

Office Phones

We have been having problems with our phone system, so for the next 2 weeks 467-6575 will be out of order. In the meantime, if you need to reach the 4-H office, please call us at 551-9566. We will keep you posted when our phone system is repaired.

Chocolate Prizes

If you club sold chocolate, chocolate prizes and club rebate checks are available for pick up in our office.

Stock Show Websites

If you need a copy of stock shows schedule or rules visit their website:

Bexar County Junior Livestock - www.bcjls.com

San Antonio Stock Show – www.sarodeo.com

Houston Stock Show – www.rodeohouston.com

San Angelo Stock Show – www.sanangelorodeo.com

Star of Texas Stock Show - www.rodeoaustin.com

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.**

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 date has been set for: **Friday, Nov. 22nd** at the East Central Ag. Barn from 4:35 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with paperwork at the validation sites. Please let us know if you can help.

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, Nov. 25th**, 7 p.m. at our office in S-208. Future meeting date is to be announced.

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. 25th**, 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

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. 26th**. 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.

Office Closed

Our office will be closed Nov. 28th & Nov. 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are trying to meet a deadline, there is a drop slot in the front door of S-212.

Bandera Booster Club Fall Classic Show (Lamb & Goat)

Saturday, Dec. 7th at Mansfield Park in Bandera. Deadline to enter is **Nov. 30th**. See attached flyer and entry form.

Bexar 4-H Shoot Out

This shoot is limited to the first 180 registrations on a first come, first serve basis. Shoot will be at the San Antonio Gun Club, 928 E. Contour Dr., SA. Registration is until **Dec. 1st** at \$45 a shooter. For more information see attached flyer.

No Pass, No Play

Reminder....if you are not academically passing in school, you will not be allowed to participate in 4-H contests. Keep your grades up.

Teen Leadership Retreat

4-H members ages 13-19 will have an opportunity to hone their 4-H project skills during several programs at the Teen Leadership Retreat to be held Jan. 10-12 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood. Cost is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Deadline is **Dec. 1st**. Registration will be online at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.

Take the National Rocketry Challenge!

Registration is now open to form your own rocket team for the Team American Rocketry Challenge in March 2014. Members in grades 7 – 12 are eligible to compete. See attached flyer for more information, deadline to register is **Dec. 1st**.

Shooting Sports Coach Training

A shooting sports coach training will be conducted on Dec. 6th – 7th in Ft. Worth. Registration will be done on 4-H Connect. Cost is \$120. Deadline to register is **Dec. 2nd**. See attached flyer for more information.

Shooting Sports Coach Certification

A shooting sports coach training will be conducted on Dec. 7th – 8th 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.

Bexar County Jr Livestock Show Rabbit Validation

All Meat pen rabbits that you will exhibit at the Bexar County Stock Show 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).

Salvation Army Stocking Holiday Community Service

County 4-H Council voted to participate in the Salvation Army Stocking event. Stockings are available in our office. Stockings should be filled with non food items and returned to our office by **Friday, Dec. 6th**.

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 in our County? 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. We need a copy of your receipt from the training you attended and a record of how you used it to benefit Bexar County 4-H members. Please turn this information in to our office by **Friday, Dec. 6th**. Reminder, there is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet deadlines.

East Central FFA Prospect Pig Show

Saturday, **Dec. 7th** at the East Central FFA ShowBarn. \$20 a head the day of the show. Check in is 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. See attached flyer for more information.

Prospect Pig Show

Sunday, Dec. 8th at the Guadalupe County Fairgrounds. Deadline to enter is **Dec. 6th**. Entry form and flyer attached.

Re-Fashion Retreat

This retreat features hands on educational sessions to increase your knowledge and skills in the Trashion Show”. Cost is \$115, includes two nights lodging, 4 meals, 2 snacks and program fees. Mark your calendar for Dec. 13-15. **Deadline to register is Dec. 8th**. See attached flyer for more information.

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, Dec. 10th**, 5:30 p.m. at the Hooves and Paws Vet Clinic, 16060 Bandera Rd. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com

Edgewood Independent School District and 4-H Cooperative Extension Program New Shoe Drive

Edgewood Independent School District has asked for our help in providing new shoes to some of their students. This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service and leadership activity. A list of shoe sizes are attached. New shoes should be dropped off at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste 212. SATX 78230 by **Dec. 13th**. If you need more information, please email desiree.rucker@agnet.tamu.edu. Thank you! We look forward to your help!

Dash for Cash Winter Classic – Heifers, Steers, Goats, Lambs

Saturday, **Dec. 14th**, Henderson County Fairpark Complex in Athens. See attached flyer for more information.

National 4-H Conference

Applications will be accepted on 4-H Connect for the 2014 National 4-H Conference until **Dec. 15th**. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The event will be April 5-10, 2014 in Washington DC at the National 4-H Center. Cost to attend this event is \$2,000. This includes airfare, transportation, registration costs, food, and housing. For more information please see the attached flyer or visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_national_conference

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, Dec. 15th.** , 2 p.m. at the 4-H office S- 208. Future meetings will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Molly at mekeck@ag.tamu.edu.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Eligibility Form

All 4-H members who participate in this show will need to be academically eligible. It is the responsibility of each member to print the attached form, write the member's name in the space provided "I hereby certify that _____" and take it to your school for the principal or designee to verify you are academic eligibility. Please have them check if you are "academically eligible" or "not academically eligible" and have them sign at the bottom of the form. Before returning the form to our office, please make sure your parent/guardian signs in the space provided.

The show is held during a time you are out of school on holiday, however, to participate in the show you must be academically eligible.

The eligibility form (attached) is due to our office on or before **Monday, December 16th.** You are welcome to fax the form to our office at 210/930-1753 or scan and email to paxtell@ag.tamu.edu. We will not accept incomplete forms. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 210/467-6575.

Please do not wait until the last minute to take your form to school, holidays are coming up and schools are very busy with upcoming activities. Eligibility form is attached.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Kickoff Teen Dance

Mark your calendar for Sunday, **Dec. 22rd** from 6 – 11 p.m. at the Cowboys Dance Hall. Pre-ticket package is available, see attached flyer for more information.

4-H Archery Camp

January 24-26, 2014-Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood. This camp is open to any 4-H member wanting to improve their shooting knowledge and skills in recurve and compound archery. Youth participants should have beginning or intermediate experience in shooting archery and understand the basic archery safety, range rules and whistle commands. Members must provide their own equipment. Registration is on 4-H Connect by **Jan. 9th**.

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.**