**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 15** – Horse Validation 1st DEADLINE - $10 Per Horse
- **APR 15** – State Photography Contest Deadline via 4-H Connect
- **APR 16** – Does what is on my Dinner Plate affect my Health? Zoom Webinar
- **APR 17** – Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo Ag Video Contest Deadline
- **APR 17** – Texas Sheep & Goat Ranchers Roundup Camp POSTPONED
- **APR 20** – State Fair Swine Validation Form/Payment DUE
- **APR 21** – County Awards Informational Session on WebEx
- **APR 28** – Texas 4-H Council Delegate At-Large Applications DUE
- **APR 30** – 2020 PVAMU Youth Lab Applications DUE CANCELLED
- **APR 30** – ABASE TX Section Cleon Namken Scholarship DUE
- **MAY 1** – Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Applications DUE
- **MAY 1** – Horse Validation 2nd DEADLINE - $20 Per Horse
- **MAY 1** – State Livestock & Equine Ambassador Applications DUE
- **MAY 1** – Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications DUE
- **MAY 1** – Texas 4-H Roping School Applications DUE
- **MAY 5** – FINAL Horse Validation Deadline - $250 Per Horse
- **MAY 8** – Texas 4-H State Dog Show Entries DUE on 4-H Connect
- **MAY 12** – Invitational Storyboard Contest Deadline via 4-H Connect
- **MAY 14** – County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting @ 7PM Location TBA
- **MAY 15** – Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Interviews
- **MAY 15** – Bexar County Game Changer Teen Leader Applications DUE
- **MAY 15** – Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration DUE on 4-H Connect
- **MAY 15** – Water Ambassador Applications DUE
- **MAY 30** – Top Tomato Contest hosted by Fanick’s
- **JUN 2** – Club Manager Training Session 1 (10am or 6:30pm) Location TBA
- **JUN 15** – County Record Books DUE by 8AM
- **JUN 15** – County Awards & Gold Star Applications DUE by 8AM
- **JUN 15** – County Ambassador Applications DUE by 8AM
- **JUN 17** – District Community Service Project Donations due to Office
- **JUN 19-20** – County Record Book Judging @ Extension Office *Tentative*
- **JUL 1** – Club Charters due in order to become active Sept. 1, 2020
- **JUL 7** – Club Manager Training Session 2 (10am or 6:30pm) Location TBA
- **JUL 9** – District 10 Record Book Judging, Location TBA
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DISTRICT 10 4-H Virtual Project Groups

The District 10 4-H Facebook page is hosting several different Virtual 4-H project groups where youth can continue to explore project opportunities and learning experiences from the comfort of their own home! You can join these groups by simply going to the Group page and asking to join!

Projects offered:

- Entomology
- Robotics/STEM
- Consumer Education
- Photography
- Water
- Livestock Judging
- Wildlife & Fisheries
- Clothing/Textiles
- Food & Nutrition

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***2019-2020 CONTEST UPDATES***

1. **2019-2020 County - State Photography Contest** is underway!

   Due to COVID-19 ALL Senior members (Grades 9th-12) are eligible to enter the State Photography Contest via 4-H Connect. Registration period is April 1 – 15, 2020

2. **2019-2020 County Project Show** – Postponed – Fall 2020

3. **2019-2020 Texas 4-H Roundup (State)** - CANCELLED
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" (https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/). 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 May 4th 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. *As of April 13, 2020 our office is still closed with no plans to reopen this week.

2. The following CDC information relates to how COVID-19 is spread:
   • The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
     o Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
     o 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 active, engaged and learning during this time. You’re welcome to email me ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu if you identify a need that AgriLife or Bexar 4-H can address.

1. Follow our YouTube Channel for fun videos and activity ideas:

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: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGMFYPzhUn-Q42lgUtsEueggeG65-_s/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGMFYPzhUn-Q42lgUtsEueggeG65-_s/view)

   b. Sewing a Mask with Ties: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdloJhfh6VID7kpHblIMxSIWsVeqJ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdloJhfh6VID7kpHblIMxSIWsVeqJ/view)

   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 phtrimble@yahoo.com

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

   - Virtual 4-H STEMP Space Camp – [Flyer & Registration Link](#)
   - Texas 4-H Virtual Experience – [Schedule and Login Information](#)
   - District 5 Virtual Crappie Tournament – [Flyer](#)
   - 4-H Storyboard Invitational Contest – Any Senior aged 4-H member can enter 1 storyboard in the category of their choice. Storyboards can be in a digital format or 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: armccorkle@ag.tamu.edu
   - 4-H Virtual Art Camp (9th-12th grade) – [Registration Link & Flyer](#)
Join us to learn ways to meal plan, save money at the grocery store, and best practices for storing your food to make it last longer. These online sessions can be completed at your convenience and are currently available online.

How to register:

1) Visit AgriLifeLearn.tamu.edu
2) Click on the Sign In button in the upper right hand corner
3) If you’ve previously enrolled in a course on AgriLife Learn – login using your credentials. Otherwise, click Register under Are you A New Learner?
4) If you are a new learner, fill out the information needed to create an account. Once completed, click Register.
5) After you are logged in, click the Family and Health category
6) Select More Info under Eating Well for Healthy Living
7) Click Enroll Now
8) Click Proceed, and proceed through checkout (you will not be asked for any payment information, unless you add a course with a fee).
9) Once you have completed checkout, a link will be provided for course access. The course will also be listed under My Account in the My Courses section for access at a later time.

We offer a variety of classes. Some are free and some contain a fee. Here are some examples of free classes:

Use voucher code: FRIENDS COOKING (Voucher expires 4/30/2020)
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**Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo Ag Video Contest**

The Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo has created an opportunity for students/club members to get involved in the current situation of the industry and make their voice heard in a video to win scholarship money and prizes.

The topic for the video is, “Why is the agricultural industry important in today’s global situation?” We want to hear from the next generation of agriculturalists and give them the opportunity to win some prizes and scholarship money. Here is the link with full instructions and the paperwork they will need in order to participate in this contest: [https://www.hotfair.com/events/2020/video-contest](https://www.hotfair.com/events/2020/video-contest)

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

• **Information:** 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 [Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador promotional document](#) 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
  - 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:**
  - Livestock: [https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9knd7hOVXkbNKB](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9knd7hOVXkbNKB)
  - Equine: [https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVUuz6NEngnkqsB](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVUuz6NEngnkqsB)
  - Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
  - CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
  - A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
  - Applications are due May 1, 2020

Texas Sheep & Goat Youth Ranchers Roundup – June 1-5, 2020 - **POSTPONED**

*Information:* 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* [https://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/texas-sheep-and-goat-youth-ranchers-round-up/](https://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/texas-sheep-and-goat-youth-ranchers-round-up/) *and the deadline is April 17th.*
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. **Please contact Melanie Wilcox-Faulkner at MelanieDVM@satx.rr.com with questions regarding the Horse Leaders.**

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

Other Horse Related 4-H Programs:

- TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy
- Summer Horsemanship School Program
- Texas 4-H Roping School

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 Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page.
**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. *The Bexar County 4-H Office will remain CLOSED May 1, 2020 due to COVID-19, I ask all applicants email their applications to me by the deadline to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu*
  - 2019-2020 Scholarship Guidelines
  - 2019-2020 Application (Word)
  - 2019-2020 Scholarship Rubric

**Bexar County 4-H Ambassador Applications NOW OPEN! – Due June 15, 2020**

- **Information:** 4-H Ambassadors are a special group of selected youth who represent and promote the Bexar County 4-H program and Texas 4-H programs at various local/ regional events. Ambassadors are role models and teachers. They will have the opportunity to assist in educating youth and adults about the 4-H program. The Bexar County 4-H Ambassadors also volunteer their time at various Extension events to enhance their advocacy and leadership skills. Download APPLICATION and apply today!

**Become a 4-H Game Changer – National Leadership Opportunity – Due May 15**

- **Information:** Are you interested in mentoring youth and becoming a stronger leader? Would you like to learn more about technology and Robotics? If so, you are a perfect fit for our 4-H Game Changer Program! The Bexar County 4-H Program has received an exciting opportunity to partner with Toyota and implement an exciting STEM mentorship program for Teens. 4-H Game Changers are a special group of 4-H teen youth (13+) who will mentor kids in areas of STEM; specifically Robotics, Coding, and Videography. Game Changers will serve as a role model for other youth, and assist in developing lesson plans to engage young students in areas of STEM. They will have the opportunity to assist in educating youth (under the mentorship of Extension staff) and help kids (primarily in underserved audiences) explore STEM for the first time. Game Changers will be recognized as National Leaders and will receive special recognition/ certification of completion of this program as well as a celebratory field trip.

  **GAME CHANGERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:**
  - Attend a (1) Day training on STEM Curriculum, Robotics, Coding, Videography, public speaking, team building and teaching techniques.
  - Engage in (2) educational sessions and assist in teaching youth about STEM.
  - Develop (1) recorded personal testimonial about their experience as a 4-H Game Changer and its positive impacts for Toyota.
  - Be on time to all scheduled commitments and serve as a positive role model to all youth.

  **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - Deadline for application is Friday May 15, 2020. Application can be found HERE
  - Possible Training dates for selected Game Changers will be May 30, June 6, June 13 or June 27th. *Virtual training will be held in case face-to-face meetings are still suspended.*
**ABASE Texas Section Cleon Namken Memorial Scholarship – Due April 30, 2020**

- **Information:** 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 [HERE](#)! Applications due **April 30, 2020**.

**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 – POSSIBLY HELD VIRTUALLY, Please watch your future newsletters!

**2020 YALL Tour Applications OPEN**

- **Information:** 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 [yall.ticketleap.com/20yall](yall.ticketleap.com/20yall) If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu

**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 30th**! Click [HERE](#) for more information!

**National Volunteer Week: April 19-25**

While face to face activities may not be happening right now, we still all know the true value our 4-H volunteers have. Their efforts are undeniably necessary and appreciated. We will be celebration you all during National Volunteer Week 2020! The 2020 Points of Light National Volunteer Week will be April 19-25. Please watch our [Bexar County AgriLife Facebook Page](#) for shout outs and ways to THANK a 4-H volunteer!
**2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering Information – Charters due July 1, 2020**

**Information:** I know it’s crazy to think about... but the 2020-2021 4-H year is right on our heels! Therefore, the chartering information is now released so clubs can get ready for new year. Please view and download the Chartering Packet which includes various support pieces. The documents are also located online at: [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/). Items to note include:

- **2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions** – Contains all instructions and resources. *Please note the timeline! In order for your club to be ACTIVE by September 1, 2020, you must turn your packet in by July 1, 2020*
- **2020-2021 Charter Agreement.**
- **Download:** *Sample Bylaws:* The **sample bylaws are developed to serve as a guide** for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in the all bylaws. When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice **LESS bolded/required items.** This does not mean you have to change your bylaws, as long as they meet the minimum requirements, which they should if they were in compliance last year. Club/group bylaws may also not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the charter agreement.
- **2019-2020 Financial Review Form:** Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks. This is for security of the club/group account(s).
- **Charter Worksheet for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4-H CONNECT** - This form is simply a worksheet and **should not be uploaded.**
- If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

Below are highlights for the 2020-2021 Chartering Process:

- **All 4-H clubs/groups must be chartered by February 26, 2021 for the 2020-2021 4-H year.** This ensures that all community 4-H clubs will be active for at least six months in order to provide a quality 4-H experience. For SPIN clubs or other special situations related to the formation of a club/group after February 26th, a request for late submission can be made to the Texas 4-H Office.
- **4-H Clubs/Groups which are not going to be active for the 2020-2021 4-H year due to lack of leadership or membership, but would like to retain their EIN are required to charter and request an “INACTIVE” status.** This will allow the club/group to remain under Texas 4-H Inc. for one 4-H year. If the club does not become active after one year of inactive status, the club will permanently be removed from Texas 4-H Inc’s IRS list.
Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program Announcement - Due May 1, 2020

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
- East Region
- North Region
- South Region
- Southeast Region
- West Region

Apply to be a Water Ambassador – Due May 15, 2020
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: Applicant goes to www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com to download application instructions
- Student will complete the online application at https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html
- Applications reviewed and up to (30) students are selected; applications due May 15, 2020

Please contact David Smith: davidsmith@tamu.edu if you have any questions regarding the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.
At – Large Delegate Applications now be accepted! Deadline EXTENDED

• **Information:** We are currently accepting applications for At-Large Delegates to the 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Council. The **deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 28th by MIDNIGHT.** In addition, to the details below, please review the COMPLETE details and membership requirements [here](#).

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: mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu.

• 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](#)

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**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.

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

When: June 21-22, 2020- Click [HERE](#) for more information!
The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society’s Wildlife Conservation Camp is designed for high school students who have completed the 9th 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
  - Hunter safety
- Shooting Sports and so much more!

July 12-18, 2020
Application Deadline: May 1, 2020
Location: Welder Wildlife Foundation

For more information, contact: Angie Arredondo at wildlifecampdirector@gmail.com
www.wildlifecamptx.org
4-H Project Trainings

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 form and submit to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu 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: ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu*

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**New**

**Webinar: Does what is on my Dinner Plate Affect My Health? – April 16 @ 11 AM**

- **Information**: Join us in learning more about MyPlate and how to incorporate all food groups on your plate on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. See Flyer [HERE](#)

ZOOM Link provided: [https://zoom.us/j/99287227036?pwd=RmIzMnIvSHhRYW1RQ2RXcjRwY2xQUT09](#)

**New**

**District 10 4-H Virtual Project Groups on Facebook!**

- **Information**: The District 10 4-H Facebook page is hosting several different Virtual 4-H project groups where youth can continue to explore project opportunities and learning experiences from the comfort of their own home! You can join these groups by simply going to the Group page and asking to join! Projects offered:
  - Entomology
  - Robotics/STEM
  - Consumer Education
  - Photography
  - Water
  - Livestock Judging
  - Wildlife & Fisheries
  - Clothing/Textiles
  - Food & Nutrition

**New**

**Egg to Chick Curriculum and Resources**

- **Information**: The Virtual Egg to Chick program posts will be on our AgriLife Bexar County Facebook page every Tuesday and Thursday until April 30th. Each post will have a fun fact included and a link to our Egg to Chick Google Drive where you can find the activities. This program is open to all ages. Anyone can participate! Please send us pictures of your youth participating in the activities! Google Drive Link: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sv2NQ0cYoSEDVVo0GNuQGVr3KOVSeSlK](#)
4-H Photography Project Learning Opportunity

• **Information:** With the distance learning that all the schools are putting in place, many other organizations are offering free or reduced priced courses online. To that end, Nikon is offering courses in their training library FOR FREE! [https://online.nikonschool.com/](https://online.nikonschool.com/)

Sometimes with great challenges come great opportunities, and this is an opportunity to get some professional-level instruction at a price all parents love ($0). So, if you decide to take a break from that ELA homework, or the math problems are just a bit frustrating, consider this learning activity as a break (with parents permission, of course).

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 flyer & promo video 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)

4-H For Health Online Learning Series

• **Information:** 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](https://zoom.us/j/431035937) Dates and topics listed below! Please share our flyer with your members!

  - The Harmful Effects of Alcohol: April 14th
  - Social Media: Friend or Foe: HERE // Physical Activity for Life: HERE // Sun Smart: HERE // Bullying Prevention: HERE // Fast Food and Healthy Eating: HERE is the link!

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 1st 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 Texas 4-H Roundup this year. This was an incredibly difficult decision for the Texas 4-H program to make and we want to ensure families that every alternative was explored. However, given the uncertainties we currently face, there was no safe way to host the event on our current time frame. If you have questions, please read this FAQ here. Please feel free to reach out to our County office at any time: ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu OR 210.857.9285

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 Reimbursement Form to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

### 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 ID (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Share-the-Fun (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Woel & Meh – Judging (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Leaders – Lile (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Smallbore Rifle Contest (Fredericksburg) — April 24, 2020
- District Fashion Show & Storyboards (Fredericksburg) — April 24, 2020
- District Share-the-Fun (Fredericksburg) — April 24, 2020
- District Duds to Dazzle (Fredericksburg) — April 24, 2020
- Texas State Roundup (College Station, TX) — June 8-11, 2020 **CANCELLED**
- 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
***2019-2020 COUNTY CONTESTS***

✓ 2019-2020 County Photography Contest – All Senior members can register for the State Photography Contest via 4-H Connect by April 15, 2020 - 11:59pm.
✓ 2019 – 2020 State Photography Rules (Applies ONLY to Senior Age Division members)
✓ 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
✓ *NEW* Recorded Online Record Book Training Session using 4h.zsuite

***2020 TEXAS STATE ROUNDUP UPDATES*** - CANCELLED

✓ Texas 4-H Roundup Cancellation FAQ
✓ *NEW* Senior Storyboard Invitational Contest open April 15-May 12 via 4-H Connect

***2020 TEXAS STATE DOG SHOW UPDATES or Pg. 20***

✓ 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: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_/edit

Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo Ag Video Contest

The Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo has created an opportunity for students/club members to get involved in the current situation of the industry and make their voice heard in a video to win scholarship money and prizes.

The topic for the video is, “Why is the agricultural industry important in today’s global situation?” We want to hear from the next generation of agriculturalists and give them the opportunity to win some prizes and scholarship money. Here is the link with full instructions and the paperwork they will need in order to participate in this contest: https://www.hotfair.com/events/2020/video-contest

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge – June 21 – 22, 2020

- 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 HERE.
Texas 4-H State Dog Show – Entries due May 8, 2020

- **Information:** The Texas 4-H Dog Show is scheduled to be held on **July 10-11, 2020** in Huntsville, Texas at the Walker County Fairgrounds. The entry system on 4-H CONNECT will close on May 8, 2020. There are two separate events depending on whether you have validated a dog and intend to show or a never validated dog you intend to enter in the Foster/Family Dog program, Photography Contest or are a 4-H Dog Project Leader volunteering to assist. They are the following:

Validated dogs look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 State 4-H Dog Show** - You can enter the dog you are going to show, photographs for the Photo Contest and your parent can sign up to help.

Foster/Family Dog Program look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - If your dog has never been validated, you can enter the Foster/Family Dog program (page 10 of the Rule Book has a detailed explanation), photographs for the Photo Contest and your parent can sign up to help.

Photo Contest look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - You can enter your photographs here. You do not have to own a dog or be a member of the Dog Care and Training project to enter dog related photos in this contest.

4-H Dog Project Leaders look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - you can sign up to assist with the dog show here if you do not currently have a youth enrolled in 4-H entering the 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show.

T-Shirts - Once late entries close in May, we will send detailed information about how to order the 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt.

Payment - 4-H CONNECT does not process your fees until the entry has been approved at the highest level. As this point with the uncertainty regarding any programming, we will not be approving entries at the state level until programming has resumed.

Having the **Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book** handy will be helpful completing the entries. It has information about which classes you should enter for each event. You can download a copy from [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training)

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