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## 4-H National Youth Science Day

### “The National Science Experiment”

4-H is encouraging all 6 million 4-H youth plus parents, teachers, and students nationwide to participate in “*The National Science Experiment*” on October 8, 2008. The National Science Experiment, the designated science activity of 4-H National Youth Science Day, will focus on the environment and will use science principles to teach youth across the country about the importance of water conservation.

Water is everywhere – in the sky, in the ground, and in our homes. However, caring for this vital resource is often a challenge for each of us. Protecting and conserving water means using it wisely. Groundwater is important because it is a source for drinking and irrigation. The goal of the experiment is to encourage youth to discuss the potential impact of super-absorbent polymers as well as environmental issues relating to water conservation and groundwater contamination. Consequently, scientists and engineers have developed amazing, super-absorbent polymers, called *hydro-gels* that can help.

You and your club members can participate by going to;

[www.4-h.org/pdf/NationalScienceDay-long.pdf](http://www.4-h.org/pdf/NationalScienceDay-long.pdf)

In a series of investigations, you will start by looking for a particular polymer at work. Once you discover what this type of polymer can do, you will experiment with other uses for the same polymer. A final step that you can take is to consider solutions for water conservation and groundwater contamination.

The 4-H Youth Development Program launching of this first annual 4-H National Youth Science Day is to; provide a hands-on project that educate youth about our environment, make science fun, and help build America's future science, engineering, and technology workforce.

## QUOTE THIS MONTH

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth” –

Diogenes Laertius

## DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop . . . . . 10/6  
 4-H Week . . . . . 10/5-11  
 Recordbook Training . . . . . 10/8  
 County Council/Adult Mtg. 10/16  
 Goat Clinic. . . . . 10/16  
 Sheep Clinic . . . . . 10/18  
 Scholarship Training . . . . . 10/20  
 Sewing 101 Trg. . . . . 10/23  
 Horse Leaders Meeting . . . . 10/27  
 Buying 101 Leaders Trg. . . . 10/30

**The goal of 4-H is to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing education programs and services to the people of Texas.**

## Newsletter Information

When we compile the newsletter articles, we have room for only the basic information. There is no way we could put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4Hnewsletters/newsletters.htm>.

## HERE'S THE LATEST

### Re-Enroll Now....

You can re-enroll starting at your next meeting. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters, make sure you re-enroll to continue receiving updated information.

Another reason to re-enroll now....when you enter a contest or stock show as a 4-H member, we check to see if we have an enrollment form on you in our office. If we **DO NOT** have a form, you will be denied participation. So, don't delay-fill out your enrollment form now!

Adult leaders that had background screening completed in 2005-2006 must have a new screening completed. Screenings are good for 3 years. Background screening is \$10, unless you have had one done through another organization within the last 3 years (work, church, youth program, etc.). To waive the \$10 fee, you must provide a letter from the organization on their letterhead that completed the background screening stating you passed and what year it was completed. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

### Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 16  
Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (2440 Ackerman Rd.)  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting for all newly elected club delegate officers to make some important decisions. Every club should have at least one club delegate to represent their club in voting at this meeting. There will be leadership activities, a program and business to be voted on. Please mark this meeting on your calendar. Future meeting dates are January 15 and April 16.

### Rural Youth Award

This award is for youth who have shown outstanding leadership in 4-H and the community.

- must be 16 and a high school junior Aug. 31, 08
- active member for at least 3 years
- must degree in an agriculture, life science major
- and much more

For complete criteria and application visit our website, click on Awards. Application due to the District office by October 31.

### Bexar County 4-H End of the Year State Report

Total 4-H Clubs - 60  
Total 4-H Member Enrollment - 2,890  
Total 4-H Leader Enrollment - 366  
Total Youth Reached by 4-H - 21,774

This is the report we sent to the State letting them know how many youth we touched in Bexar County.

### Chocolate Sale Has Started!

The Bexar County 4-H Chocolate fundraiser got off to a great start at our annual Kick-Off Pizza Party. Thank you to all the Chocolate Sale Chairpersons who are organizing this event within each club. Good luck to all the clubs with your sales. Each person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. If you sell \$100 your name goes in twice, \$150 three times so sell, sell, sell.

### Why Do We Sell Chocolate?????

Every organization needs money to operate. During the County Council meeting in January your club delegates will vote to decide what the money will be spent on. Last year it was spent on the following:

4-H medals and year pins	District Contest fees
State & District 4-H Spectra	Leadership Lab
Texas Congress	Texas Roundup
Gold/Silver/Bronze Star Awards	

There are a lot more things that the money paid for and a list is available in our office anytime you would like to see it. If you have any questions about our budget or fundraiser, please give us a call.

### Project Forms

Lots of activities are coming up that you could start to keep record on your Project Form. Vet Science Workshop, Rabbit Workshop, Chocolate Sale and more. Get started now by completing a project form for every activity you participate in. If you need a project form ask your club manager or visit our website click on Recordbooks.

**Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for up to date information**

## 4-H OFFICE POLICIES, 4-H ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

### Office Procedures

All visitors must check in with the receptionist. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. **Lunch is noon 'til 1 p.m.** If you are planning to visit our office during the lunch time, call in advance so that your information will be ready for you.

### Night Drop Slot

To help you meet deadlines, there is a night drop slot in the front door of our office. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through the slot.

### Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it is **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read the newsletter and mark you calendar for due dates. There is a drop slot in the front door. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it. You can use this drop slot to help you meet deadlines. Best yet-beat the rush and turn in information early!

### Code of Conduct Policy

To participate in Bexar County 4-H events you must comply with the Code of Conduct you signed on your enrollment form. Bexar County 4-H Council budget offers reimbursements on many activities contingent on the Code of Conduct being followed. This policy is for members and leaders alike.

### Making Copies

If you need a copy of a form for your file, please make copies before turning forms into our office.

### Clarification On Event Entry & Eligibility Forms

We would like to clarify between event entry forms and eligibility forms.....event entry forms and paperwork (ie: stock shows, food shows, fashion shows, round-ups, etc...) vary in nature, depending on the event. They have strict deadlines and will **not be** extended.

1-Events have entry forms to allow us to prepare for the event, buy ribbons, seek judges. This entry form is a contest specific form. Deadline will be extended.

2-To participate in an event as a 4-H member during the time school is in session (i.e. August to graduation date) an eligibility form is required by the State of Texas House Bill "no pass, no play".

On several events, we ask that all forms be turned in at the same time so that we can have time to review them before the event....**but** we also understand that since we have so many different grading periods in schools and districts, that some eligibility forms do not get signed by the due date. We will work with you and your school, so if you are having trouble getting eligibility forms to us, please call to let us know and we will work with you.

You **will not** be able to participate in the event if we do not receive the eligibility form before the event. We hope this helps. If you have any further questions about this, please let us know.

We do our best to send eligibility forms to members, but the ultimate responsibility for getting a form, having it completed and returned to our office is the members! **If you are a 4-H member, entered into any event or contest during the school year, you need an eligibility form to participate - No Exceptions.**

## LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

### Scholarship Training

Date: Monday, Oct. 20  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Place: County Extension office S-208

Texas 4-H Foundation awards over 200 scholarships to 4-H members every year. Learn all the ins and outs of completing an award winning application.

### Junior Leadership Retreat

Date: November 7 - 9  
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$115  
Age: 9 - 14 years

The retreat will focus on basics such as communication skills, leadership, team building, community service and much more. If you are interested in attending this retreat visit our website. Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is Nov. 3

### **Veterinary Science Workshop**

Date: Monday, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: TBA

This workshop is a learning series to help youth meet their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. For more information on the lessons and location of the workshops, contact [swellsutff@gmail.com](mailto:swellsutff@gmail.com).

### **Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army. You can help by dressing the dolls or bears. The clothing should be hand crafted, creative, imaginative and original. You can call ahead to order your dolls or bears from Cathy at 352-2000. Dolls/bears are due to the Salvation Army by Nov. 7

### **Recordbook/Project Form Training**

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 8

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Time: 7 p.m.

It's never too early to start learning about how to put a recordbook/project form together. Starting to keep records now and learning how to put them together will help you complete your recordbook/project form in June. This training will provide you with all the information you need to take back to your club and conduct a training.

### **School Tours**

It is that time to be thinking if you would like to be a School Tour Guide at the 2009 San Antonio Stock Show in February. To be a school tour guide, you must be willing to tour small children around the grounds of the stock show, attend a School Tour Training and be academically eligible. Age criteria is 13 and above. If you are interested in touring, contact your Club Manager to sign up. Names are due to our office by Thursday, November 13.

## **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

### **Foods and Nutrition Leader Training**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Place: County Extension office S-208

Adult and teen leaders of the food and nutrition project come out and get the latest information on nutrition, food and fitness for everyday living. Participants will learn teaching techniques on food, kitchen and microwave safety. Other activities include great recordbook objectives to get your record book to the next level, and career opportunities in the nutrition and culinary arts fields, along with great demo's by members of the county food and nutrition project development committee.

Don't miss a great opportunity to get some neat ideas and hands on activities for your upcoming project meetings. Please RSVP to Annette by Thursday, Oct. 9, so that we have enough resource materials for you to take back to your club. Team leader is Sylvia Moran.

### **Sewing 101 Leader Training**

Date: Thursday, Oct. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: County Extension office S-208

This training is for teen and adult leaders and will be on basics of sewing. You will learn about identifying fabrics and different type of weaves and all about project objectives. Team leader is Anna Kersch.

### **Buying 101 Leader Training**

Date: Thursday, Oct. 30

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: County Extension office S-208

This training is for teen and adult leaders and will be on the basics of buying which is designed to start your consumer skills. This is a fun project and will teach you lasting life skills. Team leader is Anna Kersch.

### **County Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

If you are interested in entering this contest and need more information contact Connie. Deadline to enter is Oct. 24.

### **District Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6

Place: San Marcos

If you place at the County Food Show or Nutrition Quiz Bowl, you will be eligible to move on to the District Contest. Mark your calendar.

### **County Food Show**

Date: Saturday, Nov. 1

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Joe Hopkins Elem. - 2440 Ackerman Rd.

Due: Friday, Oct. 24

The foods and nutrition project teaches you about eating healthier and making good choices for your health. At the food show, you bring a dish you prepared at home and complete an interview on what you learned in your project.

Get with your club foods leader and start planning your project meetings to get ready for the Food Show.

Food Show and Roundup will be back to back this year. Food Show participants entered in both contests will be judged first in an effort to accommodate activities. This year's food show is hosted by the Food & Nutrition Project Development Committee. 4-H Leader, Sylvia Moran is the team leader in charge. Information packets and entry forms for the Food Show have been mailed to your Club Manager and Foods Leader. If you are interested in participating in the Food Show a information letter and forms will be available on our website.

### District Clothing & Textiles Workshop

Date: Monday, Dec. 29  
Place: Guadalupe County Extension office  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Cost: \$10 (lunch and materials)

Have fun and learn new clothing skills to include jewelry making, pin cushions, baby blankets and more.. Please RSVP to [s-schramm@tamu.edu](mailto:s-schramm@tamu.edu) by Dec. 1.

## ROUNDUP - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

### County 4-H Roundup Contest

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)  
Date: Saturday, Nov. 1  
Place: Joe Hopkins Elem. - 2440 Ackerman Rd.  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Due: Friday, Oct. 24

One of the best assets youth gain from their 4-H experience is the ability to speak before an audience. Our members practice this skill while giving reports, running meetings, teaching peers, and in our formal 4-H Public Speaking Contest...this is called Roundup. **Don't forget the Share the Fun category, which includes-singing, dancing, poetry, playing an instrument and more.** Read more about it in the Roundup Guide.

This year the contest will be back to back with the County Food Show. If you would like to try the public speaking project, start by reviewing the categories you can enter listed above the registration form in this newsletter. Decide if you would like to work with a partner or alone. Complete the registration form at the end of this newsletter and return it to our office by **Friday, Oct. 24**. For more information about Roundup contact Greg or Pam.

### District 4-H Roundup Contest

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6  
Place: San Marcos

Watch the next newsletter for more information on the District contest.

### Roundup Videos

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

If you are new and want to find out more about Roundup, we have several videos of past Roundup contests that are available for check out, contact Pam at the office.

### 2008-2009 Roundup Guide

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Anything you want to know about Roundup is in this guide. The guide will be available early October. You can print one from the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> or from our website.

## HORSE NEWS

### Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Oct. 27, Dec. 15, Feb. 23, Mar. 30  
Place: County Extension office  
Time: 7:00 .p.m.

These meetings are to plan the upcoming year with horsemanship activities. Adults and members interested in the horse program are invited to attend.

### Horse Leaders Training

Date: Thursday, Oct. 2  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Place: County Extension office



This training is for teen and adult leaders. Topics will include feeding, health and lots more. Reeves Moore is the Team Leader.

### Qualifying Horse Shows

There will be three (3) qualifying shows this year:

- 1) January 2, 2009 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show
  - 2) March 21, 2009 - Sheriffs Posse Arena
  - 3) April 4 2009 - Sheriffs Posse Arena
- Raindate - April 25, 2009

You must attend at least one of these shows to be eligible for the district contest and end of the year awards. March and April are open to anyone that would like to attend.

## Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:

Heart of Texas - Oct. 4      Johnson County - Jan. 17  
Ft. Bend - Dec. 13      Montgomery County - Jan. 3  
Ft. Worth - Feb. 7      SALE - Feb. 12

Each participant can judge at all events or a minimum of two (2) and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. If you need information on any of these contests, contact Annette.

Seniors must attend 2 shows that provide reasons.

## Halloween Horse Playday

Date: Sunday, Oct. 26  
Place: 7AL Ranch, 1011 Loop 1604W  
Time: 1 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Southside 4-H Club. If you have any questions, contact Patty at 363-6963 or Robin at 415-0844.

## Bandera County Open Horse Show

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11  
Place: Mansfield Park, Bandera  
Time: 8 a.m.

Contact Ginna at 508-9988 for more information.

## Horse Information

What to know more about the 4-H Horse Program visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/index.html> or go to [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea\\_newsletter.html](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_newsletter.html). The Sept.- Dec. 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.

# LIVESTOCK NEWS

## Goat Clinic

Date: Thursday, October 16  
Place: Good News Lutheran Church  
(Hwy 181 & Old Corpus Christi Rd.)  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topics will include fitting and showmanship. Bring your animal.

## SALE, Houston and Star of Texas Broilers

Broiler orders are due **IN OUR OFFICE** Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 p.m. Please submit your order in writing with the following information: Name, address, club, SS#, phone number and number of birds you are ordering and which show(s) you are ordering for. **The cost is \$75 per 75 birds per show.** Entry fee will be paid with your major show entry form due in November 17. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.



## Validations (Swine)

This Validation Program will meet our identification requirements. Major shows include the following statement in their 2008-2009 Premium List: "To be eligible to exhibit in the 2008-2009 Junior Market Show, all goats/lambs and swine must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program. Each entry must have been recorded on a 4-H or FFA Validation Master list completed by the "County Validation Committee".

### Goat/Lamb Validation Dates:

Mon. Oct. 13      East Central FFA Barn      4 - 6 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 18      Helotes Bldg.      10 a.m. - 12 noon

### Swine Validation Dates:

Thurs. Nov. 6      Walter Gerlach Grounds      12 - 5 p.m.  
Sun. Nov. 16      Kirby      2 - 5 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 25      East Central FFA Barn      12 - 3 p.m.

You must take your animal to one of these locations for validation. At the validation site there will be a list with your name and how many tags you purchased. You must fill out a validation form with your child's SS# and signatures (exhibitor and parent). Please remember to bring your child's SS#.

If you have more than one child, from the same family, with the same animal, it is suggested to put all names on the form. For example, **Susie or Mike** which will allow either to show the animal.

## Sheep Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 18  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Place: Helotes Activity Center

This clinic will be on fitting and showing.

## Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, October 26  
Place: The Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch

Several packages are available. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and a registration form visit their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com) or give Kevin a call at 508-5404.

## Bexar County Junior Livestock Show

Check out their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com). **2009** Bexar County rules and entry forms are now posted on their website. Entry deadline is Nov. 1 to the stock show.

### Swine Workshop

Date: Saturday, Nov. 22  
Place: Boysville  
Time: 10 - 12 noon

Topics will include selection, feeding, recordkeeping, preparing for show and more. You are welcome to bring your animal.

### Texas Master Beef & Swine Mentor Training

Date: Nov. 7 - 8  
Place: Gillespie County Extension office  
Cost: \$100 (meals, refreshments, materials)

Topics are: Selection, facilities, health, showmanship and management. Registration is on 4-H Connect. Deadline is Oct. 24. For more information on this training contact Marvin at 325/653-4576.

### Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, November 15  
Place: Bell County Expo Center, Belton

For rules and entry information visit the website at <http://texas4-h.edu/projects/rabbitextra.html>. Deadline Oct. 20.

### Steer & Heifer Clinic

Date: Saturday, ~~Nov. 15~~ **DATE CHANGED TO NOV. 8**  
Place: East Central Barn  
Time: 8 - 11 a.m.

Topics will include feed & nutrition and showmanship. You are welcome to bring your animal. There will be a mock show.

### Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

To be selected for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams for District 10 Livestock Judging contests, the following are optional events for 2008-2009:

Guadalupe County-Oct. 4	
Aggie Fest-Oct. 25	Due: Oct. 17
Bexar County-Jan. 2	Due: Jan. 2
Nueces County-Jan. 16	Due: Jan. 16
S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA	Due: Nov. 17
Houston-Mar. 18	Due: Nov. 17
Victoria-Mar. TBA	Due: Feb. TBA

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must participate in at least two (2) of the contests and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. All contest scores must be sent to the County Extension office. There is a great website that has Livestock Judging publications for your use at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/youth/pubs.html>.

### Texas Show Pig Sales Trail

The Show Pig Trails are available. If you would like a copy call Annette or go to the Show Pig Sales website at: [www.texaspork.org](http://www.texaspork.org).

### Major Show Entry Workshop

Date: Thursday, Nov. 6  
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center  
Time: 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or need help filling out your major show (San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth, Star of Texas, San Angelo stock shows) entry forms, this is the workshop to attend. The workshop will start promptly at 7 p.m. All major show entry forms will be available if you need one. If you don't want to make a trip to our office, you may turn in your entries at this workshop. Major show entries are due to our office on or before Monday, November 17th, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 17th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 5 P.M.** It is the individual exhibitors responsibility to turn in major show entry forms, not your club. **MAJOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS HAVE A DUE DATE OF DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTED ON THEM, THIS IS THE 4-H OFFICE DEADLINE TO THE MAJOR SHOWS.** We require time to check animal information, signatures, entering 4-H entries on line, etc. before mailing entry forms to the major shows.

### Ft. Worth Stock Show DUE DATE

The Ft. Worth Stock Show due date to our office is Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Ft. Worth Stock Show has changed their due date to Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to their office. In order for us to get entries ready, we have a due date to our office of Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. **NO LATE ENTRIES TO OUR OFFICE FOR THIS SHOW WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### Major Show Entries and Judging Contest Entries

All major show entries (San Antonio, Houston, , Star of Texas) and judging contests (Livestock, Horse and Consumer Decision Making) are due before or on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to our office, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 17<sup>th</sup>, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 5 P.M.**

To enter any major show, you must fill out the entry form, our summary sheet (pink) and pay the entry fee. It is the responsibility of **each individual exhibitor** to complete the entry forms and turn it into our office by or before Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. If you need an entry form you can visit the show's website listed in this newsletter or give Annette a call at 467-6575.

We **DO NOT** handle **OPEN SHOW ENTRIES**, unless you are double entering your animal. If you are double entering, the open show entry form must be attached to the junior entry.

If your entry form is not filled out correctly, it will be returned to you. Please make sure all signatures are complete. Some shows require the entry form to be notarized, **WE DO NOT HAVE A NOTARY IN OUR OFFICE.** Checks should be made out to Bexar 4-H Fund.

**REMINDER**, there is a night drop in the front door of our office. If you submit your entry after the due date (Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>), a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 5 P.M.**

### Stock Shows

Please visit the stock shows website for up to date information.

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2009 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Dec. 30-Jan. 3 2009

[www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com)

2009 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 16 - Feb. 8, 2009

[www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)

2009 Walter Gerlach Show - Jan. 26 - 31, 2009

2009 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 5 - 22, 2009

[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

2009 San Angelo Stock Show - February 19- Mar. -1, 2009

[www.sanangeorodeo.com](http://www.sanangeorodeo.com)

2009 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 3 - 22, 2009

[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

2009 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 13 - 26, 2009

[www.staroftexas.org](http://www.staroftexas.org)

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

### Stock Show Due Dates

Mark your calendar: **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show** entries are due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to the show. **Ft. Worth Stock Show** entry is due to our office by **November 7<sup>th</sup>**. **Major Shows** (San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo & Star of Texas) entries are due to office by **November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Rabbit Clinic

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 9, Wednesday, Nov. 5

Place: County Extension Office S-208

## OUTDOOR FUN

Time: 7 p.m.

This clinic will teach you about housing, selection, showmanship and much more.

### Outdoor Activities

Want to plan an outdoor activity - need some ideas call Greg.

### Fishing Equipment Available

We have limited fishing equipment for check out, if your club wants to have a "fishy" event, contact Greg.

### Prospect Shows

-Reeves County Fall Fair (Lamb/Goat/Steer/Heifer) Oct. 3-4. Due Oct. 2. Contact 432/448-2681.

-Atascosa County Fair (Steer/Heifer, Lamb/Goat) Oct. 4-5. Due Oct. 1. Contact 830/769-3066.

-Y'All Come Back Fall Classic (Steer) Oct. 18-19. Due Oct. 14. Contact 210/414-5971.

-San Angelo Fall Spectacular Nov. 8 - 9. Contact 825/653-7785.

-Dove Country Classic (Steer/Heifer) Nov. 15-16. Due Nov. 1. Contact 830/780-3906.

### Farm Service Agency Rural Youth Loans

These loans are available for youth ages 10-20 to finance their livestock projects. Contact our local office at 210/472-6748.

**Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for updated information.**

### Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

If you are interested in shotgun shooting (Skeet, Trap, and 5 Stand) and in learning proper techniques associated in shooting sports and proper care and respect for firearms, then this is the club for you. For more information email Don Stephens at [dstephens@masonclaims.com](mailto:dstephens@masonclaims.com).

### Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingports.tamu.edu>.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Donate Your Old Laptop to 4-H Outreach

Thinking of donating that old laptop to a worthy cause?? The 4-H Outreach Program is in need of operational laptop computers to support our "Wildlife Module Program." Donated laptops need to have a working operating system (Windows 2000, Windows XP) but should be cleared of all personal files (emails, photos, documents, etc.). Programs such as Xcel, Power Point, etc. should also be removed. Donated laptops will be taken to local schools and used to run the interactive CD that is part of the curriculum. If you have any questions or are interested in donating your old laptop, please contact Mike at the office.

### Bexar County 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser

The 4-H Outreach clubs are collecting empty inkjet, laser, copier and fax cartridges for recycling and earn money at the same time. They are inviting you to donate your ink cartridges and help protect our environment and assist in the fundraising needs of the 4-H Outreach Program. You can drop your ink cartridges off at our office. If you need more information contact Mike.

### Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you have made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington DC. This award is for youth grades 5-12. For more information and to get an application visit [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) access code is spirit. Deadline is Oct. 31.

### Promote 4-H...We Need You!!

Teachers, counselors or school employees...we need your help to promote 4-H by handing out brochures at your school. Anyone else that will be attending a function that have youth involved, we also need you. If you can help, please let us know how many brochures you will need and when.

## ETC, ETC....

### Voices & Visions Youth Video Contest

Are you interested in the future of the environment and biodiversity? Next generation of conservationists, share your ideas and solutions through this video contest. Ages 12-25 may enter this contest. Entries are due by Oct. 31. For more information visit [www.ncseonline.org/conference/biodiversity](http://www.ncseonline.org/conference/biodiversity).

### Botanica! Fall Festival

Date: Sunday, Oct. 19  
Place: San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston  
Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join in family fun activities including pumpkin decorating, storytelling, games, crafts and more. While supplies last free native trees will be given. Celebrate the beauty of fall with gardening demonstrations and a butterfly tent filled with live butterflies. For more information contact Hector at 467-6575.

### Curriculum and Videos

If you are looking for a publication, please visit the Texas A&M Bookstore at [tcebookstore.org](http://tcebookstore.org). There are also videos available for check out at [av-library.tamu.edu](http://av-library.tamu.edu).

### Resources for Club Planning

Club Ed is a great resource for Club Managers. There are suggestions on planning your club monthly meetings, club officer installation ceremonies and more. Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/clubed/>.

### District 10 4-H Website

To find District 4-H information about events and contests visit <http://d104-h.tamu.edu>. Also visit their blog at <http://d104-h.blogspot.com>.

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## 4-H CLUB NEWS

Club monthly reports are posted on our website on the Club Monthly Reports page.

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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for our events. We request that you contact our office 2 weeks in advance of the event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

### ROUNDUP (PUBLIC SPEAKING/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS) CONTEST CATEGORIES

<b>Agronomy</b>	<b>Farm &amp; Ranch Economics</b>	<b>Meat Science</b>	<b>Sheep and/or Goats</b>
<b>Beef</b>	<b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>Share the Fun (Vocal,</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Musical, Dance and more)</b>
<b>Companion Animals</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Promote 4-H</b>	<b>Shooting Sports</b>
<b>Consumer Life Skills</b>	<b>Horticulture</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>Family Life</b>	<b>Housing &amp; Home Environment</b>	<b>Safety &amp; Injury Prevention</b>	

### ROUNDUP REGISTRATION FORM - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Individual Name/Team Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Age Category:      Junior (8-10)                                      Intermediate (11-13)                                      Senior (14-19)

Contest Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:                      Individual Presentation                                      Team Presentation

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (piano): \_\_\_\_\_

***Due to Bexar County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24.***  
***Mail or fax (210) 930-1753 registration form to the 4-H Office***  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**