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**DATES HAVE BEEN SET**

Vet Science Workshop	11/6
Swine Validation	11/8
Chocolate \$\$ Due	11/9
County Horse Show	11/17
Rabbit Clinic	11/20
Swine Validation	11/20
Scholarship Trg.	11/27
Beef Project Mtg.	11/29
Livestock Judging Mtg.	12/7

**The Turkey Trot**

(It takes on a whole new meaning during November)

As the days grow shorter, the weather starts to turn a little chilly, and multicolored leaves symbolize the changing of the seasons; 100 degree temperatures and 90 percent humidity recede the calendar marches on towards the holidays. However, before we become too wrapped up in the holidays; we have to fall back an hour, remember to vote, honor our veterans, and then there's 4-H.



The "4-H Turkey Trot" includes, but is not limited to: preparation for major stock shows via workshops, clinics, validations, and entry forms/fees – 4-H Gold Star recognition & the "Leadership Shuffle" dance – School Tour Guide Applications – Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Applications and whatever else you may have on your plate. By-the-way, speaking of plates . . .



**Quote of the Month**

"Thanksgiving Day is the one holiday that is purely American"

[O. Henry](#)

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

## HERE'S THE LATEST

### Junior Leadership 4-H Retreat

The Junior Leadership Retreat is for 4-H members ages 9 – 14 on November 9-11<sup>th</sup> at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. The program will focus on leadership, team building, new 4-H projects, community service and much more. The goal of the retreat is to empower youth with skills they need to become leaders in their community clubs and county programs. It is a weekend retreat for learning, sharing and fun. The retreat is open to ages 8 - 13. Youth registration is \$105 and \$70 for adult chaperones. Registration is on 4-H Connect by **Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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, **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. For more information contact Jackie at [jackiewanke@gmail.com](mailto:jackiewanke@gmail.com)

### Leadership Shuffle (Dance)

Do you like to dance? Mark your calendar for the first District 10 Leadership Shuffle on Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Waring Dance Hall near Boerne. Cost is \$10 which includes pizza, drinks and snacks. Registration is on 4-H Connect thru **Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### Chocolate Bars

We have a couple extra cases of variety bars in our office if anyone needs any. We also have several cases of the chocolate covered almond boxes, which is the \$2 product. Reminder, money and Prize Form are due to our office by **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**. Turn in all monies into our office and we will issue your club a rebate check for \$10.00 per case (bars, chocolate covered almonds, mints or caramels) of chocolate you sold. Members selling \$150 or more will receive a 1 pound chocolate bar or members selling \$300 or more will receive a MP3 Player. All members selling \$500 and over will compete for the top seller awards – 1<sup>st</sup> place \$500 Savings Bond or 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300 Savings Bond or 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200 Savings Bond. List the members name on the Prize Form that meet the winning criteria.

### 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. 20<sup>th</sup>**. School Tour dates are Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14 or 19.

### 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. Deadline to enter is **Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to the stock show photography committee NOT OUR OFFICE**.

### Youth Day

Youth Day is held during the San Antonio Stock Show on Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Dog Project Trainings

We will be offering basic dog obedience classes for 4-H members interested in the dog project. Meetings will be at **McAlister Park**. Please call Laura @ 210-326-9406 to reserve your spot if you have not already done so.

Please bring to class:

1. Vaccine records - \* All dogs must show proof of Rabies, DHLPP, and Bordatella vaccines!!
2. One large bag of premium dog food per 4-H member - to be donated to dogs being trained for wounded warriors
3. Soft dog training treats
4. Water for yourself and your dog
5. Chair for mom to sit in
6. Your dog on a leash

Classes are on Mondays, at 6:30 pm, bring your dog with you. This will be a basic obedience class and then progress into advanced obedience, rally, conformation and showmanship - with the hope that Bexar County will be showing their dogs at the State Dog Show next July! 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.

### 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.

**Re-enrollment in 4-H begins August 16th Participation FEE - \$20 after October 31<sup>st</sup> \$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. Pay the \$20 fee participation fee by **credit card**. Adult leaders and Clovers Kids are not required to pay the \$20 fee. The fee is \$20 between August 16th, 2012 and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 or \$25 between November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Enroll NOW Update Email Address**

To keep informed of upcoming events in 4-H, please keep your email address up to date on your 4-H Connect profile. Our office sends out emails to families the first week and last week of each month about all "Upcoming Events". We also send an email out to Club Managers every Friday for "Updates & Reminders". Enroll now to keep you and your club up to date.

**Club Officer Packet**

If your club officers could NOT attend the Club Officer Training, we have officer packets available in our office. The packet has a description of each officer position and a publication on Parliamentary Procedure. If you will be coming by the office during the lunch hour (12 noon – 1 p.m.), please call in advance so we can put your folder at the front desk

**FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

**Consumer Decision Making, Fashion, Food & Nutrition**

For the latest on consumer decision making contest, fashion show, food and nutrition show, and healthy lifestyles contact one of our FCS agents: Connie [csheppar@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:csheppar@ag.tamu.edu) or Grace [gquera@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:gquera@ag.tamu.edu)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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.



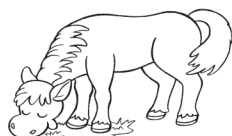
**Club Managers receive email updates once a week on all 4-H happenings. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the "Updates & Reminders" on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.**

**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.**

## HORSE NEWS

### 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. Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm., at the 4-H office in S-208. Future meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact John at 822-5554 or [j.d.farrell54@att.net](mailto:j.d.farrell54@att.net) for more information.



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## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Major Stock Show Entry 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 will be available if you need one. The workshop is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Open Show entries will not be handled through our office. Major show entry forms and fees are due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. San Antonio, San Angelo, Star of Texas and Houston entry forms have been emailed to your club manager. An "Individual Entry Summary" form (attached) should be filled out and attached to your entries. There will be a notary available to notarize your Houston entry. 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. 13<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

### 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. 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Walter Gerlach Grounds from 12 noon – 5 p.m. or Tuesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the East Central Ag. Barn from 2 – 6 p.m.

### Livestock Clinic

The San Antonio International Farm & Ranch Show and Bexar County A&M AgriLife Extension would like to invite you to our Livestock Clinic held at the San Antonio Freeman Coliseum (3201 East Houston Street San Antonio, TX 78219). It will be held on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2012 from 9:30-11-30 am. We will have Dwight Sexton, Brad Roeder, Todd Swift, and Chuck Real as our guest speakers. Topics to be covered include health management, feed and nutrition, grooming for show, showmanship, and project selection. The Clinic is open to all 4-H and FFA members.

**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. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please note the entry form states a deadline of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, that is our deadline to the stock show. A workshop to help you complete your entries will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Individual Entry Summary form should be attached to your major 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, that entry and fee are also due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

**Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Application**

If you will be applying for the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show scholarship, form is available on their website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com). Deadline is **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. **SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE NOT TO BE TURNED IN TO THE 4-H OFFICE.**

**Rabbit Validation Dates**

If you are exhibiting a rabbit at the Bexar County stock show, the rabbit must be validated. Dates have been set for:  
 Monday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>-East Central Ag. Barn from 7 – 8 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-Madison High School from 7 – 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>-Helotes Activity Center from 7 - 8 p.m.



***Water wise tip of the month***

Toyota Foundation and National 4-H

For hanging baskets, planters and pots, place ice cubes under the moss or dirt to give your plants a cool drink of water and help eliminate water overflow.

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.