## Bexar County 4-H RocksI





# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### 4-H Office CLOSED until 4/17

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# DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

#### As a reminder, 4-H programming (Club meetings, project meetings, events or contests) will be cancelled/postponed until May 4, 2020

- APR 1 County Project Show ENTRY FORMS DUE\_POSTPONED
- APR 1 PVAMU Goat Giveaway Program Applications CANCELLED
- APR 1 <u>Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate Applications Due: Pg.10</u>
- APR 1 <u>Auditions for TX 4-H Roundup National Anthem DEADLINE</u>
- APR 2 <u>Virtual Scholarship & Interview Training on WebEx</u>
- APR 3 <u>Steer Validation Form/Payment DUE</u>
- APR 3 Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Applications DUE
- APR 4 3-D Archery Shoot Open to ALL 4-H Members
- APR 4 Guadalupe County 4-H GEAR Robotics Challenge
- APR 6 2020 Veterinary Science Camps Registration DEADLINE
- APR 9 <u>Virtual Advanced Record Book Training on WebEx</u>
- APR 10 Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship Application DUE
- APR 13 <u>State Fair Lamb/Goat Validation Form/Payment DUE</u>
- APR 13 State Fair Swine Validation Form/Payment DUE
- APR 14 <u>Virtual Beginner Record Book Training on WebEx</u>
- APR 15 Horse Validation 1<sup>st</sup> DEADLINE \$10 Per Horse
- APR 15 <u>State Photography Contest Deadline via 4-H Connect</u>
- APR 17 <u>Texas Sheep & Goat Ranchers Roundup Camp Registration DUE</u>
- APR 21 County Awards Informational Session on WebEx
- APR 30 <del>2020 PVAMU Youth Lab Applications Due **CANCELLED**</del>
- APR 30 <u>ABASE TX Section Cleon Namken Scholarship DUE</u>
- MAY 1 <u>Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Applications DUE</u>
- MAY 1 <u>Horse Validation 2<sup>nd</sup> DEADLINE \$20 Per Horse</u>
- MAY 1 <u>State Livestock & Equine Ambassador Applications DUE</u>
- MAY 1 <u>Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications DUE</u>
- MAY 1 Texas 4-H Roping School Applications DUE
- MAY 5 FINAL Horse Validation Deadline \$250 Per Horse
- MAY 12 Invitational Storyboard Contest Deadline via 4-H Connect
- MAY 15 Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Interviews
- MAY 15 <u>Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration DUE on 4-H Connect</u>
- MAY 15 <u>Water Ambassador Applications DUE</u>
- MAY 30 <u>Top Tomato Contest hosted by Fanick's</u>
- JUN 17 <u>District Community Service Project Donations due to Office</u>

# A QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! A

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The cost of horse validation is as follows:

March 1st – April 15th \$10/horseApril 16th – May 1st \$20/horseLate Validation May 2nd – May 5th \$250/horseNo validations will be accepted by 4-H connect after May 5th for any reason.

#### DISTRICT 10 SPRING ROUNDUP CONTEST INFO

<u>The Texas 4-H Program has decided there will be no spring qualifying contests in any District.</u> As a result District 10 Spring Roundup is cancelled in order to comply with the above rules. If you have registered your registrations will be deleted so that you are NOT charged any of the registration fees. When (or if) State Roundup is held, all senior members will be invited to participate in their respective contest with three exceptions – Food Challenge/Show and Share-the-Fun. Specific plans will be shared as necessary for these contests if/when we get to that point. UIL academic eligibility is not an issue since no one will be competing for a qualifying spot.

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Lastly, in addition to barrows, purebred (registered) gilts showing at the 2020 State Fair of Texas and at the 2020 Heart of Texas must be state validated. Registration papers will also have to be uploaded online. If you have any questions please contact Sam Womble at <u>Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu</u> or Chris Lambert at <u>Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu</u>

#### \*\*\*2019-2020 COUNTY CONTESTS\*\*\*

- 2019-2020 County Photography Contest is underway! Qualifying Senior members will be alerted of their placings first to register for the <u>State Photography</u> <u>Contes via 4-H Connect.</u> Registration period is April 1 – 15, 2020
- 2. 2019-2020 County Project Show Postponed Fall 2020

# COVID-19 Update from Bexar 4-H

Howdy 4-H Family,

As I'm sure you're all aware, our nation and state are currently navigating difficult waters regarding the spread of COVID-19 or ubiquitously dubbed the "Coronavirus" (<u>https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/</u>). No doubt you have felt the effects of this event in more ways than one. We are taking guidance at this time from our agency, local government, and federal government on how best to advise our groups to mitigate the probabilities of infection and further spread of the virus. **Please read the following recommendations regarding public gatherings/social distancing, and best hygiene practices.** We know you all have been made aware of this information, but we'd like to emphasize the importance of these practices so we can hopefully return to a normal state of operation in the near future.

- 1. The following actions are being taken regarding educational programs and face to face meetings:
  - a. All AgriLife face-to-face meetings will be cancelled *through April 17* at the earliest. This status will be reviewed based on the statewide public health disaster declaration made by the Governor. All 4-H Programming will abide by UIL Guidelines and therefore will be suspended until May 4, 2020.
  - b. Starting Monday March 23, 2020, *our physical office will be closed*, and we will implement a telecommuting solution to minimize as much person to person contact as possible for a two week period. After this two week period, we will revisit the telecommuting solution. We can be reached during normal office hours at 210-631-0400.

#### 2. The following CDC information relates to how COVID-19 is spread:

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  - $\circ$  Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
  - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

• Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects:

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

#### 3. The following CDC information relates to how to mitigate infection of COVID-19:

CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Again, we know that the effects of COVID-19 has already made a huge impact over the past few weeks. We deeply empathize with our 4-H families and more importantly our youth who have been dealt a difficult hand this year with many opportunities being cancelled. However, I hope and believe that the measures that have been taken will be to our community's benefit overall. Please be safe over the next few weeks and let us know if you have any questions!

# AgriLife & 4-H Opportunities related to COVID-19

While life has thrown us a huge curve ball with COVID-19, we do not want your kids to feel that they are helpless in this situation. We would like to share some different learning opportunities coming from the local, district and State office that will help them remain activity, engaged and learning during this time. You're welcome to email me <a href="https://www.ntervantes@ag.tamu.edu">ntervantes@ag.tamu.edu</a> if you identify a need that AgriLife or Bexar 4-H can address.

1. Follow our Facebook Page for fun videos and activity ideas: AgriLife Bexar County



Check out our first video in the 4-H Healthy Living Series, "3 Ways To De-Stress." We would love for you to send us photos of you doing the activity! Send us your photos at: <u>sayako.seymour@ag.tamu.edu</u>

- 2. Operation Face Mask: There is a National shortage of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), including face masks. There have been many social media posts with patterns, instructions and videos on how to make face masks and some health care facilities are requesting them. AgriLife Extension is entrusting Texas 4-H members to help with this issue! Click the links below for instructions on how to create masks with both elastic and with ties. To best comply with social distancing, families should work independently on this project.
  - a. Sewing a Mask with Elastic: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGMFYPzhUn-Q42lgUtsEueggeG65-\_s/view</u>
  - b. Sewing a Mask with Ties: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdIoJhfh6VID7kpHbIIMxSIWsVeqJ/view</u>
  - c. Bexar County 4-H Ambassador, Alya Trimble, has already been hard at work and created masks! She has graciously offered herself as a point of contact for members who may have sewing questions. She can be reached via email at <u>phtrimble@yahoo.com</u>

#### 3. VIRTUAL Camps and Learning Opportunities:

- a. Virtual 4-H STEMP Space Camp Flyer & Registration Link
- b. Texas 4-H Virtual Experience <u>Schedule and Login Information</u>
- c. District 5 Virtual Crappie Tournament Flyer
- d. 4-H Storyboard Invitational Contest Any Senior aged 4-H member
   can enter 1 storyboard in the category of their choice. Storyboards can be created in a digital format or by creating a physical board (submit a picture of the board). Entries can be uploaded into 4-H Connect: April 15th- May 12th. For more information contact: <u>armccorkle@ag.tamu.edu</u>
- e. 4-H Virtual Art Camp (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) <u>Registration Link</u> & <u>Flyer</u>



# 4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS

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#### **District Livestock Judging & Meat Judging Updates – CANCELLED**

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#### Agency Policy on Prospect Show Participation after HLSR and Rodeo Austin Cancellation

We appreciate the commitment of so many supporters of the youth livestock industry and the coordinated efforts to support youth in exhibiting their animals in response to the closing of HLSR and Rodeo Austin. AgriLife Extension personnel have been directed to not serve, lead or coordinate these events. Additionally, these events should be working in conjunction with the local health department and follow the direction of local authorities. **In addition, we cannot offer to provide school excuse letters for these events, as they are not sanctioned 4-H/FFA events.** These events are occurring in public venues, bringing together large gatherings of people, and are not in compliance with the recommendations coming from state and local health officials. Thank you for your understanding and supporting of these directives.

#### **2020 PVAMU Goat Giveaway Program - CANCELLED**

#### Texas Livestock & Equine Ambassador Program – Applications DUE May 1, 2020

- <u>Information:</u> The Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador Programs are looking for the next motivated group of young people eager to promote and lead in areas of livestock and equine science. We hope you will consider applying to the program. Members selected will receive training at various short course opportunities held over the summer at some of the leading Universities in Texas. Our hope is when you return from the short course, you will develop your leadership skills and assist with educational programs. Attached, you will find a <u>Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine</u> <u>Ambassador promotional document</u> that explains the program in more detail.
- 2020 Short Course Offering:
  - Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M June 14-17, 2020
  - Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M Kingsville June 22-25, 2020
  - o Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas Tech/ West Texas A&M July 13-16, 2020
  - Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M July 20-23, 2020
- Selection Criteria:
  - Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine projects.
  - Students with a profound interest in animal/equine science, animal production and advocacy.
  - Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others.
  - Top 25% class rank
- Application Process:
  - a. Livestock <a href="https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_b9knd7h0VXkbNKB">https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_b9knd7h0VXkbNKB</a>
  - b. Equine <a href="https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_eVUuz6NEngnkqsB">https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_eVUuz6NEngnkqsB</a>
  - c. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
  - d. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
  - e. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
  - f. Applications are due May 1, 2020

#### <u> Texas Sheep & Goat Youth Ranchers Roundup – June 1-5, 2020</u>

<u>Information</u>: A new camp sponsored by the Texas Lamb and Goat Validation will be held **June 1-5, 2020 in San Angelo, TX**. This will be a week full of opportunities for youth who are particularly interested in the sheep and goat side of the agricultural industry. We will introduce and expose the students to the business and entrepreneurial spirit engrained in the production and commercial aspects of our trade, provide insight into the Sheep Skillathon, which offers Scholarship opportunities to students throughout the year, such as the \$10,000 scholarship awarded at the San Antonio Livestock Show Sheep Skillathon, and offer a chance for students to get involved in and exposed to additional 4-H and FFA competitions such as Food Challenge; and that's just to name a few!

The application is online at <u>https://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/texas-sheep-and-goat-youth-ranchers-round-up/</u> and the deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.



#### Note from Texas 4-H on Horse Events:

- At this point we are still planning towards our summer programs, including the Summer Horsemanship Program, Horse Judging Camp, 4-H Equine Ambassadors and State 4-H Horse Show. As you all know this situation is fluid, but we will continue to be hopeful and plan accordingly. We will reevaluate our plans at the beginning of May, and of course you will be notified immediately should any cancellations occur.
- Horse validation will continue as scheduled. While we have every hope that district and state horse shows will continue as scheduled, we have been discussing contingency plans in the event that changes must be made. Please encourage your horse families to validate as normal, and let them know that we are making every effort to ensure that the youth will have a chance to exhibit their projects.

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More information about show schedules and registration is available on the <u>Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page</u>.

#### **Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Meetings**

 Information: 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 MelanieDVM@satx.rr.com

- April 20, 2020
- May 18, 2020
- June 15, 2020
- July 20, 2020
- August 17, 2020

#### **Other Horse Related 4-H Programs:**

- <u>TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy</u>
- Summer Horsemanship School Program
- Texas 4-H Roping School



#### Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship – Due Friday May 1, 2020 by 5pm

- Information: The Bexar County 4-H program is incredibly fortunate to receive money from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and would like to provide all our youth the opportunity to earn scholarship money toward their college education. The Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H career (Current year's Record Book), academic performance, and an interview (interviews will be conducted May 15). All applications must be submitted to the Bexar County Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered. Please review the guidelines, application and rubric below. \*If the Bexar Extension Office remains CLOSED by May 1, 2020 due to COVID-19, I ask that applicants email their applications to me by the deadline to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu
  - 2019-2020 Scholarship Guidelines
  - o 2019-2020 Application (Word)
  - o 2019-2020 Scholarship Rubric
  - Need help? Attend our Virtual Scholarship training on April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM OR Virtual Advanced Record Book training on April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM hosted on WebEx: <u>https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/meet/Natalie.Cervantes</u>

#### <u> Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship – Due April 10, 2020</u>

 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>.

#### ABASE Texas Section Cleon Namken Memorial Scholarship – Due April 30, 2020

 <u>Information</u>: The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) Texas Section will award the Cleon Namken Memorial Scholarship annually to a graduating high school senior enrolling in college with plans to pursue a degree in engineering with an emphasis in a soil or water related field. A recommendation from an ASABE Texas Section member is beneficial but not mandatory. Find application <u>HERE</u>! Applications due <u>April 30, 2020</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:
  - May 14, 2020 Bexar Ext. Office @ 7PM POSSILBY HELD VIRTUALLY, Please watch your future newsletters!

#### 2020 YALL Tour Applications OPEN

• <u>Information</u>: The YALL Tour be held **July 19-24**, **2020**, departing from Kerr County. The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth to experience South Texas agricultural production. During the South Texas Y.A.L.L. Experience youth will get to see many unique agriculture operations. While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve on their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Registration is now open at <u>vall.ticketleap.com/20vall/</u> If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact <u>Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu</u>

#### 2020 Top Tomato Contest

The 2020 'Top Tomato' Contest will be hosted at Fanick's Nursery and ran by the Bexar County Master Gardeners on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>! Click <u>HERE</u> for more information!

#### Apply to be a Fashion and Interior Design Ambassador! – Due April 3, 2020

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 by April 3, 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

#### **Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program Announcement**

- Information: Are you looking for ways to improve your leadership? Do you want to make a difference in your health and the health of others? If so, the HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM is the perfect opportunity for YOU to become trained in health, wellness, and safety while helping your community! For more information please review the 2020-21 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Handbook.
- Who's Eligible?: Youth do not have to be current 4-H members, but must be willing to join 4-H.
  - Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2020-2021 school year
  - Submit completed application to the local county extension office by May 1, 2020
  - Have an interest and passion to serve others in the area of health education.
- What does the program entail? After youth are accepted to the local program, they must fulfill the following obligations:
  - Complete and report 40\* hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.
  - Attend a Regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit, face-to-face and online trainings
  - Must agree to the obligations and requirements outlined in the HT Youth Ambassador Handbook.
  - Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2020. Ambassadors who fulfill the minimum (40) hours can reapply for the following year. New/returning ambassadors MUST complete a new application annually.
- What is the cost? Currently, there is no application fee for this program; however, selected ambassadors will be required to pay the estimated registration fee of \$75-\$100 for the regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit. They will also be responsible for any travel costs related to this or other trainings. Interested youth will apply to the Bexar County Office *no later than May 1*. Notification of acceptance by June 1. Those selected will be expected to attend one of the following regional trainings. Locations and registration processes of trainings will be announced at a later date.
  - Central Region July 22
  - East Region June 23
  - North Region July 21
  - South Region July 24
  - Southeast Region June 30
  - West Region June 30

## At – Large Delegate Applications now be accepted!

• <u>Information</u>: We are currently accepting applications for At-Large Delegates to the 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 1st. In addition, to the details below, please review the COMPLETE details and membership requirements <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions about the At-Large election process, you may reach out to any of the Texas 4-H Council Advisors. Questions pertaining to District Elections, should be directed to your District's 4-H Specialist, Megan Logan: <u>mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

- Texas 4-H Council membership will consist of a total of 30 delegates.
- A maximum of two delegates will be elected from each district in accordance with district by-laws.
- In addition to the elected District representatives, six at-large delegates will be elected by the entire Texas 4-H Program senior level membership during LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup. These six delegates have no restrictions or quotas regarding district representation.
- Delegates elected to the at-large positions will serve at the state level and will not have district responsibilities. At-large positions will have equal state level rights and privileges as all other positions.
- Candidates elected at the state level for the at-large position will not be eligible for any position at the district level. Candidates not elected during the state level elections are eligible to run for a district position given they meet district eligibility requirements.

#### **Texas 4-H Council Information Links:**

The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts. Serving as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program, members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

- 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council Information
- 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements
- 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application Packet
- 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application Nomination Form Word

#### Contact:

Jana Barrett | Phone: 979-458-0910 | E-mail: <u>jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu</u> Garry Branham | Phone: 325-653-4576 | E-mail: <u>glbranham@ag.tamu.edu</u> Laura Huebinger | Phone: 254-968-4144 | E-mail: <u>Ihuebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u> Montza Williams | Phone: 979-845-1211 | E-mail: <u>ml-williams@tamu.edu</u>

#### Apply to be a Water Ambassador

Do you have interest in learning more about water, an increasingly important resource? 4-H Water Ambassadors gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering and management of water in Texas. 4-H members 14 years old and up, don't miss your chance to apply for your spot in this award winning program! Applications due May 15, 2020! Click HERE for more!

#### Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that exhibit a genuine interest in water/natural resources and a commitment to leadership
- Student has demonstrated leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Student resides in a county/district currently not represented or under-represented by existing 4-H Water Ambassadors

#### How to Apply:

- 2. Applicant goes to <u>www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com</u> to download application instructions
- 3. Student will complete the online application at <a href="https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html">https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html</a>
- 4. Applications reviewed and up to (30) students are selected
- 5. County extension agents notified of selected students in their county
- 6. Applications due May 15, 2020

Please contact David Smith: <u>davidsmith@tamu.edu</u> if you have any questions regarding the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.

#### Summer Camps 2020! Texas 4-H Center

 Information: - Registration for Summer Programs at Lake Brownwood starts <u>February 1, 2020</u> information available at <u>texas4hcenter.tamu.edu</u>.

#### 2020 4-H Outdoor Challenge! Texas 4-H Center

#### When: June 21-22, 2020- Click <u>HERE</u> for more information!

- <u>To Register please go here: https://4-</u> <u>h.org/parents/presidential-inauguration/#!register-for-</u> <u>cwf-pi</u>
- 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\*

Summ Camp 2020		
4-H Fishing Camp	June 17-19	\$240/\$1
STEM Camp	June 17-19	\$240/\$
Horizons	June 28-July 2	\$300/\$
Mission Possible Mentor Training	June 28	\$125
Mission Possible Camp	June 29- July 1	\$175/12
	July 2-4	\$200/\$1
County Camp I		\$200/\$1
County Camp I County Camp II	July 6-8	
	July 6-8 July 8-10	\$200/\$1
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#### Register online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



3rd Grade and up All camp enrollment is based on grade in 2020-2021 school year 4-H nembership is NOT required Pay deposit by Jone 14th or pay full amount Late fee 550 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.

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## Hey, District 10 4-H!

This year for our annual community service project we are asking each county to collect as many socks and coats as they can. These items will be donated and given to those in need.

Each county is responsible for keeping track of the number of items collected and distributing them to their local shelters. Each county will need to report the total number of items they collect to the District 10 Council.

- Please report your numbers to: <u>mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu</u>
- Deadline to report: <u>June 17, 2020</u>
- We ask that socks be purchased new.
- Coats can be new or gently <u>used.</u>

Don't forget that the amount you collect counts towards the **RODE CUP** 

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# WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP

The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Wildlife Conservation Camp is designed for high school students who have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Hands-on, outdoor activities are led by wildlife professionals.

#### Campers will study:

- ⇒ Wildlife and Plant Identification
   ⇒ Wildlife and Habitat Management Techniques
   ⇒ Conservation Ethics & Land Stewardship
   ⇒ Wildlife Trapping and Surveying Techniques
   ⇒ Predator-prey Dynamics
   ⇒ Fishing
  - $\Rightarrow$  Hunter safety
  - ⇒ Shooting Sports and so much more!





#### July 12-18, 2020 Application Deadline: May 1, 2020

<u>Location:</u> Welder Wildlife Foundation



For more information, contact: Angie Arredondo at wildlifecampdirector@gmail.com

www.wildlifecamptx.org

# Egg to Chick Program

An Egg and Embryo Life Science Curriculum Provided by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

#### SPOTS ARE OPEN NOW, FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER!

- "Experiential" approach to teaching life science
- Incubate and hatch chicken eggs in your classroom
- Targets K-12<sup>th</sup> grades in public, charter, private, or home schools in Bexar County
- Project length is 21-25 days
- TEKS aligned curriculum provided
- Extension office provides incubator and eggs, Extension Agent presence, a chick starter kit, and curriculum materials for a \$50 rental fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Weyerts Assistant Extension Agent Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Bexar County 210-631-0400 caroline.mclaren@ag.tamu.edu

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#### **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:

\*Due to COVID-19, our trainings will be held virtually via WebEx! WebEx is suitable with most devices, however in order to hear the presentation your laptop must be set up with a microphone. If you have questions, contact: <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u>

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location
Scholarship Training	4/2/2020	@ 6:30 PM	WebEx: <u>LINK</u>
Advanced Record Book Trg.	4/9/2020	@ 6:30 PM	WebEx: <u>LINK</u>
Beginner Record Book Trg.	4/14/2020	@ 2:00 PM	WebEx: <u>LINK</u>
County Awards Info Trg.	4/21/2020	@ 2:00 PM	WebEx: <u>LINK</u>
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

#### 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- never boring!
  - July 6-23 (Mondays Thursdays)

#### 2020 4-H Veterinary Science Summer Camps

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

<u>Goal</u>: Learn how to perform clinical skills on animals under veterinary supervision and earn 33 clinical skill hours. <u>Cost</u>: \$225 (includes room, meals, and materials)

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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. Contact: Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu

#### **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 <a href="https://coom.us/j/431035937">https://coom.us/j/431035937</a> Dates and topics listed below! Please share our <u>flyer</u> with your members!
- Is that Text Really Worth it? March 17th
   The Harmful Effects of Alcohol April 14<sup>th</sup>

Missed a training? Here are the recordings of past online learning seminars:

- Social Media: Friend or Foe: HERE is the link!
- **Physical Activity for Life:** HERE is the link!
- Sun Smart: HERE is the link!
- Bullying Prevention: HERE is the link!
- Fast Food and Healthy Eating: HERE is the link!

#### **TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy**

- Information: The TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy is open for registration! This is a 12 week online course available at agrilifelearn.tamu.edu, that offers a very 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<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**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>.

#### Texas 4-H Roping School – June 21-25, 2020

 Information: On June 21-25, 2020, the Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held in Stephenville, Texas at the Tarleton State University Challenge Arena. Participation is open to all districts, on a first-come, first- serve basis (priority to those are 12 years of age and older.) The cost of the school will be \$425.00 for the week. There is a limited number of stalls--Therefore, a maximum of one horse per applicant is allowed. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Roping School. If a youth registers for the school and then qualifies for the National Jr High Finals, then a full refund will be provided. For full information please see:

Announcement Letter Participant Application – Due no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> IF all spots have not filled up at that time. Adult Leader Application Code of Conduct Rules for Participation Medical Release



The Texas 4-H Program has decided there will be no spring qualifying contests in any District. As a result District 10 Spring Roundup is cancelled in order to comply with the above rules. If you have registered your registrations will be deleted so that you are NOT charged any of the registration fees. When (or if) State Roundup is held, all senior members will be invited to participate in their respective contest with three exceptions – Food Challenge/Show and Share-the-Fun. Specific plans will be shared as necessary for these contests if/when we get to that point. UIL academic eligibility is not an issue since no one will be competing for a qualifying spot.

#### **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!\* County Photography Entries DUE – March 16, 2020 County Project Show – POSTPONED FALL 2020 County Share-the-Fun Contest – CANCELLED District Meat Judging - April 15, 2020 District Livestock Judging (Fredericksburg) – April 22, 2020 District Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture - (Fredericksburg) - April 23, 2020 District Share-the-Fun (Frederict bu 123,2020 District Wool & Moberr udg cksburg) - April 23, 2020 exsburg) – April 23, 2020 **District Lead** e (Fr. der Lie dg g (Fredericksburg) – April 24, 2020 Dist Rt. rict, Judy to Dazzle (Fredericksburg) – April 24, 2020 Die 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

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2019-2020 County Photography Contest – Photos are currently being judged and results will be posted tomorrow for Senior members so they can register for the State Photograph Contest via 4-H Connect by April 15, 2020 - 11:59pm. Intermediate and Junior photos will be judged afterward and results sent out before April 13, 2020. 2019 – 2020 State Photography Rules (Applies ONLY to Senior Age Division members who qualify from County)

✓ 2019-2020 County Project Show – POSTPONED FALL 2020

#### \*\*\*2019-2020 DISTRICT CONTEST UPDATES\*\*\*

✓ District-10 Spring Roundup is CANCELLED

#### \*\*\*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

#### \*\*\*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 Hotel Room Block List & Contact Information
- Photography Judging Resource Guide
- \*NEW\* Senior Storyboard Invitational Contest open April 15-May 12 via 4-H Connect

#### \*\*\*2020 TEXAS STATE DOG SHOW UPDATES\*\*\*

- ✓ 2020 State Dog Show Rules
- 2020 State Dog Show Photography Contest Pg. 28 of State Dog Show Rules

#### \*\*\*2019-2020 SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS\*\*\*

#### Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events

Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2 /edit</u>

#### <u> Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge – June 21 – 22, 2020</u>

Information: Get outdoors this summer and put your knowledge to the test! Register today to ensure a spot in this one of a kind event! Registration will be held on 4-H Connect from Apr. 15 – May 15. For schedule, full list of resources for this contest and more, please see promotion flyer <u>HERE</u>.

#### Audition to Sing National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup

• <u>Information:</u> 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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