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### **DATES HAVE BEEN SET**

Rabbit Clinic	12/6
Finance Task Force Mtg.	12/15
Photography Workshop	12/20
Dog Training	1/5
Horse Leaders Meeting	1/23
School Tours Training	1/24
School Tours Training	1/31
Dog Training	2/2
Youth Day	2/11

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

## ***Bexar County 4-H -- Looking Back on 2011***

During the annual San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) Stock Show and Rodeo, 70 Bexar County 4-H youth served as SALE Rodeo Tour Guides for 7,850 elementary and middle school youth during five days of school tours. Twenty 4-H clubs participated in the event's Youth Day, with KKYX (680 AM) radio station interviewing 4-H youth each Saturday during the event to promote Bexar County 4-H & Youth Development.

At District Roundup, 36 Bexar County 4-H youth participated: five seniors placed 1st and four placed 2nd. At the Intermediate level, seven placed 1st, three placed 2nd and two placed 3rd. As for the Junior 4-H youth, two placed 1st, one placed 2nd and two placed 3rd.

The theme for the 4-H Awards Program for Bexar County was "Night at the Opera: Phantom of the Clover". The program recognized the many accomplishments of Bexar County 4-H youth and volunteer adult leaders for 2011 and was attended by 300 youth, adults, and dignitaries.

"One Day 4-H" -- a day of statewide community service through 4-H -- was observed in Bexar County through the following activities:

"Plant Trees San Antonio!" Twenty-seven 4-H youth and adult volunteers planted 50 fifteen-gallon trees at San Antonio's Kennedy Park

"Block Walk with Animal Care Services" Thirty 4-H youth and adult volunteers informed San Antonio residents about responsible pet care, an area sweep of stray dogs, and of low-cost vaccination and spay/neuter clinics.

National Youth Science Day, a national event for 4-H Science programming, was observed at Roosevelt High School where 4-H youth and adult volunteers provided educational presentations on the "Powering the Future" to 2,083 participants.

Check out: 4-h2O Presents: "A Movie about Water" at <http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/4-h-science-programs/environmental-science-alternative-energy/4h2online/> and 4-H Water Conservation Film Day at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB9ML9PkrpM>

### ***Quote of the Month***

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift"

Eleanor Roosevelt

## HERE'S THE LATEST

### **Participation FEE - \$25 after October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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 2011-2012 4-H year. However, this year there is a new participation fee, which 4-H Connect will ask you how you would like to pay the fee. **Please select credit card.** Adult leaders and Clovers Kids are not required to pay the fee. The fee is \$20 between Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 or \$25 between Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 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.

### **Eligibility Reminder**

Not only are 4-H members required to be enrolled through 4-H Connect they must also be academically eligible to participate in 4-H contests. You should get an academic eligibility form for each contest you wish to participate in. It should be filled out and turned in by the deadline set by the Extension Office. If you cannot meet the deadline set, please let us know and we will work with you and your school. **Rule 7 in the BCJLS rules state "Exhibitors suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 NO PASS, NO PLAY during any portion of the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show or Auction are ineligible to participate in any Bexar County Junior Livestock Show activity, event or competition. Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition."** An eligibility form is posted on our website on the Livestock page. Fill in your name on the line "I hereby certify that" \_\_\_\_\_. Please take this form to your school and have them check that you are academically eligible and ask them to sign the form. A parent must also sign the form. Eligibility form is due to our office by Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Club Charters**

4-H clubs must re-charter each year. Club charter paperwork were handed out at the Club Manager trainings we had in August. If you were unable to attend, please contact us and we will mail you a charter packet.

### **San Antonio Stock Show Photography Contest**

Everyone ages 8 -18 years old is welcome to enter the San Antonio Stock Show Photography Contest. There is no cost to enter this contest. Entry deadline is Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> to the stock show committee.

### **Finance Task Force Planning Meeting**

The 2012 County Council 4-H budget will be presented for approval at the January 2012 4-H Council meeting. The Finance Task Force will meet to review the budget prior and put together a proposed budget for approval in January. You are invited to attend and offer any concerns and suggestions. .

### **Council/Adult Leaders Meeting**

This will be a very important meeting. The county budget will be presented and voted on. All club delegates should save this date and make plans to represent their club. Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center.

### **School Tour Guide Training**

If you signed up to be a School Tour Guide during the San Antonio Stock Show, you must attend an orientation training on either Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m. here at our office in S-208.

### **Photography Workshop**

Do you like to take pictures?? Mark your calendar to attend this workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. here at the 4-H office in S-208.

### **Dog Training**

Do you have a dog??? Do you like dogs??? Mark your calendar to attend this fun training on Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office in S-208. Future training is Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Youth Day at the San Antonio Stock Show**

Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is Youth Day at the San Antonio Stock Show. Youth Day is an opportunity for Bexar County 4-H to promote their clubs to children visiting the stock show. You can reserve a table and do a hands on activity with visitors (face painting, cookie decorating, etc.) or just talk and hand out information about 4-H. Form is due to our office by Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade**

All 4-H clubs are invited to participate in the Wagons & Wheelbarrows Parade on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> during the San Antonio Stock Show. Shine up your red wagon or clean out your wheelbarrow and decorate it representing 4-H or your club. Prizes will be awarded.

### **4-H Opportunity Foundation Scholarship**

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in the amount of \$1500 to \$16,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Application, guidelines and examples are available on the Texas 4-H website at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index\\_youth\\_scholarships.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php) or our website. Scholarship application and required attachments are due to our office by Friday, February 3rd, for signatures, verification of materials and for mailing to meet our District office deadline. **Start your application now! There is a financial form that requires a process which takes 3-4 weeks to receive back. Don't forget to take the SAT or ACT tests soon. Test scores are a requirement to be included with your application.** If you need any assistance, Greg is available to help you.

### **Howdy Texas 4-Hers!**

Your Texas 4-H State Council would first like to say how excited and honored we are to be serving you this year. One of the biggest projects we are working on is Texas 4-H Roundup 2012! We have so many fun and exciting surprises in store for 4-H this year. Our goal as your 4-H State Council is to serve you, create new experiences, and make the best better. Because 4-H is growing and creating new experiences this year, especially in the area of State Roundup we as a council created a motto we would like to share with you. "A new team, a new experience... it's history in the making!" As 4-Hers across Texas you create and inspire those new experiences, helping to make history every day. As fellow 4-Hers we look forward to making history with you.

Texas 4-H Roundup will be June 11- 15, 2012 at Texas Tech University. This is a new and adventurous opportunity in which both Senior and Intermediate 4-Hers are invited to participate. Whether it is through a qualifying event for Seniors, Invitational workshops for all ages or just the other fun events Roundup is going to be great this year! We have a couple of exciting updates for you.... First, Aaron Watson will be performing at Roundup this year on Thursday night so mark it on your calendars. Also, the annual trade show will be coming to Roundup with all of its former goodies and then some.

Look for more updates on the 4-H State Council and Roundup 2012 right here or online via our facebook page 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/2012-Texas-4-H-Roundup/315843191775648> and the Texas 4-H Roundup website: <http://texas4-h.tamu/youth/roundup/index.php>.

"To Make the Best Better."

Your 2012 Texas 4-H Council

## **F A M I L Y & C O N S U M E R S C I E N C E S**

### **Country Fair Baking Contest**

Here is another fun activity for you to participate in at the San Antonio Stock Show on Youth Day, Feb. 11th, 2012. Country Fair is a baking contest. If you enjoy baking, this is the contest for you. You can enter cookies, cakes, breads, pies, candy & much more (list attached). Cost is \$3 per class. You can enter one item in each class, there are 12 classes. Entry form and guidelines are attached. Entry form is due Friday, Jan. 20th.

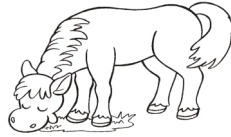
### **Texas 4-H Recipe Rally**

Do you like to create or alter a recipe and submit a video of you demonstrating the preparation of the recipe...then this is the contest for you. The Recipe Rally is open to any 4-H members ages 11 – 18. Video is due to the State office by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Guidelines are attached

## H O R S E   N E W S

### **Horse Leaders Meeting**

Date: Monday, January 23rd  
Place: County Extension Office  
Time: 7 p.m.



These meetings are to plan upcoming horse shows or workshops. Adults and members interested in the horse program are invited to attend.

### **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.

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## L I V E S T O C K   N E W S

### **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Kickoff Teen Dance**

Mark your calendar to have fun on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cowboy's Dancehall. If you purchase your ticket early you will get admission to the dance, a t-shirt, pizza and soft drink, all for \$20. There will be a electric bull riding contest for \$10, prizes will be awarded.

### **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Raffle**

This raffle will help raise money for new buildings at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show facility. A ready to show Heifer for the 2012 show season is being raffled. It is \$50 per chance. Drawing to be held at the BCJLS Auction of Champions on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at Cowboys Dance Hall. Need not be present to win. Contact Richard at 288-0937 for more information.

### **"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 in mid 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.

## OUTDOOR FUN

### **Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest**

Do you like to write essays, this is the contest for you. Write a 750 word essay on Honey Bees and win from \$250 - \$750. Entry deadline is Jan. 13, 2012.

### **Deadlines/Due Dates**

Deadlines/Due Dates are very important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. If a stock show due date is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, we must up the due date a week or so in order for our office to make sure entry forms are correct, make copies, sign and get them to the stock show by their due date. Our office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., however we do have a drop slot in the front door to assist you in making deadlines/due dates. If you use the drop slot, please put your entry into an envelope and seal it, mark the outside of the envelope 4-H and it will come to the 4-H desk.

### **Shooting Sports Website**

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shootingsports.tamu.edu>.



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.

*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.