

Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Friday, April 27th in observance of Battle Flowers Parade for Fiesta. If you are trying to meet a deadline, there is a drop slot in the front door to assist you.

2012 SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION RURAL YOUTH AWARD

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING ON-LINE: Friday, May 4, 2012 (No Late Entries Accepted)

Application website: http://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form10/form_login.html

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition established the Rural Youth Award 56 years ago to honor youth leaders across the State of Texas. Today, this award provides recognition for 4-H and FFA members who have shown outstanding leadership in their organization and community. Each organization conducts its own nomination and selection process and submits 20 honorees to represent their respective organization. Texas youth involved in 4-H and FFA may apply for this award through only one organization.

The application process for 4-H is open to 4-H youth across Texas. Below are the rules for application and selection for the SALE Rural Youth Awards for Texas 4-H.

1. Youth who apply must be at least 16 years of age and a high school junior or senior as of August 31, 2011.
2. Applications deadline is midnight Friday, May 4, 2012. No late entries will be accepted or considered!
3. Application must be completed on-line. No mail-in copies will be considered.
4. Youth must have been an active 4-H member for at least 3 years prior to applying for the award.
5. Youth must plan to enroll in a degree plan that is on the SALE scholarship approved list of majors to be eligible for this award. (See list in this document)
6. Youth must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident and plan to attend a accredited Texas college or university.
7. Youth must be willing to participate in the 2012 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Awards Orientation, Presentation, and banquet during the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup on Monday, June 11, 2012 in Lubbock, TX.
8. A total of up to 20 honorees will be selected.
9. Youth and their parents will assume all expenses associated with travel to and from Texas 4-H Roundup for the scholarship presentation.
10. Youth will be registered and attend the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup in order to receive their award!

SALE Approved Degrees

Accounting

Agricultural Business

Agricultural Communications

Agricultural Development

Agricultural Economics

Agricultural Education

Agricultural Engineering/Mechanized Agricultural

Agricultural Journalism

Agricultural Research

Agricultural Science

Agricultural Systems Management

Agricultural & Applied Economics

Agricultural & Life Sciences

Agricultural Related Computer Software Design

Agronomy

Allied Health

Animal Science

Aquaculture

Atmospheric Science
Banking & Finance
Biochemistry
Bioengineering
Bioenvironmental Sciences
Biological Systems Engineering
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Sciences
Biotechnology
Botany
Cell & Molecular Biology
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Clothing, Textiles, & Merchandising
Computer Science
Dairy Science
Earth Science
Equine Science
Engineering
Entomology
Environmental Conservation of Natural Resources
Environmental & Property Law
Family and Consumer Sciences
Family Office Management/Bookkeeping
Fisheries/Fishery Sciences
Floriculture
Food & Nutrition
Food Engineering
Food Science & Technology
Forestry & Forestry Sciences
Genetics
Home Economics Education
Horticulture
Integrated Pest Management
Interdisciplinary Agriculture
International Agriculture Commerce
Land Use & Planning
Landscape Architecture
Mari-Culture
Marine Biology
Marine Engineering
Marine Engineering Technology
Marine Fisheries
Marine Sciences
Marketing
Meteorology
Microbiology
Nursing
Nutrition/Scientific Nutrition
Pharmacy/Pharmacology
Plant & Environmental Soil Sciences

Plant Sciences
Poultry Sciences
Production Agriculture
Rangeland Ecology & Management
Recreation & Parks
Restaurant, Hotels & Institutional Management
Soil Science
Statistics
Textile & Apparel
Veterinary Science/Pre-Vet Medicine
Waste Management
Wholesale/Retail Distribution
Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
Zoology

Please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office if you have any questions at 979/845-1212..

Texas 4-H Congress

Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere citizenship and leadership experience for Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18. Held in the Texas State Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted over the four day event. Mark your calendar for July 15th to 18th, 2012. **Lobbyist:** This role is designed for 4-H members who have attended Texas 4-H Congress in either 2008 or 2010. Members interested in serving as lobbyist must apply on 4-H CONNECT by April 30th. **Press Corp:** This role can be either first time or returning 4-H members to Congress. Members interested in serving as press corp must apply on 4-H CONNECT by April 30th. Information flyer is attached. Cost will be \$340 (includes hotel, meals, snacks & registration fee). For more information visit their website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/txcongress/index.php>. **Deadline to register is April 30th.**

Vet Science Workshops

These workshops are open to all ages and are a learning series to help youth meet their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 1st** at the Helotes Activity Center to begin at 6:30 p.m. Future meetings are Tuesday, June 5th and July 3rd 6:30 p.m. location to be announced. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.

HORSE VALIDATION - IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

For 2012, Horse Validation will be processed through 4-H Connect. 4-H Connect will be open for horse validation through – **May 1st**. Also new this year, you will need to take photos of your horse and submit them on the 4-H Connect system. Due to the new process, please don't wait until the last day to complete this process in case you have any problems. Cost is \$10 per horse to be paid to our office (not on 4-H Connect) on or before May 1st with the invoice you print from the 4-H Connect system. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Our office has a very short turnaround time to get your printed invoice and money to the State office. If the invoice and money are not in our office by May 2nd, 12 noon we will not be able to complete your validation process. Instructions on how to complete your validation is attached or available on our website.

Requirements:

- Have a family and youth member profile established on 4-H CONNECT.
- Be a paid/active youth member of Texas 4-H for the 2011-2012 year.
- Have digital photos of your horse(s) from the front, left side, and right side. These photos must be accessible for upload during the validation process.
- For registered horses, you need to have a pdf copy of your horse(s) registration papers for upload.

Wildlife Conservation Camp

The Wildlife Conservation Camp focuses on outdoor, hands-on activities, with presentations by wildlife professionals. Topics include conservation ethics, species diversity, habitat management, population ecology, predator-prey interactions, capture and census techniques, animal and plant identification, hunting as a management tool, hunter safety, and fishing and shooting skills. Youth, ages 15-18 considering careers in wildlife or natural sciences are strongly encouraged to attend, as the experience will be invaluable as they look to the future. The camp will be held July 8-14th at Camp Tyler, near Tyler. The application deadline is **May 1st**. Cost is \$300 which includes meals and housing. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship to help pay for the cost of the camp, contact Cindy at the Farm Bureau at 666-1915. Camp application is attached.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Annual Fun Shoot

This event will be held Sunday, May 20th at the Bexar Community Shooting Range in Marion. There are several levels of entry, see attached flyer for more information. **Deadline is May 1st**. If you need any more information, please contact Richard at 288-0937.

District 12 4-H Shotgun Match

Mark your calendar for May 12th at the South Texas Shooting Complex in Laredo. This match is open to all 4-H members. Deadline to register is **May 1st** on 4-H Connect. For more information see attached flyer.

Nutrition Science Academy

The Nutrition Science Academy is open to youth ages 13-17 who are interested in exploring nutrition science through hands-on activities in university classrooms and labs. The event will be held June 6th -8th at Texas State University in San Marcos. Youth are invited to learn the latest nutrition and health research and interact with Texas State University staff and students while discovering nutrition related programs and career opportunities. **Registration is due by May 1st**. Information flyer is attached.

Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale!!!

The plant sale everyone has been waiting for!!!! Mark your calendar for Thursday, **May 3rd** 10 am to 6 pm and Friday, **May 4th** 7 am to 9 pm outside the Norris Convention Center, 4522 Fredericksburg Road. The entrance is located at the Wonderland of Americas (Crossroads Mall) near Target. The plant sale will be introducing the new Orange Frost citrus plant which is a Changsha and Satsuma cross. As well as past and present Texas Superstar selections for sale and a whole lot more! Monies raised from the sale will go towards the local Youth Garden's Program and the Educational Outreach efforts of the Bexar County Master Gardeners. See you there!!!

County 4-H Project Show

This show is open to anyone ages 5 - 18, you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends and school classmates who would like to show off their creative skills. You can enter photos, metal projects, art projects, crafts and much more. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th at the Ft. Sam Houston School Age Services Bldg. Cost is \$2 per class. **Entry deadline is Friday, May 4th**. There will be lots of fun activities for you to participate in while your entry is being judged. Watch for more details on these activities soon. Entry form and guidelines are attached and available on our website. We are looking for adult volunteers to help judge at the County Project Show. If you know someone that may be interested, please call Pam with their name and we will mail them an information letter.



Somervell County Horse Camp

This horse camp will be June 4 – 6 at the Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose and provides a superb and most effective method of “hands on” type instruction. Cost is \$180. Deadline to register is **May 4th**. Information flyer and registration form are attached.

Callahan County Archery Shoot

This archery event will be May 19th at the Callahan County Shooting Range. **Deadline to enter is May 5th.** Information flyer is attached.

Bandera County Youth Horse Rodeo Series

The horse rodeo will be in Bandera at the Mansfield Park Arena, books open at 5 p.m. rodeo starts at 6 p.m. Mark your calendar for May 5th, June 2nd and June 23rd. For more information see flyer attached.

Steer Validation

If you will be exhibiting a steer at the Bexar County Stock Show or any major shows, you should have purchased a steer validation tag. There are a couple extra tags available for \$20, first come-first serve. Steer validation dates have been set for Friday, June 22nd, 4 - 7 p.m. at Bill Zigmunds (2791 Rakowitz Rd.) or Tuesday, June 26th, 9 – 11 a.m. at O'Connor High School. If you have any questions, please contact Cheree'.

Youth Entomology Summer Camp

If you are interested in bugs, insects and other creepy crawlers and are ages 7 and up, this camp is for you! Campers will receive an insect collection kit. Two camp dates are available – Camp #1 – July 16th – 19th or Camp #2 – July 23rd – 26th. Cost is \$100 which includes the insect kit and snacks. Space is limited, sign up soon. **Deadline to register is July 2nd.** Information flyer and registration form is attached.