



PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H

Update



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November 2023

- *** **Swine Validation for County & Major Shows - see back of handout for Dates!!**
- 1 **4-H Participation Fee Increases to \$30.00** - The participation fee up to October 31, 2023 is \$25.00. Enrollment forms and fees must be in the Palo Pinto County Extension office and have been entered into the state enrollment system by October 31st in order to avoid the fee increase to \$30.00.
- 2 **Palo Pinto County 4-H Food Show** - This contest will be held at the Palo Pinto county Extension office. Entries were due to the Extension Office by **October 23, 2023**.
- 4 **Brazos Valley Swine Jackpot in Mineral Wells**
- 5 **County Food Challenge Contest** - This contest will be held at Palo Pinto ISD. Entries were due to the Extension office by **October 23, 2023**.
- 6 **Major Livestock Show Entry Day**
On this day, the Extension Office will be open from 8am to 7pm for those who are participating in major stock shows, to complete their entries. **Please plan to come see us on this day so we can get you entered. Don't forget to renew your quality counts verification if you are a new exhibitor, or in the 6th or 9th grade this year.** You are welcome to come enter before this day as well. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at (940) 659-1228.
- 7 **Livestock Judging Practice** - This practice will be held at the Extension office and will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- 8 **District Livestock Judging Contest** - This contest will be held in Vernon. Entry deadline for this contest is Oct. 24th
- 9 **Palo Pinto County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting** - This group is for kids in K-2nd grades. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
- 14 **Entry Deadline for the District Livestock Skillathon Contest**- If you are interested in participating in the Livestock Skillathon, give us a call at 940-659-1228.
- 29 **District Food Show & Food Challenge Contest** - The District Food Show and Food Challenge Contest will both be held in Jacksboro on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. You must qualify at the County level to be eligible to enter. The entry deadline for these events is Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

December 2023

- *** **Rabbit Workshop Dates are on the back of this handout!!**
- 10 **County Rabbit Validation**
ALL Rabbits that will be shown at the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show must be validated from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the EXPO building in Mineral Wells. County Show entry fees will be due at this time as well.
- 10 **Ag Mechanics Entries Due** - These entries will be taken at the EXPO building in Mineral Wells from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., during rabbit validation. If you would like to participate in either of these contests, please contact the Extension office ASAP so we can get you the rules and guidelines. 940-659-1228
- 15 **Membership Deadline for County Show** - All exhibitors who are participating at the County Stock Show **MUST** be actively enrolled in their 4-H or FFA club by **December 15, 2023** to be eligible to show. That means that your dues have been paid and you are enrolled for the current year.

4-H Enrollment & Participation

If you have not completed your enrollment for this year, please remember that youth are not **active** 4-H members until their membership has been entered into the state system and the participation fee is paid. It is not too late to become a member. Call the Extension office at 940-659-1228 for information on how to enroll. ****Remember that the PPCLA has a rule that in order to show at the county stock show, you must be an active member (dues paid) of 4-H or FFA by December 15, 2023.**



Follow Palo Pinto County 4-H for the most current information and updates.



Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program

The 2024 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application and guidelines will be available starting November 1st.

The applications and guidelines will be available at :

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/>

If you are interested in applying, please contact Lynette Babcock at 940-659-1228 or at lynette.babcock@ag.tamu.edu as soon as possible. The Application Deadline is February 15th, but we would like applicants to submit a draft to the county office by January 19, 2024.

Attention Major Livestock Show Exhibitors

Quality Counts verification is required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require exhibitors to pass an online test with a minimum of 80%. Exhibitors need to be verified once as junior, intermediate and senior exhibitors. Junior is 3rd - 5th Grades, Intermediate is 6th -8th Grades and Senior is 9th - 12th Grades. This must be completed before entering any major livestock show. The Quality Counts site is:

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>

Swine Validation and County Swine Entries Due on Dates Below

- **11/8/23** - Swine Validation & County Entries 4 - 5 p.m. - Strawn Ag Barn
- **11/9/23** - Swine Validation & County Entries 4 - 6 p.m. - David Hardy Ag Facility in Mineral Wells
- **11/11/23** - Swine Validation & County Entries after the Graford Stock Show
- **11/16/23** - Swine Validation & County Entries 4 - 6 p.m. - Santo Ag Farm

Rabbit Workshops

- **12/10/23** - Rabbit Validation & County Show Entries Due 1-4 p.m. Expo
- **12/12/23** - Rabbit Workshop 6:30 p.m. PPCLA Expo Building
- **12/19/23** - Rabbit Workshop 6:30 p.m. PPCLA Expo Building
- **12/26/23** - Rabbit Workshop 6:30 p.m. PPCLA Expo Building
- **01/04/24** - Rabbit Workshop 6:30 p.m. PPCLA Expo Building

Palo Pinto County Clover Kids (K-2nd Graders)

November Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00 P.M

Palo Pinto County Extension Office



PPCLA's Deadline for 4-H/FFA Enrollment for County Show Eligibility

⇒ *Any bona fide and regularly enrolled member of a 4-H and/or FFA chapter in Palo Pinto County shall be eligible to show. (Membership deadline December 15, 2023)*

Palo Pinto County 4-H Concession Work Schedule for 2024 County Stock Show

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.Gordon
1:00 p.m. – end of rabbit show.....Shooting Sports

Wednesday, January 10th

Open 3:00 – Close.....Sturdivant

Thursday, January 11th

Open 3:00 – Close.....Santo

Friday, January 12th

10:00 a.m. – end of Cattle Show.....Mineral Wells

Saturday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.Graford
11:00 a.m. – Clean up.....Strawn

It is up to each club to secure workers for their assigned time.

**Each shift will need someone who can man the grill.

We do ask that younger 4-H members not be allowed to work in the concession. There are times when it is really busy and this will help in keeping the windows moving. *A sign-up genius link for the concession stand will be out soon!!*