Bexar County 4-H Members/Families/Leaders,
Saturday October 12th is One Day 4-H, a day devoted to community service projects across the State of Texas. Over 234 projects have been registered already and that number is climbing daily! With over 10,000 4-H members registered so far, 2013 is on track to have the largest One Day 4-H ever! I encourage all of you to be involved with some of the local events happening in the month of October. Many clubs have their own projects planned, and the County has a few events that are open to all 4-Hers.

On October 5th, from 9:45am until 2pm, 4-H members will be working at a community garden located at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on the East Side of town. Please contact Travis Cole as soon as possible at tmc.rc@hotmail.com if you are interested.

On October 12th, there will be a group working with Operation Finally Home, an organization that builds houses for wounded veterans. 4-Hers will be assisting with brush clearance and trash clean-up between 8:30am and 1:30pm at the house site in New Braunfels. Please contact Josh Hall as soon as possible at hall.josh@icloud.com if you are interested.

Also on October 12th, 4-Hers will be building a garden at the San Antonio Clubhouse. This garden will benefit members of the community with special needs. This project will take place between 9am and 1pm. Please contact Greg Myles as soon as possible at gmyles@ag.tamu.edu if you are interested.

On October 19th, from 9:30am until 2pm, at the community garden at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, there will be a Garden Kick-off Festival with a "Nutrition" theme. 4-Hers will be helping with a honeybee observation hive. Please contact Travis Cole as soon as possible at tmc.rc@hotmail.com if you are interested.

I hope that you will find a project you can be involved in! Let's all do our part to "Make the Best Better"! Thanks, Josh Hall, Bexar County President, (210) 519-1481

HELP!!! Adult Volunteers Needed
We need adult volunteers to help 4-H members fill out paper work during Lamb/Goat Validation. Dates, times and locations are: Monday, Oct. 14th, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the East Central High School Ag. Barn and Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the O’Connor High School Ag. Barn. We would appreciate any time you would have available to help, please RSVP to our office as soon as possible to 210/467-6575 or desiree.rucker@ag.tamu.edu or gmyles@ag.tamu.edu or paxtell@ag.tamu.edu. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Club Manager Access to 4-H Connect
After your club has turned in the charter paperwork and as an adult volunteer, you have had your background screening completed, you will have access to your club members’ information. Once this these things are completed, please call us and we will provide you with you club password (yes, another password to remember LOL) which will allow you access to your members address, phone number, email, etc.

National 4-H Week
Sunday, Oct. 6th to Saturday, Oct. 12th, Texas 4-H will join the rest of the country as we celebrate National 4-H Week. The purpose of this week is for the youth in our 4-H Program to highlight the successes, benefits, and impact of 4-H to the community. Visit the State 4-H website on National 4-H Week at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hweek.

Dog Trainings
The Bexar County Dog Squad is a competitive 4-H dog club that focuses on learning all aspects of dog care and training with the emphasis on competing at the State Dog Show in July. All 4-H members with any type of dog are welcome to join. Next class is Monday, Oct. 7th, and continue every Monday through July. A
beginner dog training class will be held at 6:00 p.m. Club meeting held at 6:45 p.m., and an advanced class starts after meeting, around 7:00 p.m.. **All dogs must be current on Bordatella, DHLPP, and Rabies vaccines and will not be permitted to attend without written proof. No exceptions. A large bag of dog food for a one time donation is the only cost for attending the trainings for the whole year. Classes are held indoors at 5355 Dietrich Rd. Call Laura Stewart (210-326-9406) to register or with any questions.

**Major Show Broilers (Chickens)**
Major shows (San Antonio Stock Show, Houston Stock Show, Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo) broiler orders are due to our office by **Monday, October 7th**. Each exhibitor or family must order a minimum of 25 chicks, maximum order is 75 birds per exhibitor (in increments of 25). Cost is $1.25 for each chick. Order form is attached.

**REMINDER:** The entry fee to exhibit your broilers is a separate fee which will be paid with your major entry fee due in mid November.

**Dog Agility Classes**
Dog agility classes will be open to all dogs older then 8 months. What is Agility? Running a dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game for you and your dog and is one of the most exciting canine sports for spectators. In an agility trial, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and other objects. We will meet at Karen Dahle's house in Schertz every Tuesday until July. Next class is **Tuesday, Oct. 8th**. From 5 p.m. to about 8 p.m. Classes are a one time fee of $30 to cover the cost of the electricity for the 4-H year. Any size or breed of dog can participate in agility. No minimum/maximum age on the handler. For more information please call Karen Dahle at 210-383-7811 after 6 pm during the week and anytime on the weekend.

**Livestock Judging Workshop**
This workshop will help 4-H members increase their knowledge of various Livestock species. Mark your calendar for **Monday, Oct. 7th**, 8 p.m. at Mesquite Hall, 11663 Ford Rd, Adkins or Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 6:30 p.m. at ACW Stables (The Wanke's house). For more information contact Lisa at lisafletcher423@icloud.com or Christy at clouton@sbcglobal.net. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, Nov. 4th, 8 p.m. Mesquite Hall, 11663 Ford Rd, Adkins.

**Spurs 4-H Day**
Sunday, Oct. 13th, San Antonio Spurs vs Phoenix Suns. See ticket prices on attached flyer. Deadline to order is **Oct. 9th**.

**Edgewood Independent School District and 4-H Cooperative Extension Program New Shoe Drive**
The shoe drive will be October 4th through October 25th. Edgewood Independent School District has asked for your help in providing new shoes to some of their students. This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service and leadership activity. A list of shoe sizes will be available soon. New shoes can be dropped off at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste 212. SATX 78230. Shoes will be delivered to the youth of Edgewood on **Wednesday October 30th from 5-7 pm**. We will treat you and the students receiving the shoes to pizza! **Is your 4-H club still looking for a One-Day 4-H project? Do you want to have more volunteer activities? This is a great opportunity to get involved.** We are accepting new shoes and they should not cost more than $50. If you need more information, please email desiree.rucker@agnet.tamu.edu. Thank you! We look forward to your help!

**Rabbit Clinic**
These clinics will teach you about housing, showmanship and much more. Dates are Thursday, Oct. 10th and Tuesday, Nov. 5th, 7 p.m. here 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.

Horse Judging Meeting
Do you want to learn about horses, but don’t have a horse. You will learn a variety of horse breeds and riding styles, learn to be confident about your decisions, to use logic, to express ideas and speak in front of a group of judges. Contact John at 822-5554 or j.d.farrell54@att.net for more information. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10th and Oct. 17th, 6:30 pm., at the 4-H office in S-208.

County Nutrition Quiz Bowl Training
If you are interested in learning about how Nutrition Quiz Bowl works and participate in a practice this is the training to attend. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 13th, 2 p.m. here at our office in S-208. Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 10th. If no one RSVP’s, we will not have the training. District Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest is Nov. 16th in Kerrville. If you have any questions, please contact Connie.

Lamb/Goat Validation Dates
If you ordered a lamb/goat validation tag to exhibit your animal at any of the stock shows, validation dates have been set for Monday, Oct. 14th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the East Central High School Ag Barn or Tuesday, Oct. 15th at the O’Connor High School Barn from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Validation includes a tag in the animals ear, taking a hair sample for DNA and a nose print. Validation forms will need to be completed during validation, which includes exhibitor and a parents signatures. When filling out the “Texas 4-H and FFA Market Lamb/Goat Validation Form” consider listing all family 4-H members, which allows them to show any of the tag numbers listed on the form. Example: Mary Smith or Joe Smith, same family address, both members will need to sign the bottom of the form along with a parent signature. If you have 3 goats each will have a different tag number, but this allows Mary or Joe to show any of those 3 goats.

County Qualifying Horse Show
Mark your calendar for the next Horse Show, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9th, location to be announced. Entry form will be available next week. Halter classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue through the day with the Performance classes. Timed classes will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Entry form, entry fee, academic eligibility form and registration forms are due to our office by Tuesday, Oct. 15th. Entry form and academic eligibility form will be available next week. There is a drop slot in the front door to assist you in making the deadline.

Texas State Preservation Photography Contest
This photography contest allows 4-H members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos. A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2014. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer’s name, city, and age. The deadline for entering the contest on-line is October 15th, and will be done through the Texas 4-H website, texas4-h.tamu.edu. For more information and rules & guidelines, go to the Texas 4-H photography website.

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. Some lessons will be in a classroom, but several lessons will be hands on. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Helotes Activity Center. Next meeting will be Nov. 12th, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jackie at jackiewanke@gmail.com.

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! See attached flyer for more information or email Desiree.rucker@agnet.tamu.edu for any questions.

Hays County Bobcat Classic (Goats, Sheep, Steers, Heifers)
Saturday, Oct. 19th, at the Hays County Civic Center, San Marcos. Entry fee is $20 per head. See attached flyer for information.

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, 1:30 p.m. at the 4-H office S-208. Future meetings will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Molly mecke@ag.tamu.edu.

Goat/Lamb Clinic
Sunday, Oct. 20th, 2:00 p.m. Topics will be Health and Nutrition and Showmanship. You are welcome to bring your animal.

Junior Leadership Camp
This camp is 4-H members ages 9-14 to the 2013 Junior Leadership “The Final Screening” at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas. The retreat is scheduled for November 8-10. This year’s retreat will feature workshops in 5 different areas. They include vet science, leadership, bullying & inclusion, “trashion show” and archery. While this is a learning retreat, the main ingredient underlying the whole weekend is a sense of fun. They’re asking participants to come dressed as their favorite movie character. Individual registration is $115 for youth and $80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Online registration is open until Oct. 20th at: http://texas4hccenter.tamu.edu.

County Food Show and County Food Challenge Contest
Do you like to cook or bake, then 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. Entry form and guidelines are attached.

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.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (Animal, Ag. Mechanics and Creative Arts)
If you will be exhibiting an animal or participating in the Ag. Mechanics or Creative Arts contest 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 (entry instructions are attached) 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.**

**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**. A late fee of $25 will be added between Nov. 13th – 18th. Entries will not be accepted after Nov. 18th. 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 (attached) should be attached to your major show entry. San Antonio Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at www.sarodeo.com. SALE entry forms will be available next week, 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.

**Houston Stock Show Entry**
Houston Stock Show entry form is 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. 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 (attached) should be attached to your major show entries. Houston Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at www.rodeohouston.com. Houston Stock Show entry forms will be available next week, we will include the entry forms in our next email. Don’t forget to order gate passes if you need them, you cannot order car passes for Houston. The stock show predetermines how many we are allotted. 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**. A late fee of $25 will be added between Nov. 13th – 18th. Entries will not be accepted after Nov. 18th. 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 (attached) should be attached to your major show entry. 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.** A late fee of $25 will be added between Nov. 13th – 18th. Entries will not be accepted after Nov. 18th. 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 (attached) should be attached to your major show entry. Star of Texas Stock Show rules and guidelines are available at [www.rodeoauston.com](http://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.