultry production & marketing by managing a poultry project. Topics include broilers, turkeys, egg production & development.
Public Speaking	Develops & promotes the skills needed to research, organize, & present a speech on a given topic.
Rabbits	Learn proper methods of caring for, raising, breeding, & marketing rabbits.
Range Science	Develops knowledge & skill in practical range & ranch management.
Recreation	Learn how to lead quiet games, active games, songs, ceremonials & party planning; emphasis is on building leadership, communication & teamwork skills.
Safety	Helps youth reduce accidents & injuries by recognizing & correcting safety hazards.
Sheep	Learn about the health, nutrition, breeding, selection & marketing of sheep.
Shooting Sports	A comprehensive introduction to shooting safety & the fundamentals of archery, hunting, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle & shotgun.



Small Engines	Project encourages youth to develop mechanical skill through a study of 2- & 4-stroke cycle, small gasoline engines.
Sports Fishing	A comprehensive introduction to fishing & related activities.
Swine	Learn proper methods of selecting, feeding, raising, breeding & marketing of swine.
Veterinary Science	Deals with techniques & procedures involved in caring for animals; includes learning how veterinarians are most effective.
Wood Science	Encourages members to gain practical skills in making useful items form wood. Learn how to use & maintain a variety of tools & equipment.
Wildlife	Project looks at wildlife biology, ecology & management, from simple identification to management processes.



# Summer Fun!!

## Waller Co. 4-H Day Camp

4-H Day Camp is a one-day summer program usually in July, designed around a wide variety of 4-H activities. Senior 4-Hers lead younger 4-Hers & their friends through a rotating mini-session format. Dates & sign up information will be in the 4-H Newsletter.



## Leadership Labs

**District Junior Leadership Lab** is for 4-H members between the ages of 11-13 to enhance their leadership skills & is held in October.

**District Leadership Lab** is for 4-H members 14 years of age & older. 4-H members will gain leadership skills along with other 4-Hers from around the district. It is held at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood in June.



## State 4-H Camps

These are opportunities at the State 4-H Center for 4-Hers to develop life skills & gain a better understanding of themselves & others. The space is limited and the applications are usually due in late April.

Prime Time I	ages 12-13
Prime Time II	ages 9-11
Spectra	ages 14-19



# County Awards & Recognition

## County 4-H Awards

The 4-H Awards Banquet allows all 4-Hers to be recognized for the prior year's 4-H participation. It is also a way to promote the variety of opportunities in 4-H & to recognize more 4-H members. These are the awards:

- Rookie Award (any age 1<sup>st</sup> year 4-Her)
- Bronze Star Award (Juniors)
- Silver Star Award (Intermediates)
- Gold Star Award (Seniors)
- Danforth "I Dare You" Award (Seniors)

### ***Forms are in the Awards & Recognition Applications section of this handbook.***

Completed forms must be submitted to the Extension Office for recognition during the Awards Program. Please see 4-H Newsletter for deadline date.

Awards will be decided by the Awards Committee Members. This committee is open to all 4-H members, leaders, & parents. Watch your newsletter for the meeting announcement.

## Rookie Award

Rookie Award(s) will be given to first year 4-Hers (at any age division). This award is to recognize 4-Hers in their first year of 4-H who excel in their projects. Nominees should fill out an application & interview with a panel of judges. The panel of judges &/or Awards Committee will determine how many awards will be awarded.

## Bronze Star Award

Age requirements are 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 10 years of age as of the current 4-H year.

## Silver Star Award

Age requirements are 11 to 13 years of age as of the current 4-H year.

The following requirements must be met for both Bronze & Silver Star Awards:

1. The nominees must be outstanding 4-Hers for their age group, show an interest in a variety of 4-H projects & activities, & demonstrate some leadership skills.
2. An application form for each of the nominees must be completed by a 4-H member or club leader & returned to the Extension office by date to be announced.
3. The nominee will interview in front of a panel of 4-H experienced out of county judges.
4. A 4-Her may be awarded the Bronze Star & Silver Star Award only once.

The panel of judges &/or Awards Committee will determine how many Silver & Bronze Awards will be awarded.

## Gold Star Award

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award & is intended to be received only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties receive an award quota based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award will be presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following requirements must be met:

1. The recipient must be at least 15 years old as of August 31<sup>st</sup> and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.

2. The 4-H member must timely submit a record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas.

### **Danforth “I Dare You” Award**

William H. Danforth’s, “I Dare You”, was published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the general area of personal motivation. The award is offered as recognition of excellence in character & well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. The panel of judges &/or Awards Committee will determine how many awards will be awarded. The selection procedure is the same as for the Gold Star Award.

### **Outstanding Leader Award**

Two Outstanding Leader Awards will be given each year, regardless of gender, socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

- Leaders must have two or more years experience & be an enrolled 4-H leader/volunteer. Recipients can be a husband & wife team.
- Each club may nominate any two leaders from the county for this award. The nomination must be made on the form provided by the Extension office & should be turned in before the July meeting of Council.
- Council will review the nominees & select the winners at the July meeting. Voting will be by written ballot.
- This award can be received only once within a 10-year period of time.

- The winners will be nominated for the District 9 4-H Distinguished Adult Leaders’ Award.

### **Friend of 4-H Award**

Two (2) Friends of 4-H Awards may be presented to an individual, business, company, or other group who has contributed to the success & expansion of 4-H in Waller County. This award should not be awarded to 4-H leaders or others who are directly involved in the 4-H Program.

- Award may be received only one time in a 5-year period of time.
- Any 4-H club or individual may submit nominations using the nomination form. Forms are to be turned in before the July meeting of Council & ALPA.
- The recipients will be selected by ALPA at the July meeting.

### **Council Perfect Attendance**

4-H Council members who attend every County Council Meeting held during the period of September through August will receive a Council Perfect Attendance Pin.

### **Council Officer Recognition**

The outgoing council officers will be recognized at the County Awards Banquet.



### **Ambassador Recognition**

The outgoing Ambassador(s) will be recognized at the County Awards Banquet.

### **Project Completion Awards**

4-H members may participate in a wide variety of projects. The number of projects they complete each year is their decision, which depends on their time & willingness. A project form should be completely filled out & turned in to the Extension office. Special awards are given at the county level based on the total number of projects completed for the current 4-H year. Projects should resemble what is listed in the 4-H Clover (a project listing is also included in this handbook).

**NOTE:** Duplicate project forms will not be accepted for these awards & will be counted only once. The more activities or learning experiences you have are enhancements to your selected project for a well-rounded 4-Her.

### **High Point Award**

The High Point Award recognizes 4-Hers who participate in contests at all levels. Top five 4-Hers (no age division) receive an award at the end of the year at the County Awards Banquet. The award will be selected by the Awards Committee. Awards Committee Meeting will be announced in the 4-H Newsletter.





# Waller County Annual 4-H BBQ

## April 6, 2008

Waller County 4-H's main fund raiser for the year is the Annual BBQ. This year it will be held on April 15, 2007 at the Waller County Fairgrounds. Ticket sales (pre-sales and at the door) & cake auction proceeds go towards the county 4-H fund that provides 4-H activities & awards to members throughout the year. County 4-H pays for partial or total camp fees, contest entry fees, awards & trophies, supplies, & scholarships...just to name a few of the expenses!

Planning of this event requires cooperation from ALL clubs, parents, leaders, & 4-Hers. Planning meetings begin in the fall & continue until the BBQ. The BBQ takes place on Sunday, but many of the preparations are done on Saturday.

After the first planning meeting, a Responsibilities List & Information letter will be mailed out to leaders & club managers.

### 4-H Queen Contest

4-H Clubs elect a member to represent their 4-H club. These young ladies & club members sell pre-sale tickets for their club. Whichever club sales the most pre-sale tickets will have the honor of crowning their representative as 4-H Queen. Second club runner-up will be crowned 4-H Princess, & third runner-up will be crowned 4-H Duchess.



### Cake Auction

Each club is requested to provide homemade cakes for the cake auction. The cake auction begins around 1 PM at the fairgrounds.



## 4-H Ambassador Program

The Texas 4-H Ambassador Program was started to project a clear & accurate image of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. More specifically, the purpose of a 4-H Ambassador program is to:

*Tell & show key audiences what the 4-H Youth Development Program is & who it impacts. Then these audiences will understand the impact 4-H is having in the lives of young people & how the 4-H Program is addressing key youth issues in the community and state.*

Secondary purposes of the program are to:

- Develop leadership & communication skills among 4-Hers selected to be Ambassadors. It also emphasizes the importance of good character.
- Families & youth become more aware of 4-H & the benefits it offers.
- Elected officials become informed about & involved in the 4-H program.
- Current & potential donors become informed about 4-H & have the opportunity to support program efforts of interest to them.
- The 4-H Ambassador team improves their presentation & public relations skills.
- The 4-H image among selected audiences is changed or improved through program efforts such as community service & increased exposure in mass media.
- New 4-H members & families understand the 4-H program, become aware of 4-H opportunities, & develop personal 4-H goals.

To be a part of the county Ambassador program an application should be submitted & an interview with a panel of judges will be conducted. Application & interview will be available in the spring. Watch your newsletter for more information.



## Record Books

The completed 4-H record book will be due **June 13, 2008** to the Extension office. All 4-Hers submitting a record book in June will win ribbons & awards at the county level & awards for the district & state levels. First place books in each age division will advance to district level. Seniors 4-Hers who place first in district will advance to the state record book judging.

Guidelines for the record book plus all the required forms are available at the Extension office or at the following link...

<http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/recordbook/rbforms.htm>

General Record Book Information can be found at

<http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/recordbook/>

Remember to take pictures from start to finish on your projects so you will have a picture story for your book.

### Record Book Categories

Aquatic Science	Horse
Beef	Housing & Home Environment
Citizenship & Civic Education	Leadership
Clothing & Textiles	Personal Development/Leadership
Communication & Expressive Arts Open Category	Open Category
Conservation of Natural Resources	Photography
Consumer & Family Science Open Category	Plant & Soil Science
Consumer Education	Plants & Animals Open Category
Dairy	Poultry
Energy Management	Public Speaking
Entomology	Rabbit
Environmental Sciences Open Category	Range Management
Family Life	Recreation
Food & Nutrition	Safety
Forestry	Science & Technology Open Category
Gardening & Horticulture	Sheep
Goat	Shooting Sports
Health	Sportfishing
Healthy Lifestyles Open Category	Swine
	Veterinary Science
	Wildlife & Fisheries





## Duties of 4-H Officers

**President:** Call meeting to order on time; follow the adopted order of business; appoint committees; represent the club on the county 4-H Council.

**Vice President:** Take over the duties of the President in case of absence; coordinate club programs; serve as program leader to the club.

**Secretary:** Keep records for the club; write letters for the club; keep list of members; call roll; take minutes at each meeting.

**Treasurer:** Receive all money paid to the club and arrange for safe keeping; pay all club bills; keep records of the money received and paid out; report at each meeting.

**Reporter:** Send notice of club meetings and events to the local newspaper and Extension Office.

**Council Delegates:** Represent your club at all council meetings; report on council meetings to your club.

**Historian:** Keep club scrapbook of activities, pictures, news articles, etc.

**Parliamentarian:** Keep order at club meetings; assist in training of officers; make parliamentary rules during business meetings.

**Recreation Leader:** Plan recreational games and activities for club meetings and events; get all members involved in club activities.

**Telephone Chairman:** Notify members of club meetings and activities.



# Awards & Recognition Applications

# **Waller Co. 4-H Adult Leaders & Parents Association Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding 4-H members in Waller County by the Waller County 4-H Adult Leaders & Parents Association. The amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior in public, private or home high school.
2. Applicant must have been an active 4-H member for the past three (3) years and currently enrolled in Waller County 4-H.
3. Applicant must submit:
  - a. Completed copy (prefer typed) of the scholarship form
  - b. Two letters of recommendation (relatives and Extension agents are not included)
  - c. Two judged 4-H Record Books in the Senior Division (14-18 years old). Both of which must be judged prior to submitting a scholarship application.
  - d. One current, sealed complete copy of high school transcript
4. A personal interview before the Scholarship Judging Committee is required.
5. Applicant plans to attend a college, university, trade, or technical school.
6. Winners must provide a complete copy of the "4-H News Release Form" with a 3 x 5" school type picture for publication purposes.

## **GUIDELINES**

- A Scholarship Judging Committee of out-of-county judges, with a minimum of one being a 4-H Extension agent, will select the individuals to receive the scholarships.
- Scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$500-\$1000 dollars. Judges will rank recipients as to who will receive how much money.
- All scholarship recipients must show proof of registration before scholarship money will be awarded.
- Scholarship money will be given in two (2) equal installments: half after proof of registration for first semester is received, & half after proof of second semester registration is received, payable to the scholarship recipient upon proof of registration.
- Applications are available from the Extension office & in this handbook. Applications & other documents are due to the Extension office. (Watch for date in the 4-H Newsletter.)
- Scholarships will be announced at the recipient's high school awards program or graduation ceremony.



# High Point System Award Guidelines 2007-2008

4-Her is responsible for keeping track & turning in to the Extension Office all received points.

Top five 4-Hers (no age division) receive an award at the end of the year at the County Awards Banquet. The award will be selected by the Awards Committee. Awards Committee Meeting will be announced in the 4-H Newsletter.

## **County Contest Points:**

**10 points** - 1<sup>st</sup> place in County Contests

**05 points** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in County Contests

**03 points** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in County Contests

**01 point** - participating in a County Contest - Except County Record Book Contest.

**10 points** - for completion of one 4-H Record Book at county level. District points apply there after.

**05 points** - per accepted Project Form turned in - Accepted Project Form completed on projects related to the projects found in the Texas 4-H Clover Handbook

## **District and State Contest Points:**

**15 points** - for placing anywhere in the top 3 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>) at District

**03 points** - for participating in a District Contest

**20 points** - for placing anywhere in the top 3 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>) at State

**10 points** - for participating in a State Contest - ***Proposed for Seniors only***



## **Note:**

**No Points** for Fair or any other invitational event except for **Livestock Judging at the Waller County Fair** which counts as a county contest. Team Results are not considered in High Point System. Points are given on an individual basis. No points are accepted for other judging contests.

**Only one Photography entry will be accepted in the Point System.**

**Only one Horse entry will be accepted in the Point System.**

In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined by the number of district/state level contests the 4-Her participated in, plus the placing at that level.

**Deadline to turn in High Point System Record Form: July 25, 2008**









6. Have you completed a Record Book? If so, what year and which project area?

7. Why do you think you should receive this award?



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian or 4-H Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Gold Star Award Guidelines

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1. The member must be at least **15 years of age as of August 31<sup>st</sup>** of the current 4-H year & must have completed at least three (3) years in 4-H including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he/she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, & have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:

Method Demonstration/ 4-H Presentation Contests

Projects/Project Exhibits

4-H Camps/Leadership Labs

Public Relations (demonstrations, speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.)

Other (includes exchange programs, fund raising, State & National Congress etc.)

NOTE: It is not expected that the requirements for projects & activities all be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the 4-Her has been in the program.

During his or her years in 4-H, the member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district, or state), &/or Junior or Teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working or counseling with junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club-type); & motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects &/or exhibits.

County Gold Star allotments are determined by the State 4-H Office.



What do you consider to be your most meaningful 4-H experience?

Has 4-H helped you in making future plans and goals? If so, what are your plans and goals at this time? (Example: school, career, family, project goals)

What is the most meaningful award/recognition you have received as a result of your 4-H involvement?

How have others gained from your leadership experiences?

What suggestion(s) would you make to change your county's 4-H program and what would you be willing to do to help make this change?

\_\_\_\_\_

(signature of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_

(date)

**OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD  
TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE  
NOMINATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Typed is preferred, but not mandatory
- Be brief, concise, and interesting
- ***Do Not Add Page*** (use only the space provided)

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the person's actual name. If nominee is selected, it will be used on their plaque.)

**Phonetic Spelling of Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**  
**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years as a 4-H Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of club, group, or project with which they are affiliated:** \_\_\_\_\_

List the five most outstanding accomplishments of this volunteer.

Write a short script that could be used when presenting the award to the nominee, if selected. Include the person's most outstanding accomplishments in 4-H as a leader (100 words maximum).

What impacts has this person's contributions had on 4-H members, parents, other volunteers and the program in general? (*Focus on youth and / or volunteer development.*)

What impact has this person's leadership had on youth, adults and the community through overall extension programs and/or educational efforts by other agencies or organizations?

2007-2008  
Waller County Friend of 4-H  
Application

Name of Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This Friend is a:

Business-Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Company-Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Group-Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual-Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Friend is a business, company or group, give the name of the president or representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this Friend received this award in the past?

No            Yes    If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

How has this Friend contributed to the success and expansion of 4-H in Waller County?

Background information such as names of family members, hobbies, special interests, personality traits, etc.:

Other comments:

Name of person or club submitting this application form: \_\_\_\_\_

# Resources





COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM  
Prairie View A&M University  
Prairie View, Texas

**PROJECT FORM**

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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Current 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (as of Aug 31st)

Project Goals:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Activities & Experiences: (Demonstrations, talks, judging activities, exhibits, clinics, workshops, tours, shows, etc. participated in and related to your project.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership: (List whether it was Promotional, Volunteer, Elected or Appointed Leadership and how you helped.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service & Citizenship: (List awards & recognition from school, church and other organizations here too.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

How did your project change or grow? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the most exciting thing you did in your project?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date

4-Her's Signature

Parent's Signature

Manager's Signature

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