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**“One Day in 4-H”  
What’s On Your Calendar?**

For more than a century the Texas 4-H program has provided an opportunity for youth and adults to learn, grow, and work together. As a community of young people across America participants in 4-H learn leadership, citizenship and life skills that will enable them to become self-directed, productive, contributors to society.

This October 10<sup>th</sup> all over our state, 4-H clubs will be going out into their communities to lend a helping hand in exciting new ways. The Bexar 4-H Council along with numerous clubs in our county has scheduled to participate in various community service activities such as:

- The creation of a meditation and reflection garden for the Fisher Houses at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base
- Helping host the first San Antonio International Farm and Ranch Show at Freeman Coliseum
- Providing volunteers to the Archeological Fair at Mission San Jose

Activities at these events include a kids craft area, visitor information area and general set-up and tear down.

A minimum of 45 youth and adults are needed to lend a helping hand at these three events. so please save the date and contact our office and let us know which event you will like to help with. “what’s on your calendar?”

**QUOTE THIS MONTH**

“Volunteers aren't paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” *Anonymous*

**DATES HAVE  
BEEN SET**



- Vet Science Workshop . . . . . 10/5
- 4-H 3PD C Workshop . . . . . 10/14
- County Council Mtg. . . . . 10/15
- Consumer Training . . . . . 10/19
- Horse Leaders Mtg. . . . . 10/19
- Recordbook Workshop . . . . . 10/28
- Rabbit Clinic . . . . . 11/3

**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. Enrollment or re-enrolling began August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll as soon as possible. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters.

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!

Adult leaders that had background screening completed in 2006-2007 must have a new screening. 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.

### 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.

There are 3 events planned on Saturday, October 10th that we need 4-H members (13 years and older) and adults to lend a helping hand.

-the creation of a meditation and reflection garden for the Fisher House at Wilford Hall Medical Center on Lackland AFB

-help host the 1<sup>st</sup> San Antonio International Farm & Ranch Show at the Freeman Coliseum

-help with the Archeological Fair at Mission San Jose

For more information or to volunteer for any of the above events, please contact us as soon as possible.

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. Let's join together and show everyone the power of 4-H-one day! What will you do, one day?

### 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.

### 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. For more information about Team K, please contact Sheree at 288-9034 or [snowbird@swbell.net](mailto:snowbird@swbell.net) or Kathy at 499-1238 or [kpursell@agapeinternet.com](mailto:kpursell@agapeinternet.com).

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

Total 4-H Clubs - 68

Total 4-H Member Enrollment - 3,118

Total 4-H Leader Enrollment - 422

Total Youth Reached by 4-H - 25,822

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 Chocolate Sale Chairpersons who are organizing this event within their club. Good luck to all the clubs with their 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. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Three top \$\$\$\$ sellers will be awarded a bond and three top age sellers will be awarded a \$60 gift certificate.

## 4-H Night with the Spurs

Date: Friday, Oct. 16 - Spurs vs Cavaliers

**G**et your ticket now. Call Ryan at 444-5886.

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

**E**very 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	Gold/Silver/Bronze Star Awards
District Contest fees	
Partial Reimbursement for many events to include:	
State & District 4-H Spectra	Leadership Lab
Texas Congress	Texas Roundup

There are a lot more things that the money has 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.

## Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 15

Place: Texas A&M - San Antonio Student Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**T**his will be the first meeting for all newly elected 2009-2010 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 21 and April 15.

## Office Procedures

**A**ll 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.

## Deadlines

**D**ue 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

**T**o 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.

## Night Drop Slot

**T**o 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

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

## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

**I**f you have volunteered 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.spirit.prudential.com](http://www.spirit.prudential.com). Deadline is Nov. 2.

**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>.

***LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!***

## Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction

**T**he 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **4-H 3PD C (Scholarship) Training**

(Postsecondary Planning, Preparation & Development)

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 14

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension office S-208

This workshop is designed to increase students' awareness of various occupations and preparation for postsecondary education by providing them with experience and knowledge to obtain resources they will need to achieve their personal and professional potential through:

- Developing leadership skills that promote positive youth development.
- Planning & Preparation using all 4-H training and experiences in choosing and preparing for college and/or a career
- Postsecondary success with life skills essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.

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 scholarship application

### **Recordbook/Project Form 102 Training**

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 28

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension Office S-208

There are lot's of activities happening that you could begin to keep record on, such as the Vet Science Workshops, Rabbit Workshops and Chocolate Sale. Learning how to keep records now and put them together will help you complete your recordbook/project form in June.

### **Junior Leadership Retreat**

Date: November 6 - 8

Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Cost: \$120

Age: 9 - 13 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 is Oct. 9.

### **National 4-H Conference**

Date: March 20-25

Place: National 4-H Center, Maryland

Cost: \$1,500

Age: 15-18

Due: Nov. 15 on 4-H Connect

This conference assists in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs. It brings youth together from across the United States. For more information visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

### **School Tours**

It is that time to be thinking if you would like to be a School Tour Guide at the 2010 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 Friday, November 13.

## ***FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE ACTIVITIES***

### **Consumer Decision Making Training**

Date: Monday, Oct. 19

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Trinity United Methodist School

Mark your calendar for this fun training. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie at 615-1772.

### **Food & Nutrition Workshop**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 3

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: Helotes Activity Center

Cost: \$5 at the door

This workshop will include hands on activities and information on the new Food Challenge contest. RSVP by Oct. 2.

## County Food Show

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14

Time: TBA

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (map on our website)

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.

Information packets and entry forms for the Food Show will be available in early October from our office.

## County Quiz Bowl Contest

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14

Time: TBA

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (map on our website)

The contest is the same day as County Food Show. More information will be available soon.

# HORSE NEWS

## Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Oct. 19, Nov. 16

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.

## Qualifying for District Horse Show

All Bexar County 4-H participants are eligible to compete at the District Horse Show. However, Bexar County 4-H members **MUST** participate in at least one county level horse show to be eligible for the Bexar County end of the year horse awards.

## Qualifying for District Horse Judging Contest

All Bexar County 4-H Horse Judging teams are eligible to compete at the District Horse Judging Contest. It is the discretion of individual clubs to request attendance of specific judging contests even though it is not required by the Bexar County 4-H Program. **NOTE:** A county can send an unlimited number of judging teams to the District Horse Judging Contest.

## Horse Trainings

Date: TBA

Watch the next newsletter for more information on upcoming horse trainings.

## 4-H Horse Shows

November 7, 2009, Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena - Due Oct. 23

January 1, 2010 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show

March 20, 2010 - Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena

April 10, 2010 - Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena

You must attend at least one of these shows to be eligible for the end of the year horse awards. November, March and April shows are open to any 4-H'ers that would like to attend.

# LIVESTOCK NEWS

## Veterinary Science Workshop

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](mailto:swellsutff@gmail.com).

## Goat Showmanship Clinic

Date: Sunday, October 18  
Time: Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Place: Helotes Activity Center

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. 2nd, 5 p.m. Please fill out the enclosed form to order your major show broilers. **The cost is \$25 per 25 birds per show**. Minimum order is 25 birds, maximum order is 75 per exhibitor. Entry fee will be paid with your major show entry form due in November. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

## Validation Dates

### Goat/Lamb Validation Dates:

Monday, Oct. 12	East Central FFA Barn	4-6 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18	Helotes Bldg.	1:30-3:30 p.m.

You must take your goat/lamb 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.

### Swine Validation Dates:

Nov. 5	Walter Gerlach Grounds	12 - 5 p.m.
Nov. 15	Kirby	2 - 4 p.m.
Nov. 24	East Central Barn	2 - 6 p.m.

## Sheep Showmanship Clinic

Date: Sunday, Oct. 18  
Time: noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Place: Helotes Activity Center

This clinic will be on fitting and showmanship. Speaker will be James Humphry. Bring your animal.

## Stock Show Due Dates

Mark your calendar: **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show** entries are due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to the shows on-line entry program. **Ft. Worth Stock Show** entry is due to our office by November 6th. **Major Shows** (San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo & Star of Texas) entries are due to office by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Rabbit Clinic

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 3  
Place: County Extension Office S-208  
Time: 7 p.m.

This clinic will teach you about housing, selection, showmanship and much more. If you have any questions, contact Jerry at [jwarren@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jwarren@ag.tamu.edu).

## Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, November 21  
Place: Coryell County Activities Complex, Gatesville

For rules and entry information visit the website at <http://texas4-h.edu/projects/rabbitextra.html>. Entry is via 4-H Connect. Deadline is Oct. 20.

## Swine Clinic

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4  
Place: County Extension office S-208  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topics will include selection, feeding, recordkeeping, preparing for show and more. Speaker will be Kevin Mock, Hog Judge from Blanco, Texas.

## Texas Show Pig Sales Trail

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

## Steer & Heifer Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 31

Place: East Central Ag. Barn

Time: 8 a.m. - Check In                      8:30 a.m. - Clinic Begins

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

## Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com). **2010** Bexar County rules will be posted soon.

## Major Show Entry Workshop

Date: Thursday, Nov. 5

Place: Helotes Activity Center

Time: 7 p.m.

If you 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. 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 16th, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 16th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 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.

## 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 2009-2010:

Guadalupe County-Oct.

Aggie Fest-Oct. TBA                      Due: Oct. TBA

Bexar County-Jan. TBA                      Due: Jan. TBA

S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA                      Due: Nov. 16

Houston-Mar. TBA                      Due: Nov. 16

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>.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Valarie at 467-6575.

## Prospect Shows

South Texas Double Trouble - Nov. 7, Pleasanton. Call 830-769-3066 for more information.

Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Show - Dec. 12, Atascosa. Call 827-3999 for more information. Entry due Dec. 3.

## Stock Shows

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2010 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Dec. 29-Jan. 2, 2010  
[www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com)

2010 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 15 - Feb. 7, 2010  
[www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)

2010 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 4 - 21, 2010  
[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

2010 San Angelo Stock Show - February 18- 28, 2010  
[www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

2010 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 2 - 21, 2010  
[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

2010 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 12 - 27, 2010  
[www.staroftexas.org](http://www.staroftexas.org)

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

## OUTDOOR FUN

### 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.



### 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](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 blogg at <http://d104-h.blogspot.com>.

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Commissioner, Pct. 2

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***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.

**MAJOR SHOW BROILER ORDER FORM**

Major Show Broiler order is due to our office by Friday, Oct. 2. Please fill out the information below to order your broilers. Cost is \$25 per 25 chicks. Minimum order is 25, maximum order is 75 birds per exhibitor.

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of chicks ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the Bexar County 4-H office by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2009. Please make check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.