One Day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say “thank you” by giving back for more than 105 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is whatever each 4-H members, club or county 4-H Program wants it to be. It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to hosting a 5K Walk/Run and raising money for a cause. Over 10,000 4-H members in Texas stepped out on OCTOBER 12, 2013 to make a difference in their communities in one day! In Bexar County it seemed as if every 4-H club from A to Z was busy, starting with the A-TEAM 4-H; working with Habitat for Humanity to build a home -

Best of Bexar County; helping a local dog club hold their dog show -

Bexar County 4-H Council; building a vegetable garden for organization that assists special needs adults - Bexar 4-H Fishing & Shooting; delivering cookie trays to recognize those that serve us daily: Police, Fire Departments, Food Banks, Homeless Shelters - Bexar County Dog Squad; doing demos and teaching basic dog care and training to abused, abandoned at-risk kids - Carriage Hills; Bingo Night - Dominion; Making homemade placemats for Meals on Wheels - East Central 4-H; Food Drive - Faith & Fun 4-H Club; helping count and identify the birds and clear brush to create new habitats - Fort Sam Houston; visiting all the gate guards on post to deliver cookies and drinks - Haven Homeschool 4-H; unloading and distributing food and other goods to needy Bexar County Residents - Lackland AFB 4-H Clubs; making cards to send to the troops - NE Converse; church cleanup - Randolph AFB 4-H Clubs; cleaning up grounds, baking cookies for SPs & Fire dept., collecting can goods for Texas native Americans’ - Redland Roadrunners; collecting food for a Food Pack for the Children’s Hunger Fund Southwest RR; cleaning up McCulloch Historical Cemetery
Bexar 4-H County Council officers; Jena Hunt, Josh Hall and Madison DeWinne were on hand to represent Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development during the 4-H Proclamation at Commissioner’s Court. The proclamation was sponsored by Commissioner Kevin Wolff, Precinct 3 and presented by Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Precinct 4. The proclamation designated October 6-12, 2013 as National 4-H Week in Texas and commended the 4-H and Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success.

4-H National Youth Science Day

Young people throughout Bexar County have the opportunity to become geospatial scientists for a day during the sixth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) during October 9th. This event seeks to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers in an effort keep America competitive in those fields.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has been at the forefront of teaching young people about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). 4-H National Youth Science Day is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H STEM programming, in topics as varied as robotics, agricultural science, rocketry, wind power, environmental science and alternative energy.

This year, the National Science Experiment, 4-H Maps & Apps, designed by Colorado State University Extension, turns young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey. As in past years here in Bexar County we encourage and provide 4-H clubs the opportunity to participate in the current National Science Experiment or previous experiments on October 9th and in the coming days and weeks.
Come one and all to help with 2014’s BOOtanica held on Saturday October 26, 2013! BOOtanica is family friendly fall festival hosted at the San Antonio Botanical Garden (555 Funston Pl, SATX, 78209). The festival will take place during the hours of 10am to 2pm, but we ask volunteers arrive half an hour early to sign in and be directed to your area. This year’s activities include: decorating a pot, trick-or-treating down Water Saver Lane, a Master Gardener information booth (to answer questions and that will hand out fun prizes for kids), and a creepy insect table. Dressing up in costumes is welcomed!

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities or would like more information, please send an email to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu or call 210.467.6575 and ask for Natalie Cervantes.

If you are 13 or older, you may be interested in becoming a School Tour Guide. Guides tour younger youth around the stock show grounds during the San Antonio Stock Show in February. Guide names are due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Tour dates are Feb. 10, 11, 12, 13 or 18. Contact your Club Manager to select a day to tour.

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of $1,000 to $20,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members graduating from high school. 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 is 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. Scholarship training is scheduled for Nov. 18th.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is the nation’s premier high school football game, featuring the best 90 players in a classic East vs. West match-up every January in San Antonio’s Alamodome and broadcast live on NBC. Last year’s U.S. Army All-American Bowl marked the 13th anniversary of the game and drew a record crowd of 40,133. The next Bowl game will take place on January 4, 2014 at 1pm ET. Building upon the extraordinary players and incredible moments featured during each of the previous U.S. Army All-American Bowls. If you would like to attend this year’s Bowl game, the Extension Office will have complimentary tickets available; please send an email to gmyles@ag.tamu.edu or call 210.467.6575 and ask for Greg Myles.
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.

County Food Show and County Food Challenge Contest

Do you like to cook or bake? 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.

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, Oct. 20th, 2:00 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208.

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.