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Freedom Isn't Free

by Cadet Major Kelly Strong USAF JROTC

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze.
A young soldier saluted it, and then He stood at ease

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert, He'd stand out in any crowd

I thought how many men like him, had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?

How many Pilots' planes shot down?

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No - Freedom isn't free

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill

I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No - Freedom isn't free!

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Scholarship Interviews 7/1
District Recordbooks DUE . . . 7/7
Gold Star Interviews 7/21
Horse Leaders Mtg. 7/27
Club Manager Trg . . 8/10 or 8/11
Officer Training 8/13
Awards Program 8/14

QUOTE THIS MONTH

“In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.” **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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

Fuddruckers Fun Night

Date: Tuesday, July 21
Place: 9845 IH10 West
Time: 4 - 9 p.m.

Fuddruckers will donate a percentage of their proceeds to 4-H on Tuesday, July 21. Make plans to show your support by going by Fuddruckers and eating a great hamburger.

Updates & Reminders

Every Friday we send Club Managers an email. 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 **required** to attend this training. If you do not attend, your club **will not** be chartered for the 2009-2010 4-H year. Everything you will need to run your club will be handed out at this meeting. Enrollment process will be conducted on line via 4-H Connect for the new upcoming year. 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 Training

Date: Thursday, August 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Place: Helotes Activity Center

If you are a new Club Officer you should attend this 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.

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.

Leader Summit

Date: Monday, July 27
Place: County Extension office - S-208
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Club managers, activity leaders and ALL project leaders: Mark your calendar for our Leader Summit. All leaders, adults and teens are invited. There will be top notch training on conducting projects and activities, discussion of risk management at project activities, and selection of county leader and county wide project trainings.

Calendar planning for events and activities (Agriculture and Family & Consumer Science) will also be completed that night.

RSVP for refreshments by July 22.

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 ACTIVITIES

SpecTra '09

Date: July 27- 31
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$300.00

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen your self-image. Sessions include: Outdoor Education, Technology, Leadership, Culinary Arts and more, Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis until the camp is filled. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm>** click on 4-H Connect. For more information on other camps visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm>.

Wildlife Gardener Mini Camp

Date: July 10-11
Place: Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$70 youth/ \$50 adult (lodging & meals)

Identify wildlife and plant life, construct a wildlife garden and much more. For more information about this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

Prime Time '09

Session 1 - July 19-22 (age 12-13)
Session 2 - July 22-25 (age 9-11)
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$185.00

Prime Time will focus on opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others, and much more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, crafts, climbing and much more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** on a first come-first serve basis at <http://texas.4honline.com/Login.aspx?434850372944385D5E0F390D> by July 5. For more information on other camps visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

AgriLife Extension Summer Camp

Date: Wednesday & Fridays - July 15 - August 14
Place: AgriLife Extension Office S-208
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr.
Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cost: \$20 Weekly or \$125 Full Camp

This camp is open to ages 7 - 11. Camp counselors are needed ages 12 and up. Each week will be a different topic to include: Entomology, Horticulture, Ag. Literacy and more. Space is limited, please RSVP to Aurelia by July 8th. Camp fee is due the first day of attendance. For more information contact Molly or Brady at 210/467-6575.

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.

Food Challenge Summer Workshops

Date: Tuesday, July 21, sign up by July 15
Blanco Methodist Church, 61 Pecan, Blanco, Tx
Friday, July 24, sign up by July 15
Mansfield Park, 2886 State Hwy 16 N, Banders, Tx.
Time: 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Cost: \$5 (supplies, insurance, facility and lunch)

Food Challenge is a new contest of 3-4 members who will compete to create a recipe from ingredients without actually having the recipe! Members, volunteers and parents are welcome to attend. For a registration form contact Laura.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION INFORMATION

County 4-H Awards Program

Date: Friday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Helotes Activity Center



This will be an exciting night, all county awards and college scholarships will be presented. We also recognize all volunteers for their hard work and 4-H members for their accomplishments. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

We will be serving refreshments and would like to ask for a donation of a dozen cookies from each club. We will also need help in serving the refreshments.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, July 20

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.

2009 State Horse Show Rules

The 2009 show rules are available on the state website along with information on the Horse Project Validation Form, the Grade Horse Form and the State Horse Show schedule of events. Visit the state website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Turkey Poult Orders

If you are wanting to exhibit turkeys at the 2010 San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas or Bexar County shows, orders are due to the 4-H office by Friday, July 3rd. Fill out the enclosed form to order your poults.



Families are limited to a minimum of 5 and a maximum order of 75 birds (per family) at \$3.50 each poult. Entry fees for the shows will be paid separately when you fill out your entry cards for those shows in November. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry.

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.

Validations (Lambs and Goats)

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 lambs and goats 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 lamb/goat tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$2.00 per lamb/goat tag for the county show (County Tag). Deadline to order for lambs/goats will be Tuesday, August 4. A order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

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.

Aggieland Lamb Camp

Date: July 17-19

Place: Pearce Pavilion, College Station

This camp is ages 8 years and older. Lots of information will be provided on lambs. For more information contact Whitney at 979/945-7616.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: September TBA

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 workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

Beef & Swine Mentor Training

Date: August 14-16

Place: Texas Tech University -Lubbock

Cost: \$105 by July 10

This training is to train project leaders to provide support to 4-H members in the Beef & Swine projects. Topics include: teamwork, educating youth, selection, showmanship and much more. Registration is on line via 4-H Connect. For more information contact Donald at 940/552-9941.

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 rules will be posted soon.

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.

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

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

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

2010 San Angelo Stock Show - February 18- 28, 2010

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

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

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

OUTDOOR FUN

Shooting Sports Coaches Workshop

Date: July 18 & 19

Place: National Gun Club, San Antonio



Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingsports.tamu.edu> to plan an outdoor activity - need some ideas call Greg.

If you have adult leaders interested in teaching shooting sports, they must attend a certification course conducted by Texas A&M. Mark July 18 & 19 on your calendar.

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>.

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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.

TURKEY POULT ORDER FORM

San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas and Bexar County Shows turkey poult order is due to our office by Friday, July 3rd. Please fill out the information below to order your poults. Cost is \$3.50 per poult. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Exhibitor(s)

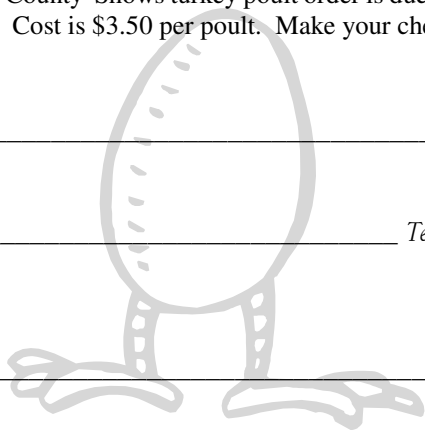
Name(s): _____

Parents First Name: _____ *Telephone*

#: _____

Address:

Club: _____ *Total # of poults ordered* _____ *X \$3.50*



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:

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 = \$ _____

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