

Runnels County 4-H

FAMILY HANDBOOK



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Runnels County 4-H is a member of District 7 4-H
<https://d74-h.tamu.edu/>
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Texas 4-H

Here are helpful links for Texas 4-H
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>
<https://www.facebook.com/texas4h>

The 4-H Difference

What is 4-H all about?

4-H is a community of youth across not only Texas, but the United States who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The 4-H program is all about having fun and making 4-H work for you! In 4-H, young people get a chance to make new friends, develop new skills, and find new passions.

What do you do in 4-H?

4-H is about offering hands-on experiences to youth so they are able to "learn by doing". Members participate in a variety of learning experiences called 4-H projects. These 4-H projects are a specific area of interest for that 4-H member. The best part about 4-H is some of these projects can be self directed or done in a group setting. With over 40 project areas to choose from in the Texas 4-H program, there are opportunities for everyone interested. Project areas in 4-H range from our traditional livestock projects to some of the more non-traditional of robotics and everything in between!

What does a 4-H Club do?

When enrolling in the 4-H program on 4-H Online, you are asked which 4-H club you want to be a member of. This 4-H club will be the main way of finding out what is happening within Runnels County 4-H! These clubs will elect their own officers and conduct their own business throughout the 4-H year. The meetings are on a regular basis. During the meetings, usually a club will make plans for upcoming activities, host community service events, or have educational programs planned. These educational programs might be presented by fellow 4-H members, county extension agents, or even members of a specific industry (a vet, beekeeper, etc.)



What does Runnels County 4-H have to offer me?



Wool Judging

Livestock Judging

Swine

Skillathon

Sheep

Goats

Rabbits

Steer

Heifer

Horse

Meat Judging

Healthy Lifestyles

Duds to Dazzle

Consumer Decision Making

Food Show

Food Challenge

Fashion Show

Share the Fun

Educational Presentation

Photography

Entomology

Quiz Bowl

Shooting Sports

Wildlife

4-H has a tremendous amount of opportunities and projects. The above list contains the most common projects offered in Runnels County. For more information about 4-H projects, please call 325-365-2219.

Runnels Co. 4-H Year at a Glance

September

Enrollment
Club Meetings Begin
Livestock Judging Practice

October

Sheep & Goat Validation
County Food Show
County Food Workshops
Heifer Validation
Food & Nutrition Workshop

November

Swine Validation
Major Stock Show Entries
District Food Show
Food Challenge Practices
County Stock Show Entries
District Livestock Judging

December

County Food Challenge
Consumer Decision Making
Workshops
Rabbit Validation

January

Runnels Co. Jr. Livestock
Show
District Food Challenge

February

District Consumer Decision
Making Contest
Fashion Workshop
County Duds 2 Dazzle
Contest
County Fashion Show

March

District Duds to Dazzle
District Fashion Show
Livestock Skillathon
Practice Begins

April

County Roundup
Healthy Lifestyles Begins
Dist. Meat Judging
Dist. Horse Judging
Dist. Rifle Contest
Photography Workshop
Dist. Photography Contest

May

District 4-H Roundup
District Livestock Skillathon
District Wool Judging

June

Texas 4-H Roundup
Record Books & Awards
Applications Due
Co. & Dist. Leadership Lab
Dist. Horse Show
Fashion Camp
Steer & Heifer Validation

July

County Camp
Food Camp

August

4-H Banquet

4-H Record Books

Each 4-H member is encouraged to keep a record of his or her 4-H work. Record Books are not an extra task, but a part of the learning experience. By your 4-Her recording their activities they can keep track of all of the different learning experiences they have had in the 4-H program. Record Books are open for all age divisions. Through 4-H Record Books, your 4-Her will learn how to set goals, keep track of tasks/awards/contests, and reflect on what they learned throughout the year.

4-H Record Books have four main parts:

1. **Check Sheet**
2. **Personal Information Page**
3. **4-H Story & Photo Portfolio**
4. **Report Forms**

Record Book Categories Include:

- **Agricultural Science**
- **Beef**
- **Citizenship & Civic Education**
- **Dog Care & Training**
- **Consumer Education**
- **Entomology**
- **Fashion & Interior Design**
- **Food & Nutrition**
- **Gardening & Horticulture**
- **Goat**
- **Health & Personal Safety**
- **Horse**
- **Leadership**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Photography**
- **Plant & Soil Science**
- **Poultry**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Rabbit**
- **STEM**
- **Sheep**
- **Shooting Sports**
- **Swine**
- **Theater & Performance Arts**
- **Vet Science**

How to Enroll



What's the Cost?

Youth Membership Fees

August 15 - October 31st | \$25.00

November 1 - Completion of 4-H year | \$30.00

Adult Membership Fees

August 15 - Completion of 4-H Year | \$10.00

*all adult volunteers must register and have a background check completed.

How Do You Enroll?

Head over to 4-HOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) and start the enrollment process. If you are enrolling a third-grader, please wait until September 1 to enroll for proper fees to be accessed. ALL YOUTH and ADULTS that participate in 4-H programming need to enroll in the 4-H program!

New 4-H Family

Step 1

Select to set-up up a profile. Set-up **ONLY ONE** family profile per household.

Enter a valid e-mail address that is checked often.

Create a password. Requirements will be displayed on the screen if not validated.

Complete all family information.

Step 2

Start adding a member. Enter one enrollment profile at a time.

Youth will select at least one club and one project. Adults will select a volunteer type.

Enter information in all fields on the "Questions Screen". Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.

Complete the Health and Consent Screens.

Step 3

Review fees. Youth fees vary with date enrolled.

Youth fees: \$25 until October 31st
Adult fees: \$10

Add and select a credit card to pay for fees. Do not select "pay by count check"

Select payment and agree to payment and refund terms.

Step 4

Youth

Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.

Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.

Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.

Status changes to approved.

Adult

Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.

Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.

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Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.

Returning 4-H Family

Step 1

DO NOT create a new family profile.

Login with the family email address and password.

If you forgot your password, click "reset password link" or contact the extension off.

Review and update family information.

Step 2

Click enroll next to the member's name.

You can only enroll one member at a time.

Continue through each screen to update. You MUST update school, grade, clubs and projects.

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Join a Club!

Ballinger 4-H Club

Meeting Location: Runnels County Extension Office

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of the Month - 6:30 pm

Club Managers: Jennifer Bean/Amber Cave

email: jenniferbean78@gmail.com ambercave_05@hotmail.com

Club Facebook: @Ballinger4HClub

Miles 4-H Club

Meeting Location: Miles Young Farmers Building

Meeting Time: 3rd Monday of the Month - 6:30 pm

Club Manager: Megan Vahlenkamp

email: vahlenkamp97@gmail.com

Club Facebook: @Milestx4H

Rowena 4-H Club

Meeting Location: St. Joseph's Parish Hall Meeting Room

Meeting Time: 1st Wednesday of the Month - 7:30 pm

Club Managers: Jill Battle/Monica Minzenmayer

email: battlehome@verizon.net monica_minz@hotmail.com

Club Facebook: @Rowena4H

Winters 4-H Club

Meeting Location: 1st Baptist Church Hall

Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm

Club Manager: Danna Hoppe

email: danna.hoppe@gmail.com

Club Facebook: @Winters4HClub

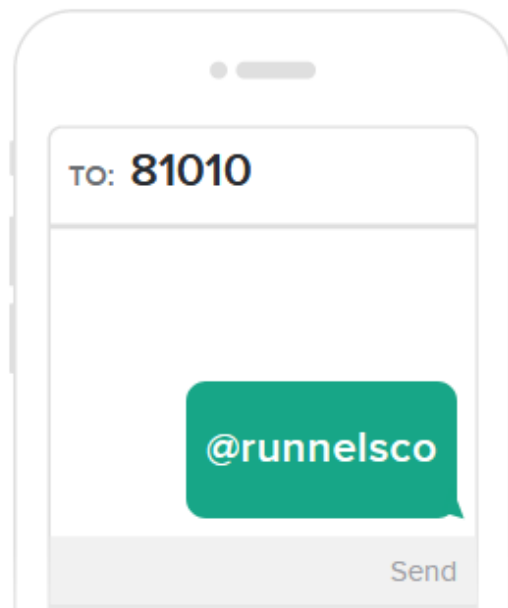
Stay Connected

Runnels County 4-H Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter contains information like upcoming dates, contests, & educational opportunities. The newsletter can be found on our county webpage, the Runnels Co. 4-H facebook page, or via the email account that you submitted when registering on 4-H Online.

Remind

Keep up with Runnels County 4-H by joining Remind! You will receive notifications on your phone about club meetings, programs, and practices for certain contests. All you need to do is text @runnelsco to the number 81010. If you are unable to receive these notifications or would like to stop receiving them, please call the office.



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