Bexar County 4-H RocksI



Feb. 12, 2020

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- FEB 14 Texas Opportunity Foundation Scholarship DEADLINE
- FEB 14 Dog Show T-Shirt Contest Entries Deadline
- FEB 17 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting @ Ext. Office
- FEB 21 State WHEP Wildlife Training in Brown County Registration DUE
- FEB 24 <u>Houston Livestock Show Eligibility DUE!</u>
- FEB 25 District Photography Contest DEADLINE!
- FEB 25 TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Webinars BEGIN. See Pg. 15
- FEB 26 Wilson County Small Bore Rifle Invitational Shoot
- MAR 1 <u>2020 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Contest Essay DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 2 <u>Rodeo Austin Eligibility DUE!</u>
- MAR 2 <u>Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 5 County Council Meeting @ Ext. Office
- MAR 5 District 7 Shooting Sports Coaches Trg. Late Registration DUE
- MAR 6 <u>Norman Vestal Scholarship Deadline</u>
- MAR 10 Spring Break Nature Camp Begins!
- MAR 15 TAMU Soil and Crop Science Scholarship Deadline
- MAR 16 Salute To Excellence Volunteer Nominations DUE
- MAR 16 <u>County Photography Contest DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 16 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting @ Ext. Office
- MAR 20 Mission Possible Mentorship Applications DUE
- MAR 23 Texas 4-H Congress Names DUE! See pg. 2
- MAR 24 District 10 Spring Roundup Registration DEADLINE
- MAR 24 District 10 Meat Judging Registration DEADLINE
- MAR 26 County Recordbook Training @ Ext. Office
- MAR 26 District 10 Spring Roundup LATE Registration DEADLINE
- MAR 26 District 10 Meat Judging LATE Registration DEADLINE
- MAR 28 <u>SA Stockyards Historical Society Trail Ride Event</u>
- MAR 29 West TX Invitational Hippology Early Bird DEADLINE
- MAR 31 Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Applications DUE
- APR 1 Auditions for TX 4-H Roundup National Anthem DEADLINE
- APR 6 2020 Veterinary Science Camps Registration DEADLINE
- APR 10 Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship Application DUE

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Please read the following Important Reminders:

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Major Show Eligibility Forms are now available!

- Houston (Mar. 3rd Mar. 22nd) www.hlsr.com Eligibility Form HERE and Due February 24th, 2020
- Austin (Mar. 14th Mar. 28th) www.r<u>odeoaustin.com</u> Eligibility Form <u>HERE</u> and Due March 2nd, 2020 •

CALF SCRAMBLE INFORMATION NEEDED!

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- Name of Applicant
- o Grade
- Have you been to Congress before? (Yes/No) 0

2019-2020 DISTRICT CONTEST UPDATES

- Deadline for D-10 Spring Roundup is March 24, 2020. Late Deadline is March 26th +\$25 LATE FEE
- NEW* 2019-2020 D-10 Spring Roundup Guide (Includes ALL Spring Contests) NEW* 2019-2020 Meat Judging Letter

2019-2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS 2020 County Photography Rules – Deadline March 16, 2020

2020 District Photography Rules – DEADLINE SOON! February 25, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS to our NATIONAL Award Winner!



Texas 4-H is thrilled to announce one of our own Texas 4-H youth was named the National 4-H Youth in Action Healthy Living Pillar Winner. In an extremely competitive base of applicants, **Micah Palacios**, rose to the top. At just nine years old, Micah Palacios was diagnosed with Alopecia Areata, an autoimmune disease that attacked her hair follicles. Before her 10th birthday, she lost 75% of her hair and, most importantly, lost her self-confidence, leading to anxiety and depression. But the older 4-H'ers in her club built her confidence by assuring her that despite her hair loss, she was no different than anyone else. In 4-H, Micah learned to embellish hats, scarves and bandanas that covered her hair and helped her relieve stress in a healthy way.

She also learned about proper nutrition and how to eat a well-balanced diet to improve her energy. These experiences motivated Micah to lead the 4-H food & nutrition and health projects in her community, but she sensed something was missing. After taking a National Alliance on Mental Illness class, she started to make changes in the way she interacted with others. Now, she has launched the Navigating Your Thoughts program for Bexar County 4-H Clubs and military base programs, with the goal of reducing mental health stigma. Micah is a senior in high school and hopes to pursue a career in public health. Please join us in congratulation Micah on this great accomplishment!

Want to learn more about how YOU can apply?



The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar
- One Pillar Winner will be selected as the 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner and will receive an additional higher education scholarship.
- The <u>2021 4-H YOUTH IN ACTION APPLICATION</u> is now open!



2019 Major Show Dates & Eligibility Forms

Major Show updates are available online!

Remember to reference the premium list and pay attention to animal health requirements.

- 1. Houston (Mar. 3rd to Mar. 22nd) <u>www.hlsr.com</u> Eligibility Form <u>HERE</u> and Due February 24th, 2020
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Passes Ready for Pick Up!

With stock show season around the corner, we'd like to inform all 4-H families that Stock Show passes are ready for pick up for the following shows:

- San Antonio
- Houston

Please plan to pick up your passes at our office (3355 Cherry Ridge Drive, Suite 212, SATX 78230) between the hours of 8-NOON or 1-5pm. Please note we are CLOSED for the lunch hour (Noon to 1pm). Please talk to Nick Vazquez for your passes. **If you plan to pick up passes on behalf of another family, please make sure you communicate that to the family. We will require all families to sign out all passes they take**



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Academic Eligibility Reminder – Reminder to all members for the new 4-H year that all competitive stock show events will require academic eligibility forms to be completed by 4-H members. In the event you are INELIGIBLE, we will still need the form returned to us! Even if the events take place on weekends, UIL rules state, you must be academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. It is your responsibility to follow through and take the form to your school for them to check if you are academically eligible to participate in the event. Due date to return the form to our office will ALWAYS be at the top of the form. You are responsible for accounting for the days you are absent from school. The 10-day absence limitation is clearly defined in the UIL Rules - Texas Administrative Code 97.113. It is imperative that you be aware of and adhere to the requirements.

Scheduling Project Visits

Sam is available and happy to assist families with their animal projects if they have questions or need help. Sam would like to see as many projects as possible before show season. Please give Sam a call (210.631.0400) to get your project visit scheduled. Additionally, you may also reach him at <u>Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu</u>



2019 Bexar County Horse Show Schedule



- February 29, 2020
- March 28, 2020
- March 29, 2020

Hunter/Jumper Show Performance classes *Eligibility Required Speed classes

All shows are held at the Guadalupe County Fair Grounds in Seguin.

More information about show schedules and registration is available on the Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders facebook page.

Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Meetings

- <u>Information:</u> The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will be meeting once a month to help plan and execute fun Horse activities and events for members across the County. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for both adults and youth! Please see the meeting dates below and attend if you'd like to join. Meetings are held at the Bexar County 4-H office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., S-208, San Antonio TX 78230) @ 6:30 PM. Questions? Contact Melanie Wilcox-Faulkner at <u>MelanieDVM@satx.rr.com</u>
 - February 17, 2020
 - March 16, 2020
 - April 20, 2020
 - May 18, 2020
 - June 15, 2020
 - July 20, 2020
 - August 17, 2020

Summer Horsemanship School Program

 <u>Information</u>: The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Horsemanship School program is designed to provide you all the tools you need to host a one-of-a-kind Horse clinic in your County. To learn more on how to get started, please see the program flyer <u>HERE</u>.



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- <u>TIMELINE:</u>
 - Application Deadline: February 14th
 - Interview Notifications (Tentative): April 3rd
 - Interviews: April 24th 26th
 - o Award Notifications (Tentative): May 4th
 - \circ Texas 4-H Roundup: June 8th 11th

Applicants must have their application reviewed by their CEA and have their CEA complete the CEA Verification Form (see <u>HERE</u>). The applicant will need to upload this form with their application. The form is available to print from the Foundation website under the "Apply" button on the Scholarship page or from within their application.

✓ Applicants now have the option to upload a pdf document for responses that are better suited in a table format.

2020 Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship Applications Open – Due Mar. 2, 2020

- Information: The following are scholarship opportunities provided by Texas Farm Bureau:
 - 1. TFB District Scholarship (39 scholarships available at \$1K each) & (13 scholarship available at \$1.5K each)
 - 2. TFB Young Farmer & Ranger High School Scholarship (13 scholarships available at \$1K each)
 - 3. TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship (1 scholarship available at \$1K)

All information for the scholarships can be found: <u>https://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/</u>. This includes deadlines, individual scholarship rules, eligibility, awards and the link to MyTFB. All students applying must be a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family, with membership remaining current during the duration of the scholarship. To become a member go to the following link: <u>https://my.texasfarmbureau.org</u>. Click on "Don't have a Membership" located within the "Sign Up" box on the MyTFB website. All scholarship applications must be submitted online <u>no later</u> <u>than midnight March 2, 2020.</u>

2020 Norman Vestal Memorial Rotary Scholarship – Due Mar. 6, 2020

Information: The Rotary Club of San Antonio will grant five \$500 scholarships to area graduating high school seniors from Bexar County who plan to pursue a career in Agri-life (to include Agri-business). The deadline to apply for the 2020-2021 Norman Vestal Memorial Rotary Scholarship is Friday, March 6, 2020. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. To apply please read the following eligibility and application guidelines <u>HERE</u>.

2020 Soil & Crop Sciences Scholarship – Texas A&M University – Due Mar. 15, 2020

<u>Information:</u> The Soil & Crop Sciences Department at Texas A&M University has a great opportunity for students wanting to major in **Plant & Environmental Soil Science** and **Turfgrass Science**. The department is awarding \$16,000 scholarships to incoming freshmen and \$8000 scholarships to transfer students. Please see the <u>Flyer HERE</u> for information about the scholarships & the application process. You can also find the information at this link: <u>https://soilcrop.tamu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/scholarships/</u>. **Deadline for Fall Transfers is March 15, 2020**

Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship – Due April 10, 2020

 Information: 4-H members who have exhibited steers in their 4-H career are encouraged to apply for the Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship. Member MUST be an active 4-H member and a graduating senior. Deadline is April 10, 2020. Full guidelines can be found <u>HERE</u>, and application document <u>HERE</u>.

2019-2020 County Council Meeting Calendar – "Who's Your Neighbor?"

 Information: 4-H Club members and delegates are encouraged and invited to this year's 4-H County Council meetings! This year's meetings will be themed "Who's Your Neighbor?" and have an educational component on meeting your fellow neighbor and improving your local community. Each meeting will be held at the Bexar County 4-H Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., S-208, SATX 78230) @ 7pm. Parents are encouraged to attend as well and join in during the Adult Leaders Association meeting. Next Meeting is:

NEW

- March 5, 2020 Bexar Ext. Office @ 7PM Seminar: Oak Wilt Being a Good Neighbor to the Environment
- May 14, 2020 Bexar Ext. Office @ 7PM

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Apply to be a Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador!

Information: The Texas 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador Program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth, and to become knowledgeable representatives for the Fashion & Interior Design project. Applications must be submitted online, March 1-31, 2020. Application link can be found <u>HERE</u>. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 20 participants. Applicants will be notified in April with the results. Mandatory training will be held at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio July 27-30th. A \$250 participation fee will be charged for the training. For more information contact Angela McCorkle or check out the button below. Angela McCorkle | armccorkle@ag.tamu.edu | 979-845-1150

Salute to Excellence Award Nominations OPEN!





Nominations are now being accepted now through **Monday**, **March 16**, **2020** for the Salute to Excellence recognition luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 during the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup. Nominations are now open online through Formsite to recognize volunteers, donors and AgriLife personnel for their continued commitment to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. These can be supporters (individuals, couples, businesses, organizations) who assist at the county, district, regional, or state level. For full award criteria and guidelines please see the <u>information packet</u>. The six recognition categories are:

- Leader Legacy
- Citation for Outstanding Service
- 4-H Alumni
- Commendable Service
- Meritorious Service
- Salute to Excellence

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Please review the <u>list</u> of previous winners mentioned above to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter. Descriptions of each category can be found in the <u>Volunteer Recognition Packet link</u>

Please take a few minutes and nominate individuals or groups for their efforts. I know it's a busy time of year for most of us, but we all know the value of our volunteers and donors, so please don't miss the opportunity to publicly recognize them! And don't hesitate to nominate someone you may have nominated in the past, but was not selected to receive the award. We usually have more nominees than we have awards to present.

Online nominations accepted: Today - March 16, 2020

Salute to Excellence luncheon: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 in College Station

With questions reach out to Laura Huebinger at <u>huebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

Summer Camps 2020! Texas 4-H Center

- Information: Registration for Summer Programs at Lake Brownwood starts February 1, 2020 information available at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.
- The Mission Possible Mentor applications are now open online at this LINK. 4-H Members currently in the 8th grade and up are eligible to apply. This service learning opportunity allows 4-H members to be partnered with Mission Possible campers to provide a safe and fun camp experience for all. Mentor applications are due on March 20th, 2020 and mentors will be notified by April 3rd, 2020 on their mentor status.
- Mission Possible Mentors must be available June 28-July 1 to attend training and camp at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas. Contact Cari Snider at cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu with any questions.



Register online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



- 3rd Grade and up All camp enrollment is based on grade in 2020-2021 school year 4-H membership is NOT required
- Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount Late fee \$50
 - All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

Evan A&M AgriLafe will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons for, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and sell strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Tenas A&M AgriLlfe. The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equi regardless of take, color, sex, religion, national origin, age



Information: Local Bexar County 4-H member Abby Hartfiel NEEDS YOUR HELP! She is collecting newspapers to • donation to the San Antonio Humane Society. Help Abby by bringing recycled newspaper to the Bexar County Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., S-212, SATX 78230) from now until March 27, 2020!

San Antonio Stockyards Historical Society Trail Ride Event – March 28, 2020

Information: The San Antonio Stockyards Historical Society will be hosting a 2-hour trail ride event presented by SA Stockyards and The Land Heritage Institute. This program is \$25 per horse/rider and includes dinner and a hoedown. The event benefits the San Antonio Stockyards Historical Society which is looking to sponsor 4-H & FFA clubs in San Antonio's Westside. See flyer HERE.

Citizenship Washington Focus: Presidential Inauguration Opportunity!

- <u>Information:</u> Registration is now open for this special session of Citizenship Washington Focus. 4-H'ers ages 14-19 will learn the intricacies of the Executive branch and explore their role in citizenship. We want to provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for youth and for this reason, priority will be given to groups with at least four youths to each adult. Don't miss this monumental event in history!
 - For more Inforamation please visit this WEBSITE
 - O To Register please go here: https://4-h.org/parents/presidential-inauguration/#!register-for-cwf-pi
 - If you are interested in attending the event, please in addition to registering via the link above, email Dr. Williams at <u>Montza.Williams@ag.tamu.edu</u> *Please note that this is NOT registration*

National Youth Summits

<u>Information:</u> Summit registration is filling up fast! Register today for cutting-edge workshops, meaningful networking and legendary speakers. For more information and registration links please visit this <u>WEBSITE</u>

• Photography | February 26 - March 1, 2020

GLOBE Tier 1 Registration Open

<u>Information: -</u> GLOBE (Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education) registration is now open for Tier I of this two year experience. 4-H members currently in 7th – 11th grades will use the 4HConnect system to register for GLOBE. When in Connect, select 2020 GLOBE to World Hunger Relief – Tier 1 to begin the registration process. A registration fee of \$175 will be charged until January 1 when the fee will increase to \$200. For 2020, we are partnering with World Hunger Relief in Waco for Tier I educational opportunities. Tier II will be an unforgettable international service learning experience for 4-Hers in 2021 who meet the criteria. Check out the <u>flyer</u>!

The GLOBE Experience:

Webinars: 4-H members are expected to participate in at least two of three scheduled online webinars. The webinars are designed to introduce youth to the concepts of poverty, ag sustainability and temporary aid.

Experiential Field Trip: 40 youth and Texas A&M AgriLife personnel serving as chaperones will meet at the World Hunger Relief Organization in Waco. Participants must choose either the *June 15-17 OR June 17-19* Session (content is the same, two groups required due to facility limitations). The **registration fee of \$175** includes two nights lodging and meals. Participants will bring sleeping bags and toiletries as with any 'camp' experience.

GLOBE 4-H Polo: All participants will receive a Texas 4-H GLOBE commemorative polo shirt.

Expectations: Upon completion of the Tier I experience at World Hunger Relief Organization, participants are expected to complete a service project related to poverty and/or hunger and make two presentations about their experience to civic groups. Tasks will be reported through an online reporting system. Deadline to complete all assignments is October 31.

What's next? A Tier II international service learning experience abroad will be offered in 2021; only those youth that have completed the Tier I experience are eligible to participate.

Global Citizenship Study Trip 2021



Join us for 10 days in *Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest* during summer 2021!! Travel through the Iron Curtain and World War II to Gothic cathedrals and ancient cities that are now more vibrant than ever. Berlin mixes historical significance, rich culture and an exciting cosmopolitan energy. Prague, which escaped the bombs of World War II, woos you with old-world charm. And in Krakow and Budapest, two of Europe's most underrated cities, architectural gems await around every corner. It's an incredible opportunity for you to explore new places and cultures, and we can't wait to see you discover more about yourself in the process.

If interested, please participate in the informational WebEx meeting in order to hear all the details including the destinations, itinerary, and cost of the trip! If you are interested in joining the AgriLife WebEx meeting PLEASE RSVP HERE: https://rsvp.eftours.com/yxr798t.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact, Dr. Darlene Locke (<u>dlocke@ag.tamu.edu</u> / 979.845.1203) or Dr. Montza Williams (<u>ml-williams@tamu.edu</u> / 903.834.6191).

Learn more at the informational meeting scheduled for WebEx.

Monday, October 28, 2019 Start: 6:00 PM

https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/agrilife-tamu

Meeting number: 925 549 098 Meeting password: N3zP5Fkm



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.



ARE YOU A MAKER?

BiblioTech is seeking participants to showcase original work at our Makers Expo.

This is a community engagement event that gives all "MAKERS" a platform to showcase their work.

If interested please contact Jesse Garcia to reserve a table. Jesse.garcia@bexar.org

For more information visit www.BexarBiblioTech.org or call 210.631.0190









4-H Speaker Request Form

• Information: If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this <u>form</u> and submit to <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u> at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210-631-0400.

Mark your Calendars for upcoming County Trainings:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location
Record Book Training	3/26/2020	@ 6:30 PM	Bexar Ext. Office S-208
Bexar SALE Scholarship & Interview Training	4/2/2020	@ 6:30 PM	Bexar Ext. Office S-208
Club Manager Training 1	6/2/2020	@ 10 AM OR @ 6:30 PM	Bexar Ext. Office S-208
Club Manager Training 2	7/7/2020	@ 10 AM OR @ 6:30 PM	Bexar Ext. Office S-208
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Early Childhood Educator Training Series

Information: Please join us for the Early Childhood Educator Training Series with classes ongoing from Jan. 28 until Oct. 27. Cost is \$24 (per person) for 3 sessions or \$80 per person for the entire series. Series focuses on Early Childhood care including: child behavior & discipline, pre-school gardening, baby basis, and much more. Please see the full flier for details and registration information: <u>FLYER HERE</u>.

Spring Break Nature Camp – March 10 – 12, 2020

 Information: Spring Break Nature Camp will be hosted March 10-12, 2020 @ the Bexar County Extension Office for youth 6-11 years of age. Spring Break Nature Camp will include activities in the project areas of: Entomology, Horticulture, Wildlife, Herpetology and more. Space is LIMITED, and this camp fills up fast! Register today but visiting <u>HERE</u>, or contacting Ruby Zavala for more info: <u>ruby.zavala@ag.tamu.edu</u>

2020 Science & Math Summer Academy – Sponsored by St. Phillip's College

- Information: Youth ages 11-15 years old are invited to experience the Science & Math Summer Academy sponsored by St. Phillips College taking place: July 6 July 23, 2020 from 9am 4pm at the St. Phillip's campus. See <u>flyer</u> & <u>promo video</u> for more details. Program highlights include:
 - Encourages kids to experiment in our "real" laboratories
 - Field trip every week
 - Free lunches
 - Every week we change up the classes never boring!
 - \circ $\:$ Never any home work this is educational fun!
 - July 6-23 (Mondays Thursdays)

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project *(WHEP)*

What & Who: Project Workshop for Youth and Adults

Date: February 29, 2020 The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Location: Woods Ranch, 4580 FM 2940, Rising Star, Texas, 76471 (Brown County)

Registration: January 17 – February 21, 2020 4-H Connect (<u>https://texas.4honline.com/</u>) Cost is \$10.00 for each participant, youth and adult. Lunch will be provided for each registered participant.

Workshop: WHEP and the WHEP Manual will be briefly explained. An abbreviated WHEP contest will be set up to allow participants to apply the information in the habitat. Participants will be able to work in groups of any size and complete activities using their Manual in the field. An abbreviated format will be used to accommodate the time frame. Following each contest activity, official answers will be given, explained, and discussed. Habitat evaluation and management will be discussed. Adults and youth will participate together to learn more about the project.

All participants should review the **WHEP Manual** found on the 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Project webpage (<u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/</u>) under 'Contests' and 'Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest'. A copy should be printed and taken to be used by each participant or at least one for the county group.

2020 4-H Veterinary Science Summer Camps

- Information: The following 4-H Veterinary Science Camps will be hosted as follows:
 - Camp 1 Jun 8-11, 2020 @ Texas A&M, College Station
 - o Camp 2 Jun 15-17, 2020 @ Texas A&M, Kingsville
 - o Camp 3 Jul 13-15, 2020 @ West Texas A&M, Canyon

Goal: Learn how to perform clinical skills on large and small animals under veterinary supervision and earn 33 clinical skill hours.

<u>Cost:</u> \$225 (includes room, meals, and materials)

Deadline: April 6, 2020 by 5:00 PM Online submission:

Qualtrics Requirements: 4-H member (age 12-18 as of September 1, 2019)

Each camp is limited to 25 participants. Applicants will be notified by April 30, 2020, if they are accepted.

<u>Contact:</u> Tyler Vogel at <u>tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu</u>

Summer Horsemanship School Program

 Information: The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Horsemanship School program is designed to provide you all the tools you need to host a one-of-a-kind Horse clinic in your County. To learn more on how to get started, please see the program flyer <u>HERE</u>.

<u>4-H Dog Project Trainings – 2019-2020 Schedule Released!</u>

• Information: Are you interested in learning how to train your dog in Obedience and Agility? AND do you want to spend more time with your dog? Well guess what! Bexar County 4-H has a dog project! Come join the Bexar County Dog Squad and learn how to bond with your dog over sits, stays and lots of love! Please see our <u>flyer</u> for more information!

4-H For Health Online Learning Series

• <u>Information:</u> 4-H members, and leaders who have a passion for healthy living are welcome to join us for the 4-H for Health Online Learning Series. This learning series will explore various youth health issues which have been identified by our Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors. Each online seminar will take place at 6:30 PM online at https://zoom.us/j/431035937 Dates and topics listed below! Please share our <u>flyer</u> with your members!

February 18th

March 17th

April 14th

- Can Fast Food be Healthy?
- Is that Text Really Worth it?
- The Harmful Effects of Alcohol

TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy

- <u>Information</u>: The TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy is open for registration! This is a 12 week online course available at <u>agrilifelearn.tamu.edu</u>, that offers a very personal and immersive learning experience through the following features:
- Weekly webinars to discuss and evaluate classes lead by TAMU faculty and students (Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm)
- Access to instructors for question and answer interactions
- Access to online learning and practice materials
- Individual feedback on video submitted reasons (2 sets/week), including score and critique
- Select content will be presented in Virtual Reality. A VR headset will be shipped to each registered user, mobile device required.
- The first webinar will be held on **Feb. 25**th and we are limiting this course to 25 seats. Please pass this info along to anyone that might be interested in enrolling. Great learning opportunity for individuals, teams and/or coaches. Any questions can be directed to <u>texashorsehelp@tamu.edu</u>.











Children's Vegetable Garden Program



At the Historic Homestead in Phil Hardberger Park

Phil Hardberger Park Children's Vegetable Spring Garden Program

Rain or shine, children have fun with hands on activities in the garden while learning about team work, nutrition, and how to be good stewards of the land.

Tuesdays, February 25 – June 9, 2020

9:00a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 5 and up homeschooled children

Cost: \$75 per plot per family (no more than 3 per plot)

Registration starts on Monday January 13, 2020 @ 9am



www.philhardbergerpark.org

Parent Orientation – Feb. 18, 9am-10am Volunteer Orientation – Feb. 18, 10am-11am

> For more information contact: Susan.Campbell@sanantonio.gov





District/State Contest Reimbursement Form

- Information: The Bexar 4-H Council has money set aside to reimburse for selected District and State events to encourage participation and help ease the financial burden for active 4-H families. The money reimbursed will need to be requested from our office; no longer automatically mailed. See details below:
- How: Please fill out and return the <u>Reimbursement Form</u> to <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u>

2019-2020 County – District – State Dates

Dates marked as TENATIVE are subject to change. Be prepared! District Dairy/Horse/Consumer Decision Judging – February 2020 (During S.A.L.E.) **District Photography Contest – Due February 25, 2020** County Duds to Dazzle/Fashion Show & Storyboards – March 14, 2020 County Photography Entries DUE – March 16, 2020 County Project Show – April 17 (Drop Off Night) & 18 (Show), 2020 County Share-the-Fun Contest – April 4, 2020 District Meat Judging - April 15, 2020 District Livestock Judging (Fredericksburg) – April 22, 2020 District Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture ID (Fredericksburg) – April 23, 2020 District Share-the-Fun (Fredericksburg) – April 23, 2020 District Wool & Mohair Judging (Fredericksburg) – April 23, 2020 District Leaders 4 Life (Fredericksburg) – April 23, 2020 District Soil Judging (Fredericksburg) – April 24, 2020 District Duds to Dazzle (Fredericksburg) – April 24, 2020 District Fashion Show & Storyboards (Fredericksburg) – April 24, 2020 District Smallbore Rifle Contest (Floresville) – April 25, 2020 Texas State Roundup (College Station, TX) – June 8-11, 2020 County Recordbooks & Awards DUE – June 15, 2020 County Recordbook Judging – June 19-20, 2020 District Horse Show (Dripping Springs) – June 17 – 18, 2020 District 10 Leadership Lab (Brownwood) – June 24 – 26, 2020 District 10 Recordbook Judging (Helotes) – July 9, 2020 State 4-H Dog Show (Huntsville, TX Walker Co. Fairgrounds)– July 10-11, 2020 Texas 4-H Congress (Austin, TX) – July 12-15, 2020 State 4-H Horse Show – TBA July, 2020



- District Consumer Decision Making, Dairy Judging & Horse Judging Letter
- Deadline for D-10 Spring Roundup is March 24, 2020. Late Deadline is March 26th +\$25 LATE FEE
- 2019-2020 D-10 Spring Roundup Guide (Includes ALL Spring Contests)
- [•]NFW 2019-2020 Share the Fun Letter
- ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ *NEW* 2019 - 2020 Duds to Dazzle Letter *Updated*
- *NEW* 2019 – 2020 Fashion Show Letter
- NEW* 2019 2020 Fashion Storyboard Letter
- *NEW* 2019-2020 Meat Judging Letter

019-2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS**

- 2020 County Photography Rules
- NEW* 2020 District Photography Rules
- 2019 2020 State Photography Rules (Applies ONLY to Senior Age Division members who qualify from County)

2020 RECORDBOOK UPDATES*

County Recordbooks & Awards DUE: June 15, 2020 @ 8AM

- 2019-2020 Family Guide to Recordbooks
- 2019-2020 Recordbook Categories
- 2019-2020 Recordbook Forms
- **VEW*** Coming Soon.... Online Recordbook System Information
 - The online system is asking the same information as the forms posted above. Therefore, families will just now have an option of entering the information into the Word format **or** online. The online process is just another method of gathering the same data.

2020 TEXAS STATE ROUNDUP UPDATES*

- Theme Released: Embrace the Past, Empower the Present, and Envision the Future!
- 2020 Contest Changes and Reminders
- 2020 Updated Roundup Guide

***2020 TEXAS STATE DOG SHOW UPDATE

- 2020 State Dog Show Rules
- 2020 State Dog Show T-Shirt Contest Rules DUE February 14, 2020
- 2020 State Dog Show Photography Contest Pg. 28 of State Dog Show Rules
- 2020 Brazos County Dog Show Invitational Contest Open to ALL Texas 4-H Members

2019-2020 SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events

- Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2
- District 7 Shooting Sports Coaches Training March 7-8, 2020 @ Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX
 - 0 Disciplines Offered: Archery, Pistol, Rifle Shotgun
 - Deadline to Register: Feb. 22nd for Early Bird Price of \$130 OR Mar. 5th for Late Price of \$180 0
 - Register here: http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
- NEW Wilson County Invitational 4-H Small Bore Rifle Shoot – Feb. 29, 2020 @ Wilson County Show Barn
 - NO jacketed bullets: must be LEAD ONLY bullets. 0
 - Relays only added once ALL stated relays are full. 0
 - Lost challenges cost challenger 2 points. Ο
 - Teams must be declared before first bullet is shot. (Team Registration Form) 0
 - Email your teams ahead of time please. 0
 - Liability waiver must be read and signed before shooting 0
 - Please email <u>C merecka@yahoo.com</u> your lane requests and make sure I confirm your days and times. 0

Rodeo Austin Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are opportunities for youth to volunteer to sing the National Anthem and recite the American, Texas Pledges, the FFA Motto and the 4-H Pledge at the shows for Rodeo Austin.

- Longhorn Show Saturday, March 14th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Market Lamb & Goat Show Tuesday, March 17th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Market Poultry Show Wednesday, March 18th -Show starts at 11:00 am
- Open Boer Goat Show Thursday, March 19th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Barrow Show Saturday, March 21st Show starts at 8:00 am
- Barrow Show Sunday, March 22nd- Show starts at 8:00 am
- Market Steer Show Tuesday, March 24th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Market Steer Show Wednesday, March 25th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Jr. Breeding Heifer Show Friday, March 27th Show starts at 9:00 am
- Jr. Breeding Heifer Show Saturday, March 28th Show starts at 9:00 am

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea9ae2aa57-rodeo1

For those interested in this leadership opportunity, please sign up using the above link to the online form. You will need to plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the species show in which you are volunteering. One parking and one gate pass will be provided for the youth who is volunteering (provided you do not already have any) and the passes will be mailed to the address you provide. **You WILL NEED to provide your address when signing up.**

When you register, please select the option to use alternate name and in the "First Name" box, list the first and last name of the youth member. In the "last name" box, list the 4-H County or FFA Chapter in which the youth is a member. If you would like to sing the national anthem, a video needs to be emailed to Cory by February 25th as those spots will be assigned. If you have questions, please email Cory at <u>Cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu</u>

2020 Brazos County Dog Show (Invitational) – Feb. 15, 2020

 Information: Do you have 4-H Dog Project members who would like to practice before headed to the State Dog Show? Enter the 2020 Brazos County Dog Show, Saturday Feb. 15, 2020. Early Bird Deadline to register is February 3, 2020. See flyer for more details <u>HERE</u>.

Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest – Deadline: March 1, 2020

Information: 4-H members who have a passion for honey bee conservation are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced their 2020 Essay Topic. This year's Topic is: **Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season.** Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.

How to Enter: Essays will be uploaded at no fee on 4-H Connect using the "2020 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is Sunday, March 1. Winners will be announced the week of March 23. Rules and Guidelines for contest can be found <u>HERE</u>.

2020 West Texas 4-H Invitational Hippology Contest

Information: Members interested in Horse Judging are invited to the West Texas 4-H Invitational Hippology Contest held in San Angelo, TX, Sunday, April 5, 2020. Early Bird Deadline to register is March 29, 2020. See flyer for more details HERE.

Audition to Sing National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup

 Information: Calling all 4-H alumni, current 4-H members and Clover Kids! Help us Embrace the Past, Empower the Present and Envision the Future at the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup. This year Texas 4-H Council would like to highlight 4-H from past to present. On Tuesday, that are looking for a 4-H Alumni to sing the National Anthem. Then on Wednesday a current Intermediate or Senior age 4-H member would perform. They would like to close the week featuring a Junior 4-H member or Clover kid. DEADLINE is Wednesday, April 1. Apply <u>HERE</u>!



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