

The Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Advocacy Ambassador Program strives to provide participants the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth and to become advocates for the equine industry and animal agriculture.



Each summer, 50 Livestock Ambassadors attend two short courses at both Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University. The short courses expose students to rigorous college-level animal science curriculum and educational experiences. Twentyfive Equine Ambassadors attend a short course at Lone Oak Ranch in Gainesville. The short course equips Ambassadors with educational resources to take back to the county level regarding general health knowledge and horsemanship. Purposeful construction of the curriculum, fused with a commitment to hands-on learning have generated exceptional knowledge gained outcomes.

Advocacy Academy is the second phase of the Ambassador program and is open to both Livestock

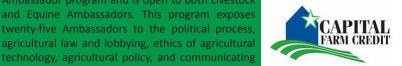
twenty-five Ambassadors to the political process, agricultural law and lobbying, ethics of agricultural technology, agricultural policy, and communicating with consumers unfamiliar with agricultural production practices. The Advocacy Ambassadors are also made aware of collegiate internships at the

Texas Capitol and potential careers in agricultural

Peebles Ranch Cuero, Texas











***The 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program is for youth ages 14 - 18 that have exhibited animals and is interested in animal science and animal production. Youth must also be in the top 25% of their class ranking. Application is due by June and available on the State website at TafCz8b52J. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses are July 17 - 20 at Texas A&M University. Cost is \$250 and July 24- 27 at Texas Tech University. Cost is \$250. For more information you can contact Billy Zanolini at wfzanolini@ag.tamu.edu or 979-458-0466.











