Spring brings a re-freshening of life as flowers begin to bloom, whilst winter bare trees produce new leaves. The morning sun is warm and bright in near cloudless skies, though evening winds are cold in the shade unlike a midsummer breeze.

As sounds of summer loom in the distance like storm clouds on the horizon, the richness of life with fish, fowl, and foliage propagates as signs of winter recede. Likewise humanity must awake from its winter of idle discontent, and roundup all our knowledge & abilities refreshed, renewed, and revitalized; taking heed.

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Visit us at Facebook Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development

“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

Don’t overlook the obvious; how do you spell 4-H?
I don't know; I’m busy looking up the number for 911
Dog Project Trainings
We will be offering basic dog obedience classes for 4-H members interested in the dog project. Please call Laura @ 210-326-9406 to reserve your spot. Next training is scheduled for Monday, March 4th at Security & Public Safety Training Institute, 5355 Dietrich Rd, Ste 2. 78219. 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 Mar. 11th, Mar. 18th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 1st, Apr. 8th.

District 10 4-H Photography Contest
If you love to take pictures, here is another opportunity to show off your skill. Registration for the District Photo Contest will be on 4-H Connect until March 8th. Cost is $5 per person. Each person can enter up to 3 photos.

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. The Share the Fun part of the contest involves singing, dancing, playing an instrument and more. The County Roundup Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at the George Gervin Academy, 6944 South Sunbelt Dr. Registration form is due to our office by Monday, March 11th. Registration form, list of categories and eligibility form have been sent to your Club Manager. 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.

Recordbook Training
Recordkeeping is an important skill for everyone to know. Completing a recordbook can earn you awards and scholarships. It helps you keep track of what you have done in 4-H. Recordbook forms will be required to apply for any awards. A training is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30 p.m. at our office in S-208. Recordbooks are due to our office June 7th. Information on recordbooks can be found at www.4hreports.com or http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks. If you have any questions about recordbooks, feel free to contact Greg

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 it 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, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Next meeting is May 14th. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.

County 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, 2012 and March 11th, 2013. There are 14 different categories to enter. This contest is free to enter and your photo does not have to be mounted or enlarged to an 8x10Photos are due to our office by Monday, March 11th.

4-H Volunteer Awards
We have many great volunteers in Bexar County 4-H, who dedicate their time, talents and energy to making a difference in their club, community and country. Please nominate someone from your club for the Texas 4-H Alumni Award or Salute to Excellence Award or Leader’s Legacy Award or Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H Award. Award applications should be submitted on-line through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu. Deadline is March 15th.
County Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard Contest and Textile Contest
If you like to sew you can show off your outfit in the construction division, but if you don’t sew, you can enter the buying division. If you like to design your own garments then the Fashion Storyboard is for you. If you are creative with material, you are welcome to enter the Textile Contest. Fashion Show, Storyboard and Textile information packet has been emailed to your Club Manager. This show is scheduled for Friday, April 5th at the Helotes Activity Center. Registration form (Fashion Show, Storyboard Contest and Textile Contest) is due to our office by Friday, March 22nd.

Consumer Decision Making Workshop
Mark your calendar for the upcoming Consumer Decision Making Workshop on Wednesday, March 27th, 5:30 p.m. here at the 4-H office in S-208.

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

Scholarship Training
Are you planning on going to college??? Next newsletter will have more information about upcoming trainings.

Kohl’s Cares Scholarship
This award is for youth ages 6 – 18 that have made a positive impact on their community. Names are due to the corporation by March 15th. Visit their website at www.kohlscorporation.com.
Horse Validation
Horse Validation will be processed on 4-H Connect. 4-H Connect will be open for horse validation beginning March 1st - 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 submit them on the 4-H Connect system. Payment should be by credit card.

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, March 25th. Future meeting dates are May 20th and Aug. 26th. If you have any questions about the horse project, feel free to contact Cheree'.

County 4-H Horse Shows
Halter and Performance classes will be Saturday, April 6th and Timed classes will be Sunday, April 7th. Entry form and entry fee for the April 6th show are due to our office by Friday, March 8th. Entry form and entry fee for the April 7th show are due to our office by Thursday, March 14th. Eligibility form is due to our office by Thursday, March 28th. Entry forms have been sent to your Club Manager.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

District Judging Contests (Entomology, Range, Grass ID, Soils, Wool & Mohair, Meats, Livestock)
These judging contests are for teams of 3 – 4 members in each 4-H age division. Juniors are 8 – 10, Intermediate are 11-13 and Seniors are 14-19 all ages as of August 31, 2012. Registration is on 4-H Connect under “2013 D10 April Judging Contests”. Cost is $5 per person, please select credit card as your form of payment. Deadline to register on 4-H Connect is March 30th. You must be academically eligible to compete at these District Contests. Eligibility form is due to our office by Friday, April 5th.

Entomology Identification Contest is Saturday, April 13th, at the Wilson County Show Barn in Floresville. Deadline to register is March 30th on 4-H Connect.

-Entomology Identification – Identify selected insects and complete a written examination on insects. Questions will be selected primarily from “Study Materials for 4-H Entomology Contests”.

Mohair, Range, Grass ID, Soils Judging Contests are Wednesday, April 17th, at the Kerr County Youth Exhibit Bldg. in Kerrville. Deadline to register is March 30th on 4-H Connect.

-Mohair Judging and Evaluation - Judge two classes of mohair and complete an evaluation form on each class. Evaluate 20 fleeces for grade, staple length and yield.

-Meats Judging Contest is Wednesday, April 17th, at the San Angelo State University Meats Lab in San Angelo. Deadline to register is March 30th on 4-H Connect.

-Meats Judging - Meat judging and identification is the evaluation and selection of cuts of meats from beef, swine and sheep species.

Livestock Judging Contest is Saturday, April 20th, at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds in Fredericksburg. Deadline to register is March 30th on 4-H Connect.

-Livestock Judging - Judge eight classes. Give oral reasons on classes. Contestants will utilize Expected Prodigy Differences (E.P.D.’s). A market goat class is included in the contest.
Steer Validation
If you will be exhibiting a steer at the 2013 Bexar County and/or 2014 Major Stocks Shows, steers are required to be validated. Validation tag order is due to our office by Monday, April 15th. Cost is $9.00 per tag. 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.

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 Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208. Future meeting is Sunday, Mar. 17th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208. If you have any questions about this workshop you can contact Cheree’ cleita@ag.tamu.edu or Molly mekeck@ag.tamu.edu.

Kids gARTening Camp
Plant a seed of art appreciation in your child as they discover different natural artistic styles while they explore the garden on June 10th – 13th. This camp is for youth grades 1st – 5th. Each day campers will make art projects that grow and bloom into masterpieces. Campers will sculpt vegetables into their favorite critters, as well as discover fun ways to make new artwork. We’ll explore how we eat plant parts every day, and make our own tasty snacks. Cost is $50. Space is on a first come, first serve basis.

District 4-H Small Bore Rifle Contest
The District contest will be held Saturday, April 13th at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Floresville. Cost is $10 per person. Registration is on 4-H Connect, please select credit card as your form of payment. Deadline to register is March 30th. There are four age divisions for this contest as of August 31, 2012: Junior: 8 and 3rd grade – 10 years, Junior Intermediate: 11 – 12, Intermediate: 13 years and Senior: 14-18 years. You must be academically eligible to compete at this District contest. Eligibility form is due to our office by Friday, April 5th.

Out door Fun

Horizons Camp
Camp dates are June 4th – 8th for youth grades 4 – 8. Each camper will select a project learning program, list is available on the State website. This camp will also have lots of fun activities to include dancing, swimming and more. Cost is $275 which includes all meals, lodging, facility and programming fees. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis thru June 14th at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

County 4-H Camps
There are 3 camp dates for youth in grades 2nd – 11th. Session #1 is July 1st – 3rd, Session #2 is July 8th – 10th and Session #3 is July 10th – 13th. Have fun kayaking, a challenge course swimming and lots more. Cost is $175 which includes meals, lodging and facility and programming fees. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis thru June 14th at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

Prime Time Camps
There are 2 Prime Time Camps available. Session #1 is July 21st – 24th for grades 5 – 8 and Session #2 July 24th – 27th for grades 2 – 5. Cost is $225 which includes meals, lodging and facility and programming fees. Have fun kayaking, arts & crafts, dancing and more. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis thru June 14th at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

Youth Entomology Summer Camp
If you are interested in bugs and other creepy crawlers this is the camp for you. This camp is for youth ages 7 and up. Camp #1 is July 15th – 18th and Camp #2 is July 22nd – 25th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is $100 on a first come, first serve basis.
Texas Brigades Summer Camps
The seven camps feature quail, deer, bass, ducks and livestock, our real goal is to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and mettle to really make a difference in wildlife conservation and proper land management throughout their lives. Each camp is limited to 20-30 youth from ages 13—17. Tuition is $400 per cadet per camp, but sponsors are available to provide financial aid when needed. Applications may be completed online at http://www.texasbrigades.org. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or you may call 855-TXBRIGS (855-892-7447). Registration deadline is March 15th.

Camp Corral
This free camp is for children (ages 8 – 15) of wounded, disabled or fallen soldiers. The camp will be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood on July 14th – 19th. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis at http://texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu.

Tots Science Camp
This camp is for youth ages 2 – 5. Plant Camp is June 14th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Bugs Camp is June 28th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Cost is $20 per camp on a first come, first serve basis.

Water wise tip of the month
Toyota Foundation and National 4-H

We’re more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don’t forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.

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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