



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- NOV 23 – [Safety Matters: Cybersecurity Webinar for Youth](#)
- **NOV 23 – Swine Validation (4-7PM) @ Madison HS**
- **NOV 24 – Swine Validation (2-5:30PM) @ East Central HS**
- **NOV 26 – Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble Gobble! – Office Closed**
- NOV 30 – [Burnet County Virtual Shoot DEADLINE](#)
- NOV 30 – [Design the 2021 STEM Challenge Contest Deadline](#)
- NOV 30 – [Texas 4-H Fall Merchandise Order Period Closes](#)
- NOV 30 – [Coryell 4-H Christmas Classic Jackpot Show Early Registration](#)
- DEC 1-3 – District 10 Fall Roundup Contests in Kerrville, TX
- DEC 1 – [Land Stewardship Ambassador Applications DUE](#)
- DEC 4 – [\\$500 Grant Program from Youth Service America DUE](#)
- DEC 4-18 – [FREE Watch UR BAC Alcohol & Drug Awareness Program](#)
- DEC 5-6 – [2020 Dimmit County Prospect Show](#)
- DEC 5-6 – [Coryell 4-H Christmas Classic Jackpot Show](#)
- DEC 6 – [2020 SSB Prospect Pig Show](#)
- DEC 7 – [Texas Junior Master Photographer Workshop 2 Deadline](#)
- DEC 8-10 – [National 4-H Computer Science Virtual Conference – FREE!](#)
- DEC 8 - Vet Science Certificate Program Skills Training
Email: vetscience@ag.tamu.edu to register
- DEC 14 – [Capital Farm Credit Community Outreach Grant Program Deadline](#)
- DEC 15 – [Early Registration for TX A&M Equine Reproductive Short Course](#)
- DEC 18 – [District 11 Shooting Sports Coaches Training Early Registration](#)
- DEC 19 – [Bexar 4-H Hunter/Jumper Horse Show @ San Antonio Polo Club](#)
- DEC 25 – [District 11 Shooting Sports Coaches Trg. LATE Registration](#)
- **DEC 24-25 – Merry Christmas 4-H Family! – Office Closed**
- DEC 31 - [LawnStarter Lawntrepreneur Scholarship](#)
- DEC 31 – [Youth in Agriculture Video Showcase SUBMISISON DEADLINE](#)
- **DEC 31-JAN 1 – Happy New Years! Office Closed for New Years Eve/Day**
- JAN 1 – [Texas A&M University Soil & Crop Science Dept. Scholarship DUE](#)
- JAN 8 – [Texas Farm Credit Scholarship Deadline](#)
- **JAN 10 – Dog Validation due on 4HOnline (Guide Posted!)**
- JAN 18 – District 10 Dairy Judging Contest Registration Deadline
- JAN 18 – APR 18 – [Texas 4-H Winter Penpal Program](#)
- FEB 2-6 – [Patriot Steer Show](#)
- **FEB 15 – Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Deadline**

⚠️ QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! ⚠️



Happy Thanksgiving!

From everyone at the Bexar County Extension Office, we wish you all a Happy and SAFE Thanksgiving this year. We are certainly thankful for the kids that make our job worth doing, and the adults who graciously give their time to help us do our jobs!

NEW

County One Day 4-H Project –

Volunteers needed for harvest at Urban Farm, 1st 2 weeks of December

The 2020 County One Day 4-H event will be the **Urban Farm project (overseen by County Commissioner Tommy Calvert)**. This farm will be the home to our new AgriLife facility in the future. However, at this time we are starting the land development and farm portion to help donate fresh produce to the San Antonio Food Bank, who are facing unprecedented demands due to COVID-19. They are looking for volunteers to work 2-4 hour shifts (8am-10am/and/or 10-12Noon) **Nov. 30-Dec. 4th and Dec. 7-11th** to harvest veggies from the farm. **If you would like to sign up and help, email Natalie Cervantes: ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu**

COVID-19 Updates

All, our office is vigilantly waiting for updates regarding programming/office operations due to COVID-19's strong resurgence in cases in Bexar County. As of right now, there have been **NO CHANGES** to program restrictions since our September 2nd update. Please keep careful watch of your emails as we will alert all members of programmatic changes via our 4HOnline Broadcast Emails. In the interim, we are **STRONGLY** advising that clubs meet virtually if they are able to do so. Please stay safe and healthy everyone!

2020 ANIMAL VALIDATION DATES

<u>SWINE:</u>	<u>County Tags (BCJLS)</u>	<u>Rabbit Validation</u>
Nov 23 @ 4-7PM Madison Nov 24 @ 2-5:30PM East Central	Please attend the validation dates to the left based on species. *NOTE: BCJLS will NOT be at the Nov. 10th Swine validation @ Judson HS.	County Rabbit Validation will be conducted virtually this year due to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update & Updated Local Show Practices . SEE PAGE 6 for Details

Tag Order Price: \$30 per Late State Tag (Swine)

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.
- b. 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. ***Presently we are open 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! **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 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](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Letter & Waiver Form](#)
- [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](#)

Natalie Cervantes
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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 or Chris Lambert at Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu

<p>SWINE:</p> <p>Nov 23 @ 4-7PM Madison Nov 24 @ 2-5:30PM East Central</p>	<p>County Tags (BCJLS) (\$2 ea.)</p> <p>Please attend the validation dates to the left to purchase tags</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>County Rabbit Validation will be conducted virtually this year due to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update & Updated Local Show Practices. Emails were sent directly to exhibitors with validation instructions! See Page 6 for DETAILS</p>
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Late Swine Validation Tags – Late tags are \$30 Each

- **Information:** If you will be showing a Market Barrow or Registered Breeding Gilt at the majors and you did not order a tag, you will need to purchase a Late State Validation Tag. Please fill out and return [this FORM](#) (Please write child's name where it reads "Exhibitor") & payment to the Extension office ASAP. Late tags are \$30 each and in limited supply! 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.

Upcoming Livestock/Prospect Shows

- **2020 Dimmit County Classic Prospect Show – Sat.-Sun. Dec. 5-6, 2020**
 - Information: Prospect Steer, Heifer, Swine, Lamb & Goat show. Taking place at Dimmit County Multipurpose Building, 539 Industrial Boulevard Carrizo Springs TX, 78834. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).
- **NEW Coryell 4-H Christmas Classic & Holiday Market – Sat.-Sun. Dec. 5-6, 2020**
 - Information: Prospect Swine, Lamb & Goat show. Taking place Gatesville Civic Center, 301 Veterans Memorial Loop, Gatesville TX 76528. Show information, contact information and entry info found [HERE](#).
 - **Enter [ONLINE](#) by November 30 for early pricing!**
- **2020 SSB Prospect Pig Show – Sun. Dec. 6, 2020**
 - Information: Prospect Pig show taking place at Guadalupe County Fairgrounds. Show information, contact information and forms found [HERE](#). Entries due by Dec. 3rd, but entries accepted at the show.
- **Patriot Steer Show – Feb. 2-6, 2021 (Abilene, TX)**
 - Information: The Patriot Steer Show will be sanctioned by Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, State Validation and Quality Counts. More information can be found at <https://www.battleofthecattle.com/the-patriot>.

Rabbit Project Workshop Series – POSTED!

- **Information:** The Rabbit Project Workshop Series has been posted online for all members to view! We currently have all four recordings posted in two locations on the Texas 4-H website:
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/> - scroll down to Rabbit Extravaganza & click link for Workshops #1-4 OR <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/rabbit-extravaganza/> - link is listed directly about the flyer image.



BCJLS Rabbit Validation PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES:

The Bexar County Rabbit Show is scheduled for Thursday, December 31, 2020, with check-in by 11 AM. Rabbits are dealing with their own pandemic, Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus, stereotype 2 (RHDV2). RHDV2 is considered highly contagious, spreading between domestic and wild rabbits with a very high mortality rate. It entered Texas in the Spring of 2020 and has spread significantly through 10 southwestern states. To minimize the risk of spreading, we are going to a “virtual” validation process of all exhibitors who can. Your meat pen rabbits should have been born about October 22nd, and now be 3 weeks old. If you did not breed your own, you should be receiving your rabbits in about two weeks from your breeder. We are requesting that the Exhibitors ask their breeder/suppliers to tattoo the rabbits before delivery.

Some breeders are going to show reluctance due to a little extra effort on their part, but I would encourage you to push back by requesting their cooperation to minimize the potential of spreading the rabbit virus for the good of the rabbit community that they are an essential part of. Also, remember this is being done to protect the health of the rabbits you are buying.

If you cannot get the breeder or an alternative person to tattoo, or if other special circumstances apply, BCJLS will tattoo on an appointment-only basis. The exhibitor will still need to take photos and submit their validation by e-mail the same as the “virtual” validations.

Validation will consist of sending an e-mail from the family to rabbits@bcjls.com with some basic information:

Exhibitor Name(s)

Club(s)

Breed(s)

Number of rabbits to be validated

and photos of:

- **the exhibitor(s) and rabbits as a group** (do your best to get all rabbits in a photo, but if you are validating a large group just show the cages of rabbits).
- **A photo of each ear tattoo that is legible.** You will have to clear the excess ink before the photos are taken. The recommended cleaning for a fresh tattoo is by applying a very thin coat of petroleum jelly (aka Vaseline) to seal the ink in the holes and wipe the excess away with a paper towel. Alternatively, once tattoos are about 4 days old, you can wipe with a damp cloth.

Please consolidate all photos into a single e-mail to be sent to rabbits@bcjls.com. We are asking this to be done by December 4, 2020, and please cc yourself to confirm it went out. If you cannot get your rabbits tattooed by other means, please e-mail me at jstondre@yahoo.com by November 29th. We will schedule validations by appointment the week of November 30th. We will ask that you bring your own cleaning supplies.

We understand that change creates stress, but that is not the purpose of this change. We only want to protect your investment in your project. As a consideration, please think about your plan after December 31st. The rabbit virus has spread by unwanted domestic rabbits being released into the wild. Please do your part to control the spread by not releasing rabbits.

Per the BCJLS rules, animal projects (including rabbits) are validated per family, not by the individual participant. I made my best assumptions assigning families based on mailing addresses on the entries. Please let me know if we need to consolidate or divide.



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

MAJOR SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE HAS PASSED if you did not turn in your entries please contact Sam Womble ASAP to enter entries with +\$100 Late Fee

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

STOCK SHOW UPDATES:

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - If you have youth who plan to exhibit at the 58th annual Bexar County Junior Livestock show, a club manager must submit their entry online via their online BCJLS portal by Nov. 1st, 2020. If you need to request your club password for entries, please email bcjls@bcjls.com or call or 210-960-1239.

- Current Schedule uploaded here: [58th BCJLS Schedule](#) – Subject to Change
- For the kids to send letters: Auction of Champions will be at Blue Bonnet Palace: 17630 Lookout Rd, Selma, TX 78154. Pre-Registration online at bcjls.com and On-site starting @10 am, with Auction beginning @11am on Jan. 9th 2021.

San Antonio – **PREMIUM BOOK & ENTRY FORMS RELEASED! Please go [HERE](#) for information!**

- 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 - **PREMIUM BOOK & ENTRY FORMS RELEASED! Please go [HERE](#) for information!**

- 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.



Horse Project Events & Resources



NEW

Bexar County 4-H Open Horse Show & Upcoming Events

Information: The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will be hosting several horse shows for our 4-H members! Please save the following dates to your calendar if you are interested in exhibiting!

- **Open Show Dates:**
 - January 16, 2021
 - March 27, 2021
- **Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show Series:**
 - December 19, 2020 [ELIGIBILITY FORM REQUIRED FOR AWARDS](#)
 - February 6, 2021
 - May 1, 2021.

The Open Show series will be held at the Guadalupe County Fairgrounds in Seguin. The hunter/jumper series will be at the San Antonio Polo Club grounds. 4-H member competing for end of the year awards & prizes MUST complete an academic eligibility form to remain eligible for competitive awards. See forms attached to each show above. More information is available on the [Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page](#).

Texas A&M Equine Reproductive Management Short Course – Jan. 6-8 -2021

Information: Howdy! Registration for the annual [Texas A&M Equine Reproductive Management Short Course](#) is now open. This year it will be offered online only and we hope this expands the opportunity for more people to join since most years we have a waiting list due to its popularity. Registrants will be receiving an interactive kit in the mail prior to the short course if they register before **December 15th**. The kit includes products for stallion semen collection and artificial insemination along with a reproductive practice's manual. Recordings of the short course will be available for a limited time afterwards for those who register. Our agenda will cover stallions one day and mares the other day, so registrants can choose to register by day according to their interest. The third day will capture all aspects of reproductive management and include some exciting industry tours. [FLYER HERE.](#)



Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Information & UPDATES – Due Feb. 15, 2021

- **Upcoming Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Trainings:**
 - NOV 19 – [Texas 4-H Virtual Foundation Scholarship Training @ 6PM](#)
- **SCHOLARSHIP DOCUMENTS RELEASED!** Please see the following Application Info & Deadlines for 2021:
 - [Applicant Tutorial: How to Apply](#)
 - [Rules & Guidelines for Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship 2021](#)
 - [Scholarship Tips](#)
 - [Scholarship Portal FAQs](#)
- **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. Please work on getting your members registered for an upcoming test ASAP!** Please contact ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

NEW

2020 County One Day 4-H Project! – Need help with HARVEST! – 1st 2 weeks of Dec.

- **Information:** The 2020 County One Day 4-H event will be the **Urban Farm project for County Commissioner Tommy Calvert**. This farm will be the home to our new AgriLife facility in the future. However, at this time we are starting the land development and farm portion to help donate fresh produce to the San Antonio Food Bank, who are facing unprecedented demands due to COVID-19. They are looking for volunteers to work short 2 or 4 hour shifts (8-10AM and/or 10-12PM) **Nov. 30 – Dec. 4th and Dec. 7 – 11th** to harvest veggies from the farm. **If you would like to sign up and help, email Natalie Cervantes: ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu**

Soil & Crop Science Dept. @ Texas A&M offering \$16,000 Scholarships – Due Jan. 1

- **Information:** The Department of Soil & Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University is awarding **\$16,000 scholarships** to incoming freshmen and **\$8000 scholarships** to transfer students. Please see the [attached pdf](#) for information about the scholarships and the application process. The deadline for the application is January 1. Please find the application at this link: <http://soilcrop.tamu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/scholarships/>

The Soil & Crop Sciences Department at Texas A&M University has great opportunities for students wanting to major in [Plant & Environmental Soil Science and Turfgrass Science](#). These majors are great options for students with a STEM and/or Agriculture focus that are interested in plants, water, soil, and the environment.

2020-2021 Texas Farm Credit Scholarship Announcement – Due Jan. 8, 2021

- **Information:** Texas Farm Credit would like to take this opportunity to invite your students to submit their application to our **Ag Student of the Month** program and **Marsha Martin Scholarship** program. Students may apply for both programs by completing one simple application. In addition to our two student scholarship programs, we are also offering a **\$500 Club Contribution** to the SIX Marsha Martin winning student's FFA or 4-H Club. **Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply.**

Partnering to Serve

Community Outreach Grant Program

Capital Farm Credit is passionate about giving back to our Texas youth. We're proud to offer a program that encourages positive change and instills in our youth the importance of giving back to their community.

Program Overview:

- Application periods open each fall.
- Grants awarded to Texas FFA chapters and 4-H clubs who develop and execute a community enhancement event or project, done in a manner that complies with applicable safety measures, including the Open Texas Minimum Health Standards in effect at that time.
- Funds given to assist club or chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities a better place to live.
- For more information visit:
www.capitalfarmcredit.com/resources/community-support

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Together we're better.
Partnership that really pays.

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Deadline:
December 14, 2020

Apply [HERE!](#)

Afterschool Grants available from Youth Service America – Due Dec. 4th

NEW

Information: Youth Service America, with support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, will award [Afterschool Grants](#) of up to \$500 each to support virtual, hybrid, and/or safe in-person youth-led service or service-learning activities in afterschool programs between mid-December 2020 – June 2020. Any afterschool program in the U.S. that engages at least 50 middle & high school students can apply through December 4. [APPLY NOW!](#)

County Council Information – Don't forget our upcoming meeting Jan. 21st!

- **Information:** Our next County Council meeting will be **Jan. 21st** VIRTURALLY at <https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/meet/natalie.cervantes>
- **This year's theme is "Socially Distanced, NOT Socially Isolated"** – Each meeting will host a presentation/activity on reducing stress and improving our mental health during this stressful time!

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Jan 21 (Thurs.)

Mar 18 (Thurs.)

May 20 (Thurs.)

Land Stewardship Ambassador Program – Earn a \$400 Stipend!

- **Information:** Do you know a high school student who is interested in land stewardship, ecology, the environment, veterinary science, wildlife, nature, ranching, the outdoors and who is interested in developing personal leadership skills? We are looking for **15 students in Bexar County** to join us for our Spring 2021 Land Stewardship Ambassador Bexar County Cohort. Students MUST be able to travel to the meeting location (@Witte Museum). **Students who successfully complete the 10-session program will earn a \$400 stipend.** The goal of this program is to **increase awareness** of land stewardship principles, **promote civic engagement** in today's youth and inspire students to obtain careers that support land stewardship. The Land Stewardship Ambassadors program is hosted by the East Foundation & The Witte Museum. The Land Stewardship Ambassadors program is proudly sponsored by Texas Farm Credit.
- **To apply:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIPVdIBtCZKIYfNuluS9fL-5I79qN94NkpgZOM8BUrFnRh9g/viewform>
- Qualifications:
 - Any student in high school
 - Interest in the environment / outdoors and in developing personal leadership skills
 - Able to commit to participating in the full course
 - **Important Dates:**
 - October 1, 2020 – Application Opens
 - December 1, 2020 – Application Deadline**
 - December 18, 2020 – Applicants Notified of Selection
 - Bexar County Cohort will be meeting at Witte Museum in San Antonio, TX.
 - Transportation, Food, and Lodging will be provided for overnight trips
 - Students will also receive all curriculum needed to complete the program
 - There is no cost for the student to participate!
 - **Spring Semester Schedule:**
 - February 7, 2021 – Mandatory Student/Parent Information Session
 - February 20-21, 2021 – Overnight at The Witte Museum
 - February 28, 2021
 - March 14, 2021
 - March 21, 2021
 - March 28, 2021
 - April 11, 2021
 - April 18, 2021
 - April 25, 2021
 - May 2, 2021
 - May 9, 2021 Overnight at the San Antonio Viejo Ranch

For more information please visit:

<https://eastfoundation.net/education/land-stewardship-ambassadors/>

Youth in Agriculture Video Showcase -Entries DUE Dec. 31. 2020

Information: Calling all AG YOUTH! We want to celebrate your passion with over \$20,000 in cash prizes. We are looking for your project – whether it be livestock, science research, equipment, food production, welding, plant growth, stitchery, wildlife conservation or any other type of ag related project. You will answer the following question in a video no shorter than 2 minutes and no longer than 3 minutes: *“What is your past, current, or future agricultural project and what life lessons have you learned from your experience?”* For full details, rules and other info visit; TexasFarmCredit.com/Showcase

Register for the 2020 4-H Computer Science Virtual Conference: DEC. 8TH - 10TH

- NEW** **Information:** Computer science (CS) and computational thinking (CT) is everywhere around us, from horse competitions to quilting! Learn from specialists and educators in the field on how to wrap CS programming into your current work or start your own 4-H CS program. Register and discover how easy it is to learn computer science and how applying computational concepts can make a positive impact in your youth program. **Registration is free** but space is limited! [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Texas 4-H Center Fall/Winter Program List

- Information:** The Texas 4-H Center will be hosting several Fall/Winter camps, retreats and trainings! For more information on what is being offered please see this [flyer!](#)

- NEW** **Shopping for Christmas? NEW Texas 4-H Merchandise:** Shop the NEW Texas 4-H merchandise just in time for Christmas for a ***LIMITED TIME ONLY***! Items will only be available through Nov. 30th. [ORDER NOW](#)

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 [CLICK HERE](#)

GIVE \$4 TO GROW 4-H

NEW

INVEST IN YOUTH. CHANGE LIVES. CHANGE THE WORLD.

40% OF FUNDS RAISED BY YOUR COUNTY STAY IN YOUR COUNTY

Drawing to **WIN \$100** each week for participating 4-H members!

DID YOU KNOW?
4-H Members are **4X** more likely to give back to their communities.

HOW TO DONATE:
Visit <https://bit.ly/3nzheTY> | Make checks payable to Texas 4-H Foundation.
Send to: Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842
Checks must include County designation.
If donating on behalf of a 4-H Member, please include their name as well.

The Texas 4-H Give \$4 to Grow 4-H Campaign is a state-wide campaign where each 4-H member is asked to secure a sponsor to donate \$4. Funds raised will go toward Texas 4-H projects and programs. Visit Texas4HFoundation.org/givetogrow/ for more details.



NEW



States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program



CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM
AROUND THE GLOBE THIS WINTER!

Open to youth
ages 9-18

OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS FROM
JANUARY 18 - APRIL 18, 2021!

Steps to Participate

- 1) Sign up!**
Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.
- 2) Match!**
We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).
- 3) Connect!**
Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).
- 4) Make Friends!**
Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.
- 5) Share!**
At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.



4-H Project Trainings

4-H Speaker Request Form- VIRTUAL TRAININGS OFFERED!

- **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.

2020 Upcoming Trainings – *2021 Trainings will be posted in December’s Newsletter

Texas 4-H Foundation Opp. Scholarship WORK NIGHTS *Designed for applicants, by appt. ONLY.	Tues., Dec. 8, 2020 @8AM - 6:30PM Mon., Jan. 4, 2021 @8AM - 6:30PM	Call 210.857.9285 to set appt.
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District 11 Shooting Sports Coaches Training – Jan. 9, 2020 in Victoria, TX

- **Information** for the 2020-2021 District 11 Shooting Sports Training is now available at the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/district-11-shooting-sports/>. The event will be held Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Victoria 4-H Activity Center in Victoria, TX. Registration will be online on [4-H Online](#). Regular registration will be open from November 15, 2020 – December 18, 2020. Late registration will be open from December 19-25, 2020. Note: The entire training is limited to 60 participants.

NEW

Watch UR BAC – FREE Alcohol & Drug Awareness Program for Youth – Starts Dec. 4

- **Information: Programs for Schools and Youth.** All costs covered by grant from Texas Department of Transportation. Feel free to register a whole class to attend or an individual. If the days and times do not work for you or your school, please contact us to plan for a custom program. [FLYER HERE.](#)
 - Bobbi Brooks- Program Manager Bobbi.Brooks@ag.tamu.edu 979.321.5224
- Seminars:
 - **Friday, December 4**
 - 10:30 am- *E-cigarettes and Vaping including Marijuana*
 - 1:30 pm- *Underage Drinking Prevention and Alcohol Poisoning*
 - **Monday, December 7**
 - 10:30 am- *When Sean Speaks*
 - 1:30 pm- *E-cigarettes and Vaping including Marijuana*
 - **Friday, December 11**
 - 10:30 am- *Media and Health*
 - 1:30 pm- *Brain Development, Effects of the Brain on Drugs and How It Relates To Impaired Driving.*
 - **Monday, December 14**
 - 10:30 am- *Gateway Drugs*
 - 1:30 pm- *Problem Solving*
 - **Thursday, December 17**
 - 1:30- *When Sean Speaks*
 - **Friday, December 18**
 - 10:30 am- *Underage Drinking Prevention and Alcohol Poisoning*

NEW

Safety Matters: Cybersecurity Webinar for Youth – TONIGHT!

Information: Please join the Region 5 Youth Preparedness Council for a webinar to learn about the importance of cybersecurity and resources needed to engage safely online. Data shows that three in five children use Internet-based devices in their homes, and it's estimated that children between 8 and 18 spend about 45 hours per week online – numbers that have most likely increased during stay-at-home orders. With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic changing the way learn and socialize – it is critical for you to identify steps you can take to protect yourself when you connect online.

Title: Safety Matters: Cybersecurity Put First for Youth

Date: Monday, November 23, 2020 6:00 – 7:00 PM CT

Registration Link: https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_RXZo2NsNQaulxPijx8euwg

Guest Speakers:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): Amanda J. Knutson, Supervisory Special Agent
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): Tony Enriquez, Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA)

Who Should Attend: Youth, Parents, and general public.

Virtual Learning Tips & Resources

NEW

Information: Interested in doing more virtual learning and meetings? Learn best practices and resources for virtual learning in a new webinar by Kentucky 4-H's Torey Earle. Torey walks viewers through everything you need to create online clubs using existing resources like 4-H at Home! Click [HERE](#) to access the recorded webinar.

Vet Science Certificate Program Skills Training

NEW

Information: The training will be **Tuesday December 8th from 11am – 1pm**. Tyler Vogel, Extension Specialist, will be hosting a skills informational that will allow CEA and Adult leaders to learn about the 27 different skills as well as talk about the 78 skills needed to obtain their CVA. We will offer multiple ways to teach the skills and you might even learn some new ways to teach these skills that you never would have thought about. To register, please email: vetscience@ag.tamu.edu.

Rabbit Project Workshop Series – POSTED!

NEW

Information: The Rabbit Project Workshop Series has been posted online for all members to view! We currently have all four recordings posted in two locations on the Texas 4-H website:

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/> - scroll down to Rabbit Extravaganza & click link for Workshops #1-4 or <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/rabbit-extravaganza/> - link is listed directly about the flyer image.

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](#).



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

NEW

2020-2021 District/State Judging Contest Updates (Livestock, CDM, ETC)

With many of the stocks shows cancelling judging contests across the state, the Texas 4-H program and District staff are coming up with alternative contest opportunities for you. Please see below for news & updates:

Consumer Decision Making: The District 10 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest is being tentatively planned for **Tuesday, April 27, 2021** at the Kerr County Youth Event Center. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the San Antonio Livestock Show Contest plans, we are holding this date and location as an alternate until more information is released. If San Antonio Stock Show is able to offer the CDM Contest, we will hold the contest jointly with theirs as we've done in past years.

Dairy Judging: Due to stock show cancellations, District 10 will co-host its own 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. The event will host the District 10 contest and will also serve as the National Qualifying contest for the State. Participants will be able to choose if they want to participate in the district contest only, state contest only, or in both events during their registration on 4-H Online (each contest will have a cost). Contest information and registration timelines can be found below.

Contest: Saturday, February 6, 2021

Location: Hopkins County (Sulphur Springs, TX) Equine Pavilion

Registration Timeline: January 4th – January 18th (One registration that they can select State, District or can do both)

Contest Rules & Guidelines will be posted to the [Texas 4-H Roundup page](#) in December.

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.

- [2020-2021 Food Challenge Rules & Guidelines](#)
- [District 10 Facebook Page will be posting Kitchen Gadget Videos](#)
- [2020 District Food Challenge Updates/Changes](#)
- [Food Challenge Web Training Recording](#)

2020-2021 County/District/State Food Show Updates

District rules and updates are seen below:

- 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 \(Word Doc\)](#)



2020-2021 County/District/State Photography Updates

The due dates for all Photography Contest are as follows:

District Contest: [RULES](#) – Deadline is February 26, 2021

County Contest: [RULES](#) – Deadline is March 15, 2021

State Photography: [RULES](#) – Deadline is April 15, 2021

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_xn3qX9pREBfURfxtSukl3WXTNXst8x5PnEV0/edit
- **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](#).
- **District 11 Shooting Sports Coaches Training – Jan. 9, 2021 in Victoria, TX**
 - Information for the 2020-2021 District 11 Shooting Sports Training is now available at the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/district-11-shooting-sports/>. The event will be held Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Victoria 4-H Activity Center in Victoria, TX. Registration will be online on [4-H Online](#). Regular registration will be open from November 15, 2020 – December 18, 2020. Late registration will be open from December 19-25, 2020. Note: The entire training is limited to 60 participants.



Texas 4-H Dog Show Updates & Validation Information

Information: Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on **July 9-10, 2021 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas.** To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by **January 10, 2021** in 4-H Online. Members are encouraged to validate any dogs they are eligible to show in the event situations change through the year. [Linked are detailed written instructions](#). The state 4-H office has also created video instructions <https://youtu.be/3NzoljK9Pco> if that is more convenient.

As 4-H members complete their validation, here are some things to keep in mind:

- For purebred dogs (they do not have to be registered, just look purebred) you will select the correct Group and list the breed.
- For mixed breed dogs you will select the Weight Group of the dog and list the dominant breed along with the word “Mix” or list the two breeds if known. (Example: Border Collie Mix or Mastiff/Great Dane.)
- Photos of the left and right side of the dog should be a side view of the whole dog. Get on the dog’s level so they do not turn into top views. They should also be clear and light enough we can see all markings and color of the dog.
- **None of the previously validated dogs carried over to 4-H Online. Everyone will need to complete the full online validation form and upload photos this year.**

District 10 Entomology Contest Resource Page

- **Information:** If you have a 4-H member who is interested in participating in the District 10 Entomology contest on Tuesday Dec. 1st in Kerrville TX, Molly Keck (our Integrated Pest Management Extension Specialist), has developed a study resource page [HERE](#) for members to use in preparation for the contest. The contest consists of (1) paper exam and a laboratory practical in which members identify insects (picture specimens). For more information regarding their virtual practices please email mekeck@ag.tamu.edu



DESIGN THE 2021 STEM CHALLENGE! National 4-H Council has just released the Request for Application (RFA) for the 2021 4-H STEM Challenge. The winning team will be awarded \$50,000 to design a "space exploration" themed STEM Challenge. Applications are due on November 30, 2020. [Start yours today!](#)

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.

District 10 Fall Roundup (Kerrville) – December 1 - 3, 2020 & December 8-10, 2020 ([Guide POSTED!](#))

-Educational Presentations/Public Speaking – December 8-10, 2020

-Entomology ([STUDY MATERIAL HERE](#))

-FCH/Horse/Livestock Quiz Bowl

-Food Show ONLY

District 10 Conference (Location TBA) – TBA - Postponed

NEW State Dog Validation DEADLINE – January 10, 2020 (PDF Guide [HERE](#))

District 10 Photography Contest *Virtual* - Due February 26th, 2021 ([Rules POSTED!](#))

NEW District 10 Dairy Judging – February 6th 2021, Sulphur Springs TX

District 10 Horse Judging – TBA

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

County Photography Entries DUE *Virtual* - March 15, 2021 ([Rules POSTED!](#))

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

State Photography Entries DUE via 4HOnline – April 15, 2021 ([Rules POSTED!](#))

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

NEW District 10 Consumer Decision Making – April 27, 2021, Kerrville Texas

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

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

District 10 Spring Roundup (Fredericksburg, TX) – April 21-24, 2020

- Livestock Judging
- Share-The-Fun
- Range & Pasture ID & Range Evaluation
- Leaders 4 Life
- Mohair, Wool, Soil Judging
- Fashion Show & Storyboard & Duds 2 Dazzle
- Smallbore 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

NEW

Texas 4-H Dog Show (Huntsville) – July 9-10, 2021

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

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

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