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Bexar 4-H County Awards Program



A Black Tie Affair

Bexar 4-H County Council presents "A Black Tie Affair" (Black tie is a dress code for evening events and social functions for events after six p.m., black tie is less formal than white tie but more formal than informal or business dress. For men, the elements of black tie are a suit with, a white dress shirt, and black bow-tie; women's dress is traditionally a ankle or below the knee to mid-calf length sleeveless dress, and evening shoes.) Mark your calendar for this exciting evening when all county awards and scholarships will be presented along with the premiere of "Bexar 4-H Silent Movie"; August 10th, 6:00p.m. Helotes Activity Center.

**DATES HAVE
BEEN SET**

Beef Show Camp	8/3-4
Vet Science Workshop	8/7
Officer Training	8/9
Awards Program	8/10
Club Manager Training	8/13 or 15
Beef Project Meeting	8/23
D10 Conference	8/25
Chocolate Pick Up	9/18
Council/Adult Ldrs Mtg.	10/18



District 10 4-H Conference (formerly 4-H Mega Meeting) will provide presentations on: Golf Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Food, Fashion & Healthy Lifestyles, Livestock, and Leadership/Citizenship. August 25th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 noon at Our Lady Of the Hills Catholic High School, Kerrville, TX.

Quote of the Month

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

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

HERE'S THE LATEST

County Awards Program

This will be an exciting night. If you turned in a recordbook, you will receive a year pin and project medal at the Awards Program. If you applied for the Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star or I Dare You Awards, the winners will be announced this night. We also recognize adult volunteers for all their hard work with a small token. Please mark your calendar for Friday, Aug. 10th, 6 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. A silent auction will be held during the program to help raise money for the new 4-H year.

Auction Items Needed

In conjunction with the Awards Program a silent auction is conducted to raise money for the new 4-H year. Everyone is encouraged to help provide an item for the auction. It could be as simple as a baked item (cookies, cake, etc.) or an arts and craft item. Please let us know in advance if you are planning on donating to allow us time to do up a bidder sheet and allow room for your item. You are welcome to drop off the item at our office between now and Thursday, Aug. 9th, or you can drop off your item at the Helotes Activity Center during set up on Thursday, Aug. 9th from 5 – 6:30 p.m. If it is a baked item you may take it the evening of the program (Aug. 10th) by 5:30 p.m.

Club Officer Training

If you are the new Club Officer for your club, you should make plans to attend this fun training on Thursday, August 9th, 1 – 4 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. This training will prepare you to take on those duties as club leaders.

Club Manager Training(s)

One Club Manager from each club is requested to attend one of these trainings. Monday, Aug. 13th 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Aug. 15th – 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office in S-208. Everything you will need to start the new 4-H year (Sept. 2012 – Aug. 2013) will be available at this training.

Club Charters

Every 4-H club must re-charter each year. Club charter paperwork will be handed out at the two Club Manager trainings in August.

JCPenney to Benefit 4-H;

For 84 years, jcpenny has been part of the 4-H family, beginning with Mr. Penney's first donation to 4-H in 1928. We are thrilled to share that jcpenny's commitment to this legacy will continue with support for 4-H again this year.

Shop at jcpenny and "Round Up". Start your back-to-school shopping at jcpenny in the month of August and **support your local 4-H program by rounding-up your purchases to the next dollar.**

So, visit your local jcpenny store in August, tell your friends and family about the August "Round Up" campaign and get the word out and help to drive funding to your national, state and local 4-H program.

Re-enrollment in 4-H begins August 16th Participation FEE - \$20 after October 31st \$25.

All members must re-enroll in 4-H every year. Enrollment will be on line via the 4-H Connect program. If you already have a profile set up on 4-H Connect, all you need to do is update your profile information and select you want to enroll for the new 2012-2013 4-H year. Pay the \$20 fee participation fee by **credit card**. Adult leaders and Clovers Kids are not required to pay the \$20 fee. The fee is \$20 between August 16th, 2012 and October 31st, 2012 or \$25 between November 1st, 2012 and August 31st, 2013 the end of the 4-H year. If you cannot remember your password on 4-H Connect, please call Greg or Pam to reassign you a new password.

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, August 7th** at the Hooves and Paws Vet Clinic, 16060 Bandera Rd. Helotes at 5:30 p.m. Future meeting is Tuesday, September 11th at the Helotes Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.

D10 4-H Conference (formally known as Mega Meeting)

Saturday, August 25 in Kerrville "District 10 4-H Conference" will hold its annual 4-H meeting with many different activities scheduled to take place that include:

Youth Project Development Committee Meetings with trainings and officer elections

-Outdoor Challenge

-Food, Fashion and Healthy Lifestyles/

FCS Projects 101

-"Make a Difference!" Leadership and Citizenship

-Golf Challenge

Workshops for volunteers and parents

-What is a 4-H Project?

-Youth Horticulture Opportunities

-Food, Fashion and Healthy Lifestyles/

FCS Projects 101

-4-H Livestock Projects 101

Reservation will be done on 4-H Connect by **August 14th**. Cost is \$15 for the workshop.

S U M M E R C A M P S

"Beef Show Camp"

A Bexar County Beef Show Camp will be held on August 3rd -4th at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show facilities located at 7514 FM 1346 in Martinez, Texas. Topics to be covered include health management, feed and nutrition, grooming for show, showmanship, and project selection. The camp is open to all youth of Bexar County. The fee for the camp is \$40 and includes lunch both days, snacks, and a T-shirt. Deadline to register is **July 27th**. For more information and registration form visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/events/>.

'4-H20 for the Alamo' Summer Water Camp!!

Water, water everywhere did you ever stop to think, how important water is other than to drink. Activities will include being a water detective, creating our own sports drinks, making edible aquifers, doing experiments with water, and learning the importance of clean water to our health and world as a whole. July 31- August 2, Cost \$35.

F A M I L Y & C O N S U M E R S C I E N C E S

Family and Consumer Sciences Project Event Planning Meeting

Join us as we plan dates for events and activities on Wednesday, July 18th, 6 p.m. at Grady's BBQ, 4109 Fredericksburg Rd. Dinner is FREE. We will plan the new (2012-2013) 4-H Year FCS events to include the Fashion Show, Food Show, Food Challenge and more. RSVP to Pam at 210/467-6575 by **Tuesday, July 17th**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. annually awards over \$200,000 in scholarships to high school graduates that are members of 4-H clubs from throughout Bexar County.



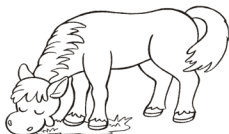
Club Managers receive email updates once a week on all 4-H happenings. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the “Updates & Reminders” on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.

4-H families receive “Upcoming Events” emails from our office twice a month. These emails include very important information about programs and deadlines. Please read the emails from our office.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

If you are interested in helping to plan upcoming horse shows or workshops, this is the meeting to attend. Mark your calendar for the next meeting, Monday, Aug. 27th. Future meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24th. If you have any questions about the horse project, feel free to contact Cheree'.



Horse Judging

Do you want to learn about horses, but don't have a horse? Horse judging may be for you. Contact John at 822-5554 or j.d.farrell54@att.net for more information and how to join his club.

In Cooperation With

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Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Commissioner, Pct. 2

Tommy Adkisson
Commissioner, Pct. 4

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Bexar County Broiler Order

If you are planning to exhibit chickens at the 2012 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show please complete the order form available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4h-youth-development/4-h-science-of-agriculture/4-h-livestock/>. The order is due to our office by **Friday, August 31st**.

Lambs, Goats, and, Breeding Sheep Validation

To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Market Show, all lambs, goats or breeding sheep must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program. The cost is \$9.00 per lamb or goat tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$1.00 per lamb or goat tag for the county show (County Tag). Breeding Sheep cost is \$5.00 per tag for major shows. Deadline to order lambs, goats or breeding sheep tags will be **Friday, August 17th**. Order form is available on our website.

"Quality Counts" Verification Required for Major Shows

Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all 4-H members exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at all major livestock shows. The verification process will require all 4-H & FFA exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. 4-H members will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline (usually the first of November). There is no limit to the number of times you can take the test, as long as you achieve 80%. Please visit this website to complete the verification process: <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. On this website, click on Verification across the top, scroll down, click on "Take the test and become Verified" then click on 4-H. If you have any questions, please contact Cheree' or Bryan.

OUTDOOR FUN

Children's Vegetable Garden Program

Texas AgriLife Extension Service provides an opportunity for children 8-13 years of age to learn about gardening by growing their own vegetables through the mentoring of Bexar County Master Gardener volunteers. Program is August 25th – December 8th, 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Cost is \$40 per plot to purchase seeds, plants, and other materials. The children will also participate in fun, hands-on Junior Master Gardener activities. Deadline to apply is **Friday, August 10th**. For more information and registration form visit our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/events/>.

How about becoming a Master Gardener?

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be conducting its fall Master Gardener class #56 for adults interested in gardening/horticulture and related topics. They then return their knowledge and time by providing educational outreach support for youth and adults. **Deadline to register is August 15th**. The cost is \$220 with classes running every Wednesday from 12 noon-4 pm, August 22nd - November 14th at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service classroom, 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 208, San Antonio, TX 78230. Application is attached. For more information, contact Angel Torres at **(210) 467-6575** or ma-torres@ag.tamu.edu.



Water wise tip of the month

Toyota Foundation and National 4-H

Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

If you have any questions about water education presentations, please contact Marti at 210/467-6575.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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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.