2026 National 4-H Leadership Meeting

Westin San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX

PRELIMINARY AGENDA AT A GLANCE

DAY 1 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026		
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Optional Pre-Meeting Activities **1:00-3:30 pm: Enhancing 4-H Reach & Resources through AI** This session equips program and foundation leaders to use generative AI in ways that are fun, creative and productive to enhance statewide youth development, communications, fundraising, and strategic operations. It also increases their awareness of AI contacts, resources and initiatives in 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System. **4:00-5:00 pm: Leading 4-H Forward – A Mentorship Workshop for New and Aspiring 4-H Program Leaders** Explore strategies for navigating leadership challenges, alongside a panel of seasoned program leaders and peers. Participants will come away with new connections, resources and insights to support their leadership journey.	*Madero*
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Meeting Registration	*Olivares*
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception	*Olivares*

DAY 2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026		
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	*Navarro B*
7:30 – 8:30 am	Meeting Registration	*Navarro Pre-Function*
8:30 am	Joint Session: Welcome and Meeting Overview	*Navarro A*
9:00 – 10:30 am	Joint Session	*Navarro A*
10:30 – 10:45 am	Networking and Refreshment Break	*Navarro Pre-Function*
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Joint Session Continues	*Navarro A*
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (1890 4-H Program Leaders will have the option to meet during this time in a separate lunch room)	*Navarro B & Carranza*

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Breakout Sessions for 4-H Program Leaders and Development Executives	*Navarro A & Madero*
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Networking and Refreshment Break	*Navarro Pre-Function*
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Joint Session: National 4-H Index Study and Public Value Statements	*Navarro A*
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Joint Session: Recap and Pulse Check	*Navarro A*
6:00 pm	Region's Night Out	

DAY 3
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	*Navarro B*
7:30 – 8:30 am	4-H Development Executives' Breakfast & Listening Session with Council's RD Team	*Madero*
8:30 – 10:00 am	Joint Session: • Welcome and Day 3 Overview • 4-H's Tentpole Moments & Alumni Strategy	*Navarro A*
10:00 – 10:30 am	Networking and Refreshment Break	*Navarro Pre-Function*
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions for 4-H Program Leaders and Development Executives	*Navarro A and Madero*
12:00 – 1:00 pm	**Regional Lunches – Room locations TBD** • North Central: • Northeast: • Southern: • West: • 4-H Foundation Executives:	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions for 4-H Program Leaders and Development Executives	*Navarro A and Madero*

2:30 - 2:45 pm	Networking and Refreshment Break	*Navarro Pre-Function*
2:45 – 4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions Continue	*Navarro A and Madero*
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Joint Session: Closing and Next Steps; National 4-H Leadership Meeting Concludes	*Navarro A*

ECOP 4-H and 4-H PLWG will meet on Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27. Agendas for those meetings will be provided by the ECOP 4-H and PLWG Executive Director.