

# CLUB MANAGER CONNECTION

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## A NEW YEAR

AS WE EMBARK ON A BRAND-NEW 4-H YEAR, I WANT TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR DEDICATED 4-H CLUB MANAGERS WHO CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH. THIS YEAR PROMISES TO BE A REMARKABLE JOURNEY FILLED WITH ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AND GROWTH FOR BOTH OUR YOUNG MEMBERS AND OUR COMMITTED LEADERS. TOGETHER, WE WILL CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING, FOSTER LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND IGNITE THE SPARK OF CURIOSITY IN OUR 4-H CLUBS. LET'S EMBRACE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPOWER OUR YOUTH TO REACH FOR THE STARS, KNOWING THAT THE SEEDS WE PLANT TODAY WILL BLOSSOM INTO THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. WITH YOUR PASSION, GUIDANCE, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT, THIS YEAR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. HERE'S TO A VIBRANT AND ENRICHING 4-H YEAR AHEAD!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

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# Getting Started with Record Books

4-H record books are invaluable tools for young members, as they teach essential life skills such as goal setting, time management, and record-keeping. These books not only help youngsters keep track of their 4-H projects but also serve as a tangible record of their personal growth and achievements. Beyond that, record books instill a sense of responsibility and accountability, preparing youth for future endeavors and careers. They showcase the dedication and hard work that 4-H members put into their projects, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment. Ultimately, 4-H record books play a vital role in shaping well-rounded, organized, and goal-oriented individuals who are ready to tackle the challenges of the future with confidence. This Fast Facts document can help put your members on the right track!

## 4-H RECORD BOOK FAST FACTS

### 01 What goes into your book?

You can include the current year and 3 preceding years in your book. You will want to make sure you include as much as you can.

### 02 Project Experiences

You can include up to 4 projects. Start with the project you have the most experiences in.

### 03 Leadership/Service

I want to know less about what you did through these roles, and more about what you learned and how you grew as a person through these experiences.

### 04 Outside 4-H

Besides 4-H, what are you involved in? What other awards have you won? Community service? Leadership? Include it all here

### 05 Story

This is where you get to be creative! Tell the story of your 4-H journey this year. Include pictures!

You can find more detailed information at these links:  
<https://agrilife.org/d84h/home/record-books/>  
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>



# Calendar at a Glance

## 4-H MEMBERS & CLUB MANAGERS



### JANUARY

- New Year!
- Fort Worth Stock Show
- Texas 4-H Scholarship due to specialist to review

Good time to check in with club officers and see how everyone is doing. Start the 2nd half of the year off with a bang!

### FEBRUARY

- San Antonio Stock Show
- San Angelo Stock Show
- Texas 4-H Scholarship Due
- 4-H Day at the Capitol (in odd years)

Good time to plan a spring community service project

### MARCH

- Most County Contests will happen this month- Photography, Fashion, CDM
- District Registration opens for Horse Judging, Livestock, Meats, Soils, CDM, Fashion, Rifle, Leaders for Life, Roundup, Quiz Bowls

Good time to finalize those Presentations and Fashion Show entries!

### APRIL

- District Contests: Rifle, Livestock, Meats, Horse, Soils, Leaders for Life, Fashion Show
- County Contests: Roundup
- Scholarships are announced
- Steer, Heifer, and State Fair tag orders are due
- National 4-H Conference
- National Volunteer Week
- Tractor Supply Spring Clover Campaign

Good time to start working on your Recordbook!

### MAY

- Registrations due for: Horse Show, SURGE, District Council, Texas 4-H Roundup, SE DS County Camp
- Scholarship Interview
- District Contests: Roundup
- Ag Awareness/Farm Safety/Water Days typically happen

Good time to finalize those recordbooks. Which summer camps are you going to?

### JUNE

- Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station
- Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge
- District 4-H Horse Show in Belton
- District 8 4-H SURGE
- Southeast District 8 County Camp
- District Recordbook Entries due

Good time to enjoy your weekends! Club Charters are due July 15th.



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## NEW AGENT ONBOARDING



### JULY

- State Shooting Sports Games
- State Horse Show
- Club Charters due
- District Recordbook Judging
- State Recordbook Judging entry due
- Texas 4-H Congress (in even years)

Which summer camp are you going to? This is a great time to start setting your goals for the next year.

### AUGUST

- 4-H Banquets happen
- 4-H Enrollment begins on the 15th
- Entries due for State Fair, Abilene, Tyler
- Sheep & goat tag orders due

Meet with your new officer team and plan your new year!

### SEPTEMBER

- Big Enrollment Push!
- East Texas Fair
- West Texas Fair
- HOT Fair entries due
- Swine tag orders due
- Turkey orders due
- Foods Project kicks off-leader workshops

Encourage your friends to join in the fun of 4-H!

### OCTOBER

- State Fair of Texas
- Heart of Texas Fair
- State Sheep & Goat Validation
- State Heifer Fall Validation
- National 4-H Week
- Major Broiler orders due

Good time to get a few livestock clinics in.

### NOVEMBER

- District 8 Holiday Classic (Belton)
- County Food Show/Food Challenge
- District Foods entries due
- BIG Scholarship due
- DS 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training
- Texas 4-H Scholarship open

This is a good time to check in on your project goals. How are they coming along?

### DECEMBER

- Scholarship Programs
- County Christmas Parties
- Final prep for a lot of county shows

Good time to recharge, see your family, and prepare for the upcoming year.



YEAR AT A GLANCE

Check out this Calendar At a Glance! This calendar tells the story of when things will typically happen during the 4-H year. Be sure to let me know if you need this in a hard copy! I'm happy to email it to you.

## Club Manager Connection

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### LET'S CONNECT

What is your role? We are all in this together Online

5/18

### LET'S REFLECT

How did this year go for you? What worked? What didn't? Let's plan for next year! Online

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### LET'S KICK IT OFF

Ready for the new year? Let's get things kicked off! Online

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### LET'S FIND OUT WHAT'S NEXT

How can we put into practice the things we've learned so far? What is next as a club manager? Online



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# REMINDERS & LINKS TO REMEMBER

- Did you know that we have a whole page dedicated to you on our District website? You can check it out here:
  - <https://agrilife.org/d84h/club-managers/>
- Need a new idea for a club meeting? Be sure to check out a few of the meeting ideas on the Texas 4-H Management page! Scroll to the bottom of the page to find 4 sets of meeting ideas for each month.
  - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/>