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EARTH DAY

Every Hour of Every Day

On April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. It was a time when cities were buried under their own smog and polluted rivers caught fire. Now Earth Day is celebrated annually around the globe. Saturday night March 28, 2009 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. was Earth Hour. Communities, businesses and buildings around the world turned off their lights to conserve energy.

The goal of Earth Hour is one billion people switching off their lights as part of a global vote. Unlike any election in history, it is not about what country you're from, but instead, what planet you're from. VOTE EARTH is a global call to action for every individual, every business, and every community; a call to stand up and take control over the future of our planet.

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2008 the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Though it is the thought that counts, Earth Hour is only one day out of the year, and it doesn't even come close to scratching the surface of conserving energy or moving forward toward cleaner energy.

While every attempt to conserve energy should be at the forefront, more needs to be done. We all need to make a stronger effort to: reduce energy usage, use less water, recycle, compost and support finding viable solutions to today's depleting energy sources. During this recession, there is not a better topic to research than renewable and alternative energy sources, as it saves money and the environment.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



- Fashion Show 4/4
- Vet Science Workshop 4/6
- Council/Adult Mtg. 4/16
- Goat Selection Clinic 4/25
- Horse Leaders Mtg. 4/27
- Scholarship Planning Mtg. ... 4/30
- Project Show 5/16

QUOTE THIS MONTH

“The goal of life is living in agreement with nature.”

Zeno 335 BC – 264 BC

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

Newsletter Information

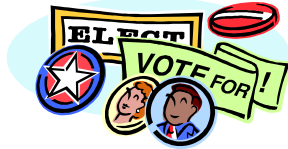
When we compile the newsletter articles, we have room for only the basic information. There is no way we could put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 16
Place: Helotes Activity Center (map on 4-H website)
Time: **6:30 p.m.**

This will be a very important meeting and will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. due to officer elections. All Club Delegates should attend this important meeting to vote in your new 2009-2010 Bexar County 4-H Council Officers. Every club has two (2) delegates, if your club has only one (1) delegate, the other delegate position defaults to the President of your club. If neither of these positions can attend the council meeting to vote, a substitute can vote with a written note from the elected club delegate. Club delegates, mark your calendar to attend this important meeting and represent your club. All adult leaders and/or parents are welcome to attend the Adult Leaders meeting. Map to Helotes Activity Centers on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Maps/map-helotescenter.htm>.



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.



Project Forms

Lots of activities have happened that you should be keeping record on using your Project Record Form. 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 at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Recordbooks/index.htm>. **Project Record forms are turned in to our office each year to receive a year pin.** Project forms are due to our office by June 15.

Project Exhibits

Several awards in the Awards and Recognition Handbook list "Project Exhibits - County Level" as one of the criteria items to apply for the award. You have the opportunity to do at least one exhibit (poster board or form board) on your project and display it at any County contest. The next opportunity will be at the County Fashion Show in April or the Project Show in May. The project exhibits are not a competition and there is no entry form or fee. It is a chance for you to show off one of your 4-H projects and what you have learned. All you need to do is notify our office if you will need an easel or table.

4-H Materials

For a successful 4-H year **ALL** 4-H families should have the following handouts:

- ☺ Newcomer's Handbook -on the 4-H website
- ✉ Awards and Recognition Handbook -on the 4-H website
- 📖 Recordbook Information -on the 4-H website

At the Club Manager training in August, each Club Manager was given a CD with the above materials. Please contact your Club Manager for a copy of the CD.

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, 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 your 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!

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.**

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.

CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS

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 <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/camps/index.html> or visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

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.

Mission Possible

Date: July 1 - 3
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$125.00

This camp is for youth who are physically or learning disabled, or developmentally delayed ages 9 - 18 years. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, fishing and much more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> click on Camps and Programs or visit our website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

National 4-H Congress

Date: November 26 - December 1
Place: Atlanta, Georgia
Cost: \$1,400
Deadline: April 15

This program is for ages 14-18 to improve the ability to express themselves and increase awareness of leadership, citizenship and community service in 4-H. Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect. For more information on how to register on 4-H Connect visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm>.

District 10 Leadership Lab

Date: June 22-24
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$170 (lodging, meals, insurance)
Age: 13 (as of June 22, 2009) - 17 years
(no graduating seniors, except officers)

The objective of the lab is for participants to take back to their county what they have learned (leadership development, problem solving and more) and train others in their county. There will also be fun activities to include: volleyball, tennis, swimming and more. Adult chaperones are needed on a 1 to 8 ratio. Registration is via 4-H Connect at <http://4-h.tamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect from April 27 - May 13. If your child goes, we need to plan for adult chaperones!! If you need more information visit <http://d104-h.tamu.edu/events/leadershiplab.html> or give Pam a call.

Technology Camp

Date: June 17-19
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$175
Age: 11 - 14 years

Learn about technology the 4-H way through hands on experiences. Topics include: Robotics, GIS/GPS, Website Design and much more. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis via 4-H Connect on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm> click on 4-H Connect. Deadline to registration is May 31. For more information about this camp visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm>.

Adventure Challenge '09

Date: June 7-13 ages 9 - 14
June 20-26 ages 14 - 18
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$350.00
Deadline: May 15

This program is for all ages who enjoy the outdoors and are up for a challenge. The camp will explore and experience the natural wonders of west Texas. Activities will include: kayaking, camping, hiking, outdoor cookery and much more. 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. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis through May 15. For more information on this camp visit our website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm> or give Pam a call.

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge

Date: June 26-27
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: TBA

Forget Survivor-this is the way outdoors was meant to be enjoyed. Challenge Your Mind, Challenge Your Skills, Challenge the Outdoors. You will fish, shoot, swim, camp and more. Registration is on line via 4-H Connect at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm> by May 31. For more information on this camp visit our website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm>.

H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp

Date: July 13-17 ages 8 - 12
July 20-24 ages 13 - 17
Place: Huntsville
Cost: \$100 for camp, \$30 transportation and insurance

Campers participate in leadership, horseback riding, wood science, creative learning and more fun activities. \$100 scholarships are available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Patrice or Pam for an application.

Career Awareness & Youth Leadership Laboratory

Date: June 16-18
Place: Prairie View A&M University
Cost: \$100 for lab, \$30 transportation and insurance
Ages: 14-19

Explore careers in Ag & Natural Resources, Communications, Entrepreneurship, Health Careers and more. Contact Patrice or Pam for an application. \$100 scholarships are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Fashion Camp - Find the Diva Within!

Date: June 15 - 19 or June 22 - 26

Place: Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Cost: \$400 (meals, lodging, t-shirt)

This camp is for anyone (ages 11 - 18) who wants to explore the world of fashion. Topics will include Fashion Trends, Be a Buyer, Style a Photo Shot and much more. Application is available at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/nhr/ret/fashion_camp/. Deadline is Friday, May 1. For more information call Jill at 806/742-3068.

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: \$50 Weekly or \$200 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.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Project Show

Date: Saturday, May 16

Place: Helotes Activity Center

Due: May 4

Fee: \$2 per entry



The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. This show is open to anyone, participants **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends, school and anyone you think would like to show off their creative skills. If you need an entry form contact your Club Manager or visit our website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu>. You can drop off your entries at the Helotes Activity Center on Friday, May 15 between 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 16 between 9-10 a.m. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR JUDGING.** Awards presentation of ribbons is at 1:30 p.m. We need judges to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Apr. 6, May 4

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: County Extension Office S-208

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 workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

District Photography Contest

This contest is open to any 4-H member. Pre-registration is required via 4-H Connect at <http://4-h.tamu.edu> click on 4-H Connect from March 16-April 1. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Photos must be mailed (postmarked) to the Bandera County Office by April 3. Each member may enter no more than 4 photos. State Photography rules will be followed. Photos must be mounted on 8 x 10 size foam board. For all the guidelines, division and classes and information to enter the contest visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Contests/index.htm> or give Pam a call. One additional division is offered at this contest only.....Creative Display, check out the description on the web.

Texas 4-H Dog Show

Date: July 10 - 12

Place: Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto

Cost: \$10 per entry//per dog

Besides showmanship there is a costume and photography contest. Entry is on 4-H Connect from April 6 - May 15. For more information about the show visit their website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dogshow/09_Rule_Book.pdf.

In Cooperation With

BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge

Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Commissioner, Pct. 3

Paul Elizondo
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Tommy Adkisson
Commissioner, Pct. 4

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

County Fashion Show and Textile Show

Date: Saturday, April 4

Place: Joe Hopkins Elem. (Map on our website)

Time: 9 a.m.

Mark your calendar to stop by and see how constructive and creative our members can be.

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Fabric Available for Give Away

We have miscellaneous pieces of fabric available in our office if anyone would like to check it out for their Fashion Show, Textile Show project or for a community service project.

Clothing Resources On-Line

There are two very educational Clothing and Textiles curriculum on line, "Clothes that Click" and Clothing Capers". For more information, visit the State 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing_textiles.html and print chapters that you would like to share with your members.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

SALE and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) will award 2 four year scholarships for \$10,000 each. The scholarships will be awarded to outstanding minority students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University in any area related to agriculture and human sciences. For a list of degrees and more information contact Patrice.

Norman Vestal Memorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of San Antonio will give four (\$500) scholarships to 2009 graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture (to include agribusiness). Deadline is April 3rd, 4 p.m. For a copy of the criteria and application visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Scholarships/index.htm> or visit the Rotary Club website at www.rotarysa.org/normanvestal.cfm.

Bexar County Beef Cattle Scholarship

The Bexar County Beef Cattle Committee will give two (2) \$500 scholarships to two (2) 2009 graduating seniors from Bexar County or adjoining counties who plan to pursue a career in agriculture, to include agribusiness. Application criteria is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Scholarships/index.htm> Application deadline is Friday, April 17, 5 p.m. to our office.

Alamo Community College Scholarship

The Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition are seeking students who wish to pursue challenging and rewarding careers in one of the following program areas: Agribusiness, Agriculture, Allied Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Veterinary Technology and more. For a copy of the application and list of program areas visit their website at www.accd.edu/district/schships/doc/SALEAPP.doc or give Pam a call. Application is due by April 23 to the Alamo Community College District.

More Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation at <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars/> or call them at 210/525-8494. Also, visit <http://www.fastweb.com>.

Preparing for College

Here is everything Texans need to know about preparing for college visit www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Candidate Opportunity

Listed below are those interested in being considered as a candidate for this year's County 4-H Council officer elections. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council meeting, Thursday, April 16.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor the day of the meeting.

Criteria to run for a council officer position:

- ✓members must have held an office on their club level (Club President, Club Council Delegate) or served on a Committee/Task Force
- ✓completed at least two (2) years of club work including the current year and be at least 13 years old by Aug. 31, 2008
- ✓no more than 2 members from any one club can be elected in the same year.

How about you 4-H Volunteers? Which one of you will be our next Volunteer Adult Leader's Association President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer? Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council/Adult Leader's Meeting on April 16.

Who votes for your new County Council Officers? Each club has club officers including two (2) club delegates. Your club delegates attend the County Council Meetings and represent your club with their vote. If you only have one (1) club delegate the other defaults to your club president. Club delegates, make sure to mark your calendar for the April 16 meeting to cast your vote for your new 2009-2010 County Council Officers.

Andrew Tarpley

I will be running for a County Council office this year in April. I am a 8 year member of TEAM K. I have held many offices in my club and I am currently serving as County Council Treasurer. I would be honored if you would vote for me and I will work hard to serve you well. Thank you.

Jackie Binder

Giddy mates! I am Jackie Binder, the current Health & Safety Officer. This year, I hope to fill the position of County Council President. A good President is like a guide. Both need to be reliable, listen to their colleagues, and know where to lead. The "glue" that makes both complete is experience. The past 2 years on County Council have been a blast and I've served in positions that prepare me to know what is expected. Now, I feel I can lead this group into the outback and tackle whatever is ahead.

District 4-H Council Officer Applications

Due: May 1 to the District Office

Any 4-H'er who has served as a member of a District 4-H Council as a voting delegate is eligible to seek an office on the District 4-H Council. If you were a voting delegate at one time and are interested in applying for a position, contact Pam for officer descriptions and application.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

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Place: Helotes Activity Center (map on 4-H website)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Apr. 27, May 18, June 29

Place: County Extension office

Time: 7:00 .p.m.



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

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 have attended at least one of these shows to be eligible for the district contest and end of the year awards.

Alamo Area Youth Horse Assoc. - Open Horse Show

Date: April 11 & 12

Place: Guadalupe Fairgrounds, Seguin

For an entry form and more information visit their website at www.aayha.org.

Bandera County Youth Buckle Show

Date: Friday, April 24

Place: Mansfield Park Arena, Bandera

Time: 6:30 p.m.

For an entry form and more information call 210/508-9988.

Horse Validation Form

If you are planning on competing at the District or State Horse Show, your horse must be validated. All horses must be validated by May 1, 2009 with a \$10.00 validation fee per horse. If a horse is being validated for more than one child in the family, that horse may only be validated one time but all children need to be listed for the animal. The validation form is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Horse/index.htm> or from our office.

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>

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. The Jan.- April 2009 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.



LIVESTOCK NEWS

Goat/Lamb State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Validation Tags

The cost is \$7.00 per lamb/goat tag for the show. Deadline to send in an the order form for lambs/goats is Monday, April 13. Late tags may be ordered for \$20 A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Steer Validation

Steer Validation will be held in June, but the deadline to order validation tags is Monday, April 13. All steers (NOT HEIFERS) that will be exhibited at the Bexar County and major shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8 per head. Complete the Steer Validation form (enclosed) and return it to our office by Monday, April 13th. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Watch for validation dates to be scheduled for June announced in the upcoming newsletters .

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
Bexar County-Jan. 2	Nueces County-Jan. 16
S.A.L.E.-Feb. 22	Victoria-Mar. 1
Houston-Mar. 18	

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must have participated in at least two (2) of these 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 Pork Leadership Camp

Date: June 14-19
Place: Amarillo to College Station
Cost: \$350

This camp is for 11-12 graders who will have an in-depth look at the pork industry through tours and hands-on activities. For details and an application contact Annette. Application deadline is April 14.

Goat Selection Clinic

Date: Saturday, April 25
Place: Joe Fuller Ranch
18424 Southton Rd., Elmendorf, 78112
Time: 10 a.m.

Topics will include things to look for when selecting your goat project.

Howard College Goat Camp

Date: June 7-9
Place: Big Spring, Texas
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)
Deadline: April 30 (on a first-come, first serve basis)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, feeding and more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Annette.

Howard College Lamb Camp

Date: June 14 - 16
Place: Big Spring, Texas
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)
Deadline: April 30 (on a first-come, first serve basis)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, health and much more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Annette.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Apr. 6, May 4
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: County Extension Office S-208

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 workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

OUTDOOR FUN

Shooting Sports Camp

Date: June 3 -6
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$195
Age: 9 - 14

Participants will have hands on learning experiences in archery, rifle, shotgun, safety and much more. Registration form and camp information is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/Camps/index.htm>. Deadline to register is May 28.

Range Camp

Date: June 22 - 24
Place: Texas State University Freeman Ranch, Wimberley
Cost: \$50 lodging, meals and learning materials

This camp is for youth ages 12 and over. Topics include wildlife habitat, water quality, range improvements and much more. For an application and more information contact Beverly at 830/379-0930 ext. 100. Application deadline is June 5.

State Youth Water Camp

Date: July 12 - 16
Place: George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center, Monahans
Cost: \$150

This camp is for youth in 9 - 12 grade. Topics include water conservation and preservation, evaluating water quality, field trips and much more. For an application and more information visit their website at <http://ward-co.tamu.edu>. Application deadline is May 22.

Fandango & Whiz Bang Shoot

Date: May 16 & 17
Place: Fort Worth Trap & Skeet, Fort Worth

For an entry form, registration and more information visit their website at <http://www.jc4shotgunsports.com>. Deadline to enter is May 10th.

Bandera County Whiz Bang Shoot

Date: Saturday, June 27

For an entry form and more information contact Woody at 830/589-7559. Entry deadline is June 10.

Invitational 4-H Archery Shoot

Date: Saturday, May 16
Place: JCL Outdoors, Sulphur Springs
Cost: \$10

Entry is on line via 4-H Connect from April 13 - May 8. For more information call 903/885-3443.

Shooting Sports Website

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

Go Wild This Summer!

The Texas Brigades are seeking highly motivated 13-17 year old youth interested in wildlife, fisheries and natural resources. Bass, the popular game fish, bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey. Participants learn communications skills, leadership development, and a healthy dose of wildlife management.

Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are:

South Texas, Carrizo Springs	June 14-18
North Texas, Albany	July 19-23

Bobwhite Brigades dates and locations are:

Rolling Plains, Colman	June 20-24
South Texas, Campbellton	June 28-July 2

“Feathered Forces” Brigade, Lufkin July 26-30
(focuses on quail and turkey)

Bass Brigade, Marble Falls July 13-17

You **DO NOT** have to be a 4-H member to participate in any of these brigades. Applications are due April 1st. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-WILD x120 or visit their website for more information and an application www.texasbrigades.org.

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.

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

ETC, ETC....

Bexar County 4-H T-Shirts

We have Bexar County 4-H t-shirts available in our office. Sizes vary from small to x-large and are in a limited amount. T-shirts cost \$8.75 each. Wear your 4-H t-shirt every time you go to an event and promote 4-H.

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

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>.

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 FAIR OF TEXAS (DALLAS) LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION-DUE MONDAY, APRIL 13



Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be in June. All lambs/goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$7.00 per head for tags. Return this form and total amount \$\$ by Monday, April 13 Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$7.00 = \$ _____ Goats: _____ No Head x \$7.00 = \$ _____

STEER VALIDATION FORM

All Steers to be shown at Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and Major Livestock Shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8.00 per head Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ Phone: _____

of tags: _____ X \$8.00 = \$ _____

***Due to Bexar County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009
Please make check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund***