

We applaud you for keeping your clubs informed and running smoothly. Several important due dates are coming up, please share this information with your members/leaders.

Kerr County Fair Jackpot Show (Lambs, Goats, Steers, Swine)

Staturday, Oct. 26th – 27th in Kerrville. See attached flyer for more information.

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.

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**.

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

The 2013 Rabbit Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at the Coryell County Activities Complex – Gatesville, TX. This includes an all-breed rabbit show PLUS other rabbit project contests including: Breed Identification, Hands-On Rabbit Judging, Showmanship, Educational Posters and Display; Best Dressed Rabbit, Photo, Rabbit Art, and T-shirt design. **Entry deadline is Oct. 31st**. Rules and schedule are attached.

Photography, Baked Good, Crafts, Etc. - 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 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.**

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 – 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

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.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 due to our office by Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Judging contest entry forms are attached. Reminder, there is drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

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.

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 update

Bexar County meat pen babies should be born any day now. If you have ordered from someone, around November 1st would be a good time to check with your breeder to make sure they will have your rabbits, and look for alternatives if not.

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).