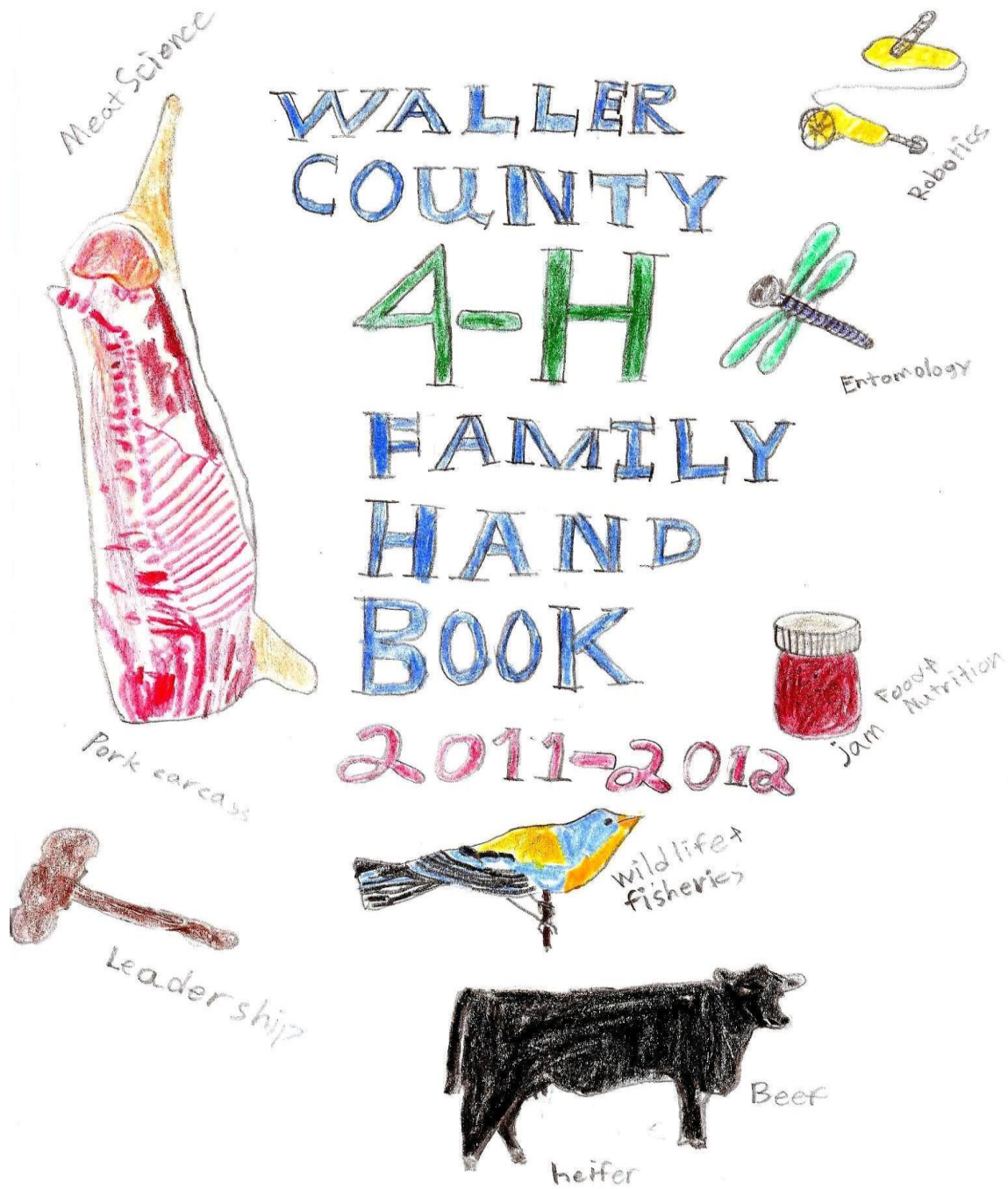


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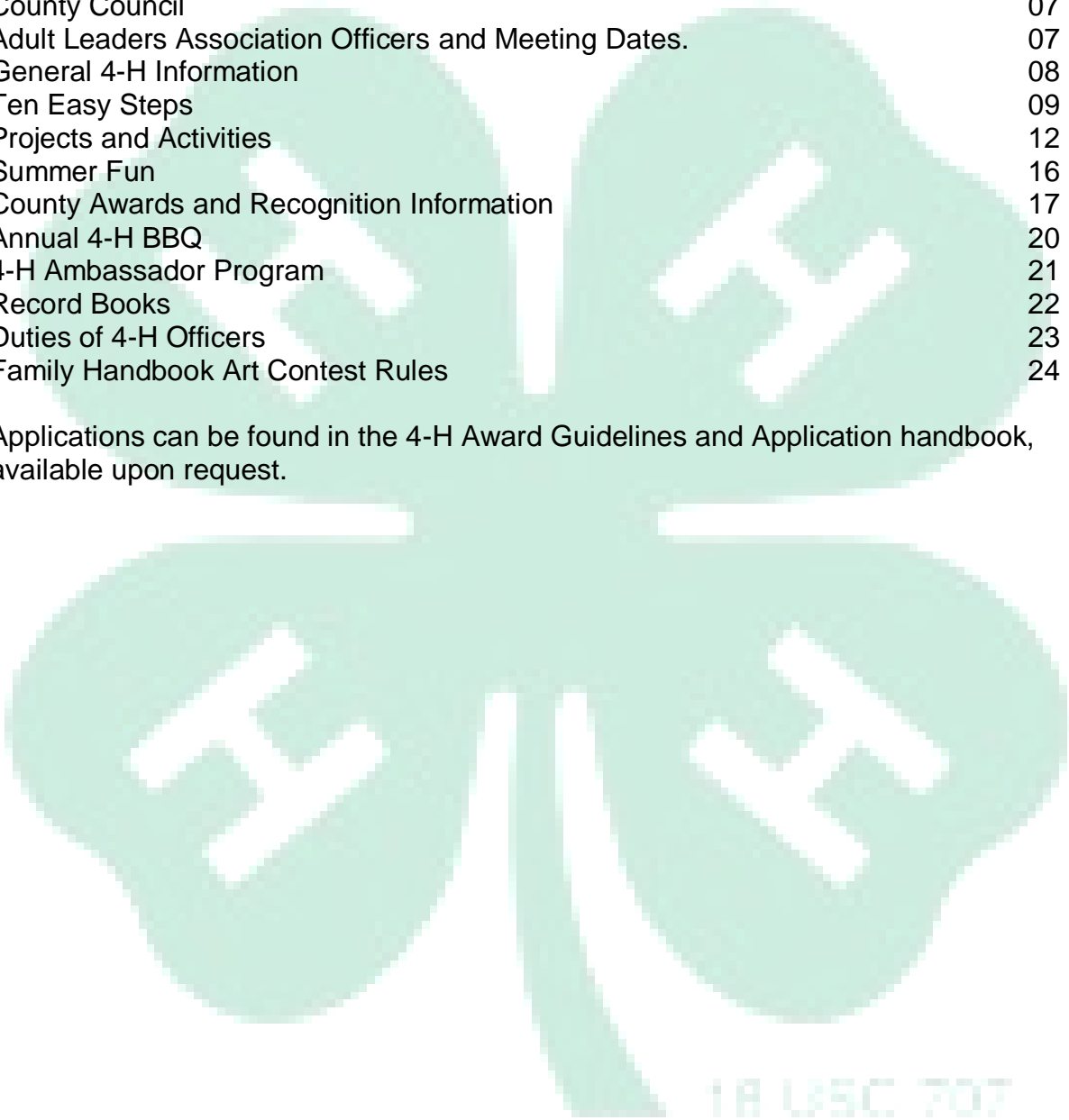
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## 4-H Emblem

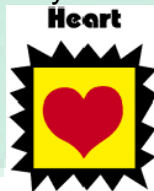


The 4-H Club emblem is a four leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Leaves of the clover are green and the “H’s” are white. The white is for purity, and green is nature’s most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth.

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



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



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



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



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, and to reason.

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

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

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

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

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

### 4-H MOTTO and 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, and 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 and 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 are subject to change.

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## September

- 01 Beginning of 2011-2012 4-H Year
- 01 Major Show Broiler Order Deadline for Waller County 4-H
- 01 4-H Club Charters Due
- 05 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 08 4-H Leaders for Life
- 10 Doe Project Show
- 16 SALE and Star of Texas Calf Scramble Nominations Due to County Extension Office
- 19 Ambassador Meeting
- 19 ALPA and 4-H Council Meetings
- 21 District 4-H Leadership Lab Committee Meeting
- 22 Food Show, Food Challenge, and Workshops Planning Meeting
- 25-Oct. 2 57<sup>th</sup> Waller County Fair
- 30 4-H Balloon Release (Following Livestock Judging)

## October

- 03 District 4-H Jr. Leadership Lab Registrations and Fees Due
- 08 Awards Recognition Event
- 03-09 National 4-H Week
- 12 District 9 Junior Leadership Lab Registration Deadline
- 14 Deadline for Ordering Broilers for Major Shows
- 17 Ambassadors Meeting
- 18 Waller County Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Hempstead Ag Barn from 3:30 – 5 pm
- 19 Waller County Ag Day
- 20 Food and Nutrition Project Youth Workshop
- 25 Consumer Decision Making Workshop
- 28-29 District 4-H Junior Leadership Lab
- TBA Major Show Turkey pickup in College Station, TX
- TBA "Trick or Can" Community Service Event (Sunday p.m.)

## November

- 01 Fort Worth Livestock Show Sign-up night, judging teams and exhibitors
- 01 Deadline for existing 4-H Leaders to Pay for Screening
- 01 County Food and Nutrition Workshop
- 03 Consumer Decision Making Workshop
- 10 Mandatory Major Show Entry Night for Livestock (San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas)
- 12 Aggie Fest Livestock Judging Contest
- 12 Aggie Fest Horse Judging Workshop
- 15 Deadline for Major Show Judging Teams (San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas)
- 15 Photography Workshop
- 21 One Day 4-H Event
- 21 ALPA and 4-H Council Meeting

24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Extension office closed  
TBA Ambassador Meeting (Sand Art Brownie Prep)

**December**

01 Food Show Entries Due  
08 County Food Show  
08 4-H Leaders for Life Practice  
15 County Offices Closed  
19 Ambassadors Meeting (If needed, with wrapping)  
23-26 Christmas Holiday, Extension office closed

-----**2012**-----

**January**

09 County 4-H Annual Financial Reports due to District Office  
09 Clothing and Textiles Workshop/Fashion Show Planning Meeting  
16 Ambassador Meeting  
16 ALPA and 4-H Council Meeting  
16 MLK Day, Extension office closed  
19 County Consumer Decision Making/Invitational Contest  
26 Clothing and Textiles Workshop  
TBA District 4-H Council Meeting

**February**

14 County Fashion Show entries due to Extension office by 5 PM  
19 SALE Meat Judging Contest  
21 County Round Up  
21 County Fashion Show/Photography  
25 County Soil Judging Contest  
26 SALE Livestock Judging Contest

**March**

04 HLSR Livestock Judging Contest  
06 District Horse Judging Summaries Due  
14 HLSR Livestock Judging  
19 Ambassadors Meeting  
19 ALPA and 4-H Council Meetings  
25 All entries due for D9 4-H Conference  
24 TAMU Judging Clinics

**April**

06 District Horse Judging Entries and Fees Due  
13 District Judging Contest Entries Due (Livestock, Meats, Soils)  
14 District 4-H Horse Judging Contest  
15 4-H BBQ (Sunday)  
15 District 4-H Round-Up Entries Due  
16 Ambassadors Meeting  
16 District 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Contest Summaries Due  
20 District 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Contest Entries Due  
21 District 4-H Judging Contests (Livestock, Meats, Soils)  
23 District Photography Entries Due  
28 District 4-H Rifle, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Contest  
(April Cont.)  
30 County Deadline to validate horses

**May**

- 04 and 05 District 4-H Round Up and Conference  
Contests Include:
  - Food Show Food Challenge
  - Fashion Show Fashion Story Board
  - Consumer Decision Mak. Photography
  - Educational Presentations Share-The-Fun
  - Quiz Bowls Leaders 4 Life
  - S.E.T Poster
- 04 and 05 District 4-H Council Meeting
- Adult Leaders Advisory Task Force Meeting
- District 4-H Leader Training
- 05 District 9 4-H Pit Master Food Challenge
- 09 State 4-H Round-Up Entries Due
- 21 ALPA and 4-H Council Meeting
- 25 District 9 Leadership Lab Registrations, Fees, Officer Applications Due
- 25 District 9 4-H Horse Show Entries Due

**June**

- 08 District 9 4-H Pre-Leadership Lab Officer Candidate Training
- 11-15 Texas 4-H Roundup – Texas Tech
- 19 County Deadline for turning in 4-H Record Books
- 19-21 District 9 4-H Horse Show
- 26-28 District 9 4-H Leadership Lab, Sam Houston State University
- 29 4-H Star Awards applications due to Extension office

**July**

- 02 Record Books bound for District due to Extension Office
- 04 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Extension Office Closed
- 10 Waller County 4-H Star Awards (Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, I Dare You Award, Rookie Award) - Interviews
- 15-18 Texas 4-H Congress
- 18 District 9 4-H Record Book Judging
- 30 District 4-H Leader College Registration Due
- TBA Ambassador Meeting

**August**

- 04 CEP 4-H Goat Judging Contest
- 11 District 4-H Leader College, District 4-H Council Meeting and Adult Leadership Advisory Task Force Meetings

**Major Livestock Show Dates**

- |                                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| State Fair of Texas (Dallas)          | September 30 - October 23 |
| Heart O' Texas Fair (Waco)            | October 7-15              |
| Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo       | January 13 - February 4   |
| San Antonio Livestock Exposition      | February 9-26             |
| Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo      | February 28-March 18      |
| Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo (Austin) | March 9-24                |

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Waller County 4-H Clubs**

**Bracy Island 4-H Club**

Greg and Diane Payne-Managers  
936-931-9678/281-382-9202  
dianepaynephotography@gmail.com

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month  
Boys and Girls Country (Roberts Rd)  
7 PM

**Town and Country 4-H Club**

Kevin and Janell Matticks-Co-Managers  
832-876-1483  
info@matticks.com

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
St. John's Lutheran in Waller  
7 PM

Tim and Dorthy Friedel – Co Manager  
thefriedels@academicplanet.com  
936-372-3835

**Brazos Valley 4-H Club**

Mark and Melissa Hegemeyer - Managers  
281-744-8175  
melissa.hegemeyer@sbcglobal.net

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Waller County Fairgrounds  
7 PM

**Field Store 4-H Club**

Kristina Toole- Manager  
713-591-5886  
klfrac@aol.com

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

**Lone Star 4-H Club**

Beth Gray – Manager  
agraydawg@sbcglobal.net  
281-352-3857

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Beth Gray's House  
7 PM

**Kountry Kids 4-H Club**

Bobby and Julie Coursey – Co Manager  
832-256-2486/281-923-4045  
bobbycoursey@ymail.com

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month  
St. John's Lutheran Church Waller  
6:30 PM

Scotty and Wendy Wilson – Co Manager  
936-419-1293  
scoty110@hotmail.com

**Rainbow 4-H Club**

Onita Williams – Co Manager  
orwilliams@pvamu.edu

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Jones Elementary School in Prairie View  
6 PM

MaryAnn Williams – Co Manager  
w5williams@att.net



**Rock Island 4-H Club**

Rachel Lopez  
979-921-9515  
rmlopez32@yahoo.com

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Extension Offices  
6:30 PM

**Lucky 7 4-H Clubs**

Stephanie Bush – Co. Manager  
Bush\_5@sbcglobal.net  
Kim Carpenter – Co. Manager  
Leigh Evans – Co. Manager

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month  
Hempstead Recreation Center  
6:30 PM

**Waller County Horse Club**

Susan Hart – Manager  
713-557-1183  
hometowntx@peoplepc.com  
website - wc4hhc.org

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Carl's BBQ  
7 PM

Christie Malone - Co-Manager  
832-922-8898  
Navysis02@hotmail.com

**Waller County Shooting Sports Club**

Todd DePenning  
979-826-6715  
ttdpz@yahoo.com

**Brookshire Royal Ag Mech 4-H Club**

Scott Guidry, teacher/ leader

In school at times determined by teacher

**2011-2012 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chairman: Connor King  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman: Miranda Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Malorie Hegemeyer  
Secretary: Mandy Hegemeyer  
Sentinel/Chaplain: John Phillip Jones  
Reporter: Ryan King

**2011-2012 ADULT LEADERS and PARENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

Chairman: Larry Jones  
Vice Chairman: Jessica McMullen  
Secretary: Christie Malone  
Treasurer: Mark Hegemeyer  
Parliamentarian: Lori King

The Waller County Adult Leaders and 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 and opportunities as well as planned activities and events.



## General 4-H Information

### Annual 4-H Enrollment

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

### Program Year

The 4-H program year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 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
- Texas 4-H 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 and volunteers. It lists the most current project and activity information.

### 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, and 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 and records. The report form is designed to help 4-H members learn the importance and benefits of record keeping. Project completion awards are also presented at the awards Recognition Event. Please see requirements in the Awards and Recognition Section. Project Forms

are due to the Extension office by **June 30, 2012**.

A Project Form is enclosed in this handbook and remains available at the Extension office.

### **4-H Websites**

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

<http://d94-h.tamu.edu>

<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, and major livestock shows. Forms are available during club meetings or at the Extension office.

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 and volunteer for committees so you learn what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on throughout the county, district, and state by reading the 4-H Newsletters.

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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 and camps to assisting with parties, meetings and project groups. Each club has a Club Manager and Assistant Manager to make the most of the 4-H experience.

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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:

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

***Animal Projects:***

The animal projects for the livestock shows have special deadlines. These deadlines are sometimes many months before

*(Animal Projects Continued)*

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 and Livestock Show (Fort Worth)
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo (Austin)
- Waller County 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.



Food Challenge is a new addition with workshops available and at the Kids in the Kitchen Camp.

**Clothing and Textiles Project:**

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

Project in the fall and holiday break, the workshop is in January. .



**Judging Contests:**

The sign up period for the Consumer Decision Making is in the fall with the Contest held in January. Sign-up for Soils will be during January/February. Other judging contests, such as livestock, poultry and meats are in the fall. This early enrollment allows teams to enter contests and 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 and contacted your club manager or the Extension office for more information, you are ready to start gaining information and 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 and leaders, go on tours,

attend workshops, read publications, surf the internet, and gain information from other 4-Hers and 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 and 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 and setting and completing goals.



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### **Participate in Activities**

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and 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 and presentation skills which will help them throughout life. Another type of activity available to 4-Hers in the variety of camps and workshops conducted mainly in the summer. You can learn about leadership, environment, wildlife, fisheries and 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 may

include 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 and Activities

### Project and 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 and Textiles
- Consumer Education
- Dog Care and Training
- Food and Nutrition
- Goats
- Horse Leadership
- Leadership

- Meat Science
- Natural Resources
- Photography
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Recreation
- Shooting Sports
- Swine
- Workplace/Preparation Career
- 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 to support your project:

- Camps
- County Workshops
- Food Challenges
- Food and Fashion Shows
- Photography
- Livestock Show
- Horse Show
- Leadership Labs
- Round-Up Presentations
- Share-the-Fun
- Judging Contests



## **4-H Project Name**

## **4-H Project Description**

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

Field and Stream	Involves hunting, fishing, camping, natural history, and outdoor cookery
Food and Nutrition	Learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness. Reduce disease and illness risks, and gain knowledge of nutrients
Forestry	Stresses tree identification, insect and disease identification, compass and pacing, and judgment about land and management
Goats (Dairy)	Learn about the production of goat milk, mild cheeses, and other quality products
Goats (Meat)	Involves raising and caring for animals, while learning about animal health, nutrition, breeding, selection, and marketing of goats
Health	Teaches you how to improve physical, intellectual, emotional, and social health; focuses on health care systems and community health resources
Horse	Offers activities in horsemanship, horse development, management, and training
Horticulture	A hands-on project that teaches about plant growth, environmental horticulture and ecology, fruits and nuts, landscape design, soils and water, insects and diseases, vegetables and herbs
Housing/ Home Environment	Learn and apply principles of design and function to make the home more attractive, safe, and comfortable for all family members
Investigating Water Leadership	Introduction to issues related to water use and conservation. The leadership project helps young people learn and practice leadership life skills. Learning and practicing leadership life skills is also a part of every 4-H project
Meat Science	Learn to identify various cuts of meats, and determine the relative quality of wholesale and retail cuts of meat in this project
Natural Resources	The natural resources project provides opportunities for youth to explore resources provided by earth. These include such areas as wildlife, water, air, conservation, recycling, etc
Photography	Encourages self-expression and teaches proper use of photographic equipment and developing processes
Poultry	Learn about poultry production and marketing by managing a poultry project. Topics include broilers, turkeys, egg production and development
Public Speaking	Develops and promotes the skills needed to research, organize, and present a speech on a given topic
Rabbits	Learn proper methods of caring for, raising, breeding, and marketing rabbits
Range Science	Develops knowledge and skill in practical range and ranch management



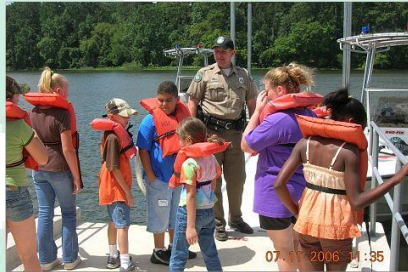
Recreation	Learn how to lead quiet games, active games, songs, ceremonials and party planning; emphasis is on building leadership, communication and teamwork skills
Safety	Helps youth reduce accidents and injuries by recognizing and correcting safety hazards
Sheep	Learn about the health, nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing of sheep
Shooting Sports	A comprehensive introduction to shooting safety and the fundamentals of archery, hunting, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle and shotgun
Sports Fishing	A comprehensive introduction to fishing and related activities
Swine	Learn proper methods of selecting, feeding, raising, breeding and marketing of swine
Veterinary Science	Deals with techniques and 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 and maintain a variety of tools and equipment
Workplace Preparation/ Careers	The career development project allows youth to explore future careers and educational requirements for a variety of jobs. Career development can be done as a separate exploratory project or as a part of any 4-H project.
Wildlife	Project looks at wildlife biology, ecology and management, from simple identification to management processes



# Summer Fun!!

## Waller County 4-H Day Camp

4-H has multiple camps that are held to promote all sorts of 4-H projects. Pay attention to your email and newsletter to find one that interests you!



## State 4-H Camps

These are opportunities at the State 4-H Center for 4-H'ers to develop life skills and gain a better understanding of themselves and 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



## Leadership Labs:

### District Junior Leadership Lab

4-H members between the ages of 11-13 can enhance their leadership skills and is held in at this event held in October.

### District Leadership Lab

4-H members 14 years of age and older will gain leadership skills while interacting with other 4-Hers from around the district. It is held at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood in June.



## County Awards and Recognition

### County 4-H Awards

The 4-H Awards Recognition Event 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 and 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 separate Awards and Recognition Applications 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, and 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 and interview with a panel of judges. The panel of judges and/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 on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Silver Star Award

Age requirements are 11 to 13 years of age as of the current 4-H year on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

The panel of judges and/or Awards Committee is determined by how many Silver and Bronze Awards will be awarded.



### **Gold Star Award**

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and 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:

- The recipient must be at least 15 years old as of the current 4-H year on August 31<sup>st</sup> and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
- The 4-H member must timely submit a record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
- 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 and well-balanced personal development as well as demonstrated leadership. The panel of judges and/or Awards Committee will determine how many awards will be awarded.

- The recipient must be at least 15 years old as of the current 4-H year on August 31<sup>st</sup> and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H including the current year.
- The 4-H member must timely submit a record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas.

### **Salute to Excellence Award**

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

- Leaders must have two or more years experience and be an enrolled 4-H leader/volunteer. Recipients can be a husband and 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 and should be turned in before the July 4-H County Council meeting.
- The council will review the nominees and 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 Salute to Excellence Awards

### **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 and 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 and 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 Recognition Event.

### **Ambassador Recognition**

Retiring Ambassador(s) will be recognized at the County Awards Recognition Event.

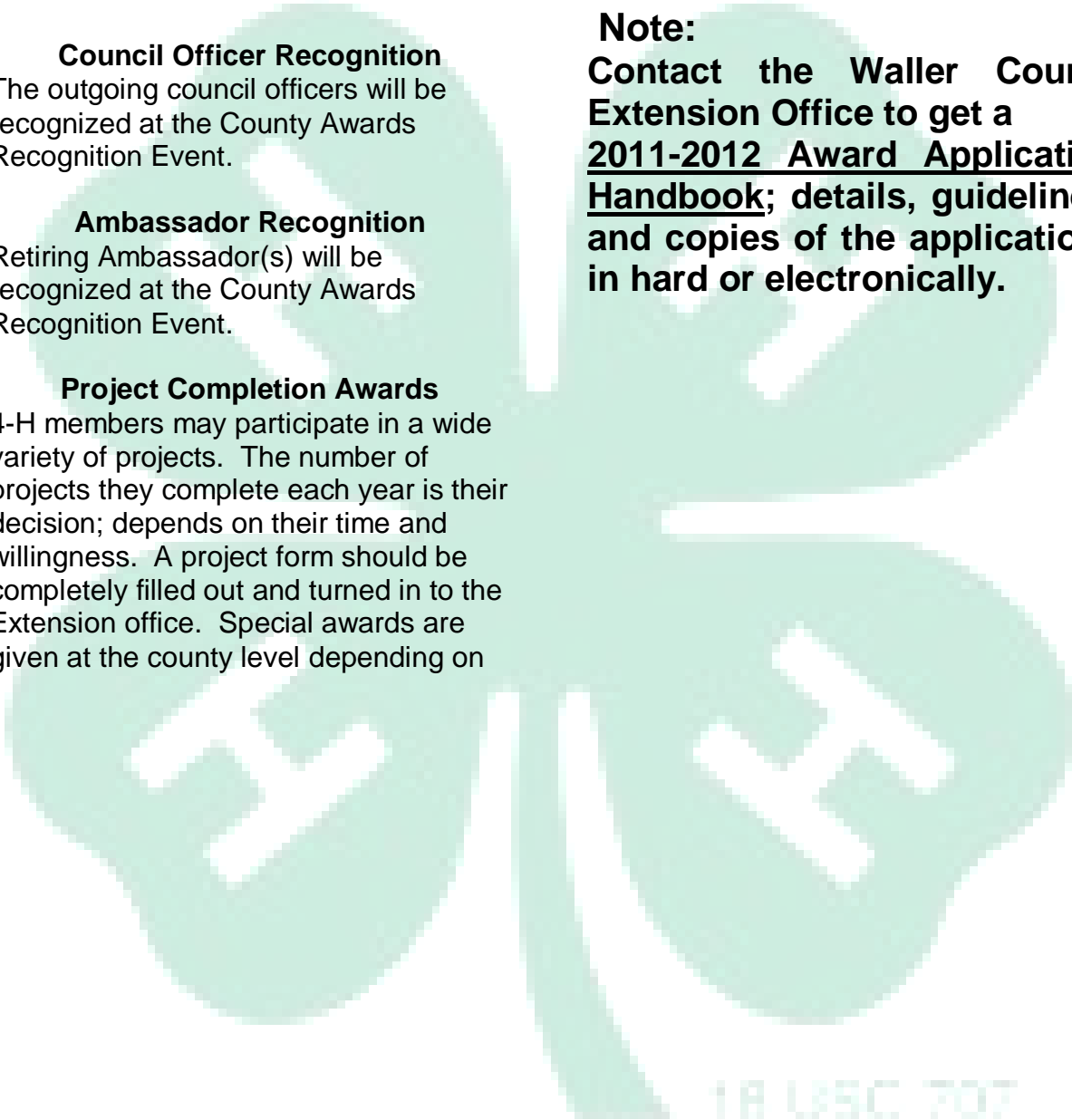
### **Project Completion Awards**

4-H members may participate in a wide variety of projects. The number of projects they complete each year is their decision; depends on their time and willingness. A project form should be completely filled out and turned in to the Extension office. Special awards are given at the county level depending on

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 County 4-H Handbook).

### **Note:**

**Contact the Waller County Extension Office to get a 2011-2012 Award Application Handbook; details, guidelines, and copies of the applications in hard or electronically.**



# Waller County Annual 4-H BBQ

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

Planning of this event requires cooperation from ALL clubs, parents, leaders, and 4-Hers. Planning meetings begin in the fall and 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 and Information letter will be given out to leaders and club managers.

## 4-H Queen Contest

4-H Clubs elect a member to represent their 4-H club. These young ladies and 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, and third runner-up will be crowned 4-H Duchess.

## Auction

Each club is requested to provide homemade cakes for the cake auction and donate one item for the live and silent auction. The auction begins around 1 PM at the fairgrounds.



# 4-H Ambassador Program

## Purpose

The Texas 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H Ambassador Program has specific goals:

- To tell and show key audiences what the 4-H Youth Development Program is and who it impacts. Then these audiences will understand the impact 4-H is having in the lives of young people and how the 4-H Program is addressing key youth issues in the community and state.
- To develop leadership and communication skills among the 4-H'ers selected to make ambassador presentations.
- To make families and youths more aware of 4-H and the benefits it offers
- To inform elected officials about the 4-H program and get them involved.
- To tell current and potential donors about 4-H and give them opportunities to support the program efforts and interest them.

The Waller County 4-H Ambassador Program includes:

- **Training** in how to make presentations, how to represent the organization and how to serve
- Opportunities of learning the **planning** process: Developing both the plan and the commitment to it
- **Team-centered activities** – meetings, recognition events, Spring Follies and Balloon releases to promote 4-H
- **Program/team management** – Making/accepting assignments, keeping records, preparing schedules and arrangements to complete activities and conduct meetings

The 4-H Ambassador Program emphasizes, interprets, or tells the real 4-H story because:

- Families want to know if 4-H really can help their children.
- Key leaders want to see positive youth development taking place.
- Public funds are limited, which requires that 4-H show that it is effective in youth development.
- 4-H is effective, so we have a youth development story to tell.
- 4-H Ambassadors can tell the story BEST

To be a part of the county Ambassador program an application should be submitted and an interview with a panel of judges will be conducted. Application and 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 19, 2012** to the Waller County Extension Office. 4-H'ers submitting a record book in June will be recognized with ribbons and awards at the county level and awards for the district and 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://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/recordbook/index.php>

General Record Book Information can be found at

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index\\_youth\\_recordbooks.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index_youth_recordbooks.php)

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  
Beef  
Citizenship and Civic Education  
Clothing and Textiles  
Communication and Expressive Arts Open Category  
Conservation of Natural Resources  
Consumer and Family Science Open Category  
Consumer Education  
Dairy  
Energy Management  
Entomology  
Environmental Sciences Open Category  
Family Life  
Food and Nutrition  
Forestry  
Gardening and Horticulture  
Goat  
Health  
Healthy Lifestyles Open Category

Horse  
Housing and Home Environment  
Leadership  
Personal Development/Leadership Open Category  
Photography  
Plant and Soil Science  
Plants and Animals Open Category  
Poultry  
Public Speaking  
Rabbit  
Range Management  
Recreation  
Safety  
Science and Technology Open Category  
Sheep  
Shooting Sports  
Sport Fishing  
Swine  
Veterinary Science  
Wildlife and 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.

## Waller County 4-H Family Handbook Art Contest 2012-2013

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Waller County is seeking Designs and Drawings for Waller County 4-H Family Handbook that will be used in the new 2012-20134-H year beginning Sept. 1, 2012.

### Guidelines:

- 1) Any enrolled 4-H member can participate
- 2) Submissions should:
  - a) Be a graphic design or an illustration of a 4-H activity, project, or event
  - b) Include words "4-H" and /or the 4-H official 4-H clover
  - c) Submissions must be on 8 1/2 " by 11" piece of white paper (without line drawn around the edge of paper)
  - d) Detailed work should be able to be reduced
  - e) Including "Waller County", 4-H Family Handbook", "2011-2012" is desirable, but not required.
  - f) No reference to any particular Waller County 4-H Club is allowed
  - g) Artist's name, 4-H club, age, and telephone number should be written on back of submission
- 3) Submit (one design per 4-H youth) by noon on **Monday, August 13, 2012**. Designs may be submitted:
  - Electronically ([cdennison@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cdennison@ag.tamu.edu))
  - Postal mail (846 6th street Hempstead, TX 77445)
  - Hand delivered (not responsible for submissions left in mail box)

NOTE: Submitted designs will be reviewed for the above guidelines before judging. Three or more local business persons will be chosen to impartially judge the submissions. The winning design will featured on the cover of the 2012-2013 Waller County 4-H Family Handbook and monetary award will be given based on available sponsors.