Youth Day
Youth Day is Saturday, Feb. 8th and is held the first Saturday of the San Antonio Stock Show. 4-H clubs can reserve a table (free) to showcase their club. Clubs are welcome to do hands on activities with visitors or just hand out information about 4-H and their club. Clubs can also participate in a Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade (guidelines attached) held during Youth Day. Youth Day sign up form is attached and is due to our office by **Friday, Jan. 10th.** You can fax it to 930-1753 or scan and email to **paxtell@ag.tamu.edu.** Bexar County 4-H has budgeted money from the chocolate sale to help reimburse for expenses you may have in doing hands on activities at your table. Each club is eligible for $30, please keep your receipts and mail them to our office by Feb. 14th.

IRS Filing
It is officially time to file with the IRS. All chartered 4-H clubs are required to file annual financial reports with the Internal Revenue Service. Each club should file a 990N form for the time period September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013. Go to [https://epostcard.form990.org](https://epostcard.form990.org) to file. Enter your EIN# and then “01”, it will then ask for your email address and password. Enter the year this filing is for (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013) and then your club name and the EIN#. When it asks for “In Care Of”, enter club manager name and the mailing address will be our office address (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-212, SA, TX. 78230). “Principal Officer” will be the Club Manager. Please print a copy of your submission before you hit the submit button. After you hit the submit button, you will receive a confirmation email of successful filing, please email a copy to our office at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu and to the Texas 4-H office at texas4h@ag.tamu.edu. Deadline to have this completed is **January 14th, 2014.**

Key points to remember:
- Filing time period is September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013
- If a club did not charter until after September 1, 2013, they do NOT file
- Have your EIN # available before you begin.
- County Extension Agents and the Texas 4-H Office need to be notified of your filing. Please email confirmation on your filing, to our office at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu AND to Texas 4-H texas4h@ag.tamu.edu.
- The due date for filing is **January 14, 2014**

If you have any questions about the IRS 990 filing, please contact Greg.

4-H Prairie View Scholarship
The San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) and the Cooperative Extension Program (C.E.P.) will award two (2) four - year scholarships, each with a total value of $15,000 for four years. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University. Preference will be extended to those youth who have participated in 4-H and Youth Development Programs sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Program. Application and guidelines are attached. Application is due to Prairie View by email **noon on February 28th.** If you have any questions, please contact Desiree at desiree.rucker@ag.tamu.edu.

Stock Show Websites
If you need a copy of stock show schedule or rules visit the show website:
- San Antonio Stock Show – [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)
- Houston Stock Show – [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)
- San Angelo Stock Show – [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)
- Star of Texas Stock Show - [www.rodeoaustrin.com](http://www.rodeoaustrin.com)
Hunting & Wildlife Leader/Coach Trainings
One design of this training is to prepare an adult leader to coach youth in the Hunting & Wildlife Shooting Sports discipline and certify them to train their youth to safely and responsibly use the four firearms (shotgun, smallbore rifle, muzzle loading rifle, and bow) in live firing situations. The training is also designed for any Adult Volunteer Leader wishing to work with their local youth in a hunting or wildlife project or a combination of the two. Bexar County 4-H has budgeted money from the chocolate sale to help reimburse for expenses you may have in registering for this training. Please keep your receipts and mail them to our office by Feb. 14th.

If you have any questions, contact Laci Chapman, Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Consultant, 979-845-1214

Hunting & Wildlife Leader/Coach Training-Monahans, Ward County
February 8-9, 2014
Registration open thru January 16, 2014

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship
Scholarship training is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7th, rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 13th, 6:30 p.m. here at our office in S-208. Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of $1,000 to $20,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H graduating members. Application, examples and guidelines are available on the state website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships. Scholarship application and attachments, plus one copy of everything are due to our office by Tuesday, Jan. 28th. Take your ACT or SAT tests now, a copy of the scores must be attached to the application. Start filling out your FAFSA (financial form) information now. FAFSA process takes about 3-4 weeks. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact Greg. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Dog Certification
If you will be showing your dog at the State Dog Show, you must have your dog certified on 4-H Connect before Jan. 10th. An instruction sheet is attached.

San Antonio Stock Show Photography Contest
Do you like to take pictures? It’s free to enter your photo into the San Antonio Stock Show photography contest. Guidelines are attached. Deadline to enter is Monday, Jan. 13th to the stock show photography committee NOT OUR OFFICE.

All Competitive Events Need Eligibility Forms
All competitive events will require academic eligibility forms to be completed by 4-H members. Even if the events take place on weekends, UIL rules state, you must be academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Depending on the event, we will either email the form to you or mail it to you. It is your responsibility to follow through and take the form to your school for them to check if you are academically eligible to participate in the event. If you are requesting a day out of school, we will need the original academic eligibility form returned to our office. Due date to return the form to our office will be at the top of the form. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet deadlines. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact us.

Eligibility forms were mailed and due: (Need original forms returned to our office for these shows)
Walter Gerlach form was mailed on December 5th and is due to our office by Friday, January 10th.
Ft. Worth form was mailed on December 5th and is due to our office by Friday, January 10th.
San Antonio form was mailed on December 10th and is due to our office by Tuesday, January 21st.
San Angelo form was mailed on December 10th and is due to our office by Friday, January 31st.
Houston and Star of Texas will be mailed on January 10th and is due to our office by Monday, February 17th
Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Entry for the 2014 contest is now available. This year’s theme is “Beekeeping in Colonial Times.” For a complete list of rules and guidelines please visit the following website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_entomology/beekeeping All entries should be submitted electronically to Kyle Merten (kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu) no later than **January 10, 2014**.

Entomology Judging Workshop
Did you know that insects are extremely diverse and make up more than half of the species on earth? Are you interested in learning about insects? All ages are welcome to join us and be a part of the Entomology Judging Team. Next meeting is **Sunday, Jan. 12th. 2 p.m.** at the 4-H office S- 208. Future meetings will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Molly at mekeck@ag.tamu.edu.

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 **Tuesday, Jan. 14th, location TBA**, contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com. Next meeting will be Jan.14th, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com

The First-EVER White House Student Film Festival
We’re launching our first-ever White House Student Film Festival -- and we’re inviting K-12 students from around the country to create and submit one- to three-minute short web videos. Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and posted on the White House website. The topic: Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future. Submit your film at wh.gov/filmfestival. **Deadline to submit your film is Jan. 29th.**

Houston Stock Show Horticulture Competition
There are several categories to enter in this event. **Deadline is Jan. 31st.** See attached flyer for more information.

San Antonio Stock Show Fashion Show
The Country Couture Youth Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 12:00 pm on the grounds of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The purpose of this fashion show is to give our youth an opportunity to show their talents and abilities. This is not a judged competition; it is simply a time when young people can show off a garment that they have made. The garment(s) can be created from a purchased pattern, an original design or a redesign of a garment. This year we would also like to highlight student’s design sketches or design boards. We will have them displayed prior to and during the fashion show itself. They do not have to have a garment in the fashion show in order to have this work displayed. **Deadline to enter is Feb. 5th.** Registration form is attached.

Volunteer Recognition Awards
The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is excited to release the 2014 Volunteer Recognition Packet. This information packet includes instructions, guidelines, and criteria for nominating volunteers, businesses, alumni, agents, and specialists for the annual awards presented at Texas 4-H Roundup on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Recognition is a key component of acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, businesses, and Extension employees. We hope that you will take some time to review the information packet to identify individuals or businesses in your county which have had a longtime positive effect on the 4-H and youth development program.
This year, all award nominations are to be submitted online between now and **March 1, 2014**, so there is plenty of time to identify and write up the application. To assist you with the nomination process, a worksheet for each award type is included in the packet. Five different awards will be presented in 2014, which are:

- **TEXAS 4-H ALUMNI AWARD.** The Texas 4-H Alumni Award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievement AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H’s influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important. This award is sponsored by the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. No current Extension employee may receive this award. The number of 4-H alumni awards presented will vary from year to year.

- **CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO 4-H.** This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. Awards are generally made based on a long-term commitment rather than a one-time program. Individuals or businesses that are local supporters, and limit their contributions to local programs, should be recognized at the local level. The number of citations awarded will vary from year to year.

- **LEADER’S LEGACY AWARD.** This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination. Specific requirements for the Leader’s Legacy Award include:
  - Twenty (20) or more years of service to 4-H as a volunteer leader.
  - Continuing support of the 4-H program at any level.
  - Must still be an active and current 4-H Volunteer for the 2013-14 4-H year.
  - Must have been a club manager or project leader in a county in Texas for at least five (5) years.

- **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.** Annually two outstanding Extension professionals will be recognized for their role in making 4-H volunteers more effective with the Meritorious Service Award. These nominations should not be limited to 4-H Faculty. The nominee must be a resident of Texas and have been paid staff or faculty with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

- **TEXAS 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE.** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may count as one nominee. The awards are sponsored by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Selections are made at the district level with the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office. Winners should be notified by District Extension Offices.

All awards can be submitted on-line at: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recognition](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recognition). If you have any questions, please contact Greg or Desiree.