Bexar County 4-H RocksI



June 24, 2021

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

<u> 4-H Office OPEN!</u>

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- JUL 24-AUG 18 Texas 4-H International Exchange Program Dates
- JUL 27 Home on the Range: Rangeland Curriculum Training (Virtual)
- JUL 30 Club Officer Training POSTPONED!
- JUL 31 2021 4-H Awards Program (American Legion Hall @7PM)
- JUL 31 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Applications DUE!
- JUL 31 Join the 4-H Clover Club before 7/31 and receive a FREE GIFT!
- AUG 1 <u>Homes for Horses Program Registration Deadline</u>
- AUG 4 Livestock Judging Information Meeting @6:30PM-Bexar 4H Office
- AUG 10 <u>STMTC Scholarship Application DUE!</u> (Application <u>HERE</u>)
- AUG 11 <u>State Fair of Texas Stock Show Entries Due</u> (Forms Pending)
- AUG 24 Bexar Livestock Coalition Meeting @6:30pm on MicrosoftTeams
- SEP 1 <u>4HOnline Enrollment for 2021-2022 BEGINS!</u> **\$25 per Youth**
- SEP 23 Club Officer Training & County Council KICK OFF @ 7PM
- OCT 1 Tyler Bowman Memorial Prospect Show Deadline (Entry Form)
- OCT 30-31 <u>Cotton Country Classic Prospect Show</u>
- NOV 1 Late Enrollment on 4HOnline Begins (\$30 per Youth Enrollment)



A QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Reminder! Bexar County Awards

<u> Program June 31, 2021</u>

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NEW

2021-2022 NEW 4-H Year Begins!

<u>Information:</u> The new 4-H Year is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2021! What does this mean?

If you are currently a member/volunteer of 4-H, you must RE-ENROLL annually to maintain your membership! Re-enrollment will begin Sept. 1, 2021 – Oct. 31, 2021 for \$25. If you enroll after Nov. 1st, your enrollment fee will be \$30 per youth. Volunteers can enroll all year for \$10! Clover Kids are free. Need



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help operating 4HOnline? Go here for "How To" Resources: <u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline/</u>

Upcoming Stock Show Reminders Calendar						
August 11, 2021	State Fair ENTRIES DUE	By 5:00 PM (@ Office)	State Fair (Sept 24-Oct 17) ENTRY WORKSHEETS COMING SOON: LINK			

SAVE THE DATE: 2021-2022 Important County/District Dates

2021-2022 County Council Meetings @ 7PM (Location TBA)	County/District Contest Dates
ept. 23, 2021 – Club Officer Training & Council KICK OFF!	COMING SOON:
	-County Roundup & Share the Fun
Nov. 18, 2021	-County Food Challenge
lan 20 2024	-County Photography
Jan. 20, 2021	-County Fashion Show
Mar. 17, 2021	-County Project Show
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May. 19, 2021 – County Council Elections.	-District Spring Roundup
*Member must attend at least (2) Council Meetings to run.	



IMPORTANT: Re-enrollment begins Sept. 1st, 2021!

With the onset of a new 4-H year beginning, please be sure to re-enroll on 4-HOnline. If you are <u>not</u> an active member of 4-H, you will not receive our correspondence and consequently, will miss important livestock information and deadlines.

2021 Validation Information & Calendar

Sheep and Goat Validation

October 12 - 3:30 - 6 pm O'Connor October 14 - 3 - 6 pm James Madison October 20 - 5 - 7 pm East Central

Fall Heifer Validation October 23 – 9 – 11 am East Central

Swine Validation

November 9 – 4 – 6 pm Judson November 10 – 4:30 – 6 pm Southwest November 13 – 2 – 5 pm O'Connor (Gerlach Show Barn) November 16 – 4 – 6 pm James Madison November 23 – 2 – 5 pm East Central



State Fair of Texas Stock Show Entries DEADLINE – August 11, 2021

• 2021 State Fair of Texas will be held Sept. 24th – October 17th, 2021

Exhibitors planning on showing at the State Fair of Texas MUST turn in their Stock Show entries to the County Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Drive, Suite 212, SATX, 78230) by August 11, 2021 (Wednesday) – 5:00PM. Families will be able to access the worksheets here (they are currently pending): <u>State Fair of Texas Stock Show Entries</u>



Quality Counts Updates & Reminders

Information: Quality Counts is open and ready for youth who need to take the course for the first time or renew their verification. IMPORTANT REMINDER: Exhibitors <u>only</u> have to take the course **once per grade level division**: junior 3-5, intermediate 6-8, senior 9-12. Exhibitors who are moving to the next grade level category have been emailed via automated email generation reminding them to complete the next course level. For a copy of PDF INSTRUCTIONS: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Quality Counts verification is required for all major livestock show exhibitors. The number must be used on major livestock show entries (therefore, it is important that exhibitors complete this **before** entry). Your county or local shows may also require Quality Counts. FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES OR LOGIN INFORMATION CONTACT: <u>LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU</u> Here is also a link to FAQ for both exhibitor families and for County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers: <u>https://texasyouthlivestock.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Quality-Counts-FAQ-Updated-11.19.pdf</u>

Livestock Coalition Meeting – Tuesday, August 24th 6:30 pm Microsoft Teams. Stock show and validation updates will be provided as well as discussion regarding specie specific livestock project workshops.

Project Visits – If you need assistance with your livestock projects (selection, feeding, management, health) feel free to reach out to Sam Womble. He would be glad to help you! You can call the Extension office at 210-631-0400 or email Sam at <u>s-womble@tamu.edu</u>

Livestock Ethics Policy Reminders – At validation last month, you were given a copy of the Livestock Ethics Policy. The document is available online at <u>https://texasyouthlivestock.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-2022-</u> <u>Ethics-Policy-FINAL-4721-1.pdf</u> Please read this document in its entirety and **pay particular attention to items 3, 4 & 9.**

Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows

EWS

- Tyler Bowman Memorial Prospect Show 2021 Uvalde, TX
 The 2021 Tyler Bowman Memorial Prospect Show will be hosted on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Uvalde
 County Fairplex (215 Veterans Lane, Uvalde TX, 78801. Postmark deadline for entries is Friday October 1, 2021.
 You can access the flyer HERE, and entry form HERE.
- Cotton Country Classic Robstown, TX
 The Cotton Country Classic Prospect Show will be hosted on Saturday/Sunday, October 30-21, 2021 at the RMB
 Fairgrounds, Robstown TX. Entries accepted on the day of the show. You can access the flyer <u>HERE</u>.
- Back to the Basics Beef Cattle Series (Sessions: April October) via Microsoft Teams
 Mark your calendar now for the "Back to the Basics" Beef Cattle series. It doesn't matter the size of your
 operation or the number of cattle you manage, this is an opportunity you don't want to miss! There will be five
 sessions (April October) addressing a wide array of subject matter. Programs will be offered online. To sign
 up, please contact Sam at Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu Please see attached flyer for details.
- 10th Annual Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo It's official! The 10th Annual Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is happening this fall! Get your boots dusted off as we BRING IT ON!! Kick-off weekend is October 16-17 with the full fair happening October 22-24! Stay tuned for more updates or visit our website for more information www.BrazosValleyFair.com

Horse Project Events & Resourc

Upcoming Bexar County 4-H Open Horse Show Schedule (21-22)

- Information: The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will be hosting a series of Open Horse shows for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. All 4-H members who are involved in the Bexar County 4-H Horse Project are welcome! Below are the dates and information for each show:
 - November 13, 2021
 - January 8, 2022
 - March 26, 2022
- All shows will be held at the Guadalupe County Fair Grounds in Seguin, TX! Stalls, RV Hookups, Concessions are available at the show. Open arena the night before. \$85 All Day Fee or \$10 per Class (+Office/Stall/Ground Fees)
- Awards: Grand/Reserve for all divisions (English, Western, Speed). Performance All-Around awards in each age group and Ribbons (1st-10th in every class). Series prizes awarded at end of the year (eligibility required).
- Age Groups:
 - Junior 13 & Under
 - Seniors 14-18
 - Adults 19+
 - W/T Youth 10 & Under
 - W/T Youth 11-18
 - W/T Adult- 19+

<u>Show Information</u>: Upcoming show information is available on the <u>Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page</u>. 4-H member competing for end of the year awards & prizes MUST complete an academic eligibility form to remain eligible for competitive awards.

Texas 4-H Homes for Horses Program

The Texas 4-H Homes for Horses program is uniquely designed to connect 4-H youth with horses in need of additional training and attention to prepare them for adoption. A close working partnership with The Right Horse Initiative, a group strongly committed to improving equine welfare through increasing adoption, has been established to help identify equine adoption partners that can effectively serve this program by procuring suitable equine partners for 4-H youth.

For more information & to submit an application, please visit the Homes for Horse Website: <u>https://www.tx4-</u> hhomesforhorses.com/







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Chartering Documents RELEASED for 2021-2022- Due ASAP

Linked is the 2021-2022 Chartering Packet which includes the

necessary documents needed to charter a 4-H club for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. The documents are also located online at: <u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/</u>. Items to note include:

- 2021-2022 Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions Contains all instructions and resources. *Please note the timeline and important deadlines!*
- 2021-2022 Charter Agreement
- <u>Sample Bylaws</u> (Word Doc): The *sample bylaws are developed to serve as a guide* for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, <u>the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in the all bylaws</u>. When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice *LESS bolded/required items*. This does not mean you have to change your bylaws, as long as they meet the minimum requirements, which they should if they were in compliance last year. Club/group bylaws may also not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the charter agreement.
- 2020-2021 Financial Review Form: Will not apply to you since you do not have a bank account at this time.
- Charter Worksheet for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4-H CONNECT This form is simply a worksheet and *should not be uploaded*.
- 4-H CONNECT Chartering Instructional Video: Shows step-by-step instructions on how to charter.
- Instructions on how to check the status of your charter after submission.
- Questions? Email ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

STMTC Scholarship Application Deadline – August 10, 2021

Information: The South Texas Marksmanship Training Center is offering a \$1,000 academic scholarship to 4-H members who were involved in the Shooting Sports Project. Application Deadline is August 10, 2021. Please click <u>HERE</u> to download the Scholarship Guidelines and <u>HERE</u> for the Application (Word Doc).

<u>Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador – Closes</u> July 31, 2021

Applications for the 2021-2022 STEM Ambassador team will close July 31, 2021. <u>APPLY HERE</u>. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed <u>HERE</u>. Applicants will need to create a simple profile on Submittable to complete the application. The application requires (among other details) several written narratives, a personal video narrative, as well as two letters of

recommendations. Candidates are urged to begin work on their applications as soon as possible.

Mission

As STEM Ambassadors, our mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork.

Eligibility for NEW Members

Individuals must:

- Attend a mandatory virtual orientation along with his/her parents/guardians on August 30 at 7 PM.
- Be at least in the 9th grade (as of September 1, 2021)
- Complete and submit application by July 31, 2021.
- Have a willingness to learn about STEM.
- Be willing to work collaboratively on a team with other youth and adults.
- Be responsive and engaged in team communications.
- Share knowledge and skills with others.
- Not serving on the 2021-22 Texas 4-H Council.

Applications will be reviewed in August and notified by the end of the month.

TEXAS 4-H STEM AMBASSADORS

HOW TO JOIN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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WHO CAN APPLY?

Membership is open to all Texas 4-H members entering the 9th grade or higher.



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WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY?

Applications will be online July 1 through July 31.

https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/submit

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Attend the fall and spring face-to-face trainings, be actively engaged in monthly online planning meetings, assist with various state-level events, and maintain a high level of communication and engagement with advisors and fellow team members.





WHAT SKILLS ARE NEEDED?

Selection is based on a number of factors, but expertise in any particular STEM field is not required. The team is looking for self-driven, well-rounded, motivated, hardworking, and responsible youth.

https://www.facebook.com/Texas4HTech/



Join the Texas 4-H Clover Club – Join before July

31, 2021 and receive a FREE GIFT!

• <u>Information</u>: The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation has some exciting news about our new Friends and Alumni Program... We invite you to join or renew membership with the Texas 4-H Clover Club. Texas 4-H Clover Club is bringing together Texas 4-H friends and alumni from across the state in an effort to advance and support Texas 4-H Programs and Youth. <u>CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE</u>

Explore Texas – Alliance Program with Texas 4-H Foundation

<u>Information</u>: The Texas 4-H Foundation launched the Alliance Program with Explore Texas two weeks ago. Don't forget this alliance program is part of our County Extension Program and all money you receive will go directly into our county extension fund which supports local our Bexar County programs!

The 4-H youth can participate in 3 ways:

- 1. The first opportunity is to take photos of all the points of interest in your community. If they are a photographer and want to take photos and/or videos, they can send Explore Texas their photos and will be paid if their picture is selected to be on their website.
- 2. The second opportunity is to write short essays or articles about your town or the points of interest within your community. They can write about the history of the town, their favorite restaurant, the local meat market, or anything that pertains to their community. They can even write about their 4-H club or project! They will be paid if their article is selected.
- 3. The third opportunity is a marketing/sales experience. They will go talk to business owners and learn how to share with them how digital marketing will help increase sales to their business. If the business owner elects to participate, they will be paid for the placement of their ad.

The ExploreTexas.com opportunity is now open to ALL Texas 4-H youth. If any of your 4-H youth are interested in learning more about this no-obligation opportunity, please go to https://explore.us/4-h-club-join/.

<u> Texas 4-H International Exchange Program –</u>

<u> July 24 – August 18, 2021</u>

• <u>Information</u>: Invite an international youth into your home for three weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too! Gain a global perspective in the comfort of YOUR home! <u>Information Flyer HERE</u> & <u>Information Website</u>

<u>4-H Project Trainings</u>

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 <u>form</u> and submit to <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u> at least 2 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 Trainings					
V	4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations! TOPIC: Developing Regional Partnerships	7/27/2021 @6:00pm CST	Virtual: Register at <u>https://bit.ly/4HVolCall</u> Questions? Contact Laura Huebinger, Extension Program Specialist for Volunteer Development at <u>lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u>	July's topic will be Developing Regional Partnerships. Come to hear what other volunteers across the Southern Region are doing and even share any success stories of your own!			
V	Club Officer Training & County Council KICK OFF	9/23/2021	In Person: LOCATION TBA @7:00PM	A great training for new or aspiring club officers. A chance to get involved with the County Council and meet others in our County and play fun games!			

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARN, GROW, EAT & GO! CURRICULUM COMING SOON!

JMG's newest curriculum, **Early Childhood Learn, Grow, Eat & GO!** is scheduled for release mid-August! Mark your calendars and click, **here**, to learn more about how this easy to implement, garden-based curriculum can impact early childhood students from Head Start through Kindergarten.The 4-week EC LGEG school garden curriculum program combines the best of plant and garden learning, food exposure, brain- and body-boosting physical activities, and novel, effective parental engagement! **Click <u>HERE</u> to join the EC LGEG email list and we'll make sure to keep you in the loop on updates and curriculum availability!**

4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations

Please join your fellow 4-H volunteers for the "4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations" at 6pm on July 27! Come join us to share ideas, build regional connections, and learn from other volunteer throughout the country! Sign up at http://bit.ly/4HVolCall to get the Zoom link. And then mark your calendars for the upcoming sessions on July 27, and November 30. This program is open to all 4-H volunteers and professionals. Questions? Contact Laura Huebinger, Extension Program Specialist for Volunteer Development at http://bit.ly/anu.edu.

Home on the Range K-5th Grade VIRTUAL Teacher Workshop 🖅

<u>July 27, 2021 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM</u>

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-on-the-range-k-5th-grade-teacher-workshop-tickets-163597770335

• Receive a free digital Rangelands: A Science and Conservation Education Guide

• **Earn 6 hours CPE credit** (3.5 during the virtual training and 2.5 to be completed during a post-workshop activity)

- Receive full access to our teaching videos and Power Points via Google Drive
- **Enjoy a fun and interactive workshop** filled with new ideas and resources to incorporate into your classroom this fall!

The Welder Wildlife Foundation's Home on the Range workshop and Rangelands curriculum provides hands-on, active learning with many outdoor activities to help K-5th grade educators convey the importance of rangeland conservation while establishing real world connections to science. The curriculum contains 27 science-based lessons that provide engaging, student-centered activities aligned to the core Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to experience many of the curriculum lessons including studies about water, plants, wildlife, livestock, habitat, ecology and stewardship and through the use of models, role play, journaling, science investigations and experiments, Internet and computer lessons, hands-on inquiry, and exciting experiential learning opportunities!

DanceFit Curriculum & Resources

Information: Learn more about a new and fun way to get kids moving....DanceFit!! If you are interested in learning more, the DanceFit curriculum overview can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/kGH3DfOTv8U
 In addition, the curriculum and resources have now been posted on the Texas 4-H website on the following page: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/safety/

STEM Leader Resources & Opportunities

4-H has been leading STEM education long before STEM was considered cool. Whether we realize it or not, all of our 4-H projects involve some degree of STEM. To help us in that regard, Texas 4-H has outlined some leader development opportunities below you might be interested in attending/joining. I have also <u>attached a document</u> providing a sampling of project-specific "STEM Abilities". Each ability can serve as the foundation/theme of a lesson.

Facebook Groups: After joining, check out the **Files** section on their page (may have to click on the More dropdown list) for lessons, handouts, PPTs, etc.

- STEM Teachers Group
- STEM Education Networking
- High School Photography Educators
- High School Photography Teachers
- EV3 Robotics



- Information: The Bexar 4-H Council has money set aside to reimburse for selected District and State events to encourage participation and help ease the financial burden for active 4-H families. The money reimbursed will need to be requested from our office; no longer automatically mailed. See details below:
- How: Please fill out and return the <u>Reimbursement Form</u> to <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u>



7:00-9:30 PM

American Legion Hall 14290 FM 1346 St.Hedwig, TX 78152 DJ: The Southern Gentleman Refreshments will be provided

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Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events/Trainings

Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_xn3qX9pREBfURfxtSukI3WXTNXst8x5PnEV0/edit</u>



* Texas 4-H State Games: Shooting Sports Pictures Released!

Check out the pictures of the Shooting Sports State Games that took place this week at the National Shooting Complex! More photos coming soon: <u>https://flickr.com/photos/tx4hphotos/albums/72157719519234579/page5</u>

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.

COMING SOON! Check your August Newsletter 🐵

Educational program of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for our events for all persons with disabilities. We request that you contact our office at least five days in advance of an event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you require.