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**PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H  
2023-2024**

**DISCOVER**

## **Motto**

"To Make the Best Better"

## **Emblem**

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18U.S.C. 707. Permission is required to duplicate it.

## **Colors**

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity.

## **Pledge**

I pledge  
My head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service and  
My health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country and my world.



Thank you for your interest in 4-H!  
This booklet should help to provide some of the basic  
information about the Program in Palo Pinto County.

If you have any questions or need additional  
information, please feel free to contact us.



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Palo Pinto County 4-H

# About 4-H

Palo Pinto County 4-H and the 4-H clubs in Palo Pinto County are part of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program which is conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Here is some information about 4-H and the enrollment process:

## **4-H Year**

September 1st—August 31st

## **Youth Age Requirements**

Youth may participate in 4-H from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

- o Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- o Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2024)

## **Clover Kids**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service extends a limited version of the 4-H experience to youth in grades K-2 as “4-H Clover Kids.” This age category is further defined as youth who are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year and have not entered (started classes) the third grade on September 1. Clover Kids are not eligible to serve as club officers, nor are they eligible to participate in activities, recognition programs, and competitive events reserved for older youth. Palo Pinto County 4-H does offer some non-competitive opportunities for Clover Kids.

## **Adult Volunteers**

All 4-H adult volunteers must complete a 4-H volunteer application each year. To continually guarantee the safety of the members during 4-H participation, adult volunteers working directly with youth must complete a criminal background check and complete required online trainings.

## **Yearly Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Requirement**

Each year on August 15th all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth and adult volunteers must enroll or re-enroll. A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. The Texas 4-H year officially starts on September 1.

### **How much does it cost?**

Youth Club Member Participation Fee

\$25.00 - August 15th - October 31st

\$30.00 - November 1 to Completion of the 4-H Year

Please note to participate in the Palo Pinto County Junior Livestock Show members must be enrolled by December 15th.

Clover kids (grades K-2) - \$10.00

Adults -\$10.00

This volunteer applicant fee will be reimbursed by Palo Pinto County 4-H upon request to the Extension Office.

### **Where do you enroll?**

Enrollment for both youth and adult volunteers is done at <https://texas.4honline.com>.

### **About 4-H Online**

- 4HOnline is the official registration system for adult and youth members directly involved with 4-H.
- 4HOnline is a secured system that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. Texas 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third-party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Most questions can be answered by calling the Extension Office at 940-659-1228.
- An approved youth or adult member record means a person is officially enrolled with Texas 4-H and will be able to register and participate in a variety of activities and events.
- Adult volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Volunteer Standards every three years. The screening process can take up to two weeks.
- If your family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact the local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. Do not create a new profile.

# Online Enrollment

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

## New Family



- From the 4-H Online Site, <https://texas.4honline.com>, select to set up a profile.  
Setup only one family profile per household.
- Enter an e-mail address that is checked often.  
This will be how you get communication.
- Create a password.  
Requirements are displayed if not validated.
- Complete all family information.



- Start adding members.  
Enter one member profile at a time.  
The Next button will take you through each screen.
- Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen.  
Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.
- Youth selects at least one club and one project.  
Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.
- Complete the Health and Consents Screens.  
Click Next through each screen.



- Review Fees.
- Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.
- Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.



- Youth
  - Review enrollment and fees.  
Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
  - Status changes to pending.  
Local county office reviews and approves.
  - Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged
  - Status changes to approved after payment is received.
- Adults
  - Review enrollment and fees.  
Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
  - Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
  - Status changes to pending.  
Local county office approves.  
Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
  - Status changes to approved after payment is received,  
screening approved and trainings completed.

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## Returning Family



- From the 4-H Online Site, <https://texas.4honline.com>, login with the family email address and password.
- Contact the County Extension Office at 940-659-1228 for password assistance or click Reset Password link.
- Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.
- Review and update family information.



- Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.
- You can only enroll one member at a time.
- Click Next through each screen.
- You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects
- Complete the Health and Consents Screens.



- Review Fees.
- Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.
- Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.



### Youth

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Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
- Status changes to pending.  
Local county office reviews and approves.
- Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged
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### Adults

- Review enrollment and fees.  
Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
- Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
- Status changes to pending.  
Local county office approves.  
Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
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# **Get Involved**

## **Palo Pinto County 4-H Clubs**

When you join 4-H, you pick a 4-H club. Members are encouraged to get involved with their 4-H club. 4-H clubs in Palo Pinto County meet monthly during the school year. Palo Pinto County currently has the following clubs:

Gordon 4-H Club  
Graford 4-H Club  
Mineral Wells 4-H Club  
Palo Pinto County 4-H Shooting Sports Club  
Santo 4-H Club  
Strawn 4-H Club  
Sturdivant 4-H Club (Located in Mineral Wells)

## **What does a 4-H club do?**

It elects its own officers and conducts its own business. The club group usually has a president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, reporter and may have a historian or parliamentarian.

The group discusses business and makes plans for activities. In addition, each meeting usually includes some kind of special educational program. The special program can be demonstrations by members, talks by members, parents or resource person(s), or anything else that interests the group.


Clubs also participate in community service projects, tour interesting places and learn interesting things. 4-H'ers learn leadership skills by planning club activities and by being officers in their clubs. Older 4-H members act as teen leaders, assisting adult volunteers with projects and activities for younger members. 4-H members also attend camps, contests and conferences at the county, district, state and national levels.



# What is a 4-H Project?

The 4-H method is “learn by doing.” Members complete learning experiences called 4-H projects. A project is a subject or area of interest that the 4-H member wants to learn more about. There are more than 40 areas that are supported by project materials, but a member may also choose from other areas.


Please note, various projects may have specific deadlines for participation. If you are interested in a specific project, please be sure to ask about the requirements. For example, livestock and rabbit projects have tag-in requirements. The shooting sports project has a mandatory safety meeting held once per year.




## TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LIST

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK	FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	NATURAL RESOURCES	LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH
Beef Cattle	Consumer Education	Aquatic Science	Citizenship	Energy
Dairy Cattle	Fashion & Interior Design	Entomology	Community Service	Photography/Videography
Dog Care & Training	Foods & Nutrition	Forestry	Global Citizenship	Robotics
Goats (Dairy & Mohair)	Health & Personal Safety	Outdoor Education & Living Skills	Leadership	Rocketry
Goats (Meat)		Range Science	Public Speaking	Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
Horse		Shooting Sports	Theater & Performance Arts	Computer Science
Horticulture		Sportfishing	Workforce Preparation	
Junior Master Gardener		Water Conservation & Education	Youth Entrepreneurship	
Livestock Judging		Wildlife & Fisheries		
Meat Science				
Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)				
Rabbits				
Sheep				
Soil & Crop Science				
Swine				
Veterinary Science				

**SELF DIRECTED PROJECTS:** Individualized areas of interest where members can explore appropriate subject matter when no Texas approved 4-H curriculum or named project exists.





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The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Palo Pinto County currently does not offer all of the projects listed. If you are interested in volunteering to lead or assist with a project, please contact us. 4-H members may also complete a project on their own.

## Record Keeping

4-H members are encouraged to keep records and take photos of their project experiences, leadership roles, community service projects, and career exploration activities. Here is a link to a Project Record Form that can help members in documenting their activities.



<http://counties.agrilife.org/palopinto/files/2012/01/Project-Record-Form.pdf>

Members can submit a complete 4-H Record Book for judging. These are usually due in June. A complete 4-H Record Book contains a Personal Information Page, 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio, and a Texas 4-H Report Form. The Extension office can provide you with the resources and more information about putting together a 4-H Record Book.

## Palo Pinto County 4-H Awards

### Criteria Based Awards

Members must apply for these awards, which are based on the member's age, level of participation and leadership experiences. Those who complete the requirements will be recognized with the award. These awards include:

- Rookie Award - Any Age First Year 4-H Member
- Honor Roll Award - Junior members, 3rd - 5th Grades
- All-Star Award - Intermediate members, 6th - 8th Grades
- Letterman Award - Senior members, 9th - 12th Grades

Criteria award applications are available at the link below. These are in a check sheet format, which allows members to track the various requirements that they have completed throughout the year.



<https://palopinto.agrilife.org/palo-pinto-county-4-h/palo-pinto-county-4-h-awards/>



**Need more information or have questions?**



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