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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- FEB 1 – [Houston Livestock Show Judging Contest Registration DEADLINE](#)
- FEB 1- [Texas 4-H Summer Camp Registration is NOW OPEN](#)
- FEB 2-6 – [Patriot Steer Show](#)
- FEB 6 – [Bexar 4-H Hunter/Jumper Schooling Horse Show](#)
- FEB 7 – [Souper Bowl of Caring Community Service Project Ends](#)
- FEB 10 – [Bexar County Virtual Lunch & Learn – Know More about Cancer](#)
- FEB 11 – [Virtual Agrobotics Contest Orientation – Sign Up Now!](#)
- FEB 12 – [Virtual Training: 4-H Robotics for Beginner's \(Lego EV3\)](#)
- **FEB 15 – [Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship DEADLINE](#)**
- FEB 15 – [CEP Goat Giveaway Application Closes!](#)
- FEB 17 – [Early Bird Registration for D-7 Shooting Sports Coaches Trg.](#)
- **FEB 26 – [District 10 Photography Entries DUE!](#)**
- FEB 26 – [National Young Alumni Advisory Committee Nominations Due](#)
- FEB 26 - [Capital Farm Credit Scholarship DUE!](#)
- MAR 1 – MAY 10 – [Join the Virtual Bug Club!](#) Space is LIMITED.
- MAR 3 - [LATE Registration for D-7 Shooting Sports Coaches Trg.](#)
- MAR 5 – [2021 Vet Science Camp Application Period CLOSSES](#), Apply [HERE](#)
- MAR 9 – **Spring District Roundup Contest Registrations OPENS [HERE](#)**
- MAR 12 – [TX 4-H Volunteer Awards/Salute to Excellent Nominations DUE](#)
- **MAR 15 – [Bexar County Photography Entries DUE!](#) [Submit Entries HERE](#)**
- MAR 15 – [2021 National Beekeeping Essay Submission Deadline](#)
- MAR 15 – [TX Brigade Youth Wildlife Camps Registration Deadline](#)
- MAR 16 – [Virtual Training: Bexar S.A.L.E. Scholarship & Interview Workshop](#)
- MAR 23 – **Spring District Roundup Contest Registrations CLOSSES [HERE](#)**
- MAR 24-25 – **Spring District Roundup Contest LATE REGISTRATION [HERE](#)**
- MAR 25 – [Virtual Training: Record Book Training – The Basics](#)
- MAR 29 – [National 4-H Youth in Action Award Applications DUE](#)
- **APR 1 – [District 10 Community Service School Supply Drive ENDS! Pg.11](#)**
- **APR 6 – [Deadline for D10 CDM & Food Challenge on 4HOnline](#)**
- **APR 8 – [Late Registration D10 CDM & Food Challenge on 4HOnline](#)**
- APR 8 – [Virtual Training: Record Book – Advanced Story](#)
- APR 10-15 – [National 4-H Virtual Conference](#)
- APR 13 – [Virtual Training: Bexar S.A.L.E. Scholarship FINAL Help Session](#)
- **APR 15 – [State Photography Entries DUE! \(For qualifying Seniors\)](#)**
- APR 22 – [Virtual Training: Record Book – Advanced Report Forms](#)
- MAY 10 – [Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration DEADLINE](#)

⚠️ QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! ⚠️

Major Stock Show 4-H Eligibility Form Changes

Please Read: Due to the increasing uncertainty of our office schedule the Bexar 4-H program will be making changes to our Eligibility checks and forms this year. For ALL sanctioned 4-H events that requires eligibility to participate **the County Extension Office will be working directly with your school to complete the eligibility check.** In the interest of protecting students and providing families flexibility who have opted for a virtual learning schedule, **THERE WILL BE NO PAPER FORMS. You will not be contacted regarding your child's eligibility UNLESS the school deems your child ineligible.** Lastly, our office will **NOT** be keeping record of excused/unexcused absences by your school. It will be up to each family to keep track of your absences and their recorded designation by the school. **Questions? Email Natalie Cervantes: ncervantes@ag.tamu.edu Please note your school will make the FINAL determination of academic status, not the Bexar County 4-H office.**

NEW Last Day to Sign Up for NEW Judging Contest Opportunities at HLSR

Houston is now offering several judging contests for 4-H members to compete in. Please see updated list [HERE](#). If you would like to participate in any of these contests, you must email Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu and register by the end of today, **Feb. 1, 2021.**

NEW TexasSpeaks Statewide Survey

Howdy 4-H family! Beginning today and going through at least March, the TexasSpeaks survey will be available for the citizens of Texas. **TexasSpeaks is an online survey conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with the purpose of listening to Texas citizens as they identify the strengths and needs of their communities.** The goal of TexasSpeaks is to engage as many Texas citizens as possible to create the most accurate and helpful data to support Texas communities at both the state and local levels. The survey is anonymous and takes only 15 minutes of time. Please access the survey [HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 2021 Upcoming Virtual County Trainings

4-H Robotics for Beginner's	2/12/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn how to start 4-H Robotics in your club.
Scholarship & Interview Workshop	3/16/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Interview skills and info on Bexar SALE Scholarship.
Record Book Training: The Basics	3/25/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn the basics on how to do a 4-H Record Book
Record Book Training: Advanced Story	4/8/2021 @ 7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Join to improve your Record Book Story!
Bexar SALE Scholarship Help	4/13/2021@7pm	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn how to apply for the Bexar SALE Scholarship
Record Book Training: Report Forms	4/22/2021@ 7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Join to improve your Record Book Report Forms!

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. ***We will begin 25% staff capacity once the positivity rate reaches 7% for 14 consecutive days. Call our office if you need office assistance.**
CURRENT POLICY ON 4-H CLUB MEETINGS: Regular Face-to-Face meetings can resume after on/after January 19, 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 an 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 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 2021 because we are more prepared and can anticipate these changes.

4-H Clubs may resume meeting. 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](#)

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4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS

Stock Show & 4-H Eligibility Form Changes

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Upcoming Livestock/Prospect & Judging Shows

***NEW* Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo – NEW Judging Contest Opportunities**

Houston is now offering several judging contests for 4-H members to compete in. Please see updated list [HERE](#). If you would like to participate in any of these contests, you must email Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu and register by the end of today, **Feb. 1, 2021**

***NEW* Lonestar Classic 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest**

- **Information:** Please see the attached [announcement](#) for the Lonestar Classic 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest. Space may be limited so teams should register early. The contest will be held February 6, 2021 in Ennis, Texas at Columbia Meat Packing. The contest will be held immediately following the intercollegiate contest at 5:00pm central time. Awards will be announced immediately after the contest. All information can be found here: [Lonestar Classic Youth Meat Judging Contest \(meatscience.org\)](http://meatscience.org) Contact Rachel Adams (Radams@meatscience.org) with questions.

• **Teague YF Valenswine Show – Feb. 27, 2021 (Fairfield, TX)**

- Information: Saturday February 27th, Teague Young Farmers is having a 2 ring Swine jackpot show in Fairfield Texas. Please share the [flyer and information](#) with your 4-H members.

***NEW* 2020-2021 District 10 Meat Judging Contest**

Attached you will find the [D-10 Meat Judging Letter](#). The following releases will need to be filled out prior to the contest:

- [ASU Volunteer Acknowledgement and Release Agreement](#)
- [Acknowledgement and Release Agreement \(Guardian on behalf of Minor Participant\)](#)

As with all of our other contests, please note that details are still subject to change as we get closer to the event.

***NEW* Cooperative Extension Prairie View Goat Giveaway: (Flyer [HERE](#))**

- **Information:** This year, Prairie View A&M University's 4-H department will be **giving away 5-10 dairy goats** to successful applicants. The applications are screened by judges that look for evidence that the applicant has the resources and knowledge to take care of the goat properly and show commitment towards furthering their goat and overall 4-H involvement. Applicants do not need to have previously raised goats to enter this program. Schools and community organizations are welcome to apply as well! Deadline is 2/15/2021
Application Link: https://pvamu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6AwobXxb2ikeOO

STOCK SHOW UPDATES & INFORMATION:

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 2 groups, Group 1: Feb. 15-17; Group 2: Feb. 18-19. Group 1 will consist of all American breeds & ONLY Simmentals entered in Superbowl. Group 2 consists of all British & 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.

NEW

NEW: 2/1/2021 If you are attending the 2021 San Angelo Stock Show or have exhibitors that are, please read the below thoroughly and pass on to all who may need the information.

- **Family Health Assessment Form:** Each exhibitor family must have a completed Family Health Assessment form completed and turned in at the pen assignment. **The driver must have a completed family health assessment form for each exhibitor family with animals on the trailer to be allowed access to unload. The form is located here: <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/more-information>.**
- **Wildlife & Meats Judging Contest:** The Wildlife and Meats Judging Contests are held at the MIR Center, a part of the Angelo State University campus. ALL ATTENDEES- participants, coaches, parents, etc- that will be attending these contests at ASU's MIR center **MUST** compete special forms for ASU. Please visit the registration page at judgingcard.com, or find the documents. There is a separate form for Minor Participants and Coaches/Parents. **Please complete these forms in advance and bring them completed to the contest.**
- **Heifer Futurity:** The Heifer Futurity is now being held virtually. All information was sent to exhibitors regarding the modifications to the contest. This was the best option for the event, with the two wave format. The information is also available here: <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/2021-heifer-futurity-contest>
- **Other Important notes/Frequently Asked Questions:**
- We will have approximately 6 food vendors on grounds to serve our livestock exhibitors throughout the show.
- There will also be tack vendors set-up throughout the event. There will be no other vendors on grounds.
- If you are not feeling well, do not attend the event. Furthermore, if you have been exposed to COVID-19, please follow all CDC guidelines regarding quarantining.
- Heifer Show: If you have heifers in both waves and cannot make it home to take animals back between waves, they will be allowed in tie outs. For Example, during Wave 1- only Wave 1 heifers will be allowed in the barn, including for washing, but Wave 2 heifers will be allowed in tie-outs. Friday morning by 9 a.m. - ALL heifers must be out of the barn and in tie outs. **ALL TACK MUST BE OUT OF THE BARN AS WELL.** Wave 2 Heifers will check-in Saturday morning at the stalling barn, and only Wave 2 heifers will be allowed in the barn. We will have an outside wash area. **Tie-Outs will be handled on arrival- NO RESERVATIONS.**
- Goat exhibitors returning for the market lamb show will be asked to remove all tack from the barn.
- Clarification: Blocking tables, blowers, and clippers will be allowed for the Wether Doe & Dam Shows ONLY.
- Ag Mechanics: Lunch will be provided for contestants on Show Day- Friday.
- **For the most up to date information, forms, weight breaks, etc. please check: <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/more-information> often.** To reach the livestock office directly throughout the show, please call 325-658-5061.

Houston : PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL UPDATES SENT OUT BY HSLR HERE: [LINK](#)

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



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:**
 - March 27, 2021
 - **Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show Series:**
 - February 6, 2021 – [ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)
 - 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](#).

Upcoming Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show Series – Feb. 6, 2021

Information: The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will be hosting their upcoming Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show on Feb. 6, 2021 (Saturday) at the San Antonio Polo Club. COVID precautions will be in place. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Prize List and Entry Forms are up for the H/J Schooling Show February 6th at the San Antonio Polo Club. Enter via online entry form below or by mail or email. Addresses located in the prize list.

Prize List: <https://drive.google.com/.../16KTKdrLkN-mZrsyDXuZ8Pdkq.../view...>

Online Entry: <https://bexarco4h.formstack.com/forms/hjentryform>

If you have any questions contact Katie Hodges @ 210-274-8004.

49th Annual Summer Horsemanship School **NEW**

Information: Registration for the 49th Annual Summer Horsemanship School is [now open!](#) Any group in Texas can host a 2 or 3-day summer horsemanship school (clinic), including 4-H clubs. If you have an interest in hosting, but need more guidance please don't hesitate to contact me. This year, county grants to help fund a SHS are available by application! Contact the 4-H Foundation for more information on this grant funding opportunity.

NEW

In-person Contest for Senior Texas 4-H, FFA and TQHYA members
 When: Friday March 12, 2021
 Entry fee: \$120/team
 Where: Will Rogers Memorial Center; Fort Worth, TX
 Register @ judgingcard.com
 For Teams Only

VIRTUAL Horse Judging Contest for youth 18 and under
 When: Friday March 12, 2021
 Entry fee: \$20/individual
 Where: Online
 Register @ agrilifelearn.tamu.edu
 For Individuals Only

Questions? Contact Jennifer.zoller@tamu.edu Learn more here:  SCAN ME



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

- **Upcoming Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Trainings:**
 - Did you miss the training? See it HERE – https://youtu.be/3_RrhOeHb_4
- **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](#)
- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**
 - The ACT/SAT score is **not** going to be required for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application.
 - It has come to our attention that semester schedules are behind due to the late start some schools faced due to COVID-19. With this delay, some applicants will not have final 1st semester grades at the time of the deadline for the 2021 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship to satisfy the 3.5 year transcript requirement. **As a result, Foundation has decided to allow applicants to submit the transcript they have at the time of the deadline (11:59 PM Monday, February 15th).** Applications will move on to the judging portion and during that time (March) applicants can submit their final 3.5 year transcript. **If an applicant fails to submit their final 3.5 year transcript by Tuesday, March 23rd at 11:59 PM, they will be disqualified from moving to the next round.**
 - Unfortunately, **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo School Tour Scholarships will NOT be awarded this year.**
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - **Monday, February 15th at 11:59 PM** – Deadline for the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship – must submit the transcript they have at that time.
 - **Tuesday, March 23rd at 11:59 PM** – Deadline for any applicant needing to submit an updated transcript to reflect 3.5 years. Applicants will need to have their counselor or school administrator email the updated transcript to kelly.gideon@ag.tamu.edu (Kelly will be checking applications and notifying applicants should they not have a complete transcript (before the deadline only)).
- *****IMPORTANT*** Anyone wishing to be considered for a 2021 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship MUST submit a complete application (with transcript that is available to the applicant) by the February 15th deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for late applications.**



2020-2021 Capital Farm Credit Scholarship – Due Feb. 26, 2021

- **Information:** Capital Farm Credit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. And because a steady flow of credit means more jobs and economic growth, Capital Farm Credit is also helping invest in the vibrancy of communities throughout rural Texas through our scholarship program. Two \$1,000 one-time scholarships will be awarded to an individual from a Bexar County high school. [Click HERE to learn more and apply.](#)

County Council Information – Don't forget our upcoming meeting March 18th!

- **Information:** Our next County Council meeting will be **March 18th** VIRTURALLY at <https://agrillife-tamu.webex.com/meet/natalie.cervantes>
 - **Mar 18 (Thurs.)** **May 20 (Thurs.)**

2021 4-H Volunteer Recognition Awards

NEW

Information: Nominations for Salute to Excellence/4-H Volunteer Awards are now being accepted now through **Friday, March 12, 2021**. Nominations are now open online through [Formsite](#) to recognize volunteers, donors, and AgriLife personnel for their continued commitment to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. These can be supporters (individuals, couples, businesses, organizations) who assist at the county, district, regional, or state level. The six recognition categories are:

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

ONLINE FORMSITE SUBMISSION

LINK: https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form_login.html

Texas 4-H website Awards & Recognition page: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/awards/>
(*Volunteer Recognition Packet [HERE](#) and previous winners are posted [HERE](#).)*)



NEW! RECOGNITION

Due to constraints related to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no face-to-face recognition luncheon or event in College Station during Roundup. Honorees will be presented their awards locally and recognized state-wide through media efforts. Creative, exciting ideas are being planned to ensure this year's award winners still feel the excitement and honor of receiving this award.

PRIOR HONOREES

A list of prior award winners is attached [HERE](#) and can be found on the Texas 4-H website on the Awards & Recognition page as well as on the Formsite submission page. Please review this list to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter.

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

Online nominations accepted: Today – Friday, March 12, 2021

Announcement of winners: Late April

NEW

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement! June 20-21, 2021 (Brownwood, TX)

- **Information:** The Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge will be held June 20-21, 2021 in Brownwood, Texas, at the 4-H Center. Click on the link below for more information about cost, schedule, registration, and more. See you there! [FLYER HERE](#)
Deadline to register is May 10, 2021, cost is \$50 per registrant.

NEW

2021 National 4-H Virtual Conference SAVE THE DATE: April 10-15, 2021

More Information Coming SOON: [FLYER HERE](#)

Are you ready for Texas 4-H Summer Camps? **NEW**

- **Information:** Texas 4-H Summer Camp Registration has opened February 1, 2021!! Registration is on their website, [here](#). Click the green register now button on the right hand side of the screen, then click on 2021 Summer Camps, and then select the camp(s) you and your campers will attend this year! See flyers below:

TEXAS 4-H CAMPS SUMMER 2021



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Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



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CAMP:	Dates	Registration Fee Youth/Adult
FISHING CAMP	June 16-18	\$240/\$130
STEM CAMP	June 16-18	\$240/\$130
HORIZONS CAMP	June 27-July 1	\$300/\$160
MISSION POSSIBLE MENTORS	June 27-30	\$125
MISSION POSSIBLE	June 28-30	\$175/\$120
COUNTY CAMP I	July 1-3	\$200/\$110
COUNTY CAMP II	July 5-7	\$200/\$110
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP	July 7-9	\$200/\$110
PRIME TIME I	July 11-14	\$250/\$135
PRIME TIME II	July 14-17	\$250/\$135

More information at: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
 Registration opens February 1, 2021

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

Texas 4-H Center Program List – ReFashion Retreat moved to February

- **Updated 1/12/21 Information:** Refashion Retreat is tentatively scheduled for February 12-14, 2021. However, we need to meet our minimum numbers to continue with the retreat with an in-person format. The 4-H Center has opened a new registration session on our website, texas4hcenter.tamu.edu. There is not a registration fee associated with this session, this will help us if we have to administer refunds. When we hit our minimum number of campers we will begin to transfer into the retreat session and you will have to go in and pay for the retreat (additional information will accompany this transition). We will not be charging a late fee at this time. We will also be adding a 1-day virtual portion if you are uncomfortable attending in person. This will be contingent on meeting the minimum number of in-person campers. Information about this format including participation fee will be sent out at a later time.

Bexar & District 10 Community Service Project **NEW**

- **Information:** The Bexar County & D-10 4-H Council have decided that for this year's community service project they want to give back to local schools within our area. **Bexar County will host a school supply drive to support Menchaca Early Childhood Center. Clubs are welcome to collect the items and coordinate a drop off with Natalie Cervantes.** Bexar County will be collecting supplies until April 1, 2021. Email ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu for more information.



Young Alumni Advisory Committee Nominations Now Open **NEW**

- **Information:** We invite you to please nominate the dynamic, proven young leaders in your network to serve on National 4-H Council's Young Alumni Advisory Committee (YAAC). The YAAC serves as a bridge to the young alumni community, informing Council's Board of Trustees & working closely with Council associates to provide counsel, work on strategic initiatives and help grow our network of young 4-H alumni. Nominees should be between the ages of 18-22 as of July 1, 2021. [Submit your nominations online by February 26!](#)

Apply now for 2022 Youth in Action Awards

- **Information:** The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:
 - 5,000 higher education scholarship
 - Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
 - All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
 - Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
 - Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

Members can apply [HERE](#).

Applications should be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on Monday, March 29.

Souper Bowl of Caring Community Service Opportunity **NEW**

- **Information:** Are you looking for ways to give back to your community, especially local food banks who are seeing an increase in clients? If so, I encourage your county to get involved in the Souper Bowl of Caring Project between now and the Big Game on **February 7, 2021**. Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. This year, Texas 4-H members are encouraged to find innovative ways to help their local food pantries. If you are looking for a food pantry in your area or wondering what the local need is, access the [TackleHunger Map](#)

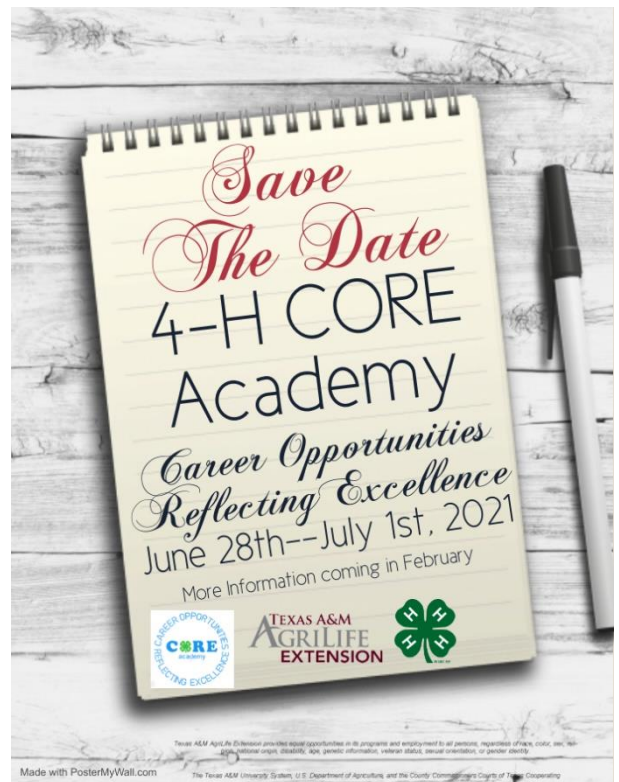
Attached is the [2021 Souper Bowl of Caring Playbook](#). This playbook will guide you through the process. And don't forget to register your group and your activity at the Souper Bowl of Caring website <http://tacklehunger.org> ! Please let me know if you have any questions! This is a great opportunity for clubs, ambassador groups, or others to make a difference in the community!

4-H CORE Academy Tour – Jun. 28 – Jul. 1

Information: Bandera, Gillespie, Kerr, & Kendall counties are working on a 4-H CORE Academy (Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence) this summer June 28th – July 1st, 2021. The tour's mission is to provide high school youth an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas.

This year we will be traveling to South Texas (Corpus Christi and McAllen). This tour will only be limited to 30 youth to participate. Applications and more information will be distributed in February.

If you think you might have some 4-H youth interested in your area, please feel free to market using the Save the Date [flyer](#) attached. If interested email ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu so we can coordinate a sign up.



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.

2021 Upcoming Virtual Trainings

<i>"Know More About Cancer, Get Screened, No Excuses"</i>	2/10/2021 @ 12:45 PM	REGISTER HERE	Bexar County Health & Wellness educator is welcoming 4-H members and families to join!
<i>4-H Robotics for Beginner's</i>	2/12/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn how to start 4-H Robotics in your club.
<i>Scholarship & Interview Workshop</i>	3/16/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Interview skills and info on Bexar SALE Scholarship.
<i>Record Book Training: The Basics</i>	3/25/2021 @7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn the basics on how to do a 4-H Record Book
<i>Record Book Training: Advanced Story</i>	4/8/2021 @ 7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Join to improve your Record Book Story!
<i>Bexar SALE Scholarship Help</i>	4/13/2021@7pm	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Learn how to apply for the Bexar SALE Scholarship
<i>Record Book Training: Advanced Report Forms</i>	4/22/2021@ 7PM	CLICK HERE TO JOIN	Join to improve your Record Book Report Forms!

Vet Science Camps 2021

- **Information:** As of right now, three Vet Science summer camps will be hosted in 2021. This year will be Texas A&M Kingsville June 7-9, 2021, Texas A&M University June 14-16, 2021 and West Texas A&M July 12-14, 2021. The camps are going to be limited to 25 kids per camp and will be selected via application process. **The application is available [HERE](#) via qualtrics Monday February 1, 2021** and will be due back no later than **Friday March 5th by 5pm**. I have attached our [flyer](#) for you to distribute to anyone you believe could be interested in the camps. If you have any question please reach out to me at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas Brigades: Youth Wildlife Leadership Camp

- **Information:** Please review documents below to register for these camps!
- [Attached Press Release](#)
- [Attached updated 2021 General Application Flyer](#)
- Texas Brigades Website & Applications: <https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/>



Shooting Sports Coach Training – District 7 (Brownwood, TX)

- A Shooting Sports Coaches Training is being hosted in District 7 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood on March 13, 2021. Please see this [Information letter](#) for more information. Note the following:
 - This event will be a 1 DAY training with an online portion (required to be completed prior to arriving). Link to online training will be provided to participants once they register for the event.
 - The online Green Injection training will allow us to complete the rest of the training in 1 day vs. 2.
 - Registration for the face to face portion of the training will be done through the **Texas 4-H Center Website**, NOT 4-H Online.
 - Participants MUST have an active volunteer profile in 4-H Online prior to attending the training.

Join the Bug Club! If you know a child interested in entomology and insects and looking for ways to learn more about the subject, the Spring Bug Club is open and taking registrations! Bug Club is an opportunity for youth interested in entomology and insects to learn more about them through interactive, live, **virtual** lessons with Entomologist, Molly Keck. For those who cannot make live lessons, Monday's @ 4pm, you can watch the recorded versions!

Bug Club runs March 1st – May 10th (9 total lessons). Clubbers receive a kit containing materials for activities and experiments, mailed to their home. Cost for registration is \$50. This Spring we'll cover Honey Bees and their importance, learn about their lifecycle and how the caste system and bee dances work, and wrap it up with a virtual visit into a real bee hive! We'll also study mosquitoes and understand where they like to breed, why they are so bad, and how they have shaped our national history with a lesson on Yellow Fever. As it warms up in May, we'll talk insect collections, ant species, how to use dichotomous keys, and more! To register, click here: <https://agrilliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3309>



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

2021 County Contest SAVE THE DATES

The graphic features a green background with a white 4-H logo at the top. Below the logo, the text reads "SAVE THE DATE" in large white letters, followed by "More details coming soon!". To the left, there are two event announcements: "Date: Sat. March 20, 2021 COUNTY FOOD CHALLENGE" with icons of a whisk, blender, and bowl, and "Date: Sat. March 27, 2021 COUNTY FASHION SHOW & DUDS 2 DAZZLE" with icons of a sewing machine, needle, and buttons.

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

Consumer Decision Making: The District 10 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest is being planned for **Tuesday, April 27, 2021** at the Kerr County Youth Event Center. Rules/Letter Coming Soon! Registration Deadline: April 6, 2021 via [4HOnline](#).

NEW Dairy Judging Contest: With the cancellation of the February 6, 2021 Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest which was to be held in Sulphur Springs, the All Texas Dairy Show has offered to serve as a host for the District 4-H contests for 4, 8, 10 and 11 along with our Texas 4-H National Qualifier event. **The event will be on Thursday, March 11 in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo.** Details forthcoming in future newsletters.

2020-2021 County/District/State Photography Updates

- District Contest: [RULES](#) – Deadline is February 26, 2021, Entry via 4HOnline [HERE](#)
- County Contest: [RULES](#) – Deadline is March 15, 2021, Entry via 4HOnline Google Form [HERE](#)
- State Photography: [RULES](#) – Deadline is April 15, 2021, Entry via 4HOnline [HERE](#)

2020-2021 District Fashion Show/Duds 2 Dazzle/Storyboard

Please mark your calendars for March 27, 2021 (Saturday) for our County Fashion Show, Duds 2 Dazzle and Storyboard competitions! Please utilize the letters/packets below for rules:

- *Coming Soon – 2021 County Fashion Show/Duds 2 Dazzle/Storyboard Rules/Packet
 - [2021 DISTRICT Duds to Dazzle Rules/Packet](#)
- *New – [2021 DISTRICT Fashion Show Letter/Packet](#)
- *New – [2021 DISTRICT Storyboard Letter/Packet](#)

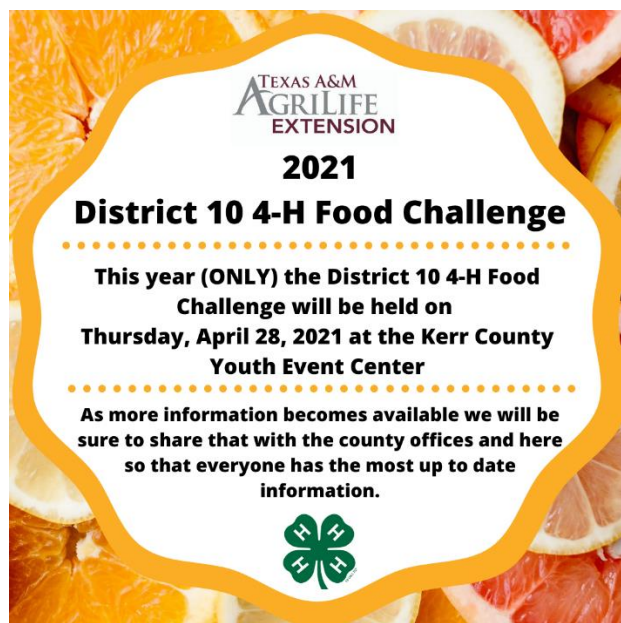


2020-2021 District/State Food Challenge

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.

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



2020-2021 District 10 Leaders 4 Life Contest

Attached you will find the [Leaders 4 Life Contest Letter](#). In order to be accommodating of the current COVID guidelines we have made a few changes to this contest to make it work:

- Contest has been moved to **Tuesday, April 20, 2020**
- Contest will be held in Seguin at the Guadalupe County Office
- Each team will be provided a scheduled time to arrive, they will be the only one's allowed in the building at that time

As with all of our other contests, please note that details are still subject to change as we get closer to the event.



2020-2021 District 10 Meat Judging Contest

Attached you will find the [D-10 Meat Judging Letter](#). The following releases will need to be filled out prior to the contest:

- [ASU Volunteer Acknowledgement and Release Agreement](#)
- [Acknowledgement and Release Agreement \(Guardian on behalf of Minor Participant\)](#)

As with all of our other contests, please note that details are still subject to change as we get closer to the event.

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_xn3qX9pREBfURfxtSukl3WXTNXst8x5PnEVO/edit



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 - Participants MUST have an active volunteer profile in 4-H Online prior to attending the training.

Lonestar Classic 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest **NEW**

Information: Please see the attached [announcement](#) for the Lonestar Classic 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest. Space may be limited so teams should register early. The contest will be held February 6, 2021 in Ennis, Texas at Columbia Meat Packing. The contest will be held immediately following the intercollegiate contest at 5:00pm central time. Awards will be announced immediately after the contest. All information can be found here: [Lonestar Classic Youth Meat Judging Contest \(meatscience.org\)](#) Contact Rachel Adams (Radams@meatscience.org) with questions.

Virtual Agrobotics Contest – Hosted by Grayson County **NEW**

Information: Grayson County 4-H will be hosting a Virtual 4-H Agrobotics Challenge on **Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th**. An informational release party will take place on Thursday, February 11th at 6 p.m. through Zoom. Interested leaders and robotics teams can sign up for the challenge release and for the contest at <https://grayson.agrilife.org/cattleroundup>. No mats will be required for this challenge. Teams will need to purchase one challenge supply kit per location (not team). Kits will be mailed out starting March 1st.



2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest – Due Mar. 15 on 4HOnline **NEW**

Information: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced their 2021 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic. This year's topic is: **Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats**. Honey bee colonies have developed many ways to stay healthy. In your essay, name at least two threats (a parasite such as Varroa, a pathogen such as a virus, a predator such as a bear, etc.) to honey bee colonies and then discuss the methods colonies use to defend against the threats. If possible, include at least one picture you have taken from Feb. 2020-Feb. 2021 that illustrates how colonies manage to stay healthy against a variety of threats.

Please share the contest information with your 4-H members. It can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>. You can see past winner's essays by visiting the following website and clicking on 4H Essays tab at the top of their page. <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/> Essays will be uploaded at no fee on [4HOnline](#) using the "2021 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. **Deadline to submit is Monday, March 15. Winners will be announced the week of April 5th.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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

District 10 Horse Judging – TBA

District 10 Dairy Judging – March 11th 2021, Abilene, TX

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

County Food Challenge Contest – March 20, 2021

County Fashion/D2D/Storyboard Contest – March 27, 2021

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

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

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

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

District 10 Food Challenge (Kerrville) – April 28, 2021 ([Rules POSTED!](#))

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 ([Duds 2 Dazzle Rules Posted!](#))
- Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)

Texas 4-H Roundup (College Station) – June 7-10 2021 - 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup theme: *Aspire to Inspire!*

- 2021 Roundup Guide: [Google Doc](#)
- 2021 Schedule of Events – [PDF](#)
- 2021 Texas 4-H Contest Changes and Reminder – [PDF](#)
- 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup Website: [LINK](#)

NEW

COVID-19 Related CHANGES

- To host primary aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup in 2021, the Texas 4-H Youth Development program has made the decision that **we will not be able to offer Intermediate contest opportunities this year.** While this was a tough decision to make, we felt that because of the limitations regarding facilities and capacity due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, we needed to focus our efforts on opportunities for our Senior level (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members.
- **Masks will be required to be worn while at the event.** This includes even when outside where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
- **Expect our contest days to be longer** as we work to spread out the number of youth together in one location at a time. We anticipate added heats for larger contest.
- **At this time, no adjustments have been made to the contest dates as posted in August** under the Schedule of Events. Our goal is to keep the contest dates the same, but should there need to be a change, we will communicate that asap. 4-H members can still only compete in one contest per day.
- Expect only contestants and contest officials to be allowed in the contest areas, **no spectators.**
- **At this time will not be hosting a traditional assembly.** We are working on ways to virtually recognize our 4-H members for their successes during the week.
- **Post assembly activities such as the kick-off event, dance and concert are not scheduled at this time.** We are working with city officials regarding activities which would be hosted by local venues for our 4-H members (limited capacity). There would be multiple opportunities each evening throughout Bryan/College Station for our 4-H members such as specials as Grand Station, activities at Century Square, downtown Bryan, etc. We will continue to work with the local community to provide opportunities for our 4-H members and families who will be visiting the area that week.

CONTEST SPECIFIC CHANGES

- Range & Pasture Grass Identification will now be held on Tuesday, June 8th with the Range Evaluation contest remaining on Wednesday, June 9th.
- 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 (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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