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## DATES HAVE BEEN SET

Vet Science Workshop	9/11
Dog Training	9/17
Chocolate Sale Begins	9/18
Livestock Judging Mtg.	9/20
County Horse Show	9/22
County Foods Training	9/23
Dog Training	9/24
Beef Project Mtg.	9/27
Charters DUE	9/28

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

## 4-H New Year

September 1<sup>st</sup> starts a new 4-H year full of new challenges and new opportunities. Bexar County local 4-H Clubs renew their charters, members, and resolve as they set more goals and objectives to achieve. Projects are chosen in agriculture, family & consumer science, leadership & development, or natural resources. 4-H members pledge their head, heart, hands, and health to making their best better. September also means, “**S**chool, **E**ffort, and **P**lay or **T**rying your best **E**ach hour of the day as well as **M**aking new friends, **B**eing as good as you can, having **E**xciting discoveries and **R**eading books”, Boni Fulgham.

As busy as the long hot days of summer may have been, September’s ushering in of autumn will bring a change in weather and involvement, but no less busy days. Therefore, with this new 4-H year dare to believe and strive to achieve, be balanced in your activities, focused in your objectives, and ever conscious of the experiences.

***“Take time to reflect and remember  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of September”, gm***



### **Quote of the Month**

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.”

[Dr. Seuss](#)

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## HERE'S THE LATEST

### 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, **September 11th** at the Helotes Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. Future meeting is Tuesday, October 2nd at the Helotes Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at [jackiewanke@gmail.com](mailto:jackiewanke@gmail.com)

### Chocolate Sale Pre-Order Form

Chocolate (Worlds Finest Chocolate) sales have been a very successful fundraiser for the Bexar County 4-H Council. Funds from the sales allow the council to pay for a wide variety of 4-H activities to benefit the youth of 4-H, such as Awards, Partial Reimbursement of Registration Fees for Trainings/Events, Supplies for Programs and much more! Your club receives a rebate of \$10.00 per case (bars, chocolate covered almonds, mints or caramels) of chocolate you sell to help you support your club activities. Now is the time to begin calling locations (Walmarts, Sams, etc.) to reserve a date to set up and sell. Prizes for our top sellers (selling over \$500) include savings bonds and a MP3 Player for members selling over \$300. Contact your Club Manager to find out when you can check out chocolate from them.

### Dog Project Trainings

We will be offering basic dog obedience classes for 4-H members interested in the dog project. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at Bark of Southtown, 1032 S. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78210. Classes will begin on **Monday, September 17th** at 6:30 pm; bring your dog with you. Future meetings will be Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

This will begin as 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! Your dog does not have to be a "show dog" to participate! In addition to training your dog, you will also be learning about dog care and ownership. Space is **very** limited, so pre-registration is a must! Call Laura at 210-326-9406 to sign up. You must provide proof of vaccinations for each dog participating. Vaccines required are Rabies, DHLPP, and Bordatella (kennel cough) This is for the safety of your pet and others.

Classes are free of charge for enrolled 4-H members. However, a donation of a large bag of premium dog food is being requested to help feed dogs being trained for wounded warriors. One bag of dog food per 4-H member please.

### 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.

### Club Charters

Every 4-H club must re-charter each year. Club charter packets were handed out at the two Club Manager trainings. If you could NOT attend the training, we have charter packets available in our office. Charter paperwork is due to our office before **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. There are two items that the State 4-H Office has asked we include in the charter paperwork, if you have a checking account for your club (if you **do not** have a checking account, these items are not needed). First item....please include a copy of your last bank statement. Second item...complete the attached Budget Planning Form. Please add these two items to your charter when you turn it in. IReminder, we have a drop slot in the front door to assist you in making this deadline.

### 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

**County Food & Nutrition Workshop**

Youth and adults sessions will be held at the same time on Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Youth leadership opportunities are available for clubs with members of 3 to 5 participants who will present a food and nutrition topic for 15 minutes, for example a “My Plate Session” with a power point presentation and game to reinforce the topic. Please email [cmika@satx.rr.com](mailto:cmika@satx.rr.com) if you are interested in leading a session.

Adult training will provided during this time to discuss resources available, food show categories and food challenge tips. Community service opportunity, please bring coupons for Overseas Soldiers that will be clipped and sorted during the County Food Show.

Please rsvp to [cmika@satx.rr.com](mailto:cmika@satx.rr.com) with the following data by **Tuesday, Sept. 18th**: Number of adults and their names and number of 4H members and their names

## 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.



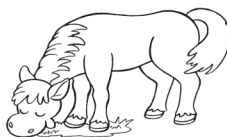
**Club Managers receive email updates once a week on all 4-H happenings. Contact your Club Manager for updated information. You can also read the “Updates & Reminders” on our website at <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm>.**

**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 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. 22th. If you have any questions about the horse project, feel free to contact Cheree'.



### Horse Project Seminar

If you want to learn about horses, this is the seminar to attend. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at 568 S Loop 1604 W. Cost is \$5 per person. Guest speakers will be Fabio Strozzi, Avery Bush and Andrea Cline Herron. For more information contact Cheree'.

### Horse Judging

Do you want to learn about horses, but don't have a horse? Horse judging may be for you. Contact John at 822-5554 or [j.d.farrell54@att.net](mailto:j.d.farrell54@att.net) for more information and how to join his club. Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 24th, 7 p.m. at the 4-H office in S-208.

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Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Southside Goat and Lamb Show

**Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Southside High School FFA Barn. Entry fee is \$10 per animal. For more information contact Cheree'.

### Livestock Judging Workshop

This workshop will help 4-H members increase their knowledge of various Livestock species. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office in S-208. Future meetings are scheduled for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Cheree'.

### Bexar County Beef Project Club

Anyone interested in joining me by kicking off the New 4-H Year with a Beef Project Club. This Project Club helps 4-Her's increase their knowledge of beef cattle and the Texas 4-H Beef Program. 4-H members who do not own Beef Cattle can also join. We will meet on **Thursday Sept. 27th** at 6:30 pm in the County Extension Office Room 208. If you have any questions you can contact Cheree' – [cleita@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cleita@ag.tamu.edu)

### "Quality Counts" Verification Required for Major Shows

Starting in 2012, 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 (usually the 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 across the top, scroll down, click on "Take the test and become Verified" then click on 4-H. If you have any questions, please contact Cheree' or Bryan

## O U T D O O R F U N

### **2012 Fall Youth Gardens Educator's Training**

Come join us this September for the Fall Youth Gardens Educator's training class on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9 am – 2pm. This program will be held at Madison High School (5005 Stahl Rd. San Antonio, TX 78247), and is geared toward teachers, educators, adult leaders and volunteers in support of Youth Gardening in the classroom and community.

Participants will learn how to begin a fall garden. Breakout sessions will be conducted to aid educators in enhancing their garden curriculum. If you are interested in starting a gardening program in your school or community do not miss this educational opportunity! Plant materials will be distributed to participants who complete this training (Plant material is given per school/institution). **Training and lunch is provided at no cost to participants.**

Certificates & **CPE hours** will be awarded for completion of this program. For an application, call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Bexar County office at 467-6575, or go on the web and download your application from: <http://www.BexarYouthGardens.com> or <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/>



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

Toyota Foundation and National 4-H

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.

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.