



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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## DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- SEP 8- Club Meetings Resume & 4-H Office Opens (Please see details Pg.4)
- SEP 16 – [Chocolate Fundraiser Pre-Order Form Due](#)
- SEP 16 – [County Council 4-H Officer Election Applications DUE](#)
- SEP 17 – County Council Meeting & Elections @ 7PM Location [WebEx](#)
- SEP 17 – [Texas Junior Master Photographer Workshop 1 Deadline](#)
- SEP 18 – [Major Show Swine Tag Orders DUE!](#)
- SEP 20 – [Shooting Sports Coaches Trg. Sandia, TX CLOSES](#) on 4HOnline
- SEP 23 – [Chocolate Fundraiser Pick-Up Day until 6 PM!](#)
- SEPT 24 – [Virtual Livestock Pit HELP SESSION @ 7pm on Microsoft Teams](#)
- SEP 25 – [Major Show Broiler Orders DUE!](#)
- SEP 26 – [BCJLS BBQ Plate Fundraiser Sale, Place your order for \\$10 HERE](#)
- SEP 26 – [Junior Master Photographer Workshop! Limited 40 registered!](#)
- SEP 28 – [Atascosa "Sonny" Domsch Memorial Prospect Show Deadline](#)
- OCT 7-18 – [Fall Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co.!](#)
- OCT 8 – [Lamb & Goat Validation \(3:30-6PM\) @ O'Connor](#)
- OCT 10 – [One Day 4-H!](#)
- OCT 10 – [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Come & Break It" Sporting Clays Tournament](#)
- OCT 15 – [Lamb & Goat Validation \(3 -6PM\) @ James Madison](#)
- OCT 17 – County Food Show Contest \*Registration Info Coming Soon!\*
- OCT 17 – County Roundup Contest (Pub. Spkg/Ed.Pres.) \*Virtual\*
- OCT 17 – [Cowboy Classic Lamb & Goat Prospect Show](#)
- OCT 19 – [Congressional App Challenge Deadline! Flyer HERE](#)
- OCT 21 – [Lamb & Goat Validation \(5-7PM\) @ East Central](#)
- OCT 24 – [Fall Heifer Validation \(9-11AM\) @ East Central](#)
- OCT 26 – [Early Entry Deadline for South TX Double Trouble Prospect Show](#)
- OCT 28-30 – [Major Show Entry HELP DAY \(8am-5pm\)](#)
- NOV 1 – [Enrollment Fee goes up +\\$5!](#)
- NOV 3-5 – [Major Show Entry HELP DAYS \(8am-5pm\)](#)
- NOV 5 – [Major Stock Show Entries DUE to County Ext. Office!](#)
- NOV 19 - County Council Meeting @ 7PM Location TBA
- NOV 30 – [Burnet County Virtual Shoot DEADLINE](#)
- DEC 1-3 – District 10 Fall Roundup Contests in Kerrville, TX
- DEC 7 – [Texas Junior Master Photographer Workshop 2 Deadline](#)
- DEC 31 - [LawnStarter Lawntrepreneur Scholarship](#)

# QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## 2020-2021 Bexar 4-H Chocolate Sale Fundraiser FORMS DUE WEDNESDAY!

**Information:** Chocolate sales have been a very successful fundraiser for the Bexar County 4-H Council. Funds from the sales allow the council to pay for a wide variety of 4-H activities such as contests, trainings and awards! Your club receives a rebate of **\$12.00 per \$60 worth** of chocolate you sell to help you support your club activities. Please join us in this important event!

Chocolate pick-up is scheduled for **September 23, 2020**. We will be doing a No-Contact Curbside pickup so it is imperative you schedule ONE representative of your club to pick up your order. World's Finest Chocolate is still willing to sponsor goodie bags for attendees. Please **RSVP** with the [Pre-Order Form](#), due to our office on or before Wednesday, **September 16th** by email ([ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu)).

## COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

**County Council Meetings:** Sept 17, 2020 (Thurs.) Virtually [HERE](#) on WebEx – **Officer Elections for the 2020-2021 4-H Year**

- If you wish to run for an officer position, please turn in the following [application](#) by Sept. 16, 2020 to [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu)

**County/District/State Contest Projected Dates:** Please see **pages: 18** of the NEWSLETTER!



## \*\*\*NEW COVID-19 Resources for Club Meetings – Pg.4 \*\*\*

As 4-H Clubs begin meeting, it is important that Adult Volunteers & Families stay up to date on the COVID-19 situation and how programming will be affected. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the current guidelines [HERE](#)

## 2020 ANIMAL VALIDATION DATES

<b>Major Show Broiler Orders:</b> If you are planning on exhibiting broilers ( <a href="#">FORM</a> ) and payment are due <b>September 25, 2020</b> .	<b>SHEEP/GOATS:</b> October 8 @ 3:30-6PM O'Connor October 15 @ 3-6PM James Madison October 21 @ 5-7PM East Central  <b>FALL HEIFER VALIDATION</b> October 24 @ 9-11 AM East Central	<b>SWINE (Tag Orders due Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>!):</b> Nov10 @ 4-7PM Judson Nov 14 @ 1-3 PM O'Connor Nov 17 @ 4-7PM Southwest HS Nov 23 @ 4-7PM Madison
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**Tag Order Price: \$17 per State Tag, \$30 per Late State Tag**

**2020-2021 Major Stock Show updates on Page 6-7 of the Newsletter!**

# 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 (<https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/>). 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 have been cancelled at this time. This status will be reviewed based on the statewide public health disaster declaration made by the Governor. All 4-H Programming will be suspended until **Tuesday September 8, 2020.**
- b. ***Our physical office will be closed until Monday, September 7, 2020.*** Currently, we are implementing a telecommuting solution to minimize as much person to person contact as possible. We can be reached during normal office hours at 210-631-0400. ***\*After September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will reopen at a 25% staff capacity and will meet with clientele via appointment ONLY to minimize foot traffic in the office.***

**CURRENT POLICY ON 4-H CLUB MEETINGS:** Regular Face-to-Face meetings can resume after on/after Tuesday September 8, 2020. Meeting Guidelines/Checklist for Club Managers must be adhered to, and a WAIVER for participating members is highly encouraged to keep on file. We know this is a unprecedented situation, please be sure to communicate with the County Extension Office if you have questions regarding the new Guidelines/Procedures.

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

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  - 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 and stay home if you are feeling sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 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.



# Guidelines for Conducting Adult and 4-H Meetings



Howdy Bexar County 4-H,

I know many clubs are beginning to kick off the new 4-H Year. We want to support our youth 100% in participating in our 4-H program this year. Despite all the challenges 2020 gave us, we anticipate a successful year for 20-21 because we are more prepared and can anticipate these changes.

**4-H Clubs may now begin meeting face-to-face.** Due to many challenges we are asking each and every ONE OF YOU to help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all! **\*NEW\* We have some updated guidelines below for conducting adult and 4-H meetings, programs, and events.** As we look into the new 4-H year, we hope this resource will be helpful in determining the steps you need to take or not take to put a meeting, program or event together. If you ever have any questions or need guidance in this area please do not hesitate to contact me at [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu) OR 210-857-9285.

Additionally, we have also included a **COVID-19 Screening Letter and Waiver Form** for your use with members. **We do NOT require that you have a waiver form for every club meeting, however when members sign it at each meeting, they must acknowledge that they are agreeing to the previously signed WAIVER FORM.** However, if you are holding a non-club meeting (separate project meeting, special event/training) you must acquire your own copy of the **Screening Letter/Waiver**. Again, we wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful year!


- [Guidelines for Conducting Adult & 4-H Meetings](#) \*UPDATED\*
- [COVID-19 Screening Letter & Waiver Form](#) \*UPDATED\*
- [Best Practices for Conducting 4-H Events during COVID-19](#)
- [Staying Safe at 4-H Activities POSTER](#)
- [I Pledge my Health to Better Living POSTER](#)

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# 4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS

## 2020-2021 VALIDATION INFORMATION

4-H Members planning to show a state validated animal at the Major shows should mark your calendar with the validation dates for the upcoming 4-H Year. County validation will also occur during these events. If you have any questions please contact Sam Womble at [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu) or Chris Lambert at [Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu)

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### Swine Validation Tags – **DUE September 18, 2020**

-  **Information:** If you will be showing a Market Barrow or Registered Breeding Gilt at the majors you will need to purchase a State Validation Tag and return this [FORM](#). (Please write child's name where it reads "Exhibitor") & payment to the Extension office by **September 18th, 2020**.
- How to Purchase Tags & Validate:**
  - Print the Swine Validation Tag Order [FORM](#) and order the correct number of tags. If you THINK you may purchase another animal later on, order an extra tag for it. **The late tag fee is \$30!**
  - If you are going to show through 4-H, please return your order forms to the Extension Office by FRIDAY September 18th, 2020.** If you order your tags through your FFA chapter, we will NOT have your paperwork. Please be clear and keep records of where you placed your tag orders to avoid confusion at the validation event.
  - Make payment by cash or check (**made out to Bexar 4-H Fund**). The office door will remain locked so you are welcome to drop your order form through the mail drop slot located on the front door of **Suite #212 (Address: 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., S-212, San Antonio, TX 78230)**. If you have questions, or need assistance you may set up an appointment with Sam Womble ([Sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu)) or myself ([ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu))
  - Once your tags are ordered you will need to attend at least ONE validation event with all of your animals so they can be tagged and processed before the major shows (**Be sure to reference the premium list for the shows in which you plan to participate as several are requiring registered gilts to be state validated. San Antonio is also requiring registration papers to be uploaded on-line**). If you do not attend the physical validation event you will not be able to show your animal. The validation dates/times/locations are as follows:

#### Swine Validation Dates and Locations

- **Tuesday, November 10th 4:00-7:00pm Judson High School**
  - **Tuesday, November 17th 4:00-7:00pm Southwest High School**
  - **Thursday, November 19th 2:00-5:00pm Walter Gerlach Barn**
  - **Monday, November 23rd 4:00-7:00pm James Madison High School**
  - **Tuesday, November 24th 2:00-5:30pm East Central High School**
5. Lastly, if you do not intend to show at the Majors shows and **only participate in the County Show**, you do not need to order State Validation tags. County tags will be available to purchase ON SITE at the validation sites listed above. If you have any questions please contact Sam Womble at [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu)

## Updates on Lamb/Goat Validation:

### Information:

- Tag order deadline has passed. Late tags need to be ordered ASAP at \$30 per tag. FORM [HERE](#)
- Tags are \$30/ea. **If you are going to show through 4-H, turn in your order form to the Extension Office!**

### Few Reminders:


- All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does **will use the same RFID validation tag.**  
All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does **will be on the same form.**
- Market Lambs and Goats may be family validated, however Breeding Sheep and Goats must only have one exhibitor per animal (this includes wether dams and does).
- Exhibitors with breeding sheep and goats will **need to have registration papers** available at validation.
- Wether Dams & Wether Does are breeding animals and must be entered on the Breeding section of the validation form.

**LAMBS AND GOATS VALIDATED FOR THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MUST BE REVALIDATED FOR THE 2020-2021 SPRING/WINTER MAJOR SHOWS. STATE FAIR OF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION TAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAJOR SHOWS.**


Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers MUST be in the animal's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. **NO TLBA or TGBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program.** Market lambs and wether does must have a TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show.

**New Market Lamb Guidelines:** If you exhibit market lambs, please reference the new guidelines uploaded [HERE](#).

## Virtual HELP SESSION for New & Returning Livestock Families – Sept 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

-  **Information:** If you have new families this year or if you need a refresher course on how to complete Quality Counts, Stock Show entries or any other livestock related question, join Sam & I for a Microsoft Virtual Teams meeting on Sept. 24th (Thurs) 7-8pm on:  
[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)  
We will record this meeting, so if you have a question, but cannot join us please email Sam at [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu) with your questions.

## Eligibility Forms for State Fair of Texas

-  **Information:** For youth exhibitors who will be attending the State Fair of Texas, please note we will **NOT** be providing you a paper eligibility form to be filled out by your school officials. This year, **we will be contacting your school administrators directly to confirm academic eligibility.** We are making this change to avoid unnecessary complications such as school closures and for students currently participating in virtual learning. Additionally, **families will need to verify with the school if there are questions regarding excused/unexcused absences. Our County office will only be determining academic eligibility. Families will be responsible for keeping track of their child's excused/unexcused absences.** If you have questions regarding this process you are welcome to email [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu)

## **2020-2021 Major Stock Show Updates & Entry Forms- PLEASE READ**

**ALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS WILL BE DUE Thursday NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

**\*Includes Livestock Exhibitors, Judging Contests, & Junior Shootout/Shooting Contests**

**Late Fee for Entry Forms will be \$100.**

**Additionally, there will be an additional deadline for corrections to be made on incorrect entries. Nov. 10 (Tues) is the deadline for entry corrections before the late fee is assessed.**

Major Show Stock Show entries can be a very time consuming, confusing and tedious process! We want to assist you with your entry forms but need your help in getting your entries in a timely manner. Due to the restrictions of staffing capacity in the office, both Sam and Natalie will be doing their best to be accessible during Stock Show entry time but will be very shorthanded this Fall. Therefore, we ask that you please get your entries in as early as possible so we can check/correct entries as they arrive. We will be available IN-PERSON all day on **October 28-30** and **November 3-5** from 8am – 5pm to assist you in-person. Outside of this time period you will need to set up an appointment with Sam Womble at [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu) or Natalie Cervantes [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu) .

**Eligibility Guidelines:** The 2019-20 school year was a year unlike any other. The 2020-21 school year is creating issues unprecedented in history under circumstances that are different for *every ISD* and *every 4-H member*. Due to the conditions surrounding 4-H participation and the various learning options available to students this year, additional clarification will be provided regarding academic eligibility throughout the year. **Families are encouraged to know and understand school policy regarding learning options and the implications for participating in various activities.** Regardless of a 4-H member's school instructional status (face-to-face, virtual, homeschool, etc.), all youth who meet the age/grade requirements are eligible for 4-H membership. **To participate in 4-H competitive activities or events that require missing school time, 4-H members must be academically eligible.**

Just a few updates and reminders for you to be aware of:

1. **\*NEW\*** Sam put together some helpful tips/reminders for exhibitors who are selecting and caring for livestock projects. Download the document [HERE](#).
2. The Extension office is open by appointment ONLY. We will not be fully staffed in the near future. Sam is available on Fridays, and Natalie on Tuesdays and Fridays. Plan ahead if you need to reach us!
3. If you're changing age categories (Jr, Int, Senior), you'll need to re-test on Quality Counts. Don't wait until the last minutes to get it done. Take care of it now.
4. Please do your best to follow our deadlines. Without being in the office consistently, deadlines are more important than ever. If material is late, you'll be charged a late fee.
5. If you need help or have questions call Sam Womble or Natalie Cervantes. Sam's Cell: 361-649-5836 or Natalie's Cell: 210-857-9285. Feel free to send videos/pictures to Sam if you need advice on your livestock projects.
6. If you have any training needs or ideas, let us know and we'll try to get something put together virtually.

**We will be posting online Entry forms, instructions, and the Summary Sheet ONLINE on our [New Major Show Entry Help Page](#).**

## STOCK SHOW UPDATES:

**State Fair of Texas:** Be sure to check the show's website at <https://www.bigtex.com> for the latest information. The State Fair of Texas has released a revised schedule for junior livestock exhibitors.

### Heart of Texas Fair

- Updated show schedule found online at <http://www.hotfair.com>
- Purebred and crossbred division in the breeding gilt show. Purebreds must be state validated, crossbreds do not have to be validated.
- Lambs will be classified with the newly revised classification guidelines.

### Fort Worth

- Any exhibitor who makes a material misrepresentation regarding entries subjects themselves to being barred from all further competition.
- Junior Heifer Show – a representative from each county 4-H or FFA chapter must obtain a packet from the superintendent's office containing their groups show numbers for their entries. Exhibitor's are responsible for verifying their show number/entry to the superintendent's office.
- Minimum weight for steers is 1,000 pounds.

### San Antonio

- There will be a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to the Champion Dorper Market Lamb in 2021.
- Junior heifers will be split into two groups, Group 1: Feb. 15-17; Group 2: Feb. 18-19. Group 1 will consist of all American breeds and ONLY Simmentals entered in the Superbowl. Group 2 will consist of all British and Continental breeds.
- Market barrow maximum weight will increase to 290. Weight range will be 240-290.
- Premium pass (expedited arrival service at SCP) will be available for the junior market barrow show.

**Texas Elite Showcase:** There will be a white crossbred breed added.

### San Angelo

- There will no longer be a sale option for market steers. Any steer placing 1st or 2nd will be required to sell.
- Plans are in place to offer a sheep and goat skill-a-thon.
- Crossbred gilts can only show in the Stars Gilt Show. The Stars Gilt Show has a sale associated with it.
- All market lambs must be TLBA bred and have the TLBA tag number recorded on the validation form.

### Houston

- Open/Junior Breeding Sheep – March 1-3
- Junior Gilt Show – March 4-5
- Plans are to adjust market barrow weights to be more in line with industry standards. More information will be forthcoming.

## Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update & Updated Local Show Practices



## Quality Counts:

Fall livestock show entries are in full swing and so is Quality Counts! Thankfully, there are no big changes for the course and exam this year. **As a reminder, exhibitors must be verified once per grade level division** (Junior – 3-5 grade; Intermediate – 6-8 grade; Senior 9-12 grade), **not each year!** If you are a BRAND NEW Exhibitor and have never shown or taken the Quality Counts exam, you will NEED to take this exam before you turn in your Stock Show entry forms. If you have previously shown before and taken this exam, you ONLY need to retake the exam if you are moving into the next grade level division.

Exhibitors must have a verified number for major livestock show entries. County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science will verify if your number is current. Only those exhibitor accounts with “True” and a % score grade are verified and may be used on entries. Please see enrollment instructions [HERE](#). Managers, please share this with your members when you ask/remind exhibitors to get verified. These are step-by-step instructions and really help folks through the process. Please also share the attached FAQ [HERE](#) to make the enrollment and testing as smooth as possible! For any technical questions regarding the website or login credentials, please have exhibitors reach out to our helpdesk at [learnonline@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:learnonline@ag.tamu.edu).

## 58th Annual Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Update:

After careful deliberation with all BCJLS Directors, it has been decided BCJLS will proceed with a physical show to take place at the BCJLS Show Grounds. Details regarding the show will be forthcoming. That being said, in the event that the pandemic were to continue, and could adversely affect the health and well-being of any participants, a virtual show would be held. Rest assured that if a decision is made to move forward with a virtual show, Ag-Teachers, FFA Students, and 4H Club members will be notified in a timely manner, and allowing ample time to address any issues or questions that will ultimately arise. Throughout this process, we invite you to visit our website at [www.bcjls.com](http://www.bcjls.com) for continuous updates.

## New Educational Livestock Resources:

**NEW**

- **2020 Texas 4-H Rabbit Project - Virtual Educational Workshop Series Information**
  - **Information:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions and Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, Texas 4-H has made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza that is normally held this month. However, we still wanted to be able to provide an educational opportunity to all of the project members during this time.

Therefore, on behalf of the Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board, I am happy to announce our **2020 Texas 4-H Rabbit Project – Virtual Educational Series!** We will be offering four different workshops starting on **Thursday, September 24, 2020. We will alternate weeks with the next three workshops being scheduled for October 8th, October 22nd, and November 5th. These are all going to be held on a Thursday evening at 6:00pm via ZOOM.**

All interested participants, will need to register on 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) in order to receive the meeting links prior to each workshop. There will be no fee attached to this event, we are just needing everyone to register online in order to participate. See [attached flyer](#) that can be shared on social media & emails. Please share with all of your rabbit project members.

**NEW**

- **Explore Guide: Poultry**
  - **Information:** Thinking of raising a poultry project this 4-H year? Our NEW Poultry Explore Guide will give you all the information you need to know from purchasing the chicks to walking in the show ring. Download the curriculum [HERE!](#)

## Upcoming Prospect Shows

- **Atascosa County Fair – “Sonny” Domsch Memorial Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 10, 2020**
  - Information: Annual Prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer and Steer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Entry deadline is Sept. 28, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).
- **Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 17, 2020**
  - Information: Prospect Goat & Lamb show. Taking place at Jourdanton ISD Ag Facility, 499 Christine Rd., Jourdanton, TX. Show information and contact information found [HERE](#).
- **South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show – Sat. Nov. 7, 2020**
  - Information: Prospect Steer & Heifer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena, 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Early entry deadline is Oct. 26, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).

## 2020-2021 Livestock Ethics Policy Reminders

- 1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members** of a 4-H Club in the state of Texas and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas.
- 2. To gain the life skills developed through the livestock project; exhibitors must be closely engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals.** Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period.
  - a. 4-H livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of a County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project.** Excessive involvement of third-party consultants, breeders, fitters not affiliated with the Texas 4-H program are prohibited. Third party involvement interfering with the exhibitor’s ability to provide primary daily care of and engagement with livestock projects may result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock projects owned by all associated exhibitors/families.
  - b. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record.** Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent. Failure to gain approval from the County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
- 3. A state validated livestock project may not be simultaneously validated in more than one county.** Additionally, a state validated animal may not be county or state validated under a different exhibitor’s name in another county.
- 4. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class/event or claiming ownership through signage, social media, or any other advertising method is prohibited.** False ownership is a violation of these guidelines and will lead to disqualification.
- 5. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited.** Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal’s body is illegal. This includes **injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances**; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet (this does not include medically necessary treatments for injured hooves or feet); as well as “twining” which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, removal of ancillary teats, and docking of tails.



## **Bexar County Junior Livestock Show BBQ Plate Fundraiser – Sept. 26, 2020**

**Information:** The Bexar County Jr Livestock Show (BCJLS) will be hosting a BBQ Plate Fundraiser sale. The BBQ Plate Sale (Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans, Bread) will support the annual BCJLS Scholarship Fund. You can help donate and buy a BBQ Plate (\$10) and support Ag kids of Bexar County! BBQ plate sale has officially kicked off and is online right now through the link below. <https://www.cognitofirms.com/BexarCountyJuniorLivestockShow/BexarCountyJuniorLivestockShowBBQPlateSale>

The BBQ Plate Sale will be on: Saturday, September 26 starting at 12 noon at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show grounds on 7701 FM 1346, San Antonio TX, 78220. Everyone that buys a pre-ordered plate will be entered into a drawing!

## **2021 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Information ACT/SAT Scores UPDATE**

**Information:** Note this update was provided to us by the Foundation Office. I have sent in questions regarding students who have been unable to take their ACT/SAT tests due to COVID-19 restrictions and awaiting reply:

We have had several questions about the 2021 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship requirements due to the impact that COVID-19 is having on schools and testing centers. The ACT/SAT score is not going to be required by some schools this year and the question was whether or not we would require the score still. After speaking with some donors that also require the score, **it was decided that the ACT/SAT score will still be required to submit an application.**

## **Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) – Workshop 1 deadline Sept. 17**

**Information:** Please inform your 4-H members that registration for the [Junior Master Photographer training](#) scheduled for **September 26 is now active on 4HOnline and LOCATION has changed to Kerrville at the Hill Country Youth Event Center. As in the past, youth must have an active enrollment in order to register.** See Flyer: [HERE](#) The Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) program provides advanced instruction to photography enthusiasts. As a Junior Master Photographer, youth will be expected to return to their counties and districts to serve as teen leaders for the project. Additionally, Junior Master Photographers may be called to serve as photographers for various 4-H events and activities. Youth do need to have a good working knowledge of their camera prior to attending this advanced training.

To be a certified Junior Master Photographer, candidates must:

- Be in 7th – 12th grade
- Attend BOTH Workshop I and Workshop II
- Complete a competency test with a minimum score of 80%
- Submit four photos taken by applicant demonstrating understanding of instruction
- Participate in at least one practice event
- Complete a photography community service activity
- Take part in at least two organized project experiences

Master Photographers are expected to return to counties and districts to help expand their photography programs. They receive the Junior Master Photographer pin and certificate. Certified JMPs in 9th grade are eligible to apply to the State 4-H Photography Ambassador Program. The JMP training consists of two one-day workshops. Below are the details for both:

<b>JMP Workshop I -Space limited to 1<sup>st</sup> 40 registered!</b> Date: <b>Saturday, September 26</b> Location: <b>Kerrville at the Hill Country Youth Event Center</b> Grades: 7-12 DSLR Camera Required <b>Deadline: September 17 via 4-H Online</b>	<b>JMP Workshop II * Must have attended Workshop I</b> Date: <b>Sunday, December 13</b> Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center Grades: 7-12 DSLR Camera Required <b>Deadline: December 7 via 4-H Online</b>
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Dates and locations are subject to change depending on Covid-19 guidelines. Additional information and contact information can be found [HERE](#).

## Texas 4-H Center Road Show!

- **Information:** The Texas 4-H Center is wrapping up our summer camp programs and looking ahead to the end of the 4-H Year as well as the beginning of a new year! The Texas 4-H Center will be traveling for Road Shows this fall. Texas 4-H can bring the road show to your kickoff events, club meetings and officer trainings to add some extra fun! The Texas 4-H Road Show will be adding a fee this year to help offset cost. If interested in this opportunity please email [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu) to learn how to sign up!

## LawnStarter Lawntrepreneur Scholarship

- **Information:** The Lawntrepreneur Scholarship is our way of funding tomorrow's top entrepreneurs. We're fixing the large and disorganized lawn care industry, and we're willing to grant \$1000 to any student we believe has the potential to change the world through entrepreneurship. If you are interested in starting your own business, we'd love to hear from you.
- **We offer the scholarship to a student each semester. The entry for the Spring semester is from August 31st to December 31st.** We will announce the recipient on January 2nd of the subsequent year. For application and eligibility requirements please go to: <https://www.lawnstarter.com/scholarship>

## Help Kids with Cancer through new Texas 4-H Partnership

- **Information:** Texas 4-H has partnered with the Variety Television Network (VTN) Commerce Club, the Stu and Laurie Variety Hour, and a familiar face to Texas 4-H - [Brooke's Blossoms](#) to raise money for Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer and Texas 4-H! The television show will be airing in the fall of 2020, but for now you can do your part by [signing up as a member online](#)! When people sign up for the VTN commerce club, they receive a free sterling silver Brooke's Blossoms ring as a thank you for their support. Then 10% of the buyers club fee goes to support kids with cancer through the Brooke's Blossoms efforts and 10% goes directly to 4-H for the referral.

# 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](mailto: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.

**NEW**

## Shooting Sports Coaches Training, Sandia TX – Early Registration Due 9/20/20

- **Information:** The next 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Certification training has been scheduled for **September 26-27, 2020** at Camp Zephyr in Sandia, Texas (Flyer [HERE](#)). This event is open to any/all **registered and screened 4-H volunteers** (age 21 and older) wishing to become certified to lead a shooting sports program in one of the following four disciplines: **Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, or Archery.**
- There are three **opportunities** for attending this training with specific registration fees for each. The attendee registration options include:
  - **Coach (Adult)** – Adults age 21 and older will be candidates for Certified Coach. **\$150**
  - **Coach's Assistant (Adult)** – Adults age 18-20 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. **\$150**
  - **Coach's Assistant (Youth)** – Youth age 14-18 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. **\$150**
- Must be accompanied by a sponsoring adult (age 21 & over) and meet one of the following:
  - Sponsoring adult may be previously certified in that discipline and pay a reduced fee. **\$75**  
This adult will not receive any type of certification.
  - Sponsoring adult may be registered above as **Coach (Adult)** and pay the registration fee. **\$150.**
- Both must be in the same discipline/certification group.

**NEW!** A significant and important portion of the training is what we refer to as the "Green Injection." National 4-H Shooting Sports has developed an online educational module online to cover this portion of the training. Here is how this affects your certification.

- Must be taken before the in-person certification course (before Sep 25).
- Pay separate fee to National 4-H Shooting Sports for the online training (\$20)
- The in-person training registration will be discounted by \$20. So, no net additional cost to you for those getting certified.

Volunteers can only receive certification in one discipline per workshop. Registration for this event will open on 4Honline on **August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> and Late Registration from September 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>rd</sup> (+\$25 late fee).** Please keep in mind that while this is being hosted in and by District 12, **it is open statewide.** The registration fee of \$150 includes program costs, some meals, and materials. No specific lodging arrangements have been made, except as noted in the Lodging attachment at the Marshall Center through 4Honline registration. However, a list of lodging option and hotels is provided. All are within a 20-30 minutes of the training site. The training will begin early on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and conclude by mid-day on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to receive certification must attend the entire workshop (beginning to end) and successfully complete a written examination to be considered for certification.

## **Texas 4-H Summit Recordings**

The recordings of our sessions from the 2020 Texas 4-H Virtual Summit are now available online. Don't miss out on the opportunity to access so much quality information to benefit you and your 4-H program. Find the recordings at: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hKQ1X1-ztBunR2FNG7c6YadMqBMwsP\\_h](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hKQ1X1-ztBunR2FNG7c6YadMqBMwsP_h)

## **Virtual Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! Gardening series coming SOON!**

The online, video-based Virtual Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! Course for Elementary Students will be available for use next month. [Click the video to see a week 1 preview!](#)

**The 4-H STEM Challenge**, formerly known as the National Youth Science Day (NYSD), is an annual initiative to inspire kids everywhere to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on learning. With the relaunch of the US space program, now is a perfect time to build upon that excitement. The race to land humans on Mars is on! **The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars with the activity, Mars Base Camp.** Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mars Base Camp is a collection of activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture.

Order your kits today. October is officially 4-H STEM month, so help shine a spotlight on this fast-growing project area. There are two versions of the kit available this year. The "Family-sized Kit" is suitable for 1-4 youth. The "Educator Kit" is ideal for up to 12 youth. Order your kit [HERE](#). Find Educational Resources [HERE](#).

## **4-H Tech Changemakers Program**

**Information:** National 4-H has teamed up with Microsoft to develop a program for teens that empowers them to serve as digital ambassadors to create change in their communities. Change is in the form of digital literacy with the goal of breaking the digital divide. If you would like to start a 4-H Tech Changemakers group in your county, you can download the guidebook [HERE](#).

## **Take a Stand Virtual Learning Series**

- **Information:** The **Take A Stand Anti-Bullying Curriculum** (Grades K-5) keeps with the 4-H mission of preparing youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The Take a Stand curriculum focuses on five main areas: conflict management, communication, etiquette, teamwork and cultural awareness. You can utilize our NEW video series during your club meetings, classroom time and more!
  - **Lesson 1:** [Keep Your Cool](#)
  - **Lesson 2:** [Walk In My Shoes](#)
  - **Lesson 3:** [A Manner of Speaking](#)
  - **Lesson 4:** [Get In the Game](#)
  - **Lesson 5:** [You + Me = Harmony](#)



# CONTEST PAGE:



## 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](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu)



## \*\*\*2020 County Record Books & Awards PICK UP\*\*\*

If you missed our Record Book/Awards pick up days, you may contact Natalie Cervantes @ [ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu) to schedule a time on Tuesdays OR Fridays ONLY to pick up your items. Items not picked up by November will be disposed.

## 2020-2021 District/State Food Challenge Updates

The District has made the change to host Food Challenge in Kerrville at the Kerr County Youth Event Center on April 28, 2021. The committee wrote some contest changes/updates and they are linked below for you review until official contest letters are released. Registration will be open in 4-H Online March 30- April 6, 2021 and Late Registration will be April 7-8, 2021.



- \*New – [2020-2021 Food Challenge Rules & Guidelines](#)
- \*New – [District 10 Facebook Page will be posting Kitchen Gadget Videos](#)
  - [2020 District Food Challenge Updates/Changes](#)
- [DATE CHANGE for Food Challenge Contest – Moved to April 28, 2021](#)
  - [Food Challenge Web Training Recording](#)

## 2020-2021 District/State Food Show Updates

A quick update on this year's Food Show for the District, here are the current changes that were made to the District contest based on the state changes.

- Juniors will continue to compete in the Food Show as they have in the past and will only be interviewed by the judges
- Intermediates will have the Interview and the Skills Showcase
- Seniors will participate in all 3 components of the contest as listed in the Texas 4-H Food Show Guidelines
  - [2020-2021 Food Show Rules & Guidelines](#)
  - [2020-2021 Updated Food Show Scorecard](#)
  - [2020-2021 Food Show Training RECORDING](#)
- \*New – [District 10 2020-2021 Food Show Resources](#) (*The D-10 Food Show Committee will be creating the 10-question quiz for Senior 4-H participants from these resources.*)



## 2020-2021 Record Book Updates



There are no changes to the record book process for the 2020-2021 Texas 4-H Year. We will still be offering the ZSuites Online Record Book platform this year as well as the traditional Word forms. Plans are to conduct trainings this fall for ZSuites for those interested. On our Texas 4-H Record Book [website](#) you will also find some past training information!

- \*New – [2020-2021 Record Book Family Guide & Categories](#)
- \*New – [2021 Record Book Forms \(Word Doc\)](#)



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

- Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2\\_/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_/edit)
- **Shooting Sports Coaches Training, Sandia TX – Sept. 26-27, 2020**
  - Information: Certification Training available to Adult Volunteers wishing to be a certified coach in rifle, pistol, shotgun or archery. Registration instructions and information [HERE](#).
- **2nd Annual “Come & Break It” Sporting Clay Tournament, Kingsbury TX – October 10, 2020**
  - Information: Sporting Clay Tournament that serves as a qualifier for SALE/HSLR Shooting Contests. Please see registration information, fees and more on the flyer [HERE](#).
- **Burnet County 4-H Fall Statewide Virtual Match 2020 – Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020**
  - Information: Shoot 3-Position Small Bore, 3-Position Air Rifle, 60 Shot Standing Air Rifle, and 60 Shot Prone Small Bore for 4-H Juniors. Match shooting can take place anytime between Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020. Report must be postmarked by Nov. 30, 2020. Shoot information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).

## 2020-2021 County – District – State Contest Dates

*\*This is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions/guidelines at the time of the event. The health & safety of our 4-H members, families & employees is of the utmost importance.\**

**2020-2021 4-H Year BEGINS! – September 1, 2020 \*Must be enrolled to compete!**

**2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Fee +\$5 – Nov. 1, 2020 \*Must be enrolled to compete!**

**County ONE DAY 4-H Event – October 10, 2020**

**County Roundup (Pub. Speaking & Ed. Pres.) – October 17, 2020 \*Virtual**

**County Food Show ONLY – October 17, 2020 – Details TBA**

**County Winter Arts & Crafts Show – (Nov/Dec), 2020 TBA (Tentative)**

**District 10 Fall Roundup (Kerrville) – December 1 - 3, 2020**

-Educational Presentations/Public Speaking

-Entomology

-FCH/Horse/Livestock Quiz Bowl

-Food Show ONLY

**District 10 Conference (Location TBA) – December 2020 TBA**

**District 10 Photography Contest \*Virtual\* - February 2021 TBA**

**District 10 Dairy/Horse/Consumer Decision Making (SALE) – February 2021 TBA**

**County Fashion/D2D/Storyboard Contest – March 2021 \*May be Virtual**

**County Photography Entries DUE \*Virtual\* - March 15, 2021**

**County Share-the-Fun Contest – April 3, 2021 \*May be Virtual**

**County Spring Project Show – (April/May), 2021 TBA**

**District 10 Food Challenge (Kerrville) – April 28, 2021**

**District 10 Meat Judging (San Angelo) – April 2021 TBA**

**District 10 Spring Roundup (Location TBA) – Late April/Early May 2021 TBA**

-Livestock/Wool/Mohair/Soil Judging

-Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture ID

-Share-the-Fun

-Leaders 4 Life

-Fashion Show/D2D/Storyboard

-Small Bore Rifle (Floresville TX)

## **2020-2021 County – District – State Contest Dates - CONTINUED**

### **Texas 4-H Roundup (College Station) – June 7-10 2021**

- 2021 Roundup Guide: [PDF](#) | [Google Doc](#) (updated 9/1/2020)
- 2021 Schedule of Events – [PDF](#) (updated 9/1/2020)
- 2021 Texas 4-H Contest Changes and Reminder – [PDF](#) (added 9/1/2020)

#### **CHANGES**

- Public Speaking - The time limit has been increased from 7 to 8 minutes, keeping 5 minutes as the minimum.
- Horse Quiz Bowl – Updated resources for 2020-2021 contest year. Resources have been removed and one resource has been added to align with the Hippology Contest
- Food Challenge
  - o Realigned Categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish and Healthy Dessert
  - o Supply box will now include some designated pantry ingredients
  - o The Pantry has been replaced with the Grocery Store
- Food Show
  - o **Contest has moved from Thursday to a Tuesday contest due to facility availability!**

### **County Record Books/Awards Due \*Judging Virtual\* - June 14, 2021**

**District 10 Horse Show (Location TBA) – Late June 2021 TBA**

**District 10 Leadership Lab (Brownwood) – Late June 2021 TBA**

**District 10 Record Book Judging (Location TBA) – Early July 2021 TBA**

**Texas 4-H Dog Show (Belton) – July 9-11, 2021**

**Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games (San Antonio/Manor) – July 2021 TBA**

**Texas 4-H Horse Show (College Station) – July 2021 TBA**

## **Congressional App Challenge 2020 – Due October 19, 2020**



- **Information:** Congressman Chip Roy's office is participating in the Congressional App Challenge (CAC) for students. This competition is an opportunity for kids to code apps and compete as individuals or teams. More details can be found in the attached [flyer](#).

Students can submit their app creations between now and **October 19**. Judging will take place October-November, winners will be announced in December. Winning students will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. next spring, depending on COVID-19 of course. **The District office is also seeking judges for the CAC.** Adult 4-H volunteers that work in STEM fields, or conduct robotics activities with students are being sought after! More details about being a judge for the CAC is attached in this [memo](#).

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