



# ZAVALA COUNTY FEBRUARY 2024 4-H NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates:



- 2/7/24 ZAE meeting @ Batesville Nutrition Center
- 2/15/24 Ag product ID Practice/ Workshop @ 6 PM
- 2/17/24 Rifle and Shotgun Practice @ 2 PM
- 2/18/24 Crystal City 4-H Club Meeting @ 2 PM
- 2/18/24 Shooting Sports 4-H Club Meeting @ 3 PM
- 2/20/23 Last Day to sign up for D12 Postal League
- 2/20/24 Batesville 4-H Club Meeting @ 6 PM
- 2/23/24 Last Day to submit photos to county contest
- 2/27/24 La Pryor 4-H Club Meeting @ 6 PM

\*See Below More Information\*

\*Attention Zavala County Junior Livestock Show  
Exhibitors\* Thank You Cards are Due by your club's  
February Meeting

# 4-H Club Meetings

## **Batesville 4-H Club:**

2/20/24, 6 PM, Batesville Cafeteria

## **Crystal City 4-H Club:**

2/18/24, 2 PM, AgriLife Conference  
Room

(217 N 1st Ave, Crystal City, TX)

## **La Pryor 4-H Club:**

2/27/24, 6 PM, La Pryor Cafeteria

## **Zavala Shooting Sports 4-H Club:**

2/18/24, 3 PM, AgriLife Conference  
Room

(217 N 1st Ave, Crystal City, TX)





# **ZAVALA COUNTY AG PRODUCT ID PRACTICE/WORKSHOP**

**Join us to learn more about the Ag Product Id  
project contest!**

**Ages: 8 yrs (3rd Grade) – 18 yrs (12th Grade)**

**Ag Products to be discussed:**

- Beef
- Wheat
- Corn
- Peanut
- Fruit
- Nut
- Pork
- Vegetables



**Date: February 15, 2024**

**Time: 6 PM**

**Location: 217 N 1st Ave, Crystal City, Tx 78839  
[Two doors down from AgriLife Office]**





Shotgun and Rifle Practice

2/17/24

2 PM

Thirsty Cactus Ranch

4901 FM 1436, La Pryor, Tx 78872

\*Bring your own water, sun hats,  
sunscreen, etc.\*

\*Safety glasses& ear protection will be  
provided\*



# 2024 Zavala County 4-H Photography Contest



**SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS BEHIND THE CAMERA!**

**4-H CLUB MEMBERS OF ZAVALA COUNTY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THEIR BEST PHOTOWORK IN OUR ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!**

**CONTEST BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2024.**

**NO FEE TO ENTER!**

**ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE EMAILED TO  
[LESLIE.DOMINGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:LESLIE.DOMINGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU)**

**ALL CATEGORY WINNERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TO DISTRICT COMPETITION.**

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE OVERALL BEST OF SHOW FOR EACH AGE DIVISION!**

Please contact  
our office  
for any further  
questions at:  
830-374-2883.

**TEXAS A&M**  
**AGRI LIFE**  
**EXTENSION**



# Contest Rules

1. Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of March 11, 2023 and the time of entry.
2. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
3. All entries must be emailed by 5pm on February 23rd, 2024 to [leslie.dominguez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leslie.dominguez@ag.tamu.edu)
4. Copyright and Content: The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
5. Format & Quality of Photograph: Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
  - Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .png format
  - Files submitted may not be larger than 5,120k (5MB)
  - Photos must be a minimum of 300 dpi, and at least 1MB
  - Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait) Except for Panoramic category.
6. Judging: Judges will determine Quality, Best of Class, Best of Show for each age division (Senior: 9th-12th grades, Intermediate: 6th-8th grades, and Junior: 3rd-5th grades). Their decision on all entries is final.
7. County Winners for each category will have the opportunity to advance to the Texas 4-H District 12 Photography Contest in the Spring.
8. Prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show Winners for each age division at County level! Sponsored by the Zavala Youth Development Committee.
9. Photos will be displayed at the Zavala County Courthouse!



# (14) Categories

**ANIMALS – DOMESTIC** Photos focusing on various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systematically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. Examples: Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals – Wildlife.

**LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)** The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenic, etc. Not Allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

**ANIMALS – WILDLIFE** Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

**LEADING LINE** This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject. Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

**CATCH-ALL** Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.

**LONG EXPOSURE** Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions. Examples: Fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

**DETAILS & MACRO** Getting in close in the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye. Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplets, etc.

**MOTION/ACTION** The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen." Examples: Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across the field, etc.

**ELEMENTS OF DESIGN** A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Others variations are allowed as well. Examples: Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

**PEOPLE** Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject. Examples: Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

**FOOD** A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. Examples: Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc. Not allowed: A photo of alcohol beverages.

**PLANT/FLORA** Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category. Examples: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

**PANAROMIC** An image that is in one of the following dimensions: 5x15, 8x24, or 12x36. The subject can be the photographer's choice, but the image nor any portion of the image can be submitted in any other category.

**THEME** The 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned." Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature. Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.



# District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match (Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun)

Registration Period:  
January 26- February 20, 2024

Match Period:  
March 1- March 31, 2024

Price: \$5.00 Base Fee  
\$10.00 per division



Match will be done in Zavala County





# 2024 ZCJLS

Thank you to all our exhibitors and families for your hard work and dedication!

Thank you to the Zavala Agricultural Exposition for putting on a great show for our youth!

Thank you to our buyers for your endless support to our livestock show!





# 4-H



# Enrollment

## 2023-2024 Enrollment

Website to enroll

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

Who can enroll?

Clover buds- \$10

5 to 7 years old

Club members- \$25

8 years old (3rd Grade) to 18 years old (12th Grade)

Volunteers- \$10

Anyone 18+ years old

For more information contact your local extension agent



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