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.

Public Speaking Workshops
Can you believe that the County Roundup Contest (Public Speaking) is coming up in March. Join us for a Public Speaking workshop to help you prepare a presentation for Roundup. We meet every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in S- 208 at the Extension Office. Plan for the class to go at least 2 hours. It is not too late to join us—handouts on public speaking will be available at each workshop. We will be going over outlines and speech topics. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Mar. 8th. Future meetings will be Mar. 15th and Mar. 29th. Please call Betsy if you have any questions at 210-386-8482.

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. There will not be a March workshop. 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

County 4-H Roundup Contest (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking and Share the Fun)
One of the best assets youth gain from their 4-H experience is the ability to speak before an audience. Members practice this skill while giving reports, running meetings, teaching peers and in our formal 4-H Public Speaking Contest….this is called Roundup. Members can enter as an individual or a team. They can use posters, slides or power point for their presentation. Entry form is attached.

Do you have a special talent like singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or acting? Then the Share-The-Fun contest held in conjunction with Roundup may be just for you! A NEW acting category has been added this year called DRAMEDY! Here is the category description: A dramedy (also known as a comedy-drama or comedic drama) is an act that combines elements of comedy and drama, having both humorous and sometimes serious content. Acts cannot incorporate 4-H related material or theme. (Otherwise, it would be categorized as Celebrate 4-H.) Skits can be currently available scripts, original material, or a combination of the two. Humor and creativity are encouraged, but the degradation of any individual or organization is not permitted. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines, but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. The other six categories remain the same: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Poetry/Prose, Musical/ Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. Entry form, list of categories, guidelines and eligibility form are attached.

The County Roundup Contest is Saturday, March 22nd at the George Gervin Academy at 6944 South Sunbelt Dr. Entry form is due to our office by Mar. 10th. Entry form, list of categories, guidelines and eligibility form are attached. Because this is a Saturday event, you are welcome to fax the eligibility form to 930-1753 or scan and email to paxtell@ag.tamu.edu.

We are looking for adult volunteers to help judge at County Roundup. If you know someone that may be interested, please call Pam with their name and we will mail them an information letter.
Texas Veterinary Science Skillathon
Are YOU in the 4-H Veterinary Science project and like a little friendly competition?!? Then the Texas 4-H Invitational Veterinary Science Skillathon is for YOU!! The contest will be held during Texas 4-H Roundup on Thursday, June 12, 2014 in College Station. This is an exciting, hands-on contest for youth (4-H ages 11 – 18) to showcase their skills in a little friendly competition! There are four components to the contest.

  Written Exam – to test subject matter knowledge
  Skills Exam – to test hands-on or experiential learning (and it’s FUN, too!)
  Quiz Round – think on your feet to gain (or lose) points
  Communication – share your knowledge with others and practice your public speaking skills

Application is due by **Friday, Mar. 14th**. Applications and complete guidelines can be found on the Texas 4-H Roundup webpage in the Resources- Contest section: [texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup)

County 4-H Photography Contest
Do you like to take pictures....this is the contest to enter. Photos must have been taken by the 4-H member between the dates of January 1st, 2013 and March 9th, 2014. There are 15 different categories to enter. This contest is free to enter and your photo does not have to be mounted or enlarged to an 8x10. Rules and guidelines are attached. Photos are due to our office by **Friday, March 14th**. We are looking for adult volunteers to help judge photos. If you know someone that may be interested, please call Pam with their name and we will mail them an information letter.

Entomology Judging Clinic
The Department of Entomology at Texas A&M will be hosting an Entomology Judging Clinic Saturday, March 29th on the campus of Texas A&M University. The Entomology Judging Clinic is designed for all youth that have an interest in entomology. The program will be from 8am to Noon and include separate instruction for beginning students and for advanced students on order recognition, morphology, biology and ecology, as well as materials, supplies, and instruction on making collections. Members interested in the program must register at [https://www.judgingcard.com](https://www.judgingcard.com); click on Registration and Information; select the calendar month March 2014; select “TAMU Judging Clinics” on calendar date March 29th; and register for “Entomology”. Cost is $10.00 by **Mar. 17th**.

District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
Judging contests are designed for teams of three or four members in the same age division to demonstrate their skills in evaluation and observation. Members use the knowledge and skills they have about the subject matter to place the class from best to worst and also develop public speaking skills through learning how to present reasons on why they placed a class as they did. The District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th. Cost to enter is $40 per team or $10 per individual. Deadline to enter is **Tuesday, Mar. 18th**. entry form, information letter and eligibility form are attached.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting
Next County Council meeting is on **Thursday, Mar. 20th**, 6:30 p.m. Each club elects two Club Delegate Officers, however, the Club President can act as the second delegate. When voting is required at these meetings, every club is allowed two votes, one per delegate. All club delegates should save this date and make plans to represent their club on **Thursday, Mar. 20th**, 6:30 p.m. location to be announced. Future meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.