Bexar County 4-H RocksI





IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- FEB 26-27 TX 4-H Hunting Project Coach Certification Trg. (Shelby TX)
- FEB 28 Georgia Boot Trailblazers Social Media Contest
- MAR 1 EPA's "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge DEADLINE
- MAR 3 <u>District 7 Shooting Sports Coaches Trg. Registration DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 4 County Fashion Show & Share-the-Fun DEADLINE
- MAR 5 <u>Bexar 4-H Horse Hunter/Jumper School Final Show</u>
- MAR 6 FEMA's Next Generation of Emergency Managers APP DEADLINE
- MAR 10 Virtual Scholarship & Interview Trg.–<u>MicrosoftTeams LINK</u> @7PM
- MAR 10 <u>2022 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match Registration DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 11 <u>Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Nominations DUE</u>
- MAR 12 -SAVE THE DATE: County Roundup: Share the Fun & Fashion Show
- MAR 12 <u>Youth Garden Spring Educator Training</u>
- MAR 12-13 Land, Water, & Expedition Mentor Training in Kyle, TX
- MAR 14 <u>Bexar County Photography Contest DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 15 <u>TX Brigades Youth Conservation & Leadership Camps DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 17 County Council Meeting @7PM at Bexar Co. Extension Office
- MAR 19 Mission San Juan Farm Community Service Day: 8:30 11AM
- MAR 20-24 2022 National 4-H Conference (Virtual)
- MAR 21 District 10 Spring Round Up Registration Opens on <u>4HOnline</u>
- MAR 21 <u>District 10 Meat Judging Registration Opens</u> on <u>4HOnline</u>
- MAR 22 Bexar County Food Handler's Course
- MAR 24 Virtual Beginner Record Book Trg. <u>Microsoft Teams LINK</u> @7PM
- MAR 25 <u>4-H Youth Project Fair Entry DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 26 <u>Bexar 4-H Open Horse Show (Final show of the season!)</u>
- MAR 28 <u>National 4-H Youth in Action Awards Application DEADLINE</u>
- MAR 31 <u>Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegates Application DEADLINE</u>
- APR 1 <u>Leon County Youth Livestock Judging/AG ID Contest DEADLINE</u>
- APR 4 <u>National 4-H Healthy Living Summit Registration DEADLINE</u>
- APR 6 District 10 Spring Round Up Registration Closes on <u>4HOnline</u>
- APR 6 District 10 Meat Judging Registration Closes on 4HOnline
- APR 7 Advanced Record Book Story Trg. –<u>Microsoft Teams LINK</u> @7PM
- APR 9 <u>2022 4-H Youth Project Fair</u>
- APR 9-10 <u>STEM & Natural Resources Leader Training</u>
- APR 12 Bexar 4-H Scholarship Help Session by Appointment
- APR 13 <u>District 10 2022 Meat Judging @ San Angelo</u>
- APR 15 TX 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest DEADLINE
- APR 20 <u>The Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship Application DEADLINE</u>
- APR 23 <u>Bosque County Classic @ Clifton, TX Fairgrounds</u>
- APR 28 Advanced Record Book Report Forms Trg.–<u>MicrosoftTeams</u>@7PM
- MAY 1 PVAMU Scholarship Application DEADLINE
- MAY 1 <u>Texas 4-H Livestock/Equine/Poultry Ambassador App DEADLINE</u>
- MAY 1 <u>4-H CORE Academy Tour Registration DEADLINE</u>

🛆 QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! 🛆

Upcoming Reminders:

From Sam Womble:

If you have questions or need help with your projects feel free to contact me Email – <u>Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu</u>

From Natalie Cervantes:

Bexar 4-H County Council will be hosting a community service project on Saturday March, 19, 2022 at the Mission San Juan Community Farm from 8:30-11:00 AM. Our work on the farm will directly support the SA Food Bank! How to Volunteer: Sign up with Sarah Nichols at sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu

NEW! 2022 4-H Youth Project Fair on April 9th, 2022

Event: 2022 4-H Youth Project Fair at the Helotes Activity Center on April 9, 2022. Judging begins at Noon & Awards@3PM Who: <u>ANY Texas 4-H member</u> are welcome to submit their 4-H artwork, baked goods, photos, science fair projects and MORE into our annual 4-H Project Fair Contest! Awards will be given to the 1st- 3th place winners in each age division and class. We will also select division winners and a BEST IN SHOW award winner for the Fair. *For full information see our 2022 4-H Project Fair Rules* (See Rules). *Deadline for entries will be March 25th*, 2022!

***NEW THIS YEAR:** Division 8 has changed into a S.T.E.M Fair Category! Do you have a Science Fair project you would like to enter? Please check out our new S.T.E.M. Fair Division Rules <u>HERE</u>!

4-H Youth Project Fair Forms:

- General Rules with Links to ALL PAPERWORK
- Divisions & Classes
- Labels for ALL Entries
- Recipe Card for Division 1 Entries
- Rules for Division 8 (S.T.E.M. Fair) Entries

NEW! 2022 4-H County Fashion Show Contest & Share-the-Fun March 12, 2022

We are happy to announce we will be hosting our 2022 County Fashion Show Contests & Share-the-Fun Contest, Saturday March 12, 2022 @ the Neighborhood Place at 3014 Rivas St, San Antonio, TX 78228. We would like to invite 4-H Competitors to take part in the following contests (Click the links to download the full packet of rules, schedule and entry forms.)

- <u>County Duds to Dazzle Contest</u> During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3 to 5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using item from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit (Supply kit list found in Duds to Dazzle guide). The teams then present their item to a team of judges. You may also be tested on what you have learned about how the clothing & textile industry impacts the environment, specifically the waste stream.
- <u>County Fashion Show Contest</u> The Fashion Show is designed for 4-H members to showcase their skills in buying and construction. You will create a clothing or fashion item, turn in paperwork explaining your item, complete an interview with a panel of judges, and last but not least, model the outfit on the runway.
- <u>County Natural Fibers Contest</u> (SENIORS ONLY) The Natural Fiber contest is part of the Fashion Show. Members choose to buy or construct an outfit made from either cotton or wool/mohair/alpaca. You will exhibit what you've learn about cotton and wool/mohair. Specific fiber contents are found in the contest guidelines.
- <u>County Virtual Storyboard Contest</u> The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design. Now an Invitational contest for Senior members at Texas 4-H Roundup!
- <u>County Share-the-Fun Contest (Talent Show</u>) 4-H Members will exhibit their talents as an individual or in teams of 2-9 and perform skits, vocal/musical performances or other entertainment acts. Please see packet for all categories.

If you would like to register for any of these contests please submit the necessary paperwork to our office via email – <u>Sarah.Nichols@ag.tamu.edu</u> or drop-off at 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, SATX, 78230. *Please note we close for the lunch hour (NOON-1PM). If you have any questions please us know how we can assist!

4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS

Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows

- Leon County Youth Livestock Show Invitational Livestock Judging Contest Apr. 15, 2022 <u>FLYER</u> Registration online through JudgingCard Registration Deadline April 1 / Late Entry Deadline April 6
- Leon County Youth Livestock Show Ag Product Identification Contest April 15, 2022
 FLYER Registration Deadline April 1 / Late Entry Deadline April 6
- District 10 2022 Meat Judging @ San Angelo April 13, 2022

The District 10 Meat Judging contest will be held in San Angelo University Meats Lab (7945 Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo TX) on April 13th, 2022. **Regular Registration will OPEN March 21 – and CLOSE April 6, 2022;** Late registration April 7-8 (+\$25 Late Fee) on 4HOnline. Click <u>HERE</u> for full letter of rules and information.

 Bosque County Classic @ Clifton, TX Fairgrounds- April 23, 2022 (flyer) Steer/Heifer 3 division format, Lamb 5 breed format, Goat 3 division format, Swine 6 breed format. Entry fee \$25 per head, showmanship \$5 at the gate. For more information contact Elisha Walker (254) 979-7312 or louann.thiele@vmisd.net.

 Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Programs (POULTRY FLYER) The Texas 4-H Livestock & Equine Ambassador program returns for 2022 AND is excited to announce the Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course! This course will be modeled after the Livestock and Equine Ambassador Short Courses and will be held at Texas A&M University in collaboration with the Poultry Science department this summer. Please see the attached flyer for more information about the new program. More details regarding all 3 programs can be found at www.texasyouthlivestock.com.

2022 Short Course Offering:

- 1. Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Tarleton State University June 13-16, 2022
- 2. Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University June 15-17, 2022
- 3. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University-Kingsville June 20-23, 2022
- 4. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University July 18-21, 2022
- 5. Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University July 25-28, 2022 *Selection Criteria:*
- Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- 1. Applications will be released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website (<u>www.texasyouthlivestock.com</u>) on February 15, 2022
- 2. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- 3. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- 4. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course
- 5. Applications are due May 1, 2022

Horse Project Events & Resour



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. You can also see the flyer <u>HERE</u>.
 March 26, 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.

San Antonio H/J Schooling Show Series: Click HERE for flyer

Opportunity Classes – Hunters - Jumpers

Hosted by: San Antonio Foundation for Equine Education at SA Polo Club Dates: March 5th (Final Show of the Season!) For more information contact Katie Hall Kathryn.hodges@outlook.com or 210-274-8004

Texas 4-H 2021-2022 Scholarship Information

The Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship (FLYER)

Requirements:

- 1. Must be an active 4-H or FFA member
- 2. Must be a SENIOR in High School
- 3. Must have exhibited a steer in Texas Steer Shows

For Application to be considered, the following must be submitted:

1. Completed General Information sheet (see flyer attached)

2. Resume or Student Biography (note high school achievements, honors, awards, activities, extra-curricular, community service, and 4-H/FFA involvements)

3. An essay from the applicant telling about him/herself which includes wishes, dreams, ambitions, and future educational goals. **Not to exceed 300 words**.

4. Two letters of recommendation (not from a family member)

Application, Deadlines and Announcement of Winners:

- 1. Applications must be received no later than April 20, 2022
- 2. Amount and number of scholarships may vary depending on number of applicants

3. Scholarship award notice will be sent to the High School Counselor and/or 4-H/FFA Chapter advisor in May 2022.

- 4. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the recipient upon receipt of the following:
- Proof of enrollment for Summer/Fall 2022

5. Mail completed application and if awarded, final requested documents to:

Leroy Krueger 2195 West County Road 326 Jourdanton, TX 78026

PVAMU Scholarship Application – Due May1st, 2022

Have you been accepted to Prairie View A&M University in the fall? We are offering 5 scholarship (\$15,000) for academic support for incoming first year students. Applications due May 1st. Apply here: <u>https://bit.ly/3BbFNyz</u>

Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Announced! Due Friday, May 6, 2022 by 5 PM

The 2022 Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship will be offered to graduating seniors scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2022, and attend an accredited Texas College/University for the Fall semester of 2022. Please see timeline below.

March 1, 2022	Application Guide & Information Released! (An official 4-H Record Book required)		
March 10, 2022	Optional: Scholarship & Interview Virtual Training on Microsoft Teams @ 7PM		
March 24, 2022	Optional: <u>Beginner Record Book Training on Microsoft Teams</u> @7PM		
April 7, 2022	Optional: Advanced Record Book Story Training on Microsoft Teams @ 7PM		
April 28, 2022	Optional: Advanced Report Forms Training on Microsoft Teams @ 7PM		
May 6, 2022	Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Due by 5PM to our Office		
May 20, 2022	Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Applicant Interviews ALL DAY (no alternative date)		
End of May	Scholarship Winner Notifications		
August 6. 2022	4-H Awards Banquet (Tenative)		

August 6, 2022 4-H Awards Banquet (Tenative) *** CONTINUING this year – Universities and Colleges are continuing to have the ACT/SAT optional for the 2022

application year so we will not be requiring it again this year



Georgia Boot Trailblazers

Our partner Georgia Boot is looking to highlight four 4-H'ers on their social media channels to follow along with progress of their 4-H projects throughout the year. The selected 4-H'ers will be identified as Georgia Boot Trailblazers and will receive a prize pack valued at \$500 consisting of a pair of Georgia Boots, a gift card to a local farm & ranch store of their choosing, and Georgia Boot and 4-H swag. They will also be asked to provide Georgia Boot with photos and progress updates on their 4-H project that can be shared on Georgia Boot's social media channels. Eligible 4-H'ers between age 12-18 should complete the entry form by February 28. Enter by clicking here. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to share their stories and projects with a national audience along with winning a great prize pack!

FEMA's Next Generation of Emergency Managers – Application deadline March 6.

FEMA is accepting applications for the 2022 <u>Youth Preparedness Council.</u> If you know a teen interested in preparedness and community service, encourage them to apply. This opportunity is open for students in grades 8 through 11. Members are chosen based on their passion for preparedness and helping others, their involvement in their community and their ability to work in a team and as a leader. All applications are due no later than March 6. FEMA will host an application information session Feb. 17 for those interested in learning more about the council and the application process. To learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council, visit <u>Ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council</u>.

<u> Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate Position – Application Deadline March 31st</u>



The 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application information has now been posted at <u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/</u> under Texas 4-H Council. Interested 4-H members will apply on 4HOnline by selecting the "2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application" event. Applications will be accepted for the Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate positions and narrowed to a pool of applicants (approximately 12 or so to complete the speech/impromptu question part of the process) by the selection committee. The At-Large Delegate Presentations will take place on Monday, June 6th as part of the LEAD Academy Kickoff event. Elections will be held using an electronic method and results announced Thursday, June 9th at the general assembly.

Texas 4-H Congress Announcement – July 17-20, 2022 Austin, TX 👎



Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review. <u>Click letter to learn more.</u> **If you would like to apply, please email ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu**

Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover dates for 2022 are:



Spring: April 27th - May 8th & Fall: October 5th - October 16th. Watch for more information to come soon!

2022 Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards! Nominate a Volunteer TODAY!

Nominations are now open online through <u>Formsite</u> 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. You can see a full detail of criteria and application guidelines in the <u>2022 Salute to Excellence Awards Volunteer Recognition Packet</u>. The 6 recognition categories are:

- ♦ Leader Legacy
- ♦ 4-H Alumni
- Meritorious Service

- Citation for Outstanding Service
- Commendable Service
- Salute to Excellence

How to Submit: Please use the ONLINE FORMSITE SUBMISSION PORTAL. NOMINATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MAR. 11, 2022

Recognition Process (NEW): Honorees will be presented their awards locally through surprise celebration events and signs that award recipients can place in their front yards. Nominators will need to plan to take high quality videos and photos from the surprise award presentation and send them to Laura Huebinger (<u>lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u>) and Callie Cline (<u>callie.cline@ag.tamu.edu</u>) so that they may be used to share through the state-wide recognition efforts.

Roundup Reception: During Texas 4-H Roundup, a casual, come-and-go celebration reception will be held for our award winners who are attending Texas 4-H Roundup, their families, and their County Extension Agents. It will be on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022** in the downtown Bryan area prior to the assembly for that evening's recognition. Award winners are not required to attend the reception to be honored or to receive their plaque. We hope to encourage more nominations by no longer having a formal luncheon.

NEW APPLICATION! All nominations will include a 1–2-page (750-1500 words) narrative description of why the nominee should be considered for the award. Read the award description before preparing the narrative to ensure it contains all the needed information. Feel free to include any quotes from members or volunteers that were influenced by the nominee.

- You will need the following information before completing the nomination form:
 - Name of award nominee
 - Phonetic spelling of nominee's name
 - Mailing address, phone number, and email address of nominee
 - Photo of nominee. (See notes below about photo.)
 - County Extension Agent's email to receive a copy of the nomination
 - Nominator's name, county, mail address, phone number, and email address
 - 75–100-word description written in third person to be used a script for award presentation
 - 1-2-page (750-1500 words) nomination narrative. It is suggested to use a word processing program to write, edit, and review the award descriptions prior to accessing the online nomination system. After all information has been written and proofed, copy and paste text into the online form.

PRIOR HONOREES A list of prior award winners is attached and can be found <u>HERE</u>. 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.

TIMELINE:

- Online nominations accepted: Today Friday, March 11, 2022
- Announcement of winners: Mid to late April
- Salute to Excellence Social and Video Premiere: Tuesday, June 7, Time TBA

2022 National 4-H Conference (Virtual) – March 20-24, 2022 (FLYER)

Attached you will find updated information in regards to the 2022 National 4-H Conference. Please note that for 2022, Texas will be participating **virtually**. It will cost \$475 to participate in the event. Registration will be open on 4Honline February 2-10, 2022

2022 Texas 4-H Summer Camp Registration is LIVE!

We are super excited to share that 2022 Summer Camp registration for camps here at the Texas 4-H Conference are live! 2022 Summer Guide: In the Summer Guide, you will find information on what camps we are offering as well as dates and prices.

- **Mission Possible Mentors:** Mission Possible Mentor applications are live and can be applied for <u>HERE</u>. If you have any senior level members in your clubs that you would recommend for Mission Possible, encourage them to apply!
- Summer Camp Staff Opportunities: If you have any 4-H members that have aged out of your program and think they would like to work at camp, encourage them to apply on our website. That link can be found here.

EPA's "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money to multiple participants. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y

Challenge Website: <u>https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-</u> program/companies-crushing-pollution-video-challenge TRI P2 Search Tool Website: <u>https://www3.epa.gov/enviro/facts/tri/p2.html</u> Eligibility

- Students: high school (grades nine -12) or college/university
- Other members of the public (those living close to a TRI facility)
- Must live in the United States or U.S. Territories
- Participants may be an individual or a team



Healthy Living and Agri-Science Summits (CHANGES):

The current COVID surge and omicron variant have introduced new complexities as states begin to plan their travel to and participation in the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit, scheduled for February 10-13, 2022. After consulting with Extension leadership and the Healthy Living Summit planning team, **Council has postponed the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit to April 21-24, 2022. The deadline to register has been extended to April 4, 2022.** Any participant currently registered for the Summit who is unable to attend during the new April dates will receive a full refund. <u>Click here to register now.</u>

4-H CORE Academy Tour: (Flyer) (Application)

June 20-24th. 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 East Texas (College Station, Huntsville, Houston). This tour will only be limited to 30 youth to participate. Applications and more information will be distributed in January. **Registration Deadline May 1st**

Western Governors' Leadership Institute

The Western Governors' Foundation has launched the Western Governors' Leadership Institute to recognize, reward and encourage the effective exercise of leadership by young adults across the West, and encourage its future development. The Institute will select one young adult and one alternate from each western state and territory to attend an all-expense-paid leadership forum and the Western Governors' Association Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 24-28, 2022. Learn more.

Opportunity of a Lifetime: 4-H Youth in Action

It's that time of year again – time for all 4-H youth ages 15-19 to apply to be a 2023 4-H Youth in Action Award winner! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers across the nation to tell us how they're impacting their communities through service and leadership. Four selected recipients will each earn a \$5,000 scholarship and an opportunity to serve as a national youth spokesperson. Learn more about the application process and set your calendar to apply by March 28, 2022. Learn more by clicking here.

Build a Foundation for Financial Literacy

Help your kids set a New Year's resolution that will last a lifetime: Financial literacy. In this series of activities brought to you by TD Ameritrade, kids 7-12 will learn the basics of personal finance like setting goals, where and how to save and invest, payment methods and more, setting a foundation for success. <u>Get started by clicking here.</u>

Master Wellness Volunteer Opportunity (For Youth & Adults!)

One of AgriLife Extension's high-priority issues is helping Texans improve their health. Research shows at least 50% of health status is due to lifestyle factors such as not using tobacco, being physically active, maintaining a normal weight and good nutrition, among many others. Our Master Wellness program is designed to help youth and adults gain insight into better living and then channel their knowledge toward volunteerism. Be a part of this great program by registering for the NEXT Master Wellness class in 2022. See flyer **HERE**. Questions? Contact Ashley Hernandez: **Ashley.Hernadez@ag.tamu.edu**

4-H Speaker Request Form- PERSONAL CLUB 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.

Virtual Scholarship & Interview Training	3/10/22	VIRTUAL @ 7PM <u>Click here to join the</u> <u>meeting</u>	Be sure to login on Thursday, March 7 th to learn about scholarship opportunities that exist for you child in the Texas 4-H program. We will cover in detail the Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. scholarship application process as well as interview skills for youth!
Food Handler's Course	3/22/22	<mark>3355 Cherry Rdg, Ste 208</mark> San Antonio,Tx <mark>@ 6PM</mark>	Tx Dept of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is now being offered in-Person. The class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe food at your establishment. Cost is \$20 / person. See <u>FLYER</u> for details. Questions contact: Angie Gutierrez @ 210-631-0400 or <u>aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu</u>
Virtual Record Book for Beginners Training	3/24/22	VIRTUAL @ 7PM Click here to join the meeting	Are you new to 4-H Record Books? Are you planning on starting one this year? Join us for this information session where we look at how to start a 4-H Record Book for beginners. You will be provided with all the information on how to start and complete a stellar record book this year!
Virtual Record Book STORY Training	4/7/2022	VIRTUAL @ 7PM Click here to join the <u>meeting</u>	Do you or your 4-H member struggle with writing an impactful and effective story? Are you looking for new tips on how to improve your 4- H Record Book Story? You won't want to miss this virtual training focusing on the 4-H Story! Learn how to write impactfully and creatively.
Bexar 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship HELP SESSION	4/12/2022	<mark>Virtual or In Person</mark> via appointment	If you are a graduating senior this year and will be applying for our 2022 Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship, you are encouraged to set up an appointment with Natalie Cervantes, <u>ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu</u> for help and guidance on completing your scholarship. On Tuesday, April 12th, I'm happy to setup up an appoint with youth in the morning, afternoon on evening.
Virtual Record Book Report Forms Training	4/28/2022	VIRTUAL @ 7PM Click here to join the meeting	The 4-H Record Book report forms are a challenging but essential component to a quality 4-H Record Book. Report forms document all of your activities and can be used in the future for college and scholarship applications. Learn how to put your best foot forward and build good habits in maintaining quality report forms.

2022 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings

2022 Spring Youth Gardens Educator Training (FLYER)

Come join us this March for the Spring Youth Gardens Educator Training that will provide adult leaders the tools to support youth gardening in the classroom and community! Plants and other garden materials will be provided at this training, so sign up fast! When: Saturday, March 12th, 2022 Time: 7:50 am - 1:00 pm Where: San Antonio Botanical Garden (555 Funston Pl.) Cost: \$20 per educator. Questions? Contact Dominick Ortiz at Dominick.Ortiz@ag.tamu.edu

Texas Brigade Youth Conservation & Leadership Camps (Flyer HERE)

Youth Conservation & Leadership Summer Camps. Application period November 1st – March 15th. Brigade camps are wildlife and natural resource-focused leadership camps that provide an intensive & exciting educational experience. Cadets learn from professionals about the biology, habitat and ecology of each camp's focus subject while strengthening leadership, teambuilding, and critical-thinking skills. For more information visit www.texasbrigades.org or view attached flyer. Deadline for sign up is March 15, 2022.

STEM & Natural Resources Leader Training (Flyer HERE)

Join us for a hands-on 4-H leader training in the project areas of STEM and Natural Resources. This training will be led by two state 4-H specialists, Derrick Bruton, STEM Specialist, and Larry Hysmith, Natural Resources Specialist. A great opportunity for leaders looking to start a STEM or Natural Resources project in your county, or maybe your project just needs a refresh with new and exciting ideas. Volunteers will leave with materials, activities, and ideas that can be immediately implemented in county programs. It will be held April 9-10, 2022 at Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Canyon, Texas. Find more details on the attached PDF

New Resource: Texas Beekeeping 101

The website and its content is intended to be used by both the educators as well as those seeking to learn. We hope that you will find the site to be fun, easy to navigate, useful and most of all informative as you begin your beekeeping journey or help someone else begin theirs! The website is available free of charge and can be accessed at http://www.texasbeekeeping101.com/.

NEW Explore Guide: Beekeeping





Exciting news for beekeeping enthusiasts and future beekeepers... we now have a Beginning Beekeeping Explore Guide! Check it out now and get started with your beekeeping project by clicking the button below. Access now by clicking here.



Beekeeping

4-H Hunting Project Coach Certification Training (Flyer HERE)

The coach certification training is mandatory for adults leading the 4-H Hunting Project and working with youth in live fire activities using archery, shotgun, rifle, and muzzle loading equipment. This training and certification will cover a leader in the Hunting Project and is not a substitute for any 4-H Shooting Sports discipline training/certification. Participants in the training will also be certified as Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Hunter Education Instructors. The training is open to 4-H volunteer leaders, Senior division 4-H members desiring to be assistant leaders, and County Extension Agents. Registration will be open on <u>4-H Online</u> individually for each training location: - Feb. 26-27 Shelby County

The training is hands on and will include live fire of all related shooting equipment and hunting topics in basic hunting skills, firearm and outdoor safety, game biology, hunting equipment and maintenance, how to teach hunting, teaching resources and locating equipment, hunting laws and regulations, outdoor ethics, and wildlife and habitat management and conservation. Registration fees will cover all materials and curriculum and meals provided on Saturday and Sunday. Meals and lodging options will vary for each training location. Register on <u>4HOnline</u>. For more info contact <u>lhysmith@ag.tamu.edu</u>

4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training (Flyer <u>HERE</u>)

Feb. 19-20, 2022 in Richmond, TX - Register on <u>4HOnline</u> For details on training visit <u>https://TEXAS4-</u> <u>H.TAMU>EDU/PROJECTS/SPORTFISHING/</u> or contact Larry Hysmith at <u>lhysmith@tamu.edu</u> for questions.

Picture Your World Youth Photography Program (Flyer HERE)

2022 Picture Your World Youth Photography Workshops hosted by Green Spaces Alliance. The nature photography workshops are open to youth ages 8-18 and are held monthly on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm at natural areas around San Antonio. Students may bring their own digital camera or we will provide one for them. Registration and information is also available on-line at www.greensatx.org/events

Land, Water, & Wildlife Expeditions (FLYER)

The Land, Water, & Wildlife Expeditions program would be a good extension of a local 4-H project involving activities in the outdoors. This program's mission is to introduce youth age 11-17 and their families to the great outdoors through 1-3 day expeditions utilizing a variety of activities such as bird watching, fishing, outdoor photography, and much more. To get this program started, TWA has designed a Mentor Training for adults interested in leading this program. Attached is flyer with more details on the Mentor Training **March 12 & 13, 2022 in Kyle TX**. Register at https://www.texas-wildlife.org/evaluation/public-expeditions

District 7 Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training – Closes Mar. 3, 2022

Who is eligible? This training is open to any eligible potential coaches statewide.

Where is the training held? Texas 4-H Conference Center 5600 FM 3021 Brownwood, TX 76801 **And a new online portion
When will it be? March 12, 2022 Events begin at 8:00am on March 19^{th.-t}entatively, events end at 8pm on March 19^{th.}
How much does it cost? Early bird (before Feb. 17th): \$110, Late (February 18th- March 3rd): \$160 (includes meals & course materials)
Lodging is available Friday and Saturday night: Hotel-style lodging: \$90/room/night OR Dormitory-style lodging: \$31/person/night
An online "Green Injection" training is required before attending. This training is \$20 and the link will be sent to you when you register for this event. Taking this online portion ahead of time will allow us to keep the in-person training limited to a 1 day event.
Registration details: Register via the Texas 4-H Center's registration website: http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/ (NOT 4HOnline)
Additional details: Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloading) is obtainable per participant at this training. Muzzleloading will require two days of training. Participants will need to be present on both Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th



- 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>

2022 4-H Youth Project Fair on April 9th, 2022

Event: 2022 4-H Youth Project Fair at the Helotes Activity Center on April 9, 2022. Judging begins at Noon & Awards@3PM Who: <u>ANY Texas 4-H member</u> are welcome to submit their 4-H artwork, baked goods, photos, science fair projects and MORE into our annual 4-H Project Fair Contest! Awards will be given to the 1st- 3th place winners in each age division and class. We will also select division winners and a BEST IN SHOW award winner for the Fair. *For full information see our 2022 4-H Project Fair Rules* (See Rules). *Deadline for entries will be March 25th, 2022!*

***NEW THIS YEAR:** Division 8 has changed into a S.T.E.M Fair Category! Do you have a Science Fair project you would like to enter? Please check out our new S.T.E.M. Fair Division Rules <u>HERE</u>!

4-H Youth Project Fair Forms:

- General Rules with Links to ALL PAPERWORK
- Divisions & Classes
- Labels for ALL Entries
- <u>Recipe Card for Division 1 Entries</u>
- Rules for Division 8 (S.T.E.M. Fair) Entries

2022 Bexar County 4-H Photography Contest OPEN!

Who: Bexar 4-H members are welcome to submit their 4-H County photos into our annual County photography contest! Awards will be given to the 1st- 5th place winners in each age division and category. Seniors (9th-12th graders) who place 1st in a category will qualify for the *State Photography contest* (See Rules). All submission & judging of photos will be conducted ONLINE. Deadline for photos will be Monday, March 14, 2022 at 11:59 PM. For County rules/guidelines please click <u>HERE</u>.

Deadline for Submission: All photos will need to be submitted by **Monday, March 14, 2022** @ **11:59 PM** via our online Google Form here: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWbqZpZD2OiwDPUg1V1r5_2ie1wK-</u> GF bJBJZXAUetMBA8jg/viewform?usp=sf link

Late Entries: Late entry of photos will be accepted by our office with a late fee of \$10 per photo until March 16, 2022 (End of business 5pm). Member will need to bring with them payment and a jump drive with all photos being submitted. We will NOT ACCEPT PHYSICAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

<u> District 10 2022 Meat Judging @ San Angelo – April 13, 2022</u>

The District 10 Meat Judging contest will be held in San Angelo University Meats Lab (7945 Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo TX) on April 13th, 2022. **Regular Registration will OPEN March 21 – and CLOSE April 6, 2022;** Late registration April 7-8 (+\$25 Late Fee) on 4HOnline. Click <u>HERE</u> for full letter of rules and information.

State Record Book Guidelines (21-22) Family Guide RELEASED!

• The 2021-2022 Record Book Guide for families is now available <u>HERE</u>! Check out the guide now to make yourself aware of changes that may impact your 4-H'ers record books this 4-H year.

Other 4-H Invitational Contests:

• 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Prevention of Honey Bees, Inc. **will soon** announced the 2022 4-H Essay Prompt. For those interested in monitoring their website for the announcement, you can bookmark <u>https://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays</u>

• 2022 Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest (FLYER)

 Contest will be held in Calhoun/Matagorda Counties on May 14-15, 2022. Registration is open to all age divisions on 4HOnline. Registration will open on March 14th, and close April 15th, 2022. For complete details go to: <u>Texas 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Website</u>.

• 2022 Texas 4-H Virtual Reel 'em in Fishing Skill-a-thon (FLYER & Guidelines)

- We are excited to release the 2022 Texas 4-H Virtual Reel 'em in Skill-a-thon Rules of Play! Registration will open via 4HOnline on February 1st as will access to FishDonkey. New and exciting changes for 2022:
 - We have partnered with FishDonkey app to use their official tournament judging program to assist in making this skill-a-thon more user friendly and to provide youth a realistic tournament experience (use of Facebook platform will no longer be utilized to post fish pics and for judging).
 - Real-time leaderboards.
 - More sponsors and more to be added in the near future.
 - Addition of a Saltwater division.
 - New educational components to learn about 4-H sportfishing, cooking healthy with fish, and techniques to hook the "big one."
- Guadalupe County GEAR Contest: Guadalupe County Robotics Club looking to host a GEAR contest this year and is surveying 4-H members to gauge interest! Contest information will then be released by the end of February. Contest dates are scheduled for April. Please take the <u>(SURVEY)</u> if interested in participating!
- **2022** Grayson County Youth AgRobotics Challenge: (FLYER) Hosted at the Texoma Exposition and Livestock Show, Loy Lake Show Grounds, Denison, TX February 26, 2022. Register at https://grayson.agrilife.org/agrobotics no later than *Wednesday, February 23, 2022.*

• 2022 Texas 4-H Dog Show – July 7-9, 2022

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 7-9, 2022 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must have been validated by January 10, 2022 in 4-H Online. 2022 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book will be posted <u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/</u>. The 2021 Rule Book is currently available. There will be some minor changes in the regular portion of the show. We are working on an NEW Dog Olympics program for members to exhibit their training skills in a different way. We hope to have those details ironed out before the end of the month.

There will be a couple of opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not

- $\circ~$ February 5 Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show
- February 12 Brazos County 4-H Dog Show
- \circ $\:$ June 18 Wise County

For more information click <u>HERE</u> for Texas 4-H Dog Validation Process or contact Michelle Mihalek at mmmihalek@ag.tamu.edu

Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events/Trainings

 Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: <u>4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event</u> <u>Schedule - Google Docs</u>

• 2022 State 4-H Indoor Archery Match – Deadline March 10, 2022

The 2020 State 4-H Indoor Archery Match registration is now open on <u>4-H Online</u>. There will be 5 locations available for 4-H'ers to choose from. All information regarding registration is available here: <u>shooting_sports_indoor_archery_information_2022.pdf (tamu.edu)</u>

Want more information? See our website: <u>https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/</u> It is located under the "Contests" Heading. As always, registration will only be through 4-H Online.

Helotes 3-D Archery Shoot – April 2, 2022 (FLYER) Location: Helotes Ag Booster Club Youth Ranch 1825 CR 2615, Rio Medina TX. For pre-registration or to become a sponsor email <u>schottgw@aol.com</u> or <u>mashelotes@aol.com</u> Call or text 210-241-4748 or 210-240-6422

• District 7 Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training (Brownwood, TX)

Who is eligible? This training is open to any eligible potential coaches statewide.
Where is the training held? Texas 4-H Conference Center 5600 FM 3021 Brownwood, TX 76801 **And a new online portion
When will it be? March 12, 2022 Events begin at 8:00am on March 19^{th. - t}entatively, events end at 8pm on March 19^{th.}
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Lodging is available for an additional cost, available Friday and Saturday night:

- Hotel-style lodging: \$90/room/night
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An online "Green Injection" training is required before attending. This training is \$20 and the link will be sent to you when you register for this event. The event fee has been lowered to accommodate this online training fee. Taking this online portion ahead of time will allow us to keep the in-person training limited to a 1 day event.

Registration details: Register via the Texas 4-H Center's registration website: <u>http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/</u> (NOT 4HOnline) Registration will open February 1st and close March 3rd. Registration includes meals and course materials

Additional details: Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloading) is obtainable per participant at this training. Muzzleloading will require two days of training. Participants will need to be present on both Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th Tentative schedule, what to bring list, and release forms can be found on the 4-H Center website and will be sent to each participant in a confirmation e-mail. Please Note: Even though registration will be done through the 4-H Center Registration System, <u>all participants still MUST have an ACTIVE Profile in 4-H Online and</u> have passed the Background Check <u>PRIOR</u> to participating in the training. (This will be checked!- NO EXCEPTIONS) Please refer to the participant letter at the end of this document. You will also receive it in the confirmation e-mail.

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.

2021-2022 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

This is calendar is subject to change. Please make sure you check contest guidelines closely and adjust dates/locations/times as necessary

Mar. 12, 2022 – County Fashion Show/D2D/Storyboard Contest Mar. 12, 2022 – County Share-the-Fun Contest Mar. 14, 2022 – County Photography Contest (Virtual) Rules POSTED! Mar. 21, 2022 – District 10 Spring Roundup Registration OPENS on v2.4honline.com Mar. 21, 2022 – District 10 Meat Judging Registration OPENS on v2.4honline.com Mar. 30, 2022 – District 10 Spring Roundup Registration CLOSES on v2.4honline.com Apr. 1, 2022 – District 10 Spring Roundup Registration LATE ENTRY CLOSES on v2.4honline.com Apr. 6, 2022 – District 10 Meat Judging Registration CLOSES on v2.4honline.com Apr. 8, 2022 – District 10 Meat Judging LATE ENTRY CLOSES on v2.4honline.com Apr. 9, 2022 – County Project Show (Drop off of Entries to Office by April 6th) Letter/Rules POSTED! Apr. 13, 2022 – District 10 Meat Judging @ San Angelo – Letter/Rules POSTED! Apr. 19-23, 2022 – District 10 Spring Roundup (Several Locations) • April 19 – Leaders for Life (Seguin, TX) • April 20 – Livestock Judging (Fredericksburg, TX) • April 21 – Range Evaluation, Range/Pasture ID, Wool/Mohair Judging, & Share-the-Fun (Fredericksburg, TX) • April 22 – Soil Judging, Fashion Show, Duds 2 Dazzle, and Fashion Storyboard (Fredericksburg, TX) • April 23 – Smallbore Rifle Contest (Floresville, TX) May 6, 2022 – Bexar County S.A.L.E. Scholarship Applications DUE May 20, 2022 – Bexar County S.A.L.E. Scholarship Interviews- NO ALTERNATIVE DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE June 6-9, 2022 – Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station, TX Roundup Website

June 13, 2022 – County Record Books/Awards/Ambassador Applications Due <u>Record Book Guide POSTED</u>! June 15-16 2022 - District 10 Horse Show (Dripping Springs, TX)

June 29 – July 1, 2022 - District 10 Leadership Lab (Camp Kubena)

July 8, 2022 – Bexar County Gold Star Interviews- NO ALTERNATIVE DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE

July 7-19, 2022 - Texas 4-H State Dog Show

July 16, 2022 – Bexar County Club Officer Training

July 17-23, 2022 - Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games, National Shooting Complex

July 2022 (Dates TBA) Texas 4-H Horse Show (Bryan, TX)

August 6, 2022 – Bexar County 4-H Awards Program & Silent Auction