What is 4-H County Council?

The Grayson County 4-H Council is an organization comprised of elected Council officers and club representatives. The organization stresses youth leadership training and development. All 4-H members, parents, and leaders are welcome to attend meetings. The County Council also has a district and state counterpart.

The County Council will meet in person at the Grayson County Courthouse following guidelines set forth by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on safe spaces in the month of September, November, January, March, and May. In addition, the council will meet virtually or off site in the months of October, December, February, and April. Meetings will take place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Council members will conduct business, educational meetings, plan community service projects, and enjoy the company of fellow 4-H members.

Meetings will focus on:
- August – Welcome Back Celebration/ Awards Banquet
- September (in person) – Promotional Outreach video to recruit members
- October (virtual on Microsoft Teams) – County Wide Fundraiser
- November (in person) – Community Service
- December (off site at a safe space location) – Holiday Party/ Celebration
- January (in person) – TELS Kings and Queen Contest planning and implementation
- February (virtual on Microsoft Teams) – Prepare for County Stockshow/General Exhibits
- March (in person) – Community Service
- April (virtual on Microsoft Teams) – Promotional outreach within the County
- May (in person) – Elections of 2021-2022 Officer Team

Who Can Become a Member?

You can become a member of the Grayson County 4-H Council in one of two ways:

1. Be elected to a County Council office. (See officer positions below)
2. Be a club representative (each club selects a representative to the Council; the representative is usually the club president and a secondary delegate).
3. Any 4-H member can attend and participate in Council meetings and activities. However, only officers and club representatives are voting members.

What are the requirements for a Council Officer?

Council Officers are elected during the May (and sometimes September) meetings. Officers oversee the monthly Council meeting and are required to:
- Be present at and prepared for Council Meetings (3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.) Meeting will take place in September to May, with banquet and welcome party in August
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- Serve as mentors to the Grayson County 4-H Clover Kids Club (3rd Monday at 5:30 p.m.) Meeting will take place October to May.

- Oversee the implementation of the County 4-H Awards Banquet and Welcome Back Social in August

- Attend county wide community service activities, educational programs, promotional events, social gatherings and county level fundraisers

- Participate in ADDITIONAL officer trainings – I.E. District IV 4-H Boot Camp (December) and the Grayson County 4-H Leadership Retreat (August)

Council Officer Positions and Roles

President
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 9th to 11th grade
- Must have served as a Council Officer at least for one year prior
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 2 years

Responsibilities
- Presides over the County Council Meetings and Executive Committee
- Serves as a District Delegate (see delegate requirements below)
- Appoints standing and special committees
- Attends required District Level Events – MANDATORY
- Ex-officio member of all committees, except nominating committee

First Vice President
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 4th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year

Responsibilities
- Presides over the County Council Meetings in absence of the President
- Serves on Executive Committee
- Serves as Chair of Educational Committee – Plans educational aspects for council meetings

Second Vice President
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 4th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year

Responsibilities
- Presides over the County Council Meetings in absence of the President & 1st Vice President
- Serves on Executive Committee
- Serves as Chair of Social/Recreation Committee – Plans recreational activity and brings refreshments for council meetings
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Third Vice President
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 4th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
- Presides over the County Council Meetings in absence of top three officers
- Serves on Executive Committee
- Serves as Chair of Membership Committee – Welcomes and greets visitors at the council meetings

Secretary
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 4th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
- Serves on Executive Committee
- Keeps actuate record of council meeting proceedings
- Takes roll and reads minutes during council meetings

Treasurer
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 9th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
- Serves on Executive Committee
- Represents the County Council on the Youth Advisory Board
- Presents a financial statement during council meetings

Parliamentarian
Qualifications
- Primary: Role is appointed to the outgoing Council President – If unable to fulfill, then:
  - Must be entering the 4th grade and up
  - Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
- Provides advice to the presiding officer on parliamentary procedure
- Instructs members in correct parliamentary procedures

Reporter
Qualifications
- Must be entering the 4th grade and up
- Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
- Reports activities of the county to local news media
- Reports activities through social media, with guidance of the CEA
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Health & Safety
Qualifications
• Must be entering the 4th grade and up
• Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
• Shares health/safety information at county meetings
• Serves as Chair of Health and Safety Committee

District Delegate (2)
Qualifications
• Must be entering the 9th grade and up
• Must be an active 4-H member for at least 1 year
Responsibilities
• Serves as a delegate to the District IV 4-H Council
• Keeps the county informed of district activities and the district informed of county activities
• Encourages all 4-H members to become involved in District 4-H activities
• Attends required District Level Events – MANDATORY