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4-H Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

4-H Emblem:

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands and health.

4-H Colors:

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

4-H Pledge:

“I Pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to great loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country
and my world”.

4-H Prayer:

“Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better because
Thou did’s’t make me. Amen”.

4-H Creed:

I believe in 4-H the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.
I believe in the training of my **Head** for the power it will give me to think,
to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my **Heart** for the nobleness it will give me to
become kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my **Hands** for the dignity it will give me to
become useful, helpful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my **Health** for the strength it will give me to
enjoy life, resist disease, and make for efficiency.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my
responsibility for their development. In all these things I believe, and I am
willing to dedicate my service to their fulfillment.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop 2/2

Scholarship DUE 2/4

Youth Day 2/7

Horse Leaders Mtg. 2/23

Recordbook Trg 3/16

County Photo Contest 3/25

Council/Adult Mtg. 4/16

BASIC 4-H FACTS

**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 should have 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 with Updates & Reminders. 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.

Recordbook Training

Mark your calendar for the next recordbook training on **Monday, March 16**, 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension office, S-208.

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. This year you will 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.

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

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, there is 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!

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.

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.

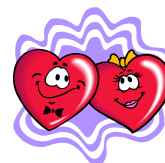
1-Events have entry forms to allow us to prepare for the event, buy ribbons, seek judges. This entry form is a contest specific form. Deadline will be extended.

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.**



LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Children's Vegetable Garden Program

Date: February 21 - June 6 (Saturdays)
Place: San Antonio Botanical Garden
Cost: \$10

Children ages 8-13 have fun growing their own vegetables and/or flowers. For more information and an application contact Angel at 467-6575. Application is due by Feb. 15.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, 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.

County Photography Contest

Do you like to take pictures??? Then you should enter this year's County 4-H Photography contest. If you are thinking of entering the contest, this is the time to start taking pictures. Photos must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2008 and March 18, 2009. Your Club Manager has been sent rules and guidelines on the divisions that you can enter and is also posted on the 4-H website. Photo's are due to our office by March 25. **(NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED).**

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

County Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Thursday, March 19
Time: 6 p.m. Registration 6:30 Contest
Place: Helotes Activity Center
Cost: \$5 (food, materials & insurance)

you are buying. Study guides are available from our office, contact Grace. If you are interested in entering this contest, you must register by filling out the enclosed registration form. This form is due to our office by Feb.13.

What is it? The consumer project will help you learn how to choose the best product for a better value no matter what

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.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in amount of \$1,500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Applications are available on our website or on the Texas 4-H website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarship.html#DARE>. Scholarships are due to our office by **Wednesday, February 4th**, by 5 p.m. for signatures, verification of materials and for mailing to meet our District office deadline. Start your application now! There is a financial form that requires a process which takes 3-4 weeks to receive the completed results back. Don't forget to take the SAT or ACT tests soon. Test scores are a requirement to be included with your application. **ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS ARE DUE TO OUR OFFICE BY FEB. 4TH.**

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Students currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and will have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications and requirements are available on our website or on the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarship.html#DARE>.

Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship

The Texas Extension Education Association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship in each district. The application is a recordbook. Criteria: be in 3rd year of 4-H, leadership and personal development through 4-H, have not received a EEA scholarship. For more information contact Connie Sheppard. Due to our office by Feb. 10.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Feb. 23, Mar. 30
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 attend at least one of these shows to be eligible for the district contest and end of the year awards. March and April are open to anyone that would like to attend.

Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:

Heart of Texas - Oct. 4	Johnson County - Jan. 17
Ft. Bend - Dec. 13	Montgomery County - Jan. 3
Ft. Worth - Feb. 7	SALE - Feb. 12

Each participant can judge at all events or a minimum of two (2) and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. If you need information on any of these contests, contact Annette. Seniors must attend 2 shows that provide reasons.

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 Sept.- Dec. 2008 CEA Horse Newsletter is posted to the web with many workshop opportunities, check it out.



**Happy
Valentines Day**

LIVESTOCK NEWS

No Pass, No Play for Major Stock Shows

Reminder, No Pass, No Show....If you are academically ineligible to exhibit, your livestock projects are ineligible as well.

Major Show Eligibility Forms

Major stock show (Houston, San Angelo, Star of Texas) eligibility forms have been mailed to 4-H exhibitors. If you signed up to exhibit at any of these stock shows and HAVE NOT received your yellow eligibility form, please contact Annette ASAP.

San Angelo-Feb. 13

Houston-Feb. 24

Star of Texas-Mar. 3

If you are exhibiting at any of these shows, watch your mail for a yellow eligibility form.

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 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>.

Stock Show Passes

San Antonio and Houston show passes are available for pick up. You must sign for your passes. If you have any questions, contact Annette.

Attention BCJLS Participants

Thank you letters should be sent to buyers to let them know how much you appreciate their support. To receive your Bexar County check, it is your responsibility to write a thank you note to your buyers. Your Club Manager has a list of buyers, contact them for your buyers addresses. You must give a copy of your thank you to your Club Manager. Do this as soon as possible.

Stock Shows

Please visit the stock shows website for up to date information.

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2009 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 16 - Feb. 8, 2009

www.fwssr.com

2009 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 5 - 22, 2009

www.sarodeo.com

2009 San Angelo Stock Show - February 19- Mar. -1, 2009

www.sanangeorodeo.com

2009 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 3 - 22, 2009

www.rodeohouston.com

2009 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 13 - 26, 2009

www.staroftexas.org

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Farm Service Agency Rural Youth Loans

These loans are available for youth ages 10-20 to finance their livestock projects. Contact our local office at 210/472-6748.

OUTDOOR FUN

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.

Shooting Sports Website

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

