Public Speaking Workshops
Join us for a Public Speaking workshop to help you perfect your presentation for Roundup. We will meet at 2 p.m. in S-208 at the Extension Office. We will be going over outlines and speech topics. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Apr. 12th**. Please call Betsy if you have any questions at 210-386-8482.

Steer Validation
If you will be exhibiting a steer at the 2014 Bexar County and/or 2015 Major Stocks Shows, steers are required to be validated, which requires putting a tag in the animals ear, nose printing and pulling hair for DNA. Validation tag order is due to our office by **Monday, April 14th**. Cost is $10.00 per tag. Order form is attached. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Late tag orders will be $20 each. Steer validation will be held in June, dates to be announced soon. If you have any questions about validation, please contact Greg. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Purple Up
Purple represents all branches of the military. Wearing purple will show your appreciate for all military youth’s sacrifices and challenges. Encourage your friends, family school to join in and wear purple on **Tuesday, April 15th**. See attached flyer.

Vet Science Workshops – **DATE CHANGE**
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. Some lessons will be in a classroom, but several lessons will be hands on. Mark your calendar for the next workshop, **Tuesday, Apr. 15th**, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Future workshop will be May 13th, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com

State Fair Of Texas (Dallas) Swine Validation-Tag Order – DUE Tuesday, April 15th
Swine validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be conducted in June, dates will be announced soon. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be $10.00 per head for tags. Return the order form attached and tag fees by **Tuesday, April 15th**. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund and send to Bexar County 4-H, 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-212, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Late tags will be $20 each.

Horse Validation
Horse Validation will be processed through 4-H Connect. 4-H Connect will be open for horse validation through **April 15th** for a cost of $10, April 16th - May 1st will be a cost of $20. You will need to take photos of your horse and download them on the 4-H Connect system. Due to this process, please don’t wait until the last day to complete this process in case you have any problems. Payment should be by **credit card** on 4-H Connect before May 1st. Print the invoice from the 4-H Connect system for your file. Detailed instructions on how to complete your validation is attached.

Office Closed
Our office will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday and Friday, April 25th for Battle of Flowers Fiesta. There is a drop slot in the front door of S-212 to help you meet any deadlines.

Texas 4-H Congress
4-H members ages 15 - 18 at the time of the event are eligible to participate in this mock legislative session held in Austin at the State Capitol. Cost is $330 which includes hotel, meals, snacks and registration fee. Those 4-H members who are interested in serving as a Lobbyist or Press Corp member need to fill out the application on-line through the 4-H CONNECT system by **April 30th**. The Lobbyist, Press Corp, House and Senate positions are on a first come, first serve basis.
House or Senate Member:
These roles are for 4-H members that have never participated in Texas 4-H Congress. 4-H members serving in the House or Senate should be prepared and able to speak passionately about issues effecting Texas and Texas youth. The issues that the 4-H member will be speaking about may or may not be related to the subject matter of the bill they submitted. House and Senate members will be participating in a variety of professional settings such as committee meetings, chamber sessions, and may be lobbied or questioned on different issues by the Lobbyist group and/or the Press Corps. Cost is $330 which includes hotel, meals, snacks and registration fee. If you are interested in participating in Texas Congress as a House or Senate member, please send your name, age (as of July 15, 2014), school grade and # of years in 4-H and a copy of your bill to Greg (gmyles@ag.tamu.edu) by Monday, April 14th. Guidelines to help you write your bill are at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2011/12/txcongress_resources_legislative_process.pdf. You will be notified by April 30th if you are accepted as a House or Senate member.

Who are the Lobbyist: The Lobbyist group is designed for 4-H members who have attended Texas 4-H Congress in the past. The responsibility of the Lobbyist group is to identify certain bills and then lobby members of the House and Senate to either pass or defeat the bill. Lobbyist should be knowledgeable about Texas 4-H Congress and the schedule that it follows. Lobbyist members should be prepared to and have the ability to approach other 4-H members and persuade House and Senate members for support.

What does the Press Corp do: The Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps play an extremely important part in the success of the event. Press Corps members can be either first time or returning 4-H members to 4-H Congress. Individuals applying for Press Corps should have strong skills in writing, word processing, interviewing, photography, and focused on making deadlines. The press corps is responsible for the publishing of a daily newspaper and helping maintaining a web page/electronic communication. Press Corps members should be aware that sometimes they may not be able to attend certain events because of print deadlines.

Camp Corral
This summer camp is for children ages 8 – 15 of wounded or disabled military families. Camp Corral is a place where kids are free to be kids, apart from the day-to-day challenges they may face as children of wounded or disabled military families. Activities include: swimming, hiking, target sports, ropes course, arts and crafts and more. Thanks to the generosity of Golden Corral guests, Camp Corral is available at no cost other than transportation to and from camp. Registration deadline is April 15th. See attached flyer for more information.

National 4-H Congress
National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program to be held November 27th – December 2nd. Each year a National Design Team analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational and networking opportunities and combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience. Congress is open to youth ages 14 – 18. Cost is $1,500 which includes lodging, airfare, meals and materials. Registration will be done on 4-H Connect. Deadline to register is April 16th. See attached flyer for more information.

Youth Entomology Summer Camp
If you are 7 years old and up, and are interested in bugs, insects, and other creepy crawlers, you are welcome to attend this camp! We will be collecting insects, putting together amateur collections, doing experiments with insects, learning how to properly identify insects, and how insects are important. You have a selection of two different camp dates: Camp #1 is July 14-17 and Camp #2 is July 21-24. Cost is $100, which includes a bug collection kit and snacks. First Come – First Serve. This camp fills up fast, see attached flyer to sign up. There is a drop slot in the front door to assist you in making this deadline.
District 4-H Roundup (Public Speaking/Educational Presentation/Share the Fun Contest)
Everyone is welcome to participate at the District 4-H Roundup Contest which will be Saturday, May 3rd at the Lockhart Junior High School in Lockhart. We are willing to work with you to sharpen your presentation skills if you would like a “critique and practice” session please call Greg to schedule a time. Registration is on line via the 4-H CONNECT program. **Registration is open until April 17th.** Cost is $5.00. Please choose **Credit Card** as your form of payment. Attached is a District info packet, which includes a map and the academic eligibility form that should be returned to our office by Thursday, April 17th. Since this is a Saturday event and you do not need time out of school, you are welcome to fax the eligibility form to 930-1753 or scan and email to paxtell@ag.tamu.edu.

District 4-H Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard Contest and Textile Show
If you attended the County Fashion Show/Fashion Storyboard Contest or Textile Show, you can participate in the District Fashion Show Contest. These contests will be Saturday, May 3rd at the Lockhart Jr. High School in Lockhart. If you need information on these contests contact Connie or Annette at 210/467-6575. Cost is $5 per contest. Registration will be done on 4-H Connect by **Thursday, April 17th.**

**Lamb Camp**
Topics include: selection, feeding, showmanship and more. Camp is June 8 – 10th at the Howard College in Big Spring, Tx. Cost is $85 which includes meals and awards. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis before **April 20th.** See attached flyer for more information.

**Goat Camp**
Topics include: selection, feeding, showmanship and more. Camp is June 15 – 17th at the Howard College in Big Spring, Tx. Cost is $85 which includes meals and awards. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis before **April 20th.** See attached flyer for more information.

**Recordbook Training**
Recordkeeping is an important skill for everyone to know. Completing a recordbook can earn you awards and scholarships. It helps you keep track of what you have done in 4-H. Recordbook forms will be required to apply for any awards. A training is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 22nd,** 6:30 p.m. at our office in S-208. Recordbooks and all award applications are due to our office June 6th. If you have any questions about recordbooks, feel free to contact Greg

**Candidate Opportunity**
Are you 13 years or older and interested in running for a County Council officer position for this upcoming 2014-2015 4-H year? If you would like to be considered as a candidate for this year’s elections, please submit a short paragraph consisting of no more than 8 lines (12 pt. font) including what position you are running for, why you would like to run for office and what qualifies you to serve on the County Council. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your leadership experiences so that others can take notice. Please submit your paragraph to Pam ([paxtell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:paxtell@ag.tamu.edu)) no later than **Monday, April 28th.**

Elections will be held at the next County Council Meeting, Thursday, May 22nd, 6:30 p.m. County Council Officer criteria is attached. Please complete the form and bring it with you to the County Council Meeting on Thursday, May 22nd.

Officers will be elected from nominations made from the floor. Election shall be by ballot. A majority constitutes an election. No more than two members from any one club shall be elected to a Council office the same year. No more than one person from a family may serve as an officer at the same time.
Employment Opportunity
The Kerr County 4-H Agent position will be coming available effective June 1, 2014. Please visit the Kerr County HR website at http://www.co.kerr.tx.us/employment/ for an application. If you have any questions about the position, please call (830) 257-6568.