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4-H Is The Place

4-H is the place where projects and club activities are as diverse as today's youth. Many youth pursue projects that focus on computers, arts & crafts, photography, horticulture, woodwork, sewing and cooking. Some youth choose skill sports such as sport fishing, shooting sports, and biking while others select animal projects such as a livestock, horses, dog training or exotic animals. There are also several opportunities for public speaking, competition with peers, recognition for the development of abilities, and of course to share the fun.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



Vet Science Workshop 11/2
 Rabbit Clinic 11/3
 Swine Clinic. 11/4
 Food Show 11/14
 Major Show Entry DUE 11/16
 Horse Leaders Mtg. 11/23
 Office Holidays 11/26-27

Regardless of selected project areas or club activities, 4-H youth are encouraged to do community service and to develop leadership skills that will enable them to become self-directed, productive, contributors to society. 4-H provides an opportunity for youth and adults to learn, grow, and work together for positive change that contributes significantly to the quality of life for both young people and their families. By teaching values that are vital to our society with a wide range of programs from food and nutrition to science and technology the influence of 4-H programs is far reaching and diverse.

4-H is the place where you can make a place for yourself by being involved with various projects and club activities that combine fun with positive learning experiences.

QUOTE THIS MONTH

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

“Knowledge must come through action; you can have no test which is not fanciful, save by trial.” Sophocles 496 BC – 406 BC

Newsletter Information

When we compile the newsletter articles, we have room for only the basic information. There is no way we could put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Re-Enroll Now....

All leaders and member must re-enroll in 4-H every year. Enrollment will be on line via the 4-H Connect (<http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/4-H%20Connect/index.htm>) program. Enrollment or re-enrolling began August 1st, 2009. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll as soon as possible. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters.

Another reason to re-enroll now....when you enter a contest or stock show as a 4-H member, we will check to see if you have completed your enrollment on 4-H Connect. If you are not enrolled on 4-H Connect, you will be denied participation. So, don't delay-get on 4-H Connect now!

Adult leaders that had background screening completed in 2006-2007 must have a new screening. Screenings are good for 3 years. Background screening is \$10, unless you have had one done through another organization within the last 3 years (work, church, youth program, etc.). To waive the \$10 fee, you must provide a letter from the organization on their letterhead that completed the background screening stating you passed and what year it was completed. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Welcome New 4-H Clubs

There are several new 4-H clubs this year, let's welcome: 3rd Garcia, Alamo City, Bexar County Horse Judging, High Flyers, Milhoans Super Crew, Mr. Brown's, Mrs. George's Angels and Velasco's 4th Grade.

Updates & Reminders

Every Friday we send Club Managers update emails. The email includes reminders about due dates, information that was received after the newsletter was posted and much more. We are now posting these Updates & Reminders on the 4-H web page at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>. Now, you can also keep updated by visiting this page.

Chocolate Sale Has Started!

The Bexar County 4-H Chocolate fundraiser is winding down. Those of you who are working toward the big prize, have a couple more weeks to sell, sell, sell. **We need everyone to help sell chocolate to make this fundraiser a success.** Thank you to all the Chocolate Sale Chairpersons who are organizing this event within each club. Good luck to all the clubs with your sales.

Money is due to our office by Friday, Nov. 13. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Each person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. If you sell \$100 your name goes in twice, \$150 three times so sell, sell, sell. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Three top \$\$\$\$ sellers will be awarded a bond and three top age sellers will be awarded a \$60 gift certificate.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

This was a good meeting. Many things were discussed and several important decisions made:

-4-H County Council voted to sponsor several barrels advertising Bexar County 4-H on them during the San Antonio Stock Show.

-4-H County Council voted to give a gift to our local legislators and commissioners for their on-going support. A committee was formed to put this together.

-4-H County Council formed a committee to put together our county holiday community service project.

Please mark this meeting on your calendar. Future meeting dates are January 21 and April 15.

4-H Materials

As our new 4-H year begins, we wanted to be sure that **ALL** families have the following handouts to have a successful 4-H year:

☺ Newcomer's Handbook

📁 Awards and Recognition Handbook

📁 Recordbook Information

All this information is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/New/new.htm>.

Finance Task Force Planning Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 16th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Chocolate sales will be over soon and it will be time to plan the new budget. The 2010 County Council 4-H budget will be presented for approval at the January 2010 4-H Council meeting. The Finance Task Force will meet to review the budget and put together a proposed budget for approval in January. You are invited to attend and offer any concerns and suggestions. If you cannot attend, questions, concerns and requests are to be submitted in writing to our office by Friday, December 11.

Attention Adult Leaders-Reimbursement Available!

Are you a 4-H Adult Leader who paid to attend a project training this year and have used this training to teach 4-H members? If so, you are eligible to be reimbursed for part of the cost through Bexar County 4-H Council budget, which is made possible from the Chocolate Sales. Money budgeted will be divided by the number of people who attended training sessions.

We need a copy of your receipt from the training you attended and a record of how you used it to benefit other 4-H members. Please turn this information in to our office by Monday, December 1st.

Volunteer Leaders As Role Models

Please remember that as 4-H volunteer adult leaders and mentors, we have a responsibility as role models to our youth. Use of alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance while supervising youth is reason for immediate dismissal. A volunteer who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is not using reasonable and good judgement, may be held liable if an accident happens or may be subject to dismissal.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction

The 28th Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army. You can help by dressing dolls or bears provided by the Salvation Army. The clothing should be hand crafted, creative, imaginative and original.

You can call ahead to order your dolls or bears from Cathy at 352-2000. Dolls/bears are due to the Salvation Army no later than Nov. 5.

Texas 4-H Clover Handbook

The Clover Handbook is a great informational handbook about 4-H projects and opportunities. It is available on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/New/new.htm>

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you have volunteered in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington DC. This award is for youth grades 5-12. For more information and to get an application visit www.spirit.prudential.com. Deadline is Nov. 2.

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National 4-H Conference

Date: March 20-25

Place: National 4-H Center, Maryland

Cost: \$1,500

Age: 15-18

Due: Nov. 15 on 4-H Connect

This conference assists in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs. It brings youth together from across the United States. For more information visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Rural Youth Award

This award recognizes members who have shown outstanding leadership in their community and the 4-H Program. Members must be at least 16 years of age and have been active in 4-H for the past three years to be eligible for this award. Award details and application are available on our web. Deadline is Nov. 20.

School Tours

It is that time to be thinking if you would like to be a School Tour Guide at the 2010 San Antonio Stock Show in February. To be a school tour guide, you must be willing to tour small children around the grounds of the stock show, attend a School Tour Training and be academically eligible. Age criteria is 13 and above. If you are interested in touring, contact your Club Manager to sign up. Names are due to our office by Friday, November 13.

4-H Has Talent

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 3,000 fellow 4-H'ers. 4-H'ers ages 11-18 are eligible to participate. Entry consists of a video no longer than five minutes of your best talent. You can enter as an individual or team. Entry is due by March 19, 2010. For more entry details, contact our office.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

This topic is: "Is My Community Honey Bee Friendly". Essay is 750-1000 words. Top three placings receive cash awards. Essay deadline is January 30, 2010. For more information visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/beekeeping/index.html>.

4-H OFFICE POLICIES, 4-H ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

Office Procedures

All visitors must check in with the receptionist. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. **Lunch is noon 'til 1 p.m.** If you are planning to visit our office during the lunch time, call in advance so that your information will be ready for you.

Drop Slot

To help you meet deadlines, there is a drop slot in the front door of our office. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through the slot.

Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it is **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read the newsletter and mark your calendar for due dates. There is a drop slot in the front door. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it. You can use this drop slot to help you meet deadlines. Best yet-beat the rush and turn in information early!

Code of Conduct Policy

To participate in Bexar County 4-H events you must comply with the Code of Conduct on your enrollment form. Bexar County 4-H Council budget offers reimbursements on many activities contingent on the Code of Conduct being followed. This policy is for members and leaders alike.

Making Copies

If you need a copy of a form for your file, please make copies before turning forms into our office.

Clarification On Event Entry & Eligibility Forms

We would like to clarify between event entry forms and eligibility forms.....event entry forms and paperwork (ie: stock shows, food shows, fashion shows, round-ups, etc...) vary in nature, depending on the event. They have strict deadlines and will **not** be extended.

1-Events have entry forms to allow us to prepare for the event, buy ribbons, seek judges. This entry form is a contest specific form. Deadline will NOT be extended.

2-To participate in an event as a 4-H member during the time school is in session (i.e. August to graduation date) an eligibility form is required by the State of Texas House Bill "no pass, no play".

On several events, we ask that all forms be turned in at the same time so that we can have time to review before the event...**but** we also understand that we have so many different grading periods in schools and districts, that some eligibility forms do not get signed by the due date. We will work with you and your school, so if you are having trouble getting eligibility forms to us, please call and we will work with you.

You **will not** be able to participate in the event if we do not receive the eligibility form before the event. If you have any further questions about this, please let us know.

We do our best to send eligibility forms to members, but the ultimate responsibility for getting a form, having it completed and returned to our office is the members! **If you are entered into any event or contest during the school year, you need an eligibility form to participate - No Exceptions.**

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

County Food Show

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (map on our website)

The foods and nutrition project teaches you about eating healthier and making good choices for your health. At the food show, you bring a dish you prepared at home and complete an interview on what you learned in your project. Get with your club foods leader and start planning your project meetings to get ready for the Food Show.

Information packets and entry forms have been sent to Club Managers and Foods Leaders. Names of member who will compete in this contest are due to our office by Thursday, Nov. 5.

County Food Challenge Contest

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (map on our website)

Information on this contest has been sent to Club Managers and Foods Leaders. Names of members who will participate in this contest, are due to our office by Thursday, Nov. 5th.

County Quiz Bowl Contest

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary (map on our website)

The contest is the same day as County Food Show. Information has been sent to Club Managers and Foods Leaders. Names of members who will participate in this contest are due to our office by Thursday, Nov. 5th.

Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for up to date information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of \$1500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Application and information are available on the Texas 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php. Scholarship application and attachments are due to our office by Friday, February 5th, by 5 p.m. for signatures, verification of materials and for mailing to meet our District office deadline. **Start your application now! There is a financial form that requires a process which takes 3-4 weeks to receive back. Don't forget to take the SAT or ACT tests soon. Test scores are a requirement to be included with your application.**

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Students currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and will have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Application and information are available on the Texas 4-H website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php.

FUN AT THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW

Many 4-H members show animals at the San Antonio Stock Show, however, there are many other wonderful activities the stock show has to offer. Review the following list of upcoming activities and plan to have your club join in.

Photography Contest - February 6

Wagons and Wheelbarrows Parade - February 6

Youth Country Fair - Baking Contest - February 6

Fashion Show - February 6

Youth Day - February 6

Texas Experience Tent - February 6-21

Your Club Manager will be sent information and entry forms on these activities. If you are interested in participating in these activities contact your Club Manager.

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HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

Place: County Extension office

Time: 7 p.m.



These meetings are to plan upcoming horsemanship activities. Adults and members interested in the horse program are invited to attend.

Qualifying for District Horse Show

All Bexar County 4-H participants are eligible to compete at the District Horse Show. However, Bexar County 4-H members **MUST** participate in at least one county level horse show to be eligible for the Bexar County end of the year horse awards.

Qualifying for District Horse Judging Contest

All Bexar County 4-H Horse Judging teams are eligible to compete at the District Horse Judging Contest. It is the discretion of individual clubs to request attendance of specific judging contests even though it is not required by the Bexar County 4-H Program. **NOTE:** A county can send an unlimited number of judging teams to the District Horse Judging Contest.

4-H Horse Shows

November 7, 2009, Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena

January 1, 2010 - Bexar County Livestock Show - Due Nov. 1

March 20, 2010 - Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena

April 10, 2010 - Sheriffs Mounted Posse Arena

You must attend at least **one** of these shows to be eligible for the **end of the year horse awards**. November, March and April shows are open to any 4-H'ers that would like to attend.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 (TBA)

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: County Extension Office S-208

These workshop are a learning series to help youth met their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. For more information on the lessons and workshops, contact swellsutff@gmail.com.

Validation Dates

You must take your pig to one of these locations for validation. At the validation site there will be a list with your name and how many tags you purchased. You will fill out a validation form with your exhibitor and parent signatures. If you have more than one child, from the same family, with the same animal, it is suggested to put all names on the form. For example, **Susie or Mike** which will allow either to show the animal.

Swine Validation Dates:

Nov. 5	Walter Gerlach Grounds	12 - 5 p.m.
Nov. 15	Kirby	2 - 4 p.m.
Nov. 24	East Central Barn	2 - 6 p.m.

Stock Show Due Dates

Mark your calendar: **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show** entries are due Nov. 1st to the shows on-line entry program. **Ft. Worth Stock Show** entry is due to our office by November 6th. **Major Shows** (San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo & Star of Texas) entries are due to office by November 16th.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 3

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Time: 7 p.m.

This clinic will teach you about housing, selection, showmanship and much more. If you have any questions, contact Jerry at jwarren@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, November 21

Place: Coryell County Activities Complex, Gatesville

For rules and entry information visit the website at <http://texas4-h.edu/projects/rabbitextra.html>. Entry is via 4-H Connect. Deadline is Oct. 20.

Swine Clinic

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 4

Place: County Extension office S-208

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Topics will include selection, feeding, recordkeeping, preparing for show and more. Speaker will be Kevin Mock, Hog Judge from Blanco, Texas.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at www.bcjls.com. **2010** Bexar County rules will be posted soon.

Major Show Entry Workshop

Date: Thursday, Nov. 5

Place: Helotes Activity Center

Time: 7 p.m.

If you need help filling out your major show (San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth, Star of Texas, San Angelo stock shows) entry forms, this is the workshop to attend. All major show entry forms will be available if you need one. If you don't want to make a trip to our office, you may turn in your entries at this workshop. Major show entries are due to our office on or before Monday, November 16th, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 16th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 5 P.M.** It is **the individual exhibitors** responsibility to turn in major show entry forms, not your club.

MAJOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS HAVE A DUE DATE OF DECEMBER 1ST PRINTED ON THEM, THIS IS THE 4-H OFFICE DEADLINE TO THE MAJOR SHOWS. We require time to check animal information, signatures, entering 4-H entries on line, etc. before mailing entry forms to the major shows.

No Pass, No Play for Stock Shows

Reminder, No Pass, No Show....If you are academically ineligible to exhibit, your livestock projects are ineligible as well.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Set Up

Volunteers are needed to help set up pens in the barns on Sunday, November 1st. Everyone should meet in Morris Center by at 8 a.m.. Bring gloves.

Major Show Entries and Judging Contest Entries

All major show entries (San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, , Star of Texas) and judging contests (Livestock, Horse and Consumer Decision Making) are due before or on Monday, November 16th to our office, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 16th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 5 P.M.**

To enter any major show, you must fill out the entry form, our summary sheet (pink) and pay the entry fee. It is the responsibility of **each individual exhibitor** to complete the entry forms and turn it into our office by or before Monday, November 16th, 5 p.m. If you need an entry form you can visit the show's website listed in this newsletter or give Pam a call at 467-6575.

We **DO NOT** handle **OPEN SHOW ENTRIES**, unless you are double entering your animal. If you are double entering, the open show entry form must be attached to the junior entry.

If your entry form is not filled out correctly, it will be returned to you. Please make sure all signatures are complete. Some shows require the entry form to be notarized, **WE DO NOT HAVE A NOTARY IN OUR OFFICE**. Checks should be made out to Bexar 4-H Fund.

REMINDER, there is a drop slot in the front door of our office. If you submit your entry after the due date (Monday, November 16th), a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 5 P.M.**

Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

To be selected for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams for District 10 Livestock Judging contests, the following are optional events for 2009-2010:

Guadalupe County-Oct.

Aggie Fest-Oct.

Bexar County-Jan. 2

Due: Jan. 2

S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA

Due: Nov. 16

Houston-Mar. TBA

Due: Nov. 16

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must participant in at least two (2) of the contests and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. All contest scores must be sent to the County Extension office. There is a great website that has Livestock Judging publications for your use at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/youth/pubs.html>.

Prospect Shows

South Texas Double Trouble - Nov. 7, Pleasanton. Call 830-769-3066 for more information.

Dove Country Classic-Nov. 21-22. Call 210/602-6796 for more information. Due. Nov. 9.

Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Show - Dec. 12, Atascosa. Call 827-3999 for more information. Entry due Dec. 3.

Hill Country Goat Classic - Dec. 12, Bandera. Call Warren 830/796-7755 for more information. Entry due Dec. 1.

Stock Shows

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2010 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Dec. 29-Jan. 2, 2010
www.bcjls.com

2010 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 15 - Feb. 7, 2010
www.fwssr.com

2010 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 4 - 21, 2010
www.sarodeo.com

2010 San Angelo Stock Show - February 18- 28, 2010
www.sanangelorodeo.com

2010 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - March 2 - 21, 2010
www.rodeohouston.com

2010 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - March 12 - 27, 2010
www.staroftexas.org

Please mark these dates on your calendar. Please check out their websites for changes and up to date information.

OUTDOOR FUN

Horned Frog Invitational

Date: November 21 & 22
Place: Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth

For more information and entry form contact Karen at 817/257-5258 or k.monez@tce.edu.



Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingsports.tamu.edu> to plan an outdoor activity - need some ideas call Greg.

Fishing Equipment Available

We have limited fishing equipment for check out, if your club wants to have a "fishy" event, contact Greg.

ETC, ETC....

Curriculum and Videos

If you are looking for a publication, please visit the Texas A&M Bookstore at tcebookstore.org. There are also videos available for check out at av-library.tamu.edu

District 10 4-H Website

To find District 4-H information about events and contests visit <http://d104-h.tamu.edu>. Also visit their blogg at <http://d104-h.blogspot.com>.

Resources for Club Planning

Club Ed is a great resource for Club Managers. There are suggestions on planning your club monthly meetings, club officer installation ceremonies and more. Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/clubed/>.

In Cooperation With

BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge

Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Commissioner, Pct. 1	Kevin K. Wolff Commissioner, Pct. 3
Paul Elizondo Commissioner, Pct. 2	Tommy Adkisson Commissioner, Pct. 4

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

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