



# Jim Wells County 4-H Program Summary

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides meaningful opportunities for youth to have fun, learn, explore and discover. This is done by offering youth with learning experiences that foster development of knowledge and valuable skills they can apply to daily life. The 4-H Program offers a variety of projects in the areas of Agriculture and Livestock, Natural Resources, Family and Community Health, STEM, and Leadership and Citizenship. This variety provides youth the opportunity to participate based upon their personal interests, yet all project areas foster development of citizenship and leadership skills, as well as career exploration.


4-H starts at the county level. For more than a century, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has conducted youth development programs in partnership with schools and youth organizations as well as volunteers. These hands-on learning experiences help young people develop leadership, responsibility, and a spirit of service. The goal is to ensure the health and well-being of our young people and encourage them to be the leaders and motivators of tomorrow. Locally, the 4-H Youth Development Program is driven by the needs and interests of youth with guidance provided by the 4-H Youth Development Program Area Committee.

## In 2022, the 4-H Youth Development Program Area Committee met on:

 February 9  8 in attendance

## 4-H enrollment: The following numbers portray those involved in the 4-H Youth Development Program in Jim Wells County. For the 2021-2022 4-H Year,

 188 4-H club members

 416 youth reached through outreach efforts

 70 volunteers

## 4-H Project Involvement: Below includes information regarding the top ten projects in [county] county.

Shooting Sports	 74 youth enrolled	 7 volunteers assisting	 74 participated in county contest
Foods & Nutrition	 50 youth enrolled	 10 volunteers assisting	 40 participated in county contest
Horticulture	 20 youth enrolled	 4 volunteers assisting	 15 participated in county contest
Photography	 26 youth enrolled	 6 volunteers assisting	 24 participated in county contest
Robotics	 17 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 15 participated in county contest
Meat Goats	 30 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 25 participated in county contest
Beef Cattle	 16 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 12 participated in county contest
Rabbits	 34 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 30 participated in county contest
Swine	 14 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 14 participated in county contest
Sheep	 5 youth enrolled	 2 volunteers assisting	 5 participated in county contest

**4-H Camping:** The following numbers outline youth and adults involved in 4-H camping programs.

 15 day camp youth participants	 3 day camp volunteer participants
 30 overnight camp youth participants	 6 overnight camp volunteer participants

**4-H Volunteer Involvement:** The many programs offered to youth in Jim Wells County are facilitated by trained volunteers who serve as 4-H club managers and/or project volunteers. In [YEAR], the following trainings were offered for volunteers. Project leaders participated in a training specific to that project.

 Club Manager Trainings	 Apr 25	 6 in attendance	 Project Leader Trainings	 May 10	 8 in attendance	 Record Books
	 Aug 29	 6 in attendance		 Aug 7	 12 in attendance	 Food Challenge
				 Oct15	 20 in attendance	 Food Handler

**Outreach Efforts:** The 4-H Program spans beyond club membership. Additional youth throughout the county are reached by providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities through curriculum offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Below is a summary of the top five outreach programs facilitated in Jim Wells County.

Pet Parade	 30 pet owners attended	 15 youth attended
Cattlemen's Round Up	 60 people attended	 27 youth attended
Dairy Goat Project Trainings	 15 families attended	 18 youth attended
Cup Cake Wars	 15 families attended	 18 youth attended
Invitational Ag Product Identification	 18 families attended	 23 youth attended

The Jim Wells County 4-H Shooting Sports Program continues to grow and expand its membership. Approximately 60 4-H members participate in Archery, Shotgun and Rifle disciplines. Seven certified 4-H coaches host weekly practices when necessary and support our members at local, district, regional and state competitions.

*"Through this project, our 4-H members are not only learning marksmanship, they are developing safety habits, sportsmanship and leadership skills for the rest of their lives."*  
Cullen Wright - Jim Wells County Certified Archery Coach

