

Potter County 4-H Family Handbook 2021-2022

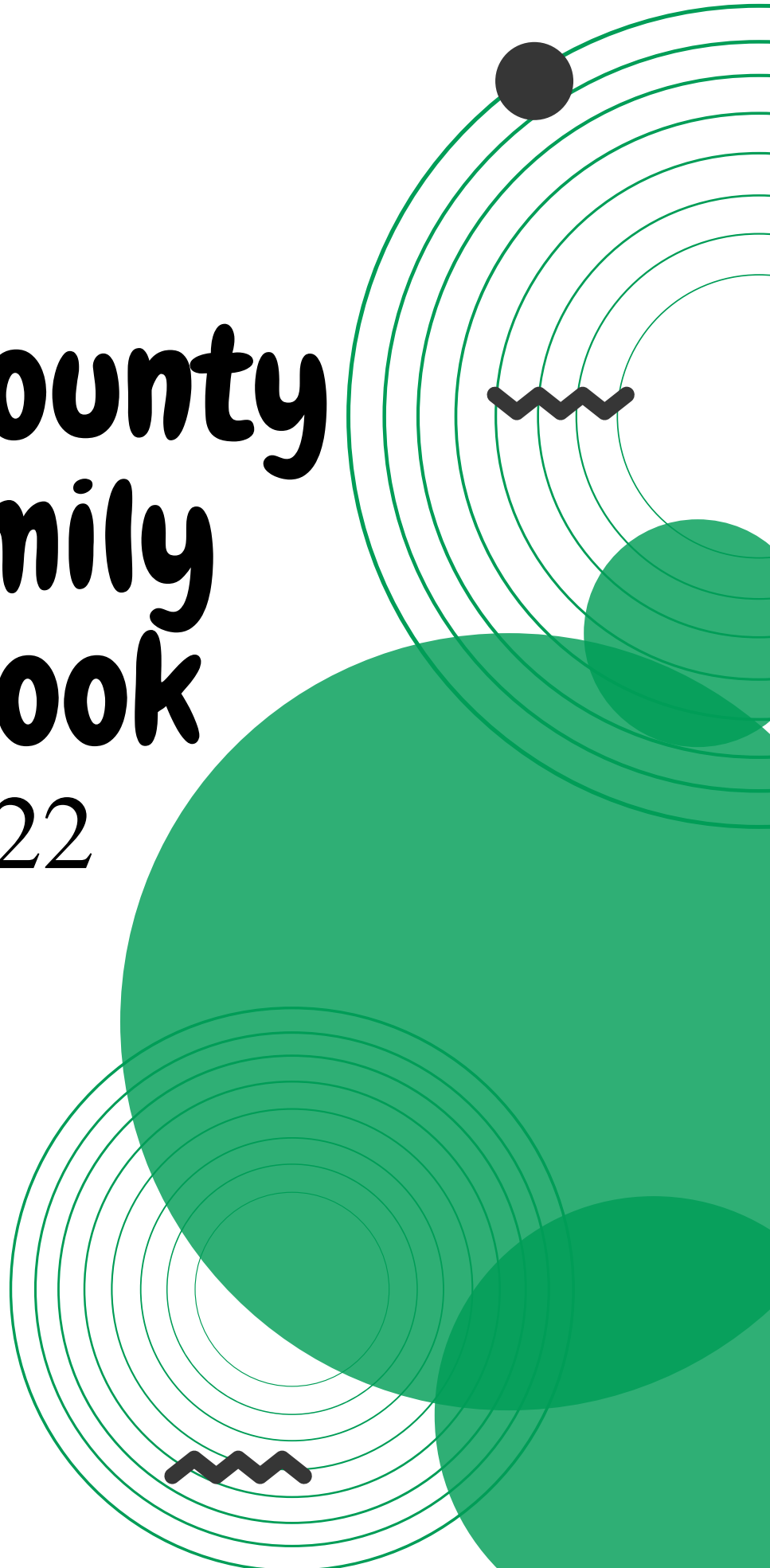


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Welcome



Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to the Potter County 4-H program! Through the 4-H program we are able to provide youth the opportunity to learn and develop important life skills through a variety of hands on learning experiences.

The 4-H Program has a variety of project areas for everyone's interest. 4-H members participate in many activities which can include everything from food & nutrition to showing livestock. With the wide array of 4-H projects and activities available, many new members do not understand the overall process or the time commitment that comes with some of our projects.

The 4-H program is designed to be a family affair, so 4-H parents are encouraged to get involved in the 4-H experience. Ways that 4-H parents can contribute to the experience range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities, or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events.

This guide has been developed to assist both new and more experienced 4-H families. No matter if you are a new 4-H Member or a "veteran," this handbook is helpful in making your time in the 4-H program a success. We hope that this will be a quick reference guide for you to use to make your 4-H experience more enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office, your club manager, or a project leader.

We look forward to your participation in the Potter County 4-H!

Thanks,

Cari Snider
County Extension Agent | 4-H & Youth Development
Potter County



Get Connected!

County Extension Office Location & Mailing Address

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Potter County Information

Have Questions?

Contact any of the above Extension Agents or message us through any of our social media platforms. You can find Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services - Potter County 4-H, FCH & Ag/NR on Facebook

Don't Want to Miss an Update?

Join our Remind App Alerts - follow the steps below to get connected!

Step 1: Download the Remind App

Step 2: Text @potter4h to 81010

Step 3: Stay Connected!



Location:

Our office is located just east of the Tri-State Fair office and West of Dick Bivens Stadium on 10th St.

District 14-H

Potter County 4-H is a member of District 14-H. Below you can find some helpful links!

Website: <https://d14-h.tamu.edu/>

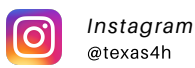
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleDistrict14H/>

Texas 4-H

Below you will find helpful links for Texas 4-H.

Website: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-HOnline: <https://v2.4honline.com/>





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 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 projects 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-HOnline, 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 Tom Green County 4-H! These clubs will elect their own officers and conduct their own business throughout the 4-H year. The business meetings are on a regular basis, depending on the manager of your club these meeting could take place monthly, bi-monthly, or even quarterly. During the business 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.).

Potter 4-H Newsletter

With over 200 4-H members in Potter County 4-H, our monthly newsletter is the number one form of communication between all 4-H'ers, parents, and the Extension Office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to read the newsletter to stay up to date on everything happening in Potter County 4-H. The newsletter contains information like upcoming dates, contest, or educational opportunities. The newsletter can be found on our county webpage, the email account that you submitted when registering on 4-HOnline, and through social media.

4-H Membership Policy



Any person, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability or national origin, may enroll as a 4-H member.

Texas 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of 9 (or 8 AND in the 3rd grade) and 18 on August 31.

Events that require registration, certification or entry during the summer prior to the beginning of the 4-H year – County Extension agents may sign entry forms for events that will occur during the 4-H year for youths who will become eligible for and enroll in 4-H on September 1, but these youths may not participate in 4-H competitive events and activities until September 1.

About 4-H

4-H Motto

Learn by Doing

4-H 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.

Parent Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions. I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments. I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways. I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country and our world..

4-H is...

Learning by doing, and is available to all boys and girls, 8 years old and in the 3rd grade through 18 years old as of August 31st of each year, from urban, suburban and rural areas. First, an adult leader brings together youth that have common interests. Second, the youth choose one or more projects. Projects are chosen from over thirty project areas offered. Third, the group enrolls as a club, and forth, meets together to learn and have FUN. Clubs are able to explore 4-H activities, events and trips. In 4-H, there are events happening all year round.

Mission Statement:

Prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.

Join a Club



Here in Potter County we have a total of 4 clubs

When registering for 4-H through [4-HOnline](#) you must select a 4-H club that is either a community club or a project club. However, that does not mean that you can't participate in more than one club!

Administrative Group

Potter 4-H County Council | Officers and elected representatives of each club in Potter County.

Club Manager(s): Cari Snider- CEA 4-H 806-373-0713 cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Meeting Location & Day: TBD

Meeting Time: TBD

Community Clubs - These are clubs that focus on all aspect of 4-H.

Blue Ribbon 4-H Club- A community club for youth interested in a variety of projects

Club Manager(s): Denell Noland
Meeting Location & Day: Potter County Extension Office | 2nd Monday Each Month
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Additional Contact Info: Club Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/potterblueribbon4h>

Lone Star Rabbit Club- A community club for youth interested the rabbit project

Club Manager(s): Megan Howard
Meeting Location & Day: | Potter County Extension Office | 2nd Thursday Each Month
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Additional Contact Info: Club Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/potterlonestarrabbit>

Potter Paper Punchers- A community club for youth interested the rifle project

Club Manager(s): Sarah Cummings
Meeting Location & Day: TBD- Practices will be determined in the Spring
Meeting Time:
Additional Contact Info:

Rawhide Horse Club- A community club for youth interested the horse project

Club Manager(s): Nicola Hsu
Meeting Location & Day: Potter County Extension Office| 1st Tuesday of each month| Additional Riding Clinics TBD
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Additional Contact Info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/478838985510161/>

Project Leaders



Many of our projects have dedicated leaders to help support the kids! There are so many projects available some are currently self-lead. As interest grows or an adult volunteer is able to take on the area we will develop county project groups.

Archery

Project Leader: Michael Hsu

Horse Quiz Bowl

Project Leader: Helen Hardy

Photography

Project Leader: Nicola Hsu

Shotgun

Project Leader: Tommy Bezner

Soil & Crop Science- Soil Judging

Project Leader: Cari Snider

Vet Science

Project Leader: Megan Eikner

Adult Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the successful implementation of the 4-H program. All registered adult 4-H volunteer working directly with 4-H youth in Texas complete a Youth Protection Standards Program (criminal background check) and receive training. Teens may also serve in volunteer roles through the 4-H Leadership project.

**Volunteers can serve in a variety of roles,
including the following:**

- 4-H Club Managers
- Teachers
- Event Judges
- Community Resource Persons
- Camp Counselors / Chaperones
- Parent Helpers
- Advisory Council Members
- Foundation Members
- Mentors

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		Step 2		Step 3		Step 4	
						Youth	Adult
Select to set-up up a profile. Set-up ONLY ONE family profile per household.	Start adding a member. Enter one enrollment profile at a time.	Review fees. Youth fees vary with date enrolled.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Youth fees: \$25 until October 31st Adult fees: \$10	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.
Enter a valid e-mail address that is checked often.	Youth will select at least one club and one project. Adults will select a volunteer type.	Youth fees: \$25 until October 31st Adult fees: \$10	Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Add and select a credit card to pay for fees. Do not select "pay by count check"	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements will be displayed on the screen if not validated.	Enter information in all fields on the "Questions Screen". Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Select payment and agree to payment and refund terms.	Status changes to approved.		Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.		Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consent Screens.		Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.				Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.

Returning 4-H Family

Step 1		Step 2		Step 3		Step 4	
						Youth	Adult
DO NOT create a new family profile.	Click enroll next to the member's name.	Review fees. Youth fees vary with date enrolled.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Youth fees: \$25 until October 31st Adult fees: \$10	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.	Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Review enrollment and fees. Click back to make corrections. Click submit.
Login with the family email address and password.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Youth fees: \$25 until October 31st Adult fees: \$10	Status changes to pending. County office will review and approve.	Add and select a credit card to pay for fees. Do not select "pay by count check"	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.	Adult volunteers must complete screening and required trainings.
If you forgot your password, click "reset password link" or contact the extension off.	Continue through each screen to update. You MUST update school, grade, clubs and projects.	Select payment and agree to payment and refund terms.	Status changes to approved.		Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.		Status is changes to pending. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged.
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consent Screens.		Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.				Status changes to approved after payment is received screening approved, and trainings completed.



TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LIST



AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care & Training
- Goats (Dairy & Mohair)
- Goats (Meat)
- Horse
- Horticulture
- Junior Master Gardener
- Livestock Judging
- Meat Science
- Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Soil & Crop Science
- Swine
- Veterinary Science



FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Consumer Education
- Fashion & Interior Design
- Foods & Nutrition
- Health & Personal Safety



NATURAL RESOURCES

- Aquatic Science
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Outdoor Education & Living Skills
- Range Science
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Water Conservation & Education
- Wildlife & Fisheries



LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Global Citizenship
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Theater & Performance Arts
- Workforce Preparation
- Youth Entrepreneurship



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

- Energy
- Photography/Videography
- Robotics
- Rocketry
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
- Computer 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.



4-H Projects



Through the 4-H program there are a variety of projects that a 4-Her can participate in. When talking about "projects" the 4-H program separates out all the projects offered into our Big 5 Project Areas (Ag & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Natural Resources, STEM, Leadership & Citizenship). Over the next few pages you will learn the best contact for each project area, typical time of year, and the different learning opportunities/contest related to this projects. For more in-depth information visit our YouTube Channel and watch our [Big 5 Project Informational](#) or the [Texas 4-H Clover Guide](#).

Ag & Livestock

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Beef Cattle	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Meat Judging	Year round with contest taking place in Spring.
Dairy Cattle	Major Livestock Shows, Dairy Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations	Year round and spring.
Dog Care & Training	Fostering dogs, Compete in Dog Shows, Photography, Workshops, Career Exploration, Good Canine, Good Citizen Testing, Educational Presentations	Mostly in the spring. State Contest each Spring
Goats (Dairy, Mohair & Meat)	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Mohair Judging, Skill-a-thons, Clinics	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Horse	Homes for Horse, Equine Ambassador, Horse Show (County, District State), Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Horticulture	LGEG, Junior Master Gardener, Certifications (Golden Ray Series, Operation Thistle, Operation Water), Photography	Year Round
Meat Science	Meat Judging, Ag Product Id, Educational Presentations, Livestock Judging	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Poultry	Poultry Judging, Major Livestock Shows, Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Rabbits	Major Stock Shows, Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza, Rabbit Advisory Board, Educational Presentations	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring
Sheep	Major Livestock Shows, Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking/Educational Presentations, Wool Judging, Skill-a-thons.	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Vet Science	Vet Science Certificate Program, Vet Science Skill-a-thon, Vet Science Camps	Year Round - with most contest being in the Spring

Who Should You Contact?

For Livestock related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

4-H Projects



Family & Community Health

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Consumer Education	Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, Educational Presentation	Fall/Early Winter
Fashion & Interior Design	Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, Sewing Camps & Workshops	Spring & Summer
Food & Nutrition	Food Show, Food Challenge, FCH Quiz Bowl, Healthy Lifestyles, Ag Product ID	-Fall/Early Winter
Health & Personal Safety	Healthy Lifestyles, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking	Spring & Summer

Who Should You Contact?

For any Family & Community Health related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Leadership & Citizenship

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Community Service	Local service days, One Day 4-H, Self-lead Service Activities	Year round
Citizenship	National 4-H Week, 4-H Day at the Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Commissioner Court Interpretation Days	Year round - with major events in Spring & Summer
Global Citizenship	Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education, International Exchange Programs (Outbound and Inbound), Global Citizenship Study Trip	Year Round - Big events in Summer
Leadership	Ambassador Programs (Equine, Fashion & Interior Design, HTYA, Livestock, Photography, Shooting Sports, Water, STEM), County & District Council, Club Officer.	Year Round
Public Speaking	Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Speaking at club/county meetings, other 4-H contest.	Year round with most contest will take place in Spring
Theater & Performance Arts	Share-the-Fun	Spring
Workforce & Career Prep	Workshops, Facility/Industry Tours, YALL Tour, etc.	Year Round
Youth Entrepreneurship	Workshops, Learn Business Models, Shadowing Opportunities	Year round

Who Should You Contact?

For any Leadership & Citizenship related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

4-H Projects



STEM

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Photography & Video	Photography Contest, Photography Judging, TGCJLA Project Fair, SASSR Creative ARts, Workshops, Junior Master Photographer	Spring/Summer
Robotics	TAME Events, AgRobotics Contest, Robotics Challenge, GEAR Contest, Major Stock Shows, Camps, Workshops	Year Round
Rocketry & Aerospace	Workshops, Summer Camps, Team America Rocketry Challenge	Year Round & Summer
Science, Technology, Engineer, & Math	4-H STEM Challenge, Day Camps/Summer Camps, Discover Science Method Poster Competition	Year Round & Summer

Who Should You Contact?

For any general STEM-related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Natural Resources

Program Area	Learning Opportunities & Contest	Time of Year
Entomology	Entomology Collections, Entomology Judging, Beekeeping Essay Contest, Photography Contest, Educational Presentation	Year Round
Fosetry	National 4-H Forestry Invitational	Year Round
Outdoor Education & Living Skills	Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, Educational Presentations, Wildlife Challenge	Year Round & Summer
Range Science	Range & Pasture Grass ID, Range Evaluation, Soil Judging	Year Round & Spring
Shooting Sports	Postal Leagues, Indoor Archery, Roundup Archery, Indoor & Outdoor Rifle, Ambassador Opportunities, Educational Presentations	Year Round
Sportfishing	Outdoor Challenge, Wildlife Challenge, Educational Presentations	Year Round
Water Conservation & Education	Workshops, Camps, Lesson Plans, Water Ambassador	Year Round
Wildlife & Fisheries	Roundup Wildlife Challenge, Wildlife Habitat Education Project, Wildlife Contest at Major Stock Shows	Year Round

Who Should You Contact?

For any general Natural Resources related questions please contact Cari Snider our 4-H Agent at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

4-H Record Books



Each 4-H member is encourage to keep a record of his or her 4-H work. Record are not an extra task, but a part of the learning experience! By your 4-her recording this activities that can keep track of all the different learning experiences they have had in the 4-H program. Record Books are open to all age divisions (junior, intermediate, and senior age divisions).

Through 4-H Record Books, your 4-her will learn how to set goals, keep track of task/awards/contest, 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 Sport
- Swine
- Theater & Performance Arts
- Vet Science

For More Information

Contact Cari at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Additional Resources:

[Record Book Family Guide](#) | [Additional Resources](#)

Additional Opportunities



Curriculum Enrichment

Through the Potter County Extension Office we offer a variety of programs in the schools to assist teachers with curriculum enrichment. If you are interested in these program contact Colleen: colleen.hancock@ag.tamu.edu or Cari: cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award over \$2.5 MILLION in scholarships to over 200 4-H members.

Applications open in the Fall. District 1 will host a training.

Apply Here: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/>