

State Fair Of Texas (Dallas) Lamb/Goat Validation-DUE Monday, April 8th

All lambs/goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$10.00 per head for tags. Return the order form and tag fees to our office by **Monday, April 8th**. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund** and send to Bexar County 4-H, 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-212, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Late tags will be \$20 each. Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas will be conducted in June, dates will be announced soon. Order form is attached. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Dog Project Trainings

We will be offering basic dog obedience classes for 4-H members interested in the dog project. Please call Laura @ 210-326-9406 to reserve your spot. Next training is scheduled for **Monday, April 8th** at Security & Public Safety Training Institute, 5355 Dietrich Rd, Ste 2. 78219. In addition to training your dog, you will also be learning about dog care and ownership. Classes are free of charge for enrolled 4-H members. Next trainings are scheduled for Apr. 15th, Apr. 22nd.

PawsAPlenty Dog Show

This show includes showmanship, trick, costume, photography and much more. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20th in Azle, Texas. Entry fee is \$5 per class. **Deadline to enter is April 9th**. See attached flyer for more information and entry form.

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. There will be no March meeting. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 9th** 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Next meeting is May 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.

ATV (Four Wheeler) Event

Everybody is welcome to attend this FREE event on **Wednesday, April 10th** at 131 Topeka St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210. Event will begin at 7 p.m. See attached flyer for more information.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

This will be a very important meeting. New County Council Officers will be elected for the new 2013-2014 4-H year. If you are wanting to run for an officer position, criteria is attached. All club delegates should save this date and make plans to represent their club with their votes. **Thursday, April 11th**, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center.

State Fair Of Texas (Dallas) Swine Validation-Tag Order – DUE Friday, April 12th

Swine validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be conducted in June, dates will be announced soon. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$9.00 per head for tags. Return the order form attached and tag fees by **Friday, April 12th**. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund** and send to Bexar County 4-H, 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-212, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Late tags will be \$20 each.

District 4-H Roundup (Public Speaking Contest)

Everyone is welcome to participate in the District 4-H Roundup Contest which will be Saturday, April 27th in Comfort. We are willing to work with you to sharpen your presentation skills if you would like a “critique and practice” session please call Greg to schedule a time. Registration is on line via the 4-H CONNECT program. **Deadline to register is April 12th**. Cost is \$5.00. Please choose **Credit Card** as your form of payment. Attached is a District info packet, which includes a map and the academic eligibility form that should be returned to our office by Monday, April 15th.

District Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard Contest and Textile Contest

District Fashion Show Contest is open to 4-H members ages 8 and 3rd grade – age 13. If you like to sew you can show off your outfit in the construction division, but if you don't sew, you can enter the buying division. All 4-H members ages (8 – 18) are welcome to enter the Fashion Storyboard Contest so if you like to design your own garments then this contest is for you. All 4-H members ages (8 – 18) are welcome to enter the Textiles Contest. If you are creative with material, you are welcome to enter this contest. These contests will be Saturday, April 27th at the Comfort High School in Comfort. If you need information on these contests get with your Club Manager or Connie at 210/467-6575. Registration will be done on 4-H Connect by **Friday, April 12th**.

Callahan County Horse Show

Saturday, April 27th, at the Callahan County Riding Club Arena, Clyde, Texas. Entry form is attached. **Entry deadline is April 12th**.

Spring Dog Show

Do you have a dog and want to show off its talents? Mark your calendar for this show on Saturday, April 27th in Hutto, Texas. Cost is \$5 per enter, per dog. Entry form is attached. Deadline to enter is **Friday, April 12th**.

Fun With Chickens!

Kids of all ages will have fun learning about chickens and eggs and the different methods of raising chickens in your backyard. Learn about nutritional value of eggs and enjoy delicious, nutritious snacks featuring eggs as a major ingredient. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 13th**, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Extension office (3355 Cherry Ridge S-208). Registration fee is \$15 per person payable at the door. RSVP to Pam at 210/467-6575.

County Photography Contest

Photos have been judged and ribbons put on photos. Photos are available for pick up in our office. Results are attached. Only first placing senior age members are eligible to advance to state. The first placing seniors have been notified and deadline to register on 4-H Connect is **April 15th**.

Steer Validation

If you will be exhibiting a steer at the 2013 Bexar County and/or 2014 Major Stocks Shows, steers are required to be validated. Validation tag order is due to our office by **Monday, April 15th**. Cost is \$9.00 per tag. Order form is attached. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Late tag orders will be \$20 each. Steer validation will be held in June, dates to be announced soon. If you have any questions about validation, please contact Cheree. There is a drop slot in the front door to help you meet this deadline.

Horse Validation

Horse Validation will be processed through 4-H Connect. 4-H Connect will be open for horse validation through **April 15th** for a cost of \$10, April 16th - May 1st will be a cost of \$20. You will need to take photos of your horse and submit them on the 4-H Connect system. Due to this process, please don't wait until the last day to complete this process in case you have any problems. Payment should be by **credit card** on 4-H Connect by May 1st. Print the invoice from the 4-H Connect system for your file. Detailed instructions on how to complete your validation is attached.

Filing Tax Form 990N

Being part of the Texas 4-H Inc. umbrella requires that **ALL** chartered 4-H clubs and groups file annual financial reports with the Internal Revenue Service. This is accomplished by each club/group manager to complete and file an Internal Revenue Service Form 990.

Form 990 is the form used by tax-exempt organizations to provide the IRS with the information required on an annual basis. The 990 form that a 4-H club/group can file is:

- **Form 990N** - (*e-postcard*) - Gross receipts \$50,000 or less

Your club/group will need to complete and file your Form 990 **by April 15, 2013**. See attached information sheet on how to file. If you don't know your club EIN # assigned to you by the IRS, please contact us and we will send you a copy of the letter.

Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference

Featuring more than 40 educational workshops for adult leaders and parents to learn more about 4-H and projects. Dates are July 12th – 14th in Plano, Texas. Cost is \$150 on 4-H Connect from **April 15th – June 30th**. See attached flyer for more information.

4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project

The 4-H Quilt Challenge has a new look! It is now the 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project. We are proud to announce the changes to the statewide program that will allow more youth to be involved. The Quilt Challenge contest will be focusing on creation of quilts for two specific organizations, Project Linus and Quilts of Valor. The Community Service portion of the Quilt Challenge will focus on the creation and donation of blankets, afghans, and quilts to either Project Linus or a local charity selected by the individual or group. For rules, guidelines and entry information, please visit the State 4-H website at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/community-service/quilt-challenge.php>. Registration will be on 4-H Connect by **April 15th**. Cost is \$15. Please pay by credit card.

Recordbook Training

Recordkeeping is an important skill for everyone to know. Completing a recordbook can earn you awards and scholarships. It helps you keep track of what you have done in 4-H. Recordbook forms will be required to apply for any awards. A training is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16th**, 6:30 p.m. at our office in S-208. Recordbooks are due to our office June 7th. Information on recordbooks can be found at www.4hreports.com. It is not required for you to use this reports website, if you need a hard copy to print off and use you are welcome to use the State recordbook website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks. If you have any questions about recordbooks, feel free to contact Greg

National 4-H Congress! A 4-H Experience Of A Lifetime

National 4-H Congress is the leadership and citizenship event held annually in Atlanta, Georgia during the month of November. 4-H members who attend this event have the opportunity to gain valuable leadership, citizenship, and culture experiences which are not available on the local or state level. This five day experience allows 4-H members to meet new friends from Texas and the other 45 states that participate, while participating in workshops ranging from Pilates to making your own science slime! In addition to all the great leadership 4-H member's gain at the event, they also give back through the community service projects and experiences they have in the greater Atlanta area. The 2013 event will be Thursday, November 28th through Tuesday, December 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Georgia. The cost is \$1,400 which includes hotel, airline from state meeting airport, event registration, and majority of meals during the event. Registration is on 4-H Connect through **April 16th**. For more information visit the state 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Introduction Into Robotics

If your club is interested in the Robotics project, there will an introduction into Robotics curriculum that is available for clubs and information on Robotics competition. Mark your calendar to attend **on Monday, April 29th**, 6:30 p.m. here at our office in S-208.

4-H Fundraising Fair

County Council is conducting a “4-H Fundraising Fair” on **Saturday, May 18th**, during the judging of the County Project Show. All funds raised will help pay for the dinner at the County 4-H Awards Program. If your club would be interested in organizing an interactive booth at the fair, please contact Bridey at bdav96@gmail.com. You could do face painting or arts & crafts hands on activity. This is a fun way for club members to get some leadership experience and promote 4-H. See attached flyer.