Positive quotes for a New Year

January: “Take charge of your attitude. Don't let someone else choose it for you.”  
Author Unknown

February: “If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right.”  
Henry Ford

March: “Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”  
Thomas Jefferson

April: “A healthy attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier.”  
Author Unknown

May: “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”  
Winston Churchill

June: “Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.”  
Anthony J. D'Angelo

July: “Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold.”  
Maurice Setter

August: “Anywhere is paradise; it's up to you.”  
Author Unknown

September: “Attitude is the way you mentally look at the world around you. It is how you view your environment and your future. It is the focus you develop toward life itself.”  
Author Unknown

October: “Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time.”  
Betty Smith

November: “No life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it.”  
Ellen Glasgow

December: “If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.”  
Maya Angelou

Check Bexar County Extension website
Updates & Reminders
for the most recent 4-H information
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Visit us at Facebook Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development
Office Closed
Our office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st for the New Year Holiday. If you are trying to meet a deadline, there is a drop slot in the front door.

4-H Day At The Capitol
ALL 4-H members and parents at the 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in Austin Texas. This event will be a day filled with 4-H being recognized in both the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers. In the afternoon, spend some time with your legislators and let them know about the great things 4-H is doing in your community. Registration is $20 per person and will open on 4-H CONNECT on Monday, December 17th and will close January 18th, 2013. Registration will include a t-shirt, registration materials, approved tokens of appreciation for members to present to legislators, and insurance for the event. In order to allow as many 4-H members and parents/volunteers that wish to participate lunch will be on your own. Registration will include a t-shirt, registration materials, and insurance for the event. When you register, be prepared to provide the names of both your House of Representative member and your Senator who will be representing you in the 2013 Legislative Session. Lunch will be on your own.

Dog Project Trainings – NEW LOCATION
We will be offering basic dog obedience classes for 4-H members interested in the dog project. Meetings will be at Security & Public Safety Training Institute, 5355 Dietrich Rd, Ste 2. 78219. Please call Laura @ 210-326-9406 to reserve your spot. Next training is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your dog with you. In addition to training your dog, you will also be learning about dog care and ownership. Classes are free of charge for enrolled 4-H members. Next trainings are scheduled for Jan. 14, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28.

Texas 4-H Robotics Contest Kickoff Events and Trainings
Educational workshops begin Jan. 12th and go through March 2nd. Pre-registration is required on all workshops and kick off events at http://agrilife.org/d6-4h/robotics.

Youth Day
Youth Day is held during the San Antonio Stock Show on Saturday, Feb. 9th. 4-H clubs can reserve a table (free) and showcase their club. Clubs can do hands-on activities with visitors or just hand out information about their club and 4-H. Sign up at the Extension office by Friday, January 11th.

Adult Volunteer Training
Topic will be “Beginning to Volunteer and Communicating with Youth”. Training will be offered on Monday, Jan. 14th at the 4-H office in S-208. There are two times being offered for your convenience, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (with lunch being provided from 12 – 1) or 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided along with some door prizes.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting
This will be a very important meeting. The county budget will be presented and voted on. All club delegates should save this date and make plans to represent their club. Thursday, Jan. 17th, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center.

All Competitive Events Need Eligibility Forms
All competitive events that you will represent 4-H 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, have it available on our website or mail it to you. It is your responsibility to follow through and take the form to your school to mark if you are academically eligible to participate in the event. 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.

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, Jan. 8th 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Next meeting is Feb. 12th, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.
Re-enrollment in 4-H begins August 1st. 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. Adult leaders and Clovers Kids are not required to pay the $20 fee. The fee is $20 between August 1st, 2012 and October 31st, 2012 or $25 between November 1st, 2012 and August 31, 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.

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.

Consumer Decision Making, Fashion, Food & Nutrition
For the latest on consumer decision making, fashion, food, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles contact one of our FCS agents: Connie csheppar@ag.tamu.edu or Grace gguerra@ag.tamu.edu

Scholarship Training
Are you planning on going to college??? Find out more information about how to fill out a great scholarship application. Mark your calendar for Thursday, Jan. 10th, 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office in S-208.

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.
**Horse Judging Meeting**

Do you want to learn about horses, but don’t have a horse. You will learn a variety of horse breeds and riding styles. You will learn to be confident about your decisions, to use logic, to express ideas and speak in front of a group of judges. Contact John at 822-5554 or j.d.farrell54@att.net for more information.

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**Walter Gerlach Eligibility Form**

If you are exhibiting at the Walter Gerlach Stock Show, please keep an eye out for your eligibility form in the mail. We will need the original form returned to our office, due to the fact that you will be receiving an excused absence from school and also be academically eligible. Forms are due back to our office by **January 10**th. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

**Beekeeping Essay Contest**

The Beekeeping Essay Contest is sponsored by the The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. For over 50 years, the American Beekeeping Federation has been serving the needs of the U.S. beekeeper. Any youth interested in participating in the contest must follow the instructions for the Texas selection process. Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. Deadline for all submissions to the the State 4-H Office is **January 13, 2013**. For more information please visit their website [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/) project entomology/beekeeping.

**“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](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.

**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. 13**th, **6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208**. This class will include dissecting insects. Future meetings are Wednesday, Jan. **16**th and Feb. 7th.
Composting 101: Making Black Gold for your Garden

Composting is the ultimate way for the home gardener to recycle by reducing and not contributing to the sending of unneeded materials to our overburden landfills. This in turn, allows us to have “FREE” organic materials for our gardens and become better stewards of the environment. Come visit with Master Gardener Composting Specialist- John Sells and Horticulturist David Rodriguez to learn about starting and maintaining a functional and practical home composting program. Tuesday, January 15th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the County Extension office in S-208. This is a great training for that backyard gardener, community garden person or that small acreage producer. Registration fee is $10 and is open to the public. For more information, call Angel at 210-467-6575 or visit http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/.

Sport Fishing Leaders’ Training

This adult volunteer leaders’ training will teach participants how to safely and effectively instruct youth on how to fish and be successful. This training also provides information on aquatic conservation and ethic. Saturday, January 19th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the County Extension Office in S-208. For more information contact Caleb Harris, Aquatic Education Specialist, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 512 389-4472. http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/angler_education/teachfish.phtml

Water wise tip of the month

Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.

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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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.