There are a lot of important deadlines coming up, please share this information with your members/leaders to help them meet these deadlines.

Club Rooster
Club Managers have access to their club membership rooster. Please go onto 4-H Connect and check your rooster to make sure members that are attending your meetings are currently enrolled. Many 4-H activities are coming up and if your members are not enrolled they will not be eligible to participate in the activity. Reminder, 4-H participation fee will go up to $25 beginning Nov. 1st. While you are checking your members, also, check your adult leader enrollment. We show there are 65 pending adult leaders that need to pay $10 for their background screening payable to our office. If you need your club password, please contact us.

Save Your Lids
Connie Sheppard, Family and Consumer Science Agent is collecting lids from parmesan cheese containers. She is going to recycle them in some future kitchen gifts workshops. Drop them off anytime at our office.

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.

Shooting Sports Coach Certification
A shooting sports coach training will be conducted on Dec. 7 – 8 in Lubbock. Disciplines available are shotgun, archery or pistol. Registration will be done on 4-H Connect. Cost is $100. Deadline to register is Dec. 2nd. Information letter, agenda and map are attached.

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.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (Animal, Ag. Mechanics, Horse and Creative Arts)
If you will be participating in the Ag. Mechanics or Creative Arts contest or exhibiting an animal or at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show please contact your club leaders as soon as possible. Members should give their entry form and entry fee to their designated Club leader. One leader from each club will enter their club exhibitors at one time on the BCJLS shows entry program, by Nov. 1st. Each club is assigned a password to be allowed access to enter their club entries on line. If you don’t remember your password or your club is new and you need a password, email Randy at bcjls@bcjls.com or Brenda at brenda7632@aol.com. For more information and rules visit the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show website at www.bcjls.com. Entry form is attached. ENTRIES ARE NOT TO BE TURNED IN TO THE 4-H OFFICE.

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, Nov. 3rd, 2 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208. Future meetings will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Molly mekeck@ag.tamu.edu.
Rabbit Clinic
This clinic will teach you about housing, showmanship and much more. Tuesday, Nov. 5th, 7 p.m. at the 4-H office in S-208. Mr. Rumfield will be our presenter, if you have any questions about rabbits, please contact him at 210/313-6258 or Meisterrum@aol.com.

Swine Validation
If you will be exhibiting a barrow (pig) at the County Stock Show or any Major Stock Shows you must have your pig validated. Validation dates have been set for Thursday, Nov. 7th at the Walter Gerlach Show Grounds from 12 noon – 4 p.m. or Friday, Nov. 22nd at the East Central Ag. Barn from 4:35 – 7 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with paperwork at the validation sites. Please let us know if you can help.

Major Show Workshop
If you have any questions or need help in filling out your major show (San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo or Star of Texas) entry forms, this is the workshop to attend. Entry forms for all the major shows and summary sheet will be available if you need one. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. An “Individual Entry Summary” form (attached) should be filled out and attached to your entries. One form per member. Open Show entries will not be handled through our office. Major show entry forms and fees are due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 12th. San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Star of Texas entry forms are attached. If you will be participating in any of the judging contests (Livestock, Horse, Consumer Decision Making, Food Challenge, etc.) entries are also due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Please make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund

Chocolate Sale
Your club will receive a rebate of $12.00 per case (bars, chocolate covered almonds, mints or caramels) of chocolate you sell which will help support your club activities. Youth prizes include a 4-H Brag Tag (dog tag) with chain for selling over $60 or a 1 lb. chocolate bar for selling over $180 or a MP3 Player for selling over $300. Our highest overall members, selling over $500, a savings bond. Money and Prize Form are due to our office by Friday, Nov. 8th, 5 p.m. We will stay open on Wednesday, Nov. 6th until 6 p.m. to assist you in making this deadline. – We now have 10 cases of variety bars available for check out for that one last push to be the top seller.

Quality Counts Verification
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 (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. On this website, click on Verification button at the top, click on “Take the test and become Verified” then click on 4-H. After you complete the test, you will be assigned a certification number, please print that page out for your files. If you have any questions, please contact Greg, Desiree or Pam. Reminder, if you took the test at age 8 – 13 years, and are now 14, you are now considered “senior” age and will need to retake the test as a senior.

Ft. Worth Stock Show Entry
Ft. Worth Stock Show entry form is due to our office by Friday, Nov. 8th. The entry form states a deadline of November 15th, that is our office deadline to the stock show. Our office deadline allows us time to check over the entry forms, get agent signatures, make copies, mail, etc. to meet the stock show deadline. Also, notice the form will require the Quality Counts Verification #. If you have not taken the test, please make sure you go online and take the Quality Counts test as soon as possible. Rules and guidelines are available at
San Antonio Stock Show Entry
San Antonio Stock Show entry form is due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. The entry form states a deadline of December 1st, that is our office deadline to the stock show. Our early deadline allows us time to check over the entry forms, get agent signatures, enter entry information onto the stock show entry system, make copies, mail, etc. to meet the major stock show deadline. Also, notice the form requires the Quality Counts Verification #. If you have not taken the test, please make sure you go online and take the Quality Counts test (see article about Quality Counts in this email) as soon as possible. An “Individual Entry Summary” form (attached) should be filled out and attached to your entries. One form per member. San Antonio Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com). SALE entry forms are attached. Don’t forget to order car and gate passes if you need them. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Houston Stock Show Entry
Houston Stock Show entry form is due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. The entry form states a deadline of December 1st, that is our office deadline to the stock show. Our early deadline allows us time to check over the entry forms, get agent signatures, enter entry information onto the stock show entry system, make copies, mail, etc. to meet the major stock show deadline. Also, notice the form requires the Quality Counts Verification #. If you have not taken the test, please make sure you go online and take the Quality Counts test as soon as possible. An “Individual Entry Summary” form (attached) should be filled out and attached to your entries. One form per member. Houston Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com). Houston Stock Show entry forms will be available soon, we will include the entry forms in our next email. Don’t forget to order car and gate passes if you need them. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

San Angelo Stock Show Entry
San Angelo Stock Show entry form is due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. The entry form states a deadline of December 1st, that is our office deadline to the stock show. Our early deadline allows us time to check over the entry forms, get agent signatures, enter entry information onto the stock show entry system, make copies, mail, etc. to meet the major stock show deadline. Also, notice the form requires the Quality Counts Verification #. If you have not taken the test, please make sure you go online and take the Quality Counts test as soon as possible. An “Individual Entry Summary” form (attached) should be filled out and attached to your entries. One form per member. San Angelo Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com). San Angelo Stock Show entry forms and Individual Entry Summary form are attached. Don’t forget to order car and gate passes if you need them. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Star of Texas Stock Show Entry
Star of Texas Stock Show entry form is due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. The entry form states a deadline of December 1st, that is our office deadline to the stock show. Our early deadline allows us time to check over the entry forms, get agent signatures, enter entry information onto the stock show entry system, make copies, mail, etc. to meet the major stock show deadline. Also, notice the form requires the Quality Counts Verification #. If you have not taken the test, please make sure you go online and take the Quality Counts test as soon as possible. The Individual Entry Summary form should be attached to your major show entry. Star of Texas Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at [www.rodeoauston.com](http://www.rodeoauston.com). Star of Texas Stock Show entry forms and Individual Entry Summary form are attached. Don’t forget to order car and gate passes if you need them. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.
Major Stock Show Entry DUE
Major Stock Show entry forms and the Individual Entry Summary form are attached. All major show entries are due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. A late fee of $25 will be added between Nov. 13th – 18th. Entries will not be accepted after Nov. 18th. Please note the entry form states a deadline of Dec. 1st, that is our office deadline to the stock show. A workshop to help you complete your entries will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th. The Individual Entry Summary form should be attached to your major show entries. Make sure exhibitor and parent signatures are completed on each entry. Checks should be made out to Bexar 4-H Fund.

If you will be competing in any judging contests (Consumer, Livestock, Horse, etc.), that entry form and fee are also due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Judging contest entry forms are also attached. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

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, Nov. 12th**, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Next meeting will be Dec.10th, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com

Dog Agility Classes
Dog agility classes will be open to all dogs older than 8 months. What is Agility? Running a dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game for you and your dog and is one of the most exciting canine sports for spectators. In an agility trial, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and other objects. We will meet at Karen Dahle's house in Schertz every Tuesday until July. Next class is **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**. From 5 p.m. to about 8 p.m. Classes are a one time fee of $30 to cover the cost of the electricity for the 4-H year. Any size or breed of dog can participate in agility. No minimum/maximum age on the handler. For more information please call Karen Dahle at 210-383-7811 after 6 pm during the week and anytime on the weekend.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting
Next County Council meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 14th, 7 p.m. Each club should have two elected 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, Nov. 14th**, 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension office in S-208. Future meetings are Jan. 9th, Mar. 20th and May 22nd.

Helotes Youth Horse Playday
Saturday, **Nov. 16th** at the Helotes Pro Rodeo Arena, 12070 Leslie Rd., Helotes. Books open at 9 a.m. Entry form is attached.

Dog Trainings
The Bexar County Dog Squad is a competitive 4-H dog club that focuses on learning all aspects of dog care and training with the emphasis on competing at the State Dog Show in July. All 4-H members with any type of dog are welcome to join. Next class is **Monday, Nov. 18th**, and continue every Monday through July. A beginner dog training class will be held at 6:00 p.m. Club meeting held at 6:45 p.m., and an advanced class starts after meeting, around 7:00 p.m.. **All dogs must be current on Bordatella, DHLPP, and Rabies vaccines and will not be permitted to attend without written proof. No exceptions. A large bag of dog food for a one time donation is the only cost for attending the trainings for the whole year. Classes are held indoors at 5355 Dietrich Rd. Call Laura Stewart (210-326-9406) to register or with any questions. 
School Tour Guides
If you are 13 and older, you may be interested in becoming a School Tour Guide. Guides will tour small children around the stock show grounds during the San Antonio Stock Show in February. Guide names are due to our office by **Tuesday, Nov. 19th.** School Tour dates are Feb. 10, 11, 12, 13 or 18. Contact your Club Manager to select a day to tour. Form is attached.

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, 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. Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 25th, 6:30 pm.,** at the 4-H office in S-208.

Office Hours
Our office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Staff takes lunch from 12 noon – 1 p.m. **If you will be coming by the office during the lunch hour (12 noon – 1 p.m.),** please call in advance so we can leave your information at the receptionist desk.

Bexar County Jr Livestock Show Rabbit Validation
All Meat pen rabbits for Bexar County must be validated at one of the 3 locations below with validations scheduled to begin at 7 PM:
- **Monday December 2nd** -- East Central High School Ag Barn (7173 FM 1628 - enter the Bus Lane on north side of campus);
- **Tuesday December 3rd** -- (NEW LOCATION) Southwest High School Multi-Purpose Building (11960 Dragon Lane - enter student parking lot from Loop 1604)
- **Wednesday December 4th** -- Helotes Activity Center (12132 Leslie Rd. Helotes, TX).