



PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H

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April 2024

- *** **Horse Validation Deadlines** - Horses that will participate at the district or state 4-H horse show must be validated. Cost and deadlines are as follows: **March 1st - April 15th - Cost will be \$10 per horse and April 16th - May 1st - Cost will be \$20 per horse. May 1st to 5th will be \$250 each.** Contact the Extension office for more information. The District Horse Show will be held in June 2024.
- 5 State Steer & Heifer Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a steer at 2024 State Fair, Heart O' Texas Fair or a major livestock show during the 2024 - 2025 show year, you will need to place your order for state tags by **April 5, 2024**. The tags are \$25.00 each and that is due when you order. Please contact the Extension office to place your order. Also, if you plan to show a heifer at the State Fair, your tag order will be due on April 5th as well. All heifers will be tagged similar to steers. The tags will be \$25.00 each and that is due when they are ordered. Steer & Heifer Validation will take place in June. Give us a call at 940-659-1228 if you have any questions.
- 5 State Fair Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a lamb or goat at the 2024 State Fair of Texas, you will need to order your validation tags by **April 5, 2024**. Tags are \$15.00 each, and that needs to be paid when you order.
- 17 Entry Deadline for District 3 4-H Roundup**
Roundup will be held in Vernon on **May 8th**. Share-the-Fun (Talent Show Type Event), Educational Presentations, and Public Speaking contests will all be held at this event. Also, there will be a Science, Engineering, & Technology poster contest. For more information about any of these events contact the Extension office. **Entry Deadline for these contests will be April 17, 2024.**
- 18 Record Book Workshop** - This will be held at the Extension office beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.
- 20 Volunteer Opportunity!!!** - Let's Grow Crazy will be hosting a "Farm to Table" dinner fundraiser on April 20, 2024 from 5pm to 9pm at the Crazy Water Hotel. They are asking 4-H members to help with family-style service by bringing out prepared dishes to the tables. Please let us know ASAP if you are willing to help. 940-659-1228 Thanks!
- 22 State Fair of Texas Pig Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a pig at the 2024 State Fair of Texas, your tag order will be due by **April 22, 2024**. Tags are \$15.00 each and they need to be paid for when you order. Tag order forms can be found on our website or you can stop by the Extension office to place your order.

May 2024

- 1 Deadline for LATE Horse Validation**
Horses that will show in the District 4-H Horse Show can still be validated for \$20.00 through May 1, 2024. The District Horse show will take place in Decatur June 19-21, 2024. Please let us know if you need validation instructions.
- 2-4 PPCLA Pro Rodeo - Volunteers Needed!!!**
This event will be held in Mineral Wells and they are asking for volunteers to work the gate each night. If you are interested in helping, please call the Extension office at 940-659-1228.
- 8 District 3 4-H Roundup & Consumer Decision Making Contest**
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- JUNE SAVE THE DATE!!! TEEN LEADER LAB**
June 13 - 15, 2024
- 13-15** District 3 4-H Council Officers invite all District 3 4-H members grades 8 - 12 as of August 31, 2023 to Teen Leader Lab June 13 -15, 2024 at the Big Country Baptist Assembly located in Lueders, TX. If you would like more information about this amazing opportunity, call the Extension office at 940-659-1228!
- JUNE 4-H Record Books and Criteria Based Award Applications Due**
18 These will be due to the Extension Office by June 18, 2024. If you need help with your Record Book, please call the office at 940-659-1228. Criteria Based award applications and record book forms can be found by visiting our website: <http://palopinto.agrilife.org>



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. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



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Award Information

Criteria Based Awards

The Criteria Based Awards were developed as an additional way to recognize our members. Members must apply for these awards which are based on the member's age, their level of participation, and leadership experiences. Applications for these awards are due to the Extension office by June 18th. The awards will be presented at the awards banquet that is usually held in August.

The Criteria Based Awards include:

- **Rookie Award** - Any Age First Year 4-H Member
- **Honor Roll Award** - Available to Junior members, 3rd - 5th Grades who meet the established criteria
- **All Star Award** - Available to Intermediate members, 6th-8th Grades who meet the established criteria
- **Letterman Award** - Available to Senior members, 9th-12th Grades who meet the established criteria

Gold Star Award

The Gold Star Award is the most sought-after 4-H award at the county level. It is awarded each year to two (2) outstanding Senior 4-H members in Palo Pinto County who have submitted a complete record book. Youth will have to be a sophomore or higher to receive this award. Most youth who qualify may apply at the end of their freshman year. The award is given based on their activities and participation throughout their entire 4-H career.

- The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
- The 4-H member must participate in an interview.

Additional Information and Award Applications are available at:

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

Application deadline is June 18th.