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BURLESON COUNTY 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the Burleson County 4-H Program! 4-H is the youth development program for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Our purpose is to provide youth the opportunity to learn, develop life skills, and form positive attitudes enabling them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The 4-H Program has opportunities for both rural and urban youth. 4-H Educational methods include: recreation, recognition, trips, club and community activities. Our program provides opportunities and personal development of all the young people involved. Additional project education is available from 4-H Leaders and Extension Agents.

4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR. Youth can select various 4-H projects with the help of their parents. Parents then advise, counsel and assist their child in taking care of, constructing, or being involved in the project.

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

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REMININD 101

Remind



Sign up for important updates from Burleson Co. 4-H.

Get information for **Burleson County 4-H** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **Burleson County 4-H**:

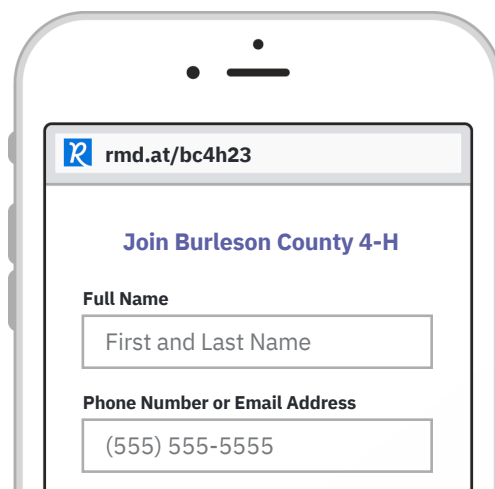
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If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/bc4h23

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@bc4h23** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@bc4h23** to **(303) 731-4514**.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/bc4h23 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



4-H Motto & Pledge

In support of the 4-H Club

Motto,

To Make the Best Better

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.**



I will exhibit traits of a person with character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It is my attitude at the beginning of any project that will affect its successful outcome.

It is impossible to succeed without others, and it is my attitude toward other individuals that will determine their specific attitudes toward me.

Nothing can be gained by thinking negatively; therefore, I will think positively. We become what we think. I will not talk about negative ideas or gossip.

I must develop personal pride in what I am, what I do, what I say, how I act; and I must remember the destructive function of false pride.

Nothing of consequence was ever accomplished without cooperation, optimism, perseverance and enthusiasm. It is contagious when it is real, urgent, honest, human, and my own!

4-H MEMBERSHIP



1. Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of 3rd grade through August 31st following completion of grade 12 with these restrictions:

Minimum age: 8 (as of August 31, 2023 in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age: 18 (as of August 31, 2023)

2. A youth applies for 4-H membership when he/she completes an individual online registration via 4-H Online. Membership is not active until an applicant's registration is entered into 4-H Online and approved by the County Office. <https://v2.4honline.com/>

3. A youth participates in 4-H by belonging to a chartered 4-H club or county program or any recognized unit of membership in the county where he/she resides. *Membership cannot be held simultaneously in more than one county or state, but membership may change with residence, as long as the member participates in a given project in only one county or state.

4. Cross County Participation. A youth is required to participate in the county 4-H Program of his/her residence or in the county where he/she attends school. If, for some circumstance, a youth needs to participate in an adjacent county, the family must submit a "Member Transfer Form" to the County Extension Office where they wish to participate in 4-H. The form must be submitted in a minimum thirty (30) days prior to membership transfer.

5. 4-H members must represent the county in which they are enrolled and approved for all 4-H competitions, events, and activities.

6. Once membership is approved in a county it cannot be moved or transferred to another county until the following year unless approval is given by the State Leader of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and there is an agreement among both County Extension Agents. Refer to #4 for more information on this process.

7. Youth may enroll in one or more 4-H projects or any curriculum enrichment.

8. 4-H members participate in planned 4-H project learning experiences under the guidance of a 4-H certified project leader or trained leader.

9. The 4-H year will start September 1st, 2023. Enrollment will remain open throughout the year.

10. Participation fees will be \$25.00 for those enrolling between September 1st and October 31. Beginning November 1, and for the continuation of the 4-H year, the participation fee will be \$30.00.

CLOVER KID MEMBERSHIP



1. The 4-H Clover Kids Program is a non-formal, educational program for youth ages 5 - 8 in kindergarten, first and second grades. This program is designed as an introductory 4-H program for both boy and girls in this age group.
2. Clover Kid groups are not considered 4-H club members. The primary goal of the group is to build self-esteem, confidence, social and decision-making skills through participation in hands-on, non-competitive activities and as a recruitment tool for future 4-H members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Club Members (3-12/8-18): \$25.00(before Nov. 1) \$30.00 (after Nov. 1)
Clover Kids (5-7/K-2): \$10.00
Adult Volunteers: \$10.00

AWARDS, CONTESTS AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS

1. Individual contest rules and guideline for each contest in compliance with District and State guidelines.
2. **NO PASS-NO PLAY.** 4-H is recognized by the Texas Education Agency and each local school district as an extracurricular activity. All 4-H members participating in any 4-H competitive event must be passing all classes in order to compete, whether or not the competitive even is during school time. Prior to each competitive event, each school will be notified and asked to identify 4-H members who are not academically eligible as of the most recent grade reporting period. If 4-H members are not passing, they will be notified by the Extension Agent.
3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES.** 4-H members participating in an activity which is approved by the local school board, under the direction of the Extension Agent(s) will be considered in attendance and will be reported present. Students are responsible for and **MUST** stay within the allotted number of days allowed by their school Schools will be notified (by letter) from the Extension Office as to what members will be participating as well as dates and times that they are to miss classes.
4. Guidelines for specific awards, scholarships and other opportunities should be available through your local club manager and adult leader(s).

BURLESON COUNTY CLUBS



CALDWELL 4-H CLUB

1st Wednesday, 7PM

Caldwell Elementary School Cafeteria

Club Manager, Christy Faust

(979)220-8573

COOKS POINT 4-H CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 6PM

Cooks Point Community Center

Club Manager, Jayla Fry

(979)255-8414

DEANVILLE 4-H CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 7PM

Deanville Fire Station

Club Manager, Kristen Suehs

(979)820-2085

4-H DOG CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 7PM

Burleson County Fair Pavilion

Club Manager, Patty Kahlden

(979)272-8453

4-H EXCHANGE CLUB

Time & Place TBA

Club Managers, Randy See & Sharyle Macik

(979)229-3094/(979)777-4989

FRENSAT 4-H CLUB

1st Wednesday, 7PM

Frenstat Recreation Center

Club Manager, Ryann Howe

(214)762-0045

4-H GOAT CLUB

2nd Monday, 6:30PM

FBC, Family Life Center

Club Manager, Rachael Sears

(979)218-6926

4-H HORSE CLUB

2nd Monday, 7PM

Buddy & Edile Lightsey Arena

Club Manager, Steve Canon

(979)255-2700

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

1st Tuesday, 7PM

Harmony Baptist Church

Club Manager, Mary Myers

(281)636-1940

SNOOK 4-H CLUB

2nd Monday, 7PM

Snook Brethren Church

Club Manager, John See

(979)272-4004

SOMERVILLE 4-H CLUB

2nd Sunday, 7PM

Somerville Lutheran Church

Club Manager, Heather Hernandez

(979)406-0085

4-H STITCH & DESIGN

2nd Monday, 7PM

Burleson County Fair Event Center

Club Manager, Cassie Baldwin

(979)450-8863

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CLUB

Time & Place TBA

Club Manager, Joni Urbanosky

(979)324-9889



4-H Council

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| President..... | Kylan Canon |
| 1st Vice President | Caitlyn Faust |
| 2nd Vice President..... | Alexis Macik |
| Secretary..... | Ciara Coker |
| Treasurer..... | J.Beaux Hruska |
| Reporter..... | Kaden Schroeder |
| Parliamentarian..... | Landon Barnes |
| Sergeant at Arms..... | Wesley See |
| Public Relations..... | Hagan Sebesta |

Adult Leaders Association

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|---------------------|----------------|
| President..... | Steve Canon |
| Vice President..... | Christy Faust |
| Secretary..... | Hannah Kovar |
| Treasurer..... | Beverly Blinka |

BURLESON COUNTY FAIR RULES



- Exhibitors or a parent must live in Burleson County, and/or, be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2023-2024 school year; and must have entered the third grade. **All exhibitors must be a member of a Burleson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, attend 5 4-H Club or FFA Chapter meetings between September 1, 2023– August 31, 2024 and be in good standing with their respective club or chapter.** Any incoming FFA member who has not been a member of FFA must have approval by the Agricultural Science teacher. Any 4-H or FFA member who is failing a course or is academically ineligible will not be allowed to show or sell his animal(s) in the Junior Livestock Division, however, the exhibitors animals are still eligible to show and sell in the Junior Livestock Shows and Sales by a substitute exhibitor approved by the committee chairperson. It is the responsibility of the FFA advisors and AgriLife Extension agents to inform the Burleson County Fair Association whether an exhibitor has met this requirement or not. Missed meetings can be made up according to the guidelines set by your FFA Chapter or Burleson County AgriLife Extension office.
- Only one (1) 4-H meeting per month will count toward the five (5) meeting fair rule. The following events can count for ONE (1) meeting: Major Show, any District or State 4-H Event (Roundup, Judging contest, Day at Capitol, etc.), County Day Camp, County Camp in Brownwood, or any other event approved by the County Extension Office.

An event can only replace one (1) of the five (5) required meetings.

- You must be a registered member for the 2023-2024 4-H year for your monthly meetings to count. *Online registration begins September 1, 2023
- Please re-enroll on 4-H Online by September 8th in order to show at the 2023 Burleson County Fair

2023-2024 MAJOR STOCK SHOWS

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| State Fair of Texas..... | Sept. 28-Oct.22, 2023 |
| Heart O' Texas..... | Sept. 27- Oct. 15, 2023 |
| Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo..... | Jan. 12-Feb. 3, 2024 |
| San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo..... | Feb. 1-18, 2024 |
| San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo..... | Feb 8-25, 2024 |
| Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo..... | Feb. 27-Mar. 17, 2024 |
| Rodeo Austin..... | Mar. 1-23, 2024 |

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS - SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 22 HEART O' TEXAS - SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 15
 FORT WORTH - JANUARY 12 - FEBURARY 3 SAN ANGELO - FEBURARY 1 - 18 SAN ANTONIO - FEBURARY 8 - 25
 HOUSTON - FEBURARY 27 - MARCH 17 AUSTIN - MARCH 1 - 23

10. → OCTOBER → 2023

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| 01 • MKT GOAT • WAVE 1 BARROW • MKT STEERS | 02 • WAVE 2 BARROW • MKT GOAT • FOOD CHALLENGE • MKT STEERS • AG MECH | 03 • MKT BROILERS • WAVE 2 BARROW • MKT STEER • AG MECH | 04 • WAVE 3 BARROW • MKT STEER | 05 • MKT STEER • WAVE 3 BARROW • AGRIBOTICS | 06 • YOUTH SALE OF CHAMPIONS • MKT LAMBS | 07 • WOOL JUDGING • MKT LAMBS • FOOD CHALLENGE |
| 08 • BREEDING SHEEP • SHEEP SKILLATHON • MKT LAMBS • LIVESTOCK JUDGING | 09 • LIVESTOCK JUDGING • WAVE 1 HEIFERS • MKT GOATS | 10 • BREEDING SHEEP • WAVE 1 HEIFERS • MKT GOATS | 11 • WAVE 1 HEIFERS • MKT GOATS | 12 • DAIRY GOAT • PUBLIC SPEAKING • WAVE 2 HEIFERS • SWINE | 13 • BREEDING GOAT • BEEF SKILATHON • AGRI-SCIENCE FAIR • RABBIT • WAVE 2 HEIFERS • SWINE | 14 • DAIRY JUDGING • BREEDING GOAT • WAVE 2 HEIFERS • SWINE |
| 15 • BREEDING GOAT • WAVE 2 HEIFERS • SWINE | 16 • WETHER DAM & DOES • JOB INTERVIEW • WAVE 2 HEIFERS | 17 • AG MECHANICS • VET TECH CONTEST • WETHER DAM & DOE | 18 • AG MECHANICS • WAVE 3 HEIFERS | 19 • WAVE 3 HEIFERS • WILFLIFE CONTEST • BREEDING GILTS | 20 • SWINE SKILLATHON • WAVE 3 HEIFERS | 21 • PUREBRED GILT • WAVE 3 HEIFERS |
| 22 • CROSSBRED GILT • WAVE 3 HEIFERS | | | | | | |

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 HOUSTON - FEBURARY 27 - MARCH 17 AUSTIN - MARCH 1 - 23

01. → JANUARY → 2024

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| 14 • AG MECH | 15 • AG MECH | 16 • DAIRY CATTLE SHOW/RELEASE | 17 • BREEDING SHEEP | 18 • HEIFER • BREEDING SHEEP | 19 • HEIFER • BREEDING SHEEP | 20 • HEIFER • BREEDING SHEEP |
| 21 • BREEDING SHEEP • HEIFER • WETHERS | 22 • HEIFER | 23 | 24 • WETHERS • FOOD CHALLENGE | 25 • WETHERS | 26 • AG ROBOTICS • WETHERS | 27 • WETHERS |
| 28 | 29 • MKT BARROW | 30 • MKT STEER • MKT BARROW | 31 • MKT BARROW • MKT STEER | 01 • MKT BARROW • MKT STEER • AG MECH | 02 • MKT BARROW • MKT STEER • AG MECH • PUBLIC SPEAKING | |

02. FEBRUARY 2024

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03. MARCH 2024

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THE 4-H PROJECT



WHAT IS A PROJECT?

The project is the heart of the 4-H program. A wide variety of projects are available for members. Project opportunities vary depending upon the county and club. A member or group can also select an area of interest that is not officially listed as a 4-H project and plan and conduct a self-directed project in that area of interest.

Through carefully selected projects, members learn to manage their resources, assume responsibility and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living.

A project may extend over a short period of time or for several years. “Learning-by-doing” is the most important aspect of a project, not time. Making, growing, caring for, observing and participating—are all active learning processes involved in 4-H projects.

From a member’s viewpoint, projects may be fun, help develop skills, offer an opportunity to assume responsibility, to make a profit, save money or explore interests and careers. Projects also offer a chance to do things with friends.

Leaders and parents may see the project as a means to create more interest in daily tasks, strengthen family and community ties, develop knowledge and skills of members, explore possible career opportunities, enhance positive self-concept, develop the ability to organize, plan and make decisions.

THE PROJECT GROUP

Members have the opportunity to participate in group learning and peer teaching since sharing skills and experiences often provides them with greater learning opportunities. Group participation can also motivate members to follow through with commitments. Members are usually involved in group learning through their participation in a project group.

Project group meetings (4-H classroom setting) are designed so members acquire subject matter, knowledge and skills, and general life skills.

HOW ARE PROJECTS CONDUCTED?

Projects are conducted through various activities and events such as:

1. Project and community club group meetings (4-Her should have 5 learning experiences, demonstrations, etc.)

*Learning experience should be a minimum of 30 minutes in length.

2. Field trips to tour local businesses, various agencies, as well as other members projects
3. Family activity at home
4. Exhibiting project work at home
5. Individual work toward project goals
6. Record keeping of project activities

BURLESON COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS AREAS



- BEEF
- DOG CARE & TRAINING
- CITIZENSHIP
- FASHION
- OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- CONSUMER EDUCATION
- FOOD & NUTRITION
- GOATS
- HEALTH & SAFETY
- HORSE
- HORTICULTURE
- LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- ROBOTICS
- GLOBAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- POULTRY
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- RABBITS
- SHEEP
- SHOOTING SPORTS
- SWINE
- THEATER & PERFORMANCE ARTS
- WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
- LIVESTOCK JUDGING
- YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **What makes a good recordbook (as in words and pictures)?** A 4-H recordbook has information about the 4-H member and growth and progress he/she has made in his/her projects over the past year and through the years. Recordbooks includes 1) a 4-H story that is a narrative telling about the 4-H member, 2) a photo story with action pictures of the 4-H member learning and doing 4-H project work, 3) a project record form that provides specific information in charts and bulleted statements covering project activities, community service, leadership, awards and recognition and non 4-H activities. A “good” book is neat, complete, descriptive, informative, and personalized to represent the experience of the 4-H member. For more information look for a recordbook tutorial online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordkeeping> and, watch the county recordbook training sometime in the spring.
- **What can adults do in 4-H?** You can help with 4-H as an adult leader. Leaders are needed for everything from just helping out with one meeting, to project leaders, to club managers, to county and even district or state 4-H leaders and everything in between.
- **What do I have to do to be a 4-Her?** Enroll online using 4-H Connect. Join a club of your choice. And, get involved!
- **What do you learn?** The possibilities are endless. You can learn specific information about your project areas, as well as leadership skills, responsibilities, respect, and how to give back through community service.
- **Do you have to do a recordbook?** No. 4-H recordbooks are not a requirement to be a 4-H member. Some awards and scholarships require a recordbook. There are important lessons that can be learned by doing a recordbook. But, recordbook completion is totally optional for 4-H members.
- **How do you get started with a recordbook?** Start keeping notes about the 4-H activities you do. You can use a calendar, a notebook, or even a shoe box. Just start writing down when you do things and learn things. As June nears, you will want to begin to organize your notes into the recordbook format.
- **What does the council require?** The Burleson County Council is made up of the elected officers and the president and 2 delegates from each club in the county. Council members provide leadership for several county activities including the Bicycle Rodeo and the County 4-H Day Camp. Any 4-H member who would like to attend is welcome!
- **Do you get a 4-H Scholarship?** There are several scholarship opportunities in 4-H, many requiring a recordbook to apply. In addition, 4-H involvement gives you extracurricular involvement, leadership, and community service activity which many scholarship donors are looking for.
- **What different groups or clubs are there?** There are community clubs and projects clubs. Community clubs are usually based around a geographical area and club members participate in a variety of projects. Project clubs are based on interest in a particular project. Although members of a project club focus on one specific project, members still have to option to participate in variety projects as well.
- **Is there a certain club you have to be in?** you have the option to choose the club that fits your needs and interests the best. Project activities, meeting times/dates/locations, and club leadership are all factors that you might consider when joining a club.
- **Do you have to show animals?** No. 4-H has variety of projects you can participate in the do not involve showing animals. Food projects and fashion projects are also very popular. But, it is also possible to have a project in areas as unusual as sports fishing, entomology, photography, health, horticulture and many more projects. Check out the state 4-H website for more information about projects: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects>.

10 EASY STEPS TO GETTING THE MOST OUT OF 4-H



#1 Youth Complete 4-H Connect

The 4-H Year starts September 1st, so every year members must enroll on 4-H Connect to participate in the 4-H programs and major livestock shows. The website for 4-H Connect is <https://texas.4honline.com>. Members must reenroll every year to stay a member.

#2 Parent(s) Complete Registration 4-H Connect

As youth sign up for 4-H, we need to have parents sign up to help. Helpers are called leaders in the 4-H Program. Leaders are needed for a variety of tasks from furnishing transportation to meetings and camps to assisting with parties, meetings and project groups. Each club has a Club Manager and Assistant Manager to make the most of the 4-H experience. All adults who provide transportation for 4-H members must enroll on 4-H Connect. Any volunteer that has direct contact with youth must complete a background check every three years.

#3 Get Involved

As a member or leader you need to get involved in your local club. Attend the monthly meetings and volunteer for committees so you learn what is going on in your club. Learn what is going on throughout the county, district, and state by reading the Family Handbook and the 4-H monthly Newsletters.

#4 Start a Project

On the enrollment forms 4-H members are asked to select projects of interest to them. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects of interest to you. The more years you are in 4-H the more projects you can usually handle.

All 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the 4-H Year (September 1 - August 31), but some projects have special activities or contests available to 4-H'ers so you need to start some projects at special times during the year.

#5 Complete a Project

After you have selected your project and contacted your club manager or Burleson County Extension Office for more information, you are ready to start gaining information and having fun learning about your project. In 4-H you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project, these learning experiences will vary from project to project. Suggested activities include project meetings with other 4-H'ers and leaders, go on tours, attend workshops, read publications, surf the internet, and gain information from other 4-H'ers and leaders. Many of the 4-H'ers work on the project with their parents, grandparents or other family members while other 4-H'ers work on projects with a group of their friends.

#6 Participate in Activities

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained in their project work. Some of the activities allow a team of 4-H'ers to prepare a presentation while other activities are only for individual entries. Participating in 4-H activities helps the members gain public speaking skills and presentation skills which will help them throughout life. Another type of activity available to 4-H'ers is the variety of camps and workshops conducted mainly in the summer. You can learn about leadership, environment, wildlife, fisheries and much more.

#7 Keep Records

Whenever you spend time working on a project you need to record your progress. This means that you take notes on the things you learn as well as take pictures that show what you have learned.

#8 Share Information

As a 4-H member, you learn to share the information you gain in the project experience with others. This is called LEADERSHIP. The more you are involved in a project the more you will have to share with others. Also, serving as a club officer or committee member helps build leadership skills.

#9 Help Others

Part of the 4-H experience is to help others. We call our 4-H help COMMUNITY SERVICE. It is a way to give something back to the community for the continued support of the 4-H Program. Community Service is something that you do for a non-4-H audience without any pay or compensation.

#10 Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to attend. Part of your 4-H experience should be to get others involved in the program. This could mean asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week. Keep asking others.

MY OWN CLUB



Club Name: _____

President: _____

Vice President(s): _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Reporter: _____

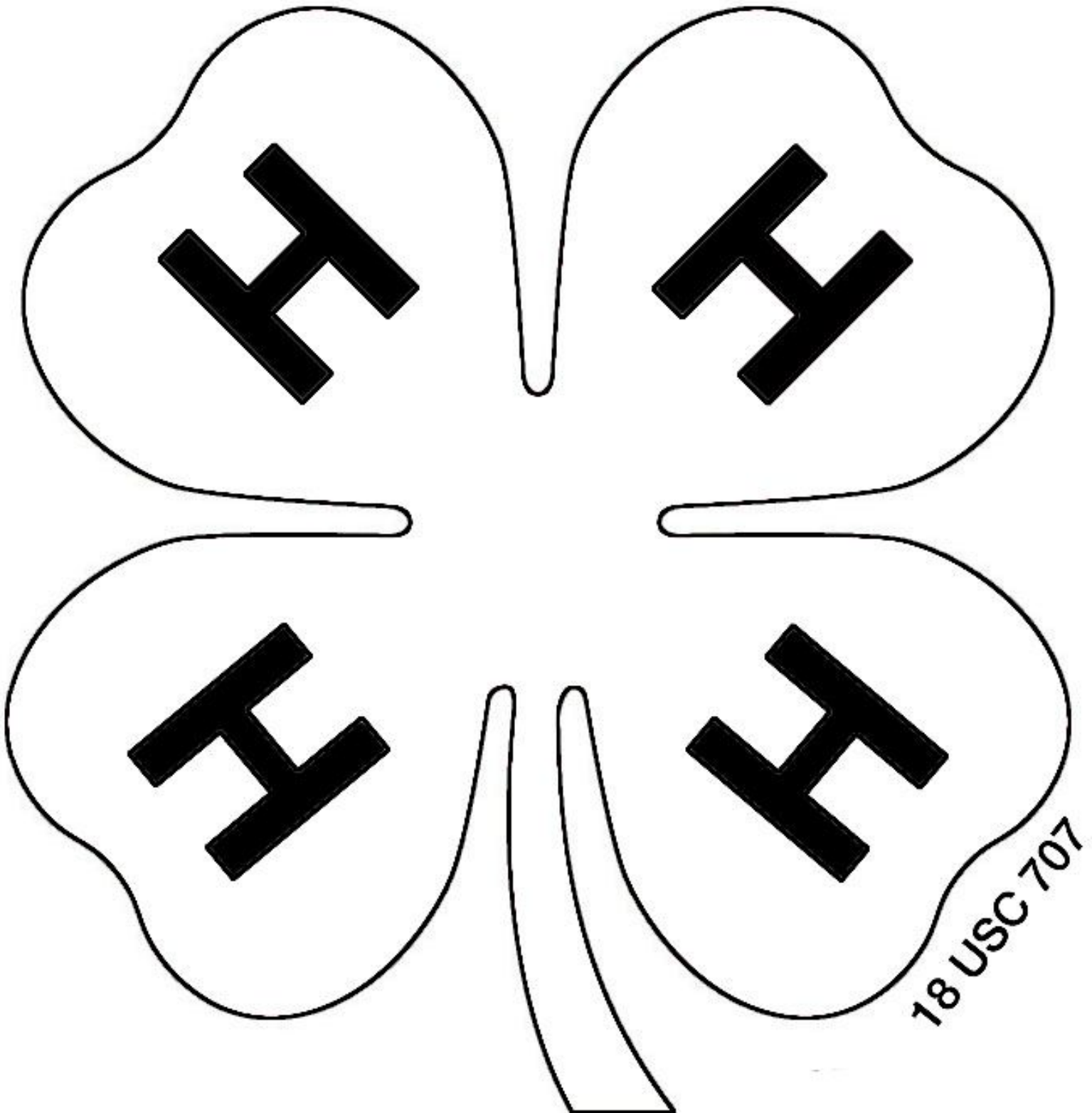
Parliamentarian: _____

Sergeant at Arms: _____

Public Relations: _____

Council Delegate(s): _____

Club Manager: _____



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WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOU JOIN BURLESON COUNTY 4-H!

We are here to help you and your family as you start your new and exciting adventures in 4-H! Please feel free to stop by the office, call, or email us with any questions. We look forward to getting to know your family this year.

Sincerely,

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