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“One Day” Community Service the Power of You

When someone performs an action which benefits his or her community, it is known as community service. “Throughout my life, I’ve seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people’s lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer.” *Jimmy Carter*

Some people associate community service with punishment, since it is often offered to small-time offenders as an alternative to fines or jail time. However, community service can also be altruistic, and it is a vital part of many small communities. “I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

Getting involved in your community makes it healthier and livelier, and numerous [organizations](#) around the world support community service activities. “Never before has man had such a great capacity to control his own environment, to end hunger, poverty and disease, to banish illiteracy and human misery. We have the power to make the best generation of mankind in the history of the world.” *President John F. Kennedy*

Students who participate in community service activities related to their future career goals can get a leg up on the competition and the college planning process by gaining real-world experience in their chosen field. Volunteering can also improve students’ skill sets and help prepare them for work experiences totally unrelated to their community service work. “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.” *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

You meet all sorts of people and learn all sorts of new things while doing community service. You may be exposed to people and activities you would have never encountered had you stayed home, and they can shape the direction of your life and the way you view the world around you. Community service can even give you a sense of purpose and direction in your later activities. “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” *Albert Schweitzer*

QUOTE THIS MONTH

“If every American donated five hours a week, it would equal the labor of 20 million full-time volunteers.” -*Whoopi Goldberg*

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



- 4-H 3PD C Workshop 9/16
- Horse Leaders Mtg. 9/21
- Chocolate Pickup 9/22
- Rabbit Clinic 9/28
- Consumer Trg 9/29
- Recordbook Workshop 9/30
- Vet Science Workshop 10/5

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!

County 4-H Awards Program

This was an exciting night, all county awards and college scholarships were presented. There were over 400 youth, volunteers and guests in attendance. If you could not attend, your club has your award/medal/pin. The silent auction was a big success thanks to all of you. Over \$1,200 was made. Special thanks goes to everyone that donated items and everyone that participated in the silent auction. The plant sale was fun and everyone raved about the beautiful baskets and seemed to enjoy trying to decide which basket to buy.

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.

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 be awarded receive a gift certificate.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 15

Place: TBA

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 meetings. 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

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>.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

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.

4-H 3PD C (Scholarship) Training

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 16
Time: 6:30 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

Recordbook/Project Form 101 Training

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 30
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: County Extension Office S-208

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.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Consumer Decision Making Planning Meeting

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 29
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: County Extension office S-208

Mark your calendar to attend this planning meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Discussion will be on planning future consumer trainings and plan the County Consumer Contest. If you have any questions, please contact Grace at g-guerra@tamu.edu.

The ABC's of Nutrition

Date: Saturday, Sept. 26
Place: Stockdale Elementary, Stockdale
RSVP: 830-393-7357

County Food Show

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: TBA
Place: TBA

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 late September from our office.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Sept. 21, 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.

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, 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 swellsuff@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.
TBA	East Central Barn	TBA

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. 1st to the show. **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 16th.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: Wednesday, Sept.28, Tuesday, Nov. 5
Place: County Extension Office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

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

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 \$1.00 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.

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.

Steer & Heifer Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 31
Place: East Central Ag. Barn
Time: TBA

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

Major Show Entry Workshop

Date: Thursday, Nov. 5
Place: Helotes 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 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 1ST 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.

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: Monday, September 28
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.

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 Valarie at 467-6575.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at www.bcjls.com. 2010 Bexar County C rules 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.

Steer & Heifer Shows

Turkeyfest Extravaganza - Sept. 12-13, Cuero. Call 361-275-2049 for more information
Victoria Crossroads Classic - Sept. 12-13, Victoria. Call 361-935-1208 for more information.
South Texas Double Trouble - Nov. 7, Pleasanton. Call 830-769-3066 for more information.

Stock Shows

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.

Atascosa County Fair

Date: Oct. 3 - 4
Place: Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds
Due: October 1

Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Show. Contact 830-769-3066 for more 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. 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/>.

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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.

STATE SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDER-DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - LATE TAGS ORDER BY SEPT. 9

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 \$1.00 = \$ _____

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

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.