

# 2023-2024 Gonzales County



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4-H Families,

We just received some exciting news! We won a grant for the prizes for the 2024 Youth Grill off at the Luling Foundation on Saturday, September 7. This year the Grand Champion Junior and Senior Team will win a \$400 gift card to the Tower of America in San Antonio. In addition to this award, we are also asking the professional chef at the Tower Restaurant to share a food demonstration and his passion for creating the perfect dish. Find your favorite family recipe and let’s aim to win. This summer is a great time to practice grilling for your family and friends.

We want to help you hone your grilling skills by offering an “Out of School Celebration and Grilling Workshop” on May 30. If you have never grilled before, now is the time to learn. Join us for some fun and hamburgers!

Good Luck at District 10 Spring Roundup in Fredericksburg to the Livestock Judging Teams, Consumer Decision Making Teams, Duds to Dazzle Teams, and Jayden Cheatham, our vocal competitor in Share the Fun.

Make sure you are signing up for the 4-H camps and leadership workshops this summer. Camps are a great way to meet new friends from other counties.

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**Please Note:** The Extension Office has moved to 623 Fair Street, Gonzales also known as the PACE or Master Gardener



Happy April!

Congratulations to everyone on all your stock show success! This month we have the remarkable rodeo, and we would love your participation! Text Audrey Thibodeaux at +1 (361) 401-0770 if you are interested in volunteering. We also have The Cinco De Bingo coming up in May, make sure to sell your tickets and get prizes, hope to see you there. We also have the panhandle fire donations at Fehner and Son's going on. Thanks to all the donations we have already sent four trucks! If you see Mr. Ricky Lester or Mr. Jimmy Fehner, please thank them for all their help. If you have any ideas to bring to the county council, please contact me at +18308573541 or email [addysonkardosz4@gmail.com](mailto:addysonkardosz4@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Addy Kardosz

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## 2023-20234

### Gonzales County 4-H Council Officers

President – Addyson Kardosz

Vice President – Audrey Thibodeaux

Secretary – Ellie Irving

Treasurer – Jaxon Beck

Reporter – Kayden Cheatham

Parliamentarian – Jayden Cheatham

District Council Delegates – Addyson Kardosz,

Augustus Sexton and Ellie Irving

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE**  
**May 21 - 6:00 pm @ PACE Bldg.**  
is the next County Council & Adult  
Leader meetings .

## **Nitrogen Tank**



Gonzales County 4-H owns a liquid nitrogen tank to store bull semen for any 4-H member to use for their beef projects. This tank is available for check-out at the AgriLife Extension Office.

Rural Youth Loans... the Farm Service Agency has a program that provides loans to youth for purchasing income producing livestock to improve and/or begin their operation. Information on this program is available at the Gonzales FSA Office, 830-672-7511.

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## **Senior Cords**



County Council last year purchased 4-H Cords for graduating seniors. Please be sure to come by the office and pick up.

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## **Gonzales County Awards**

4-H members you have the opportunity to apply for the Gonzales County Awards which will be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book and is advantageous when you are applying for college scholarships.

Be sure to read the required criteria on page 15.

# MAJOR, STATE FAIR, DISTRICT, LIVESTOCK & HORSE EXHIBITORS



If you plan to show steers or and heifers at any of the major livestock shows, you will need to call the Extension Office to order tags for the June validation.

These tags will need to be ordered by April 03, 2024. Late orders can be submitted with an additional cost.



Validation tags for lambs, goats, and State Fair barrows ordered by April 05, 2024. Call the Extension Office to place your order.



If you wish to participate in the District or State 4-H Horse Shows, you must validate your horse (s) on 4-H Online from March 1-May 1.

Contact the Extension Office  
830.672.8531



## *Come Join the Fun!*

We have a group of members who participate in many youth livestock judging contests. At these contests, there are four animals in a class that are placed, consisting of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. This program is a wonderful way for kids to build confidence and improve their decision-making skills. They also learn about livestock production and life skills along the way. We will host livestock judging practices this Spring as time permits. If you want your child to participate in these practices and contests, please notify the Extension Office so you can stay informed. Our children have been very successful in the past and have learned much.



**Contact: Dwight Sexton**

**623 NORTH FAIR  
STREET, GONZALES**

**830.672.6531**

## Green Clover

At the recent Green Clover 4-H meeting the guest speaker was Mrs. Bludau. She spoke about record books and taught about the opportunities that a record book can give you. These opportunities include possible scholarships for college as well as organizational skills and record keeping for future applications. She will be hosting a record book workshop on April 30, 2024, from 4 to 5:30.



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## Food Challenge Practice

April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at Pace  
for the following teams going to BUC Days Food Challenge Contest:

- Sizzling Sisters
- Food Dudes
- Bistro Bandits
- Come and Cook It
- Iron Spoons

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## 2024 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

June 16-20, 2024

Stephenville, TX

Contact the Extension Office for further information.

Office phone #: 830.672.8531



# Record Book Training

## April 30

### 4:00 - 5:30 PM at PACE

Gonzales 4-H Members have accomplished so much this Year.

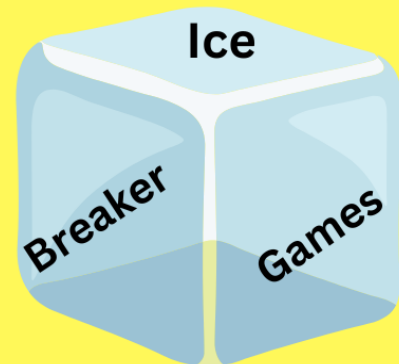




# OUT OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION & GRILLING WORKSHOP – MAY 30TH

**9:00 AM**

Ice Beaker Games



**9:30 AM**

Education &  
Promote Youth Grill Off



**10:00 AM**

Start the Grill



**11:00 AM**

Eat & Wrap up





# 4-H Spring Community Service

4-H members have the opportunity to help the Gonzales Master Gardener's' with their annual Spring Plant Sale. Please call the office 830.672.8531 to work one of the following shifts:

8:30 - 11 AM

or

11 AM to 1 PM

**G**onzales **M**aster **G**ardeners'

**ANNUAL**

**SPRING PLANT SALE**



**Sat., April 13, 2024**

**Independence  
Square**

**8:30am - 1:00pm**

**Annuals | Perennials | Citrus Trees | Succulents**

**Hanging Baskets | Blackberries & Blueberries**

**Children's Activities!**

**Rain or Shine**

**Cash, Credit, Debit, Local Checks**



**"Ask the Master Gardener"**

Gonzales Master Gardeners is a 501(c)3  
working under the direction of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



**Iron Spoons Place 5<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Livestock Show!**



**Grand Champion Junior Robotics Team-Gonzales Livestock Show**

Graham Kelley & Jayden Cheatham

*Awesome!!*

**Congratulations** to the Senior Robotics Team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> at Rodeo Austin. Great teamwork Ellie, Nemi, Jesse, Evan, and Abby!!!



*Fabulous!*



Congratulations to Gonzales County 4-H members who participated in the **Rodeo Austin Livestock Judging Contest**. The junior team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Team members included Jaxon Beck, Libby Molnoskey, and Kooper Hardcastle . Jaxon Beck was the 4<sup>th</sup> place Junior overall, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Sheep and Goat, 1<sup>st</sup> in Questions, and was 9<sup>th</sup> in Beef. Other Junior participants were Baylyne Evans, Cash Rathmann, and Colt Richter.

In the Senior division Augustus Sexton placed 13<sup>th</sup> Overall, and was tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in Sheep and Goats, and Questions.

**Wow! Wow! Way to Go!**

## Houston Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest



At the Houston Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest, the Gonzales County 4-H Junior Team placed 18th. Team members included Jason Beck, Baylyne Evans, Cash Rathmann, Kooper Hardcastle, and Colt Richter. Augustus Sexton also participated in the Senior division.

*What Great Experiences!*

**GONZALES COUNTY 4-H  
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**BINGO  
de  
MAYO**



**MAY 5, 2024  
VICTORIA COLLEGE  
2PM-4PM**



**Join us for a family friendly game of  
Loteria Mexican Bingo to raise money for 4H Scholarships.**

**MUST have ticket to enter and play.**

**\$20 Ticket can be purchased from any 4-H club leader  
Extra bingo card \$10 per card at door.**



## **Gonzales County Award Information**

Listed below are all the awards that are available for members through the Gonzales County 4-H.

Applications are due by June 13, 2024, by 5 pm.

Document found on website

<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/4h/4-h-awards-and-scholarships/>.

### **GOLD STAR:**

This is the highest award a member can obtain. The winner will be selected from the following items:

A completed record book submitted by June 13<sup>th</sup>

An application form due by June 13<sup>th</sup>

An interview

To be considered you must apply.

Gold Star-The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year. To be considered you must apply.

### **JR. MISS AND MR:**

This is the highest county awards for 12- & 13-year-old. The winner will be selected from the following items:

A completed record book submitted June 13<sup>th</sup>

An application due by June 13<sup>th</sup>

An interview

### **I Dare You Award:**

William H. Danforth's book, I Dare You, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. The book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You committee. The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. High school principals and county agents are asked to select (or have a staff or committee select) nominees. The award recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership. (Ages 14-18)



## **2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Council**

### **Reimbursement Information**

Gonzales County 4-H Council voted on a budget for this 2023-2024 4-H year. Reimbursements will be given based on the budgeted allowed amounts voted on.

Contact office if this may apply to you. Members are held accountable by submitting a 4-H Payment Request Form and provide receipt of event attended to the council within 60 days of the event attended. Members will be notified once paperwork has been reviewed. Contact office for further information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at [gonzales.agrilife.org](http://gonzales.agrilife.org).

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### **2023 - 2024 Limited Financial Aid Information**

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders are available to provide limited financial aid for members who have attended workshops, camps, or clinics that enhances his/her 4-H project. Financial aid is also available for those who have represented Gonzales County at the district, state, or national levels in other events. Members are held accountable by submitting the limited financial assistance request form and provide receipts (s) of event attended to the adult leaders within 60 days of the event attended. Late forms will not be accepted. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at [gonzales.agrilife.org](http://gonzales.agrilife.org) under the 4-H tab.

**Note:** Approved 4-H parents & 4-H volunteers are invited to join the Adult Leaders administrative club. Club meets every other 3rd Tuesday same time as the Gonzales County 4-H Council at the Extension office. Meetings start at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated. Information of upcoming meetings are in the 4-H newsletters.



# TSSR M

## Youth Range Workshop

**JUNE 16-21, 2024**

**Texas Tech University Center at Junction, TX**

Priority acceptance will be given to students that apply by April 15th.

Join other high school students across Texas for a fun week with rangeland and natural resource experts!

**Students will gain hands-on experience including:**



### *Plant ID & Collection*

Students will learn how to identify range plants and start their own plant collections!



### *Field Trips to Local Ranches*

We've partnered with local land stewards to give students boots-on-the-ground experience to emphasize learning objectives



### *Range & Wildlife Habitat Management*

Students will be exposed to the fundamentals of proper grazing management and forage preferences of livestock and wildlife



### *& Much More!*

Other topics include soil health, fire ecology & prescribed burning, carbon cycle relationships, brush management, rainfall effectiveness, and rangeland health evaluation



Students must be 14-18 years old and have completed 8th grade to attend.

Cost is \$500 per student and includes all meals, lodging, and educational materials.

Check with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ranches, or businesses for sponsorship opportunities!

Apply now at [tx.ag/YRW2024](https://tx.ag/YRW2024)



Contact us!

[tssrmyrw@gmail.com](mailto:tssrmyrw@gmail.com)

[tssrm-youthrangeworkshop.com](https://tssrm-youthrangeworkshop.com)

# TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

**EMBRACING OUR PAST.**

**ENGAGING OUR PRESENT.**

**DEFINING OUR FUTURE.**

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumer and farmers.

Through collegiate level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the livestock industry.



## DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY LEADERS

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy



TEXAS A&M  
**AGRILIFE**  
EXTENSION

**TYLA**   
TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE  
*Embracing our past. Engaging our present. Defining our future.*

**“The TYLA program has given me a second family. It has taught me invaluable life lessons while affording me opportunities that would not have been available outside of this program. From Amarillo, to Austin, to Aloha, to Australia, I am beyond grateful for all that this program has given to me.” - Current Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador**



**TO APPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE,  
STUDENTS MUST BE:**

- Freshman-Senior (2024-2025 School Year)
- Demonstrate leadership in the livestock and agriculture industry
- Passion for communication and advocacy
- Rank top 25% academically
- Currently be enrolled in Texas 4-H

**2024 SHORT COURSE DATES**

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 17-20
- Texas A&M University: July 15-18
- West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University: July 22-25

**2024 PROGRAM FEES**

\$350- Includes all branded apparel, meals, lodging, and travel during the short course

**OUR MISSION IS TO PREPARE YOUTH TO SERVE THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY THROUGH ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING.**

**APPLY NOW**

Applications available under the Livestock Ambassador tab on [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)  
Applications open on February 15th  
Applications close on April 15th

**MORE INFORMATION**

Kelley Ranly  
Leadership Coordinator  
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[Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu)

# 2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

County Camp II- August 4-August 8



## SPRING & SUMMER DATES—D10

### 2023-2024 District 10 4-H Calendar

*\*Tentative dates are subject to change.*

#### FALL & WINTER DATES

<b>District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR</b>	
<i>**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.</i>	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024</b>	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 6, 2024</b>	
<b>DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024</b>	
Mar. 4, 2024	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
<b>District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024</b>	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration <b>CLOSES</b>
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography Results Released
<b>Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship</b>	
<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023</b>	
<b>APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM</b>	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Foundation Website</a>
<b>Other Scholarship Opportunities</b>	
<b>Big Tex Scholarship Program (State Fair of TX)</b>	
Feb. 1, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">Big Tex Scholarship Website</a>
<b>Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships</b>	
Mar. 1, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">TFB Scholarship Website</a>

#### SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024</b>	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
April 9, 2024	• Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	• Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	• Consumer Decision Making • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	• Share the Fun • Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	• Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	• 4-H Storyboard Results Released
<b>District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE Tues. May 14, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024</b>	
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024</b>	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024</b>	

### 2023 District 10 4-H Fall Roundup – RESULTS

To our 4-H members who participated and adult volunteers who helped get our kids ready... **THANK YOU!** We had a wonderful event and enjoyed seeing you all! Results are now posted on our website [HERE](#). We also have links below to each contest. Please also checkout our [District 10 4-H Facebook](#) page for pictures!

- [Educational Presentation & Public Speaking Results](#)
- [Livestock Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Horse Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Food Show Results](#)
- [FCH Quiz Bowl Results](#)
- [Entomology Results](#)
- [Food Challenge Results](#)

# 2024

# APRIL

# 4-H EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> CDM Practice 4-5:15 pm	<b>2</b> Livestock Judging Practice 4:30-6 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Livestock Judging Practice 4:30-6 pm	<b>5</b> Remarkable Rodeo 9 am	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CDM Practice 4-5:15 pm Eclipse	<b>9</b> Livestock Judging Practice 5:45-7:15 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Livestock Judging Practice 4:30-6 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM-1 PM Community Service Project Master Gardeners' Plant Sale
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Livestock Judging Contest	<b>16</b> Consumer Decision Making	<b>17</b> Share the Fun	<b>18</b> Duds 2 Dazzle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
SPRING ROUNDUP CONTESTS						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Food Challenge Practice 4-6 pm · Sizzling Sisters · Food Dudes · Bistro Bandits · Come and Cook It · Iron Spoons	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Record Book Training 4-5:30 pm				

## SAVE THE DATES

**Adult Leader Fundraiser - Cinco De Mayo Bingo**