This is a busy time of the year, please make sure your members/leaders are kept updated about upcoming deadlines. If you have any questions, please contact us anytime.

Enroll NOW – Keep Email Address Updated
To help us keep you 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 4-H families the first week and last week of each month about all “Upcoming Events”. We also send an email to Club Managers every Friday for “Updates & Reminders”. Enroll now to keep you and your club up to date.

Adult volunteer leaders are required to have a background screening at a fee of $10 payable by check (Bexar 4-H Council) or cash to our office. Please enroll on 4-H Connect, to begin the screening process. Screenings take 3-4 weeks to process and are good for 3 years. Background screenings are for adult leaders that will be teaching or leading project trainings to members of your club or driving the members to events. Parents that will not be involved with teaching projects or driving other children other than their own, do not need to enroll or have a screening completed at this time.

Adult volunteers that have had a background screening done through another organization within the past three years are welcome to provide us with a letter on that organizations letterhead stating “Name of leader had a background screening completed with us on (date) and passed”. This waives the $10 fee required by the State 4-H Office. You are welcome to fax the letter to our office at 930-1753 or scan and email it to paxtell@ag.tamu.edu.

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 after Oct. 31st. 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.

Judges Needed
We are looking for adult volunteers to help judge at the County Food Show and/or County Food Challenge on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at the Helotes Activity Center. Volunteers do not need to be enrolled in 4-H. Please RSVP to Connie (csheppard@ag.tamu.edu) or Pam (paxtell@ag.tamu.edu) by Oct. 28th.

Heroes 4-Health Nutrition Ambassadors
The Nutrition Ambassador 4-H Club and Walzem YMCA present the Garden 4-Health Expo on October 19th, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Garden 4-Health Expo is a fun filled festival supporting the Sherwood Forrest Community Garden at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church located at 7303 Ray Bon Dr. SATX, 78218. The Nutrition Ambassadors will teach nutrition and active living. The YMCA will provide fun and vendors! There will be a costume contest, so wear your best garden garb! Door prizes and much more! See attached flyer for more information or email Desiree.rucker@ag.tamu.edu for any questions.

Junior Leadership 4-H Camp
The Junior Leadership Retreat is for 4-H members ages 9 – 14 on November 8-10th at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. The program will focus on five project opportunities: vet science, leadership, bullying, “trashion show” and archery. It is a weekend retreat for learning, sharing and fun. Youth registration is $115 (lodging, 4 meals, snacks and program fees) and $80 for adult chaperones. Registration is on the 4-H Center website at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu by Oct. 20th. For more information see the attached flyer.
County Food Show and County Food Challenge Contest
Do you like to cook or bake, then show off your talents on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Cost is $2 per member for the County Food Show contest and $10 per team for the Food Challenge contest. Entry deadline is Monday, Oct. 21st. Entry form and guidelines are attached. Reminder, there is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Poultry Clinic
If you would like to learn about poultry, mark your calendar to attend Saturday, Oct. 26th, 10 a.m. at the 4-H office in S-208. Topics will include nutrition, care and housing for broilers and information on breeding/exhibition poultry. Live poultry will be available to view.

4-H Opportunity Scholarship
Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of $1,000 to $20,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H graduating members. Application, examples and guidelines are available on the state website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships. Scholarship application and attachments, plus one copy of everything are due to our office by Tuesday, Jan. 28th. Take your ACT or SAT tests now, a copy of the scores must be attached to the application. Start filling out your FAFSA (financial form) information now. FAFSA process takes about 3-4 weeks. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact Greg.

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 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, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. at our office in S-208. Future meeting date is Nov. 25th

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza
Saturday, Nov. 16th in Gatesville, Texas. Entry deadline is Oct. 31st. Rules and schedule are attached.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (Animal, Ag. Mechanics 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, before Nov. 1st. Each club will announce their club deadline at their next meeting. If you are entering the Ag. Mechanics, Horse or Creative Arts division (crafts, baked goods, photography, & more), entry form & entry fee are also due to the club leader by club deadline. 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.

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, 2014 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood. The Teen Leadership Retreat will have hands-on educational workshops to include 5 different educational workshops. Registration is $115 for youth and $80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-
nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Online registration begins November 1st at http://texas4hcenter.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.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
This program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. 4-H’ers can apply online at http://spirit.prudential.com or www.nassp.org/spirit. Applications must be submitted to a county 4-H agent by November 5th. See attached flyer for more information.

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 – 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 will be available if you need one. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7 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. 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
Chocolate $1 bars have been a very successful fundraiser for Bexar County 4-H. 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. Get with your Club Manager to check out some chocolate. Money and Prize Form are due to our office by Friday, Nov. 8th, 5 p.m. We will stay open on Thursday, Nov. 7th until 6 p.m. to assist you in making this deadline.

The Proper Usage of Drugs, Chemicals and Feed Additives in Market Show Animals
This free workshop is for poultry, steer, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors. Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 6 p.m. at the Comfort High School Ag. Barn. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 8th. See attached flyer for more information.

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 www.fwssr.com. Ft. Worth entry form is attached. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.
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. The Individual Entry Summary form (attached) should be attached to your major show entry. 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 deadlin e 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 (attached) should be attached to your major show entries. 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. The Individual Entry Summary form (attached) should be attached to your major show entry. 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.rodeo auston.com](http://www.rodeo auston.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 a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

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.

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.