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What It Means To Be A Leader

A leader is someone whom others voluntarily follow. This is different from someone who is in authority. The easiest way to figure out if someone is a leader is to ask the question: "Do people follow this person because they want to, or because they have to?" Leaders; good leaders in particular all have one thing in common, *they are aware of their responsibilities.*

The first responsibility of a leader are those things that inspired a **group** to choose them a leader. These are the people that the leader relies on to make sure all of the group's obligations are met. However, when it comes to tough choices a leader must sometime make decisions that they feel are the best for the group even if the group doesn't think so.

A leader is also seen as representing the best that a group has to offer and it is for this reason that leaders are held to a "higher standard". Despite what a group's by-laws may say about "making official statements"; when a leader speaks, their comments are viewed as speaking for the entire organization.

The second most important responsibility is a leader's responsibility to **self**. What many leaders forget is that if they are unable to take care of themselves, they cannot effectively lead a group.

Organizations and leaders do not exist in a vacuum, therefore another responsibility a leader has is to the **community**. While an organization may wish to implement change, its leader need to be aware of the consequences and possible repercussion against the organization.

Responsibility to an **ethical code**; whether based on a higher power, historical texts, or peers, a good leader has to always take ethics into account. A good leader needs to base her or his decisions on consistent and sound ethical principles.

Leader's responsibilities can create great challenges or be very rewarding. The challenges can be even greater for those who are pressed into service, yet what other way can a person accomplish idealistic goals that they set and those of others. Being a leader is about being the first to set the example for people to follow in order "*to make the best better*".

QUOTE THIS MONTH

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other". John F. Kennedy

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Club Manager Trg .. 8/10 or 8/11

Officer Training 8/13

Awards Program 8/14

Mega Meeting 8/29

Horse Leaders Mtg. 8/31

Vet Science Workshop 8/31

4-H SPD C Workshop 9/16

Recordbook Workshop 9/30

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.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Re-Enroll Now....

All leaders and member must re-enroll in 4-H every year. Enrollment will be on line via the 4-H Connect (<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm>) program this year. You can begin to enroll or re-enroll starting August 1st, 2009. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll in September. 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 will check to see if you have completed your enrollment on 4-H Connect. If you are not enrolled on 4-H Connect, you will be denied participation. So, don't delay-get on 4-H Connect now!

Recordbooks

WOW! We had **143** recordbooks and **139** project forms turned in this year at County level. There were **59** recordbooks that placed to move on to District Judging. Also, congratulations to the **7** senior members moving on from District level to State level. Get started in September by completing a project form for every project you complete.

One Day 4-H

Date: Saturday, October 10

One day can make a difference. One Day 4-H is going to change Texas. Saturday, October 10, all over our state, 4-H clubs will be going out into their communities to lend a helping hand in exciting new ways. What will you do? Do something as simple as mowing a neighbor's lawn, or organize your 4-H club and design a project that benefits your community. Be creative-the sky's the limit! Let's join together and show everyone the power of 4-H-one day! What will you do, one day? For more information visit <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu>.

Updates & Reminders

Every Friday we send Club Managers update emails. The email includes reminders about due dates, information that was received after the newsletter was posted and much more. We are now posting these Updates & Reminders on the 4-H web page at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>. Now, you can also keep updated by visiting this page.

Club Manager Training(s)

Date(s): Monday, August 10, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension office S-208

One Club Manager from each club is **requested** to attend this training. If you do not have a club manager attend this training, it may delay your club being chartered for the 2009-2010 4-H year. Everything you will need to run your club will be handed out at this meeting. Leader and member enrollment will be conducted on line via 4-H Connect for the new upcoming year. A short overview of the 4-H Connect process will be conducted at this training. The Bexar County 4-H Council provides every club with a file box to help organize their materials. Bring it and we will help you update it. New Club Managers will be given a file box for their materials.

Club Officer Pirates Training

Date: Thursday, August 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Helotes Activity Center - map on our website at

<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Maps/maps.htm>

If you are a new Club Officer you should attend the Officer Pirates of Bexar County training. This training will prepare you to take on those duties as club leaders. If you can't attend this meeting, you will need to schedule a time with the 4-H agent for a personal training at our office.

Join Team K 4-H Club

Team K meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. They are very active to include projects such as: food & nutrition, horticulture, health, science & technology, community service, leadership, public speaking and small engines. If you don't see your project listed, consider joining and leading it for leadership skills. If you want more information about Team K, please contact Sheree at 288-9034 or snowbird@swbell.net or Kathy at 499-1238 or kpursell@agapeinternet.com.

Chocolate Sale Kick-Off

Date: Tuesday, September 22

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension office

Club chocolate chairpersons are invited to attend to eat (pizza) and haul away your chocolate. Funds earned are divided between the 4-H Council and the clubs. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Three top sellers will be awarded a bond and three top age sellers will awarded receive a gift certificate. Watch the next newsletter for more 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, a night drop slot in the front door of our office. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through the slot.

Making Copies

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

Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the Updates & Reminders on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.

CAMPS AND FUN LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Texas 4-H Roundup Theme and Logo Contest

4-H needs your print on Texas 4-H Roundup. You must be enrolled in 4-H and can enter as a team or individual. Winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries are due to the State 4-H Office no later than August 15. For rules and regulations visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/New/new.htm>.

Children's Vegetable Garden Program

Date: Saturday's, August 22 - December 5

Place: San Antonio Botanical Garden

Time: 9 - 11 a.m.

Cost: \$20

Due: July 24 (space is limited, apply early)

This program is for ages 8 - 13 years old. You will grow your own vegetables and ornamental plants. Each child is allotted one plot (4'x28'). There will be weekly educational presentations along with fun hands on activities. For more information and an application call our office and ask for Angel.

District Mega Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 29

Place: Schreiner University, Kerrville

Time: 12:30 - 1 p.m. Registration

Cost: \$20 Full Time (refreshments, dinner, dance, games, facility fee)

\$8 Part Time (refreshments, facility fee)

This meeting is a good time to provide your input on how District 4-H project workshops and contests are organized. Members have the opportunity to run for District leadership positions on various project committees. There will be several project workshops for leaders (Recordkeeping Strategies, Educational Presentations from A to Z and Veterinary Science Project). New this year will be dance and games in the evening. Registration form is enclosed and due to our office on or before Wednesday, August 19th. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Council. For more information about Mega Meeting give Greg a call.

Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction

The 28th Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army. You can help by dressing dolls or bears provided by the Salvation Army. 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 no later than Nov. 5.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION INFORMATION

County 4-H Awards Program

Date: Friday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Helotes Activity Center - map on our website at
<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Maps/maps.htm>
By: Savanna Keller, 2009-2010 Council President

We will be serving refreshments and would like to ask for a donation of a dozen cookies from each club. We will also need assistance in serving the refreshments. We will also be having a silent auction and plant sale.

We would love your attendance at the County Awards Program. The theme for that evening is our version of the Academy Awards "The Clovies". This will be a fabulous night, (The Clovies) all county awards, and college scholarships will be presented. We will also be honoring all the volunteers for their much appreciated hard work and 4-H members for their outstanding accomplishments. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend extraordinary event.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Aug. 31
Place: County Extension office
Time: 7 p.m.



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

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Bexar County Broilers

Orders are due Monday, September 7 to our office. Fill out the enclosed form to order your chicks. Cost is \$1.50 per chick. Each exhibitor or family must purchase a minimum of 25 or a maximum of 50 per exhibitor. REMINDER: You CANNOT show these broilers at SALE or Houston shows only at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund for your broiler order. The entry fee to exhibit your broilers is a separate fee which will be paid with your Bexar County entry card fees due in November.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Aug. 31, (time & location to be announced)
Date: Monday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: County Extension Office S-208

These workshop are a learning series to help youth met their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. For more information on the lessons and workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

Validations (Swine)

This Validation Program will meet our identification requirements. Major shows include the following statement in their 2009-2010 Premium List: "To be eligible to exhibit in the 2009-2010 Junior Market Show, all 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".

The cost is \$8.00 per hog tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$2.00 per hog tag for the county show (County Tag). Deadline to order tags for hogs will be Tuesday, Sept. 1st. A order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Late tag fee is \$13 and is due no later than Wednesday, Sept. 9th.

The committee realizes that this is very early and before many animals are purchased, but this must be done prior to the state deadline in order to make enough tags for the entire state. The best recommendation is to order more than you plan, but realize these are not refundable. Watch you next newsletter for ordering information for hogs.

Show Pig Shortcourse

Date: Saturday, August 22

Place: Guadalupe County Fairgrounds, Seguin

Cost: \$15 includes lunch

Due: August 19

Topics include selection, nutrition, show preparation and more. For more information contact Jeff at 830/379-1972.

2nd Annual Barn Raiser

Date: Saturday, September 19

Place: St. Jerome's Hall, 7955 Real Rd.

Time: 6 p.m.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show is trying to raise money to help build barns on the new show site. \$100 ticket will admit 2 adults for dinner, dance and a chance to win prizes. Only 300 tickets available. Visit their website at www.bcjls.com for more information.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: September TBA

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Kids & Kows & More

Date: November 11-13

Place: San Antonio Livestock Show - Cattle Barn #2

Time: 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Cost: Free

The Kids & Kows & More program lets kids experience the world of agriculture up close. The program is geared toward 3rd & 4th grade students, their teachers and parents. The program is designed to give kids a little taste of all types of agriculture with great presentations that teach kids about the cattle industry, cotton growers, wildlife, water conservation and much more. If your club or class would like to attend this program, a registration form is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/AG/KidsKows&More/KKMindex.htm>. For more information about the program call Valerie at 467-6575.

Calf Scramble

It's time to sign up for the 2009-2010 show calf scrambles. If you are 12 years old (before August 31, 2009) and will not be past your junior year in high school, you are eligible. If selected to scramble, you attend a rodeo performance and attempt to catch a wild calf. If you catch a calf, you receive a certificate to purchase an animal (each show is different in what type of animal can be purchased) and take it to that show the following year. REMINDER: You are not eligible to scramble at a show where you have previously caught a calf. You must be enrolled in 4-H for the year 2009-2010 (enrollment will be on 4-H Connect beginning August 15. Contact your Club Manager for more information) and you must be academically eligible at the time of scramble. If interested, complete the enclosed form and return it to our office before Friday, August 28.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at www.bcjls.com. **2010** Bexar County Crules will be posted soon.

Chaparral Summer Sizzler Steer Prospect Show

Date: Saturday, Sept. 19

Place: Atascosa County Showbarn, Pleasanton

Entry deadline is Sept. 7. For more information contact Stephanie at 400-8829 or Joe at 830/769-3066.

Stock Shows

We have **NOT** received entry information on:

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) - Sept. 25-Oct. 18. Entries are due to the 4-H office by Friday, August 14th. If you need an entry form or more information visit their website at www.bigtex.com.

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2010 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Dec. 29-Jan. 2, 2010
www.bcjls.com

2010 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 15 - Feb. 7, 2010
www.fwssr.com

2010 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 4 - 21, 2010
www.sarodeo.com

2010 San Angelo Stock Show - February 18- 28, 2010
www.sanangelorodeo.com

2010 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 2 - 21, 2010

www.rodeohouston.com

2010 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 12 - 27, 2010

www.staroftexas.org

Please mark these dates on your calendar. Please check out their websites for changes and up to date information.

In Cooperation With

BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge

Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Kevin K. Wolff
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Paul Elizondo
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Tommy Adkisson
Commissioner, Pct. 4

OUTDOOR FUN

Shooting Sports Website

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

ETC, ETC....

Curriculum and Videos

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

District 10 4-H Website

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

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/>.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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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.

STATE LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION-DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4



Lamb/goat validation for Bexar County will be in October. All lambs/goats to be shown in the major livestock shows must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be **\$8.00** per head for State tags and **\$2.00** per head for County tags. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Tuesday, August 4. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Goats: _____ No Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$2.00 = \$ _____

Goats: _____ No Head x \$2.00 = \$ _____

STATE SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDER-DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Swine validation for Bexar County will be in November. All hogs to be shown in the major livestock shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8.00 for major shows per head. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Tuesday, Sept. 1st. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**. **Late tag fee is \$13 and is due no later than Wednesday, Sept. 9th.**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Club _____ Email _____

State Tags

No. Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____ (by Sept. 1st)

County Tags

No. Head x \$2.00 = \$ _____

No. Head x \$13.00 = \$ _____ (by Sept. 9th)

CALF SCRAMBLE FORM - DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Club _____

Show(s) where you want to scramble: _____ Ft. Worth _____ San Antonio _____ Houston _____ Austin _____ San Angelo

BEXAR COUNTY BROILER ORDER FORM

Bexar County Broiler order is due to our office by Monday, September 7. Please fill out the information below to order your broilers. Cost is \$1.50 per chick. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Exhibitor(s) Name(s): _____

Parents First Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ Total # of chicks ordered _____ X \$1.50 = \$ _____

SS# _____

Due to the Bexar County 4-H office by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2009. Please make check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Mega Meeting Reservation Form - Saturday, August 29, 2009

I will be attending Mega Meeting and stay for the dinner, dance and games _____ x \$20 = _____ Total

I will be attending Mega Meeting, but **not** stay for the evening activities _____ x \$8 = _____ Total

Club _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration fee is due to our office on or before Wednesday, August 19th. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Council.

Workshop You Plan to Attend (Youth):

Beef _____	Field & Stream _____	Photography _____
Clothing & Textiles _____	Food & Nutrition _____	Shooting Sports _____
Consumer Education _____	Goats _____	Swine _____
Entomology _____	Leadership _____	

Workshop You Plan to Attend (Adult):

For the Record - Effective Recordkeeping Strategies _____

Educational Presentations from A to Z _____

What can the Veterinary Science Project Do for Me? _____