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.

Add an Avatar (Photo) to Your 4-H Connect Profile
Have you seen some changes in 4-H CONNECT this week? If not, take a look at what you can do now! Any 4-H Family can now have a photo attached to their profile on 4-H Connect. Get into your profile and click on the “Edit Family” link beside your family name and then click on the “Family Settings” link. There you will see the area to upload a photo. Have fun!

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) 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.

The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge
First Lady Michelle Obama is again teaming up with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Epicurious to host a nationwide recipe challenge to promote cooking and healthy eating among America’s youth. We’re inviting parents and their children, ages 8-12, to submit an original lunch recipe that is healthy, affordable, and tasty, with the opportunity to be invited to attend a Kids’ “State Dinner” at the White House where a selection of the winning healthy recipes will be served. Go to: http://www.recipechallenge.epicurious.com/ for more information about the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and to submit your recipe. Deadline is April 5th.

State Fair Of Texas (Dallas) Lamb/Goat Validation-DUE Monday, April 7th
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 $11.00 per head for tags. Return the order form and tag fees to our office by Monday, April 7th. 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. Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas will be conducted in June, dates will be announced soon. Order form is attached. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

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. Some lessons will be in a classroom, but several lessons will be hands on. Mark your calendar for the next workshop, Tuesday, Apr. 8th, 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
District Shooting Sports Coaches Training
This training is open to adult volunteers interested in teaching the shooting sports project. The training is available on April 26th - 27th in Kerrville on Archery, Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun. Cost is $120 which covers meals and materials. Adults must be enrolled in 4-H on 4-H Connect and have completed their background screening. Registration is on 4-H Connect (District 10 –Shooting Sports Coaches Training) by April 11th.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.