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*If your club has news or events they would like to see in our newsletter please email to sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu Here you will see highlights and major announcements. Club events and other announcements will be included in the 4-H Events & Training portion of the newsletter.





2022 Bexar County 4-H

Chocolate Fundraiser



Order Form Available here

Chocolate Pick-up

<u>When</u>: September 27th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. <u>Where</u>: Bexar County AgriLife Extension Office

3355 Cherry Ridge Street, Suite 208, San Antonio, Tx 78230

*Prizes and Pick-up night additional details TBD

Please complete order forms and email them to <u>sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu</u> by Monday September 19th @ 5:00 p.m.



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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 <u>Reimbursement Form</u> to <u>sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu</u>

2022 – 2023 District 10 4-H Calendar

F/	ALL & WINTER DATES					
District 10	Mega Meeting – Comfort, TX					
REGISTRATI	ON OPENS: Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022					
REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Sept. 13, 2022					
LATE REGIST	RATION: W-F, Sept. 14-16, 2022					
EVEN	T DATE: October 1, 2022					
District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX						
REGISTRATI	ON OPENS: Friday, Oct. 7, 2022					
REGISTRATION	DEADLINE: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022					
LATE REGISTR	ATION: Wed. – Fri. Nov 2-4, 2022					
Fall R	oundup CONTEST DATES					
	 Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl 					
Nov. 29, 2022	 Ed. Presentation & 					
	Public Speaking					
	Food Show					
Nov. 30, 2022	FCH Quiz Bowl					
	 Entomology Judging 					
Dec. 1, 2022	 Food Challenge 					
	t 10 4-H S.A.L.E. Contests					
	bers must submit Stock Show entry					
	heir County Office to compete in any					
District 10 4-H contest that is being held conjunction with the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo.						
	TRATION OPENS: January 2, 2023					
	TRATION DEADLINE Jan. 17, 2023					
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE Jan. 17, 2023 DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Jan. 19-20, 2023						
Feb. 2023	-					
	Consumer Decision Making					
	H VIRTUAL Photography Contest					
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., Feb. 1, 2023						
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon. Feb. 20, 2023						
LATE REGISTRATION: Tue-Wed. Feb 21-22, 2023						
Feb. 20, 2023	4HOnline Registration CLOSES					
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SPRING & SUMMER DATES District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Friday, March 3, 2023 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Tues., Mar. 21, 2023 LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri, Mar. 22-24, 2023 Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES TBA April 2023 • Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX) April 18, 2023 Leaders 4 Life April 19, 2023 Livestock Judging Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation April 20, 2023 Share the Fun Wool & Mohair Judging Soil Judging April 21, 2023 Duds 2 Dazzle Fashion Show & Natural Fibers April 22, 2023 Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX) Virtual Fashion Storyboard April 28, 2023 Virtual Results Released District 10 Horse Show - Dripping Springs, TX **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Monday, May 1, 2023 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Tues. May 16, 2023 LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 17-19, 2023 TENATIVE EVENT DATE: June 14-15, 2023 District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Monday, May 1, 2023 EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2023 LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2023 TENATIVE EVENT DATE: June 21-23, 2023 District 10 Record Book Judging – Location TBA **REGISTRATION OPENS:** Thurs., June 1, 2023 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Tues., June 27, 2023 LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. June 28-30, 2023 TENATIVE EVENT DATE: July 13, 2023

*<u>County deadlines may differ from district deadlines to allow</u> <u>county extension staff time to review and complete submissions</u>

District 10 Food Challenge UPDATES – September 8th

The Food Challenge planning committee will be hosting a District Food Challenge Updates Informational session for agents, volunteers and 4-H members and families on the upcoming changes to Food Challenge. Please invite members to join us on September 8th for District 10 Food Challenge Updates on the District 10 Facebook Page

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/District.10.4H/</u>)! The committee will be sharing important rule changes and schedule information that you need to know as you are getting your Food challenge Teams ready. Can't tune in live? The recording will be posted to the Facebook page.



District 10 Mega Meeting: Escape into 4-H – October 1st (FLYER)

District 10 4-H members and adult volunteers are encouraged to join us for the 2022 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting held **Saturday, October 1st, 2022,** at **Comfort High School in Comfort, TX (143 US-87 North, Comfort, TX 78013)**. This District event gives youth and adults the opportunity to expand their 4-H knowledge and meet 4-H members in District 10. It provides for district level leadership that they can take back to their county and teach to local 4-Hers. This year's Mega Meeting will feature a hands-on Escape Room game for youth! Additionally, County Delegates are encouraged to attend and take part in our first District 10 4-H Council meeting for the year.

Cost: \$30.00 per registrant, youth & adults (Lunch & T-Shirt Provided)

Registration Information:

- Registration Period: September 1 13, 2022 via 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com)
- Late Registration Period: September 14-16, 2022 via 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com)
- Registration will be conducted via 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com) <u>ALL</u> 4-H youth members, parents, volunteers, agents <u>must register</u> to participate in the event.
- If a family has a small child that is going to stay with a parent and does not require a lunch, registration is not necessary.
- **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR REGISTRATION FEES!** If a County has a participant cancel, they may substitute with another participant. Please contact the District 10 office to make this arrangement.

Local 4-H

Events / Graining

<u>4-H Speaker Request Form- PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE</u>

• 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>sarah.nichols@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.

2022-2023 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings					
Bexar County 4-H Ambassador Meeting	9/13/22 @ TBD	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	All Bexar County 4-H Ambassadors are expected to attend this first meeting where we will outline the expectations and brainstorm ideas for the 2022 – 2023 4-H year. Please reply to the email you received from Kevin Knapick regarding the meeting		
County Council Meeting / Officer Training	9/15/22 Training @ 6:00 pm Meeting @ 7:00 pm	Helotes 4-H Activity Center 12132 Leslie Rd, Helotes, TX 78023	The first county council meeting of the 2022-2023 4-H year will be held along with club officer training. All club officers are expected to attend this training led by our county council officers. This meeting will also serve as Kevin's introduction to the 2022- 2023 4-H year to discuss upcoming opportunities and answer questions and concerns from parents, volunteers, etc.		
County Council Meeting	11/17/22 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Agenda TBA		
County Council Meeting	1/19/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Agenda TBA		
County Council Meeting	3/16/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Agenda TBA		
County Council Meeting / County Officer Elections	5/18/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	County Council officer elections for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be conducted.		

Club Information Sheet (FORM)

Club Mangers, now that we are starting the new 4-H year we are wanting to gather some information about your club. Please complete the attached form and return to <u>sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu</u>. We also need your Club EIN verification letter. This will help us provide information to potential members as well as be able to get project information to the correct leaders. We understand that you may not have all of this information until you begin meeting. If you can provide as much as you have and continue to update our office as leader and projects change. If you are no longer a club manager or primary contact for your club let us know so we can update our list. Please contact Kevin if you have any questions. We thank you and look forward to this upcoming year.

Club Chartering Process & Instructions – (TURN IN ASAP)

ALL 4-H Clubs Must Have:

- Charter Application Worksheet for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4HOnline -This form is simply a worksheet and <u>should not be uploaded</u> as part of the chartering process.
- 2022-2023 Charter Agreement (Must be signed by CEA/CED)
- Bylaws: 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, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in all bylaws. When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice *fewer* 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.

ONLY CLUBS with a 4-H BANK ACCOUNT MUST HAVE:

- 2021-2022 Financial Review Form & Asset List
- **One Copy of Previous Bank Statement for each account:** Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should **not include copies of canceled checks**. This is for security of the club/group account(s).

Some things to be aware of: The Club name MUST match what we have file in our current system to a TEE. If they alter the name/abbreviate or change up their name in any of the documents above, it will be rejected. Please double, and triple check that the signatures of reviewers on the financial review form are NOT club members of the club. They must be outside parties who sign that form.

Instructions

Application Worksheet for 4-H Chartering 22-23 TX 4-H Club-Group Charter Agreement Management Club Charter Bylaw Template Financial Review of 2021-22 4-H Year TX 4-H Club ByLaws / Requirements



Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee Scholarship-DEADLINE March <u>15th (FLYER) (APPLICATION)</u>

Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee Scholarship is \$1000 for 2023-2024 Academic Year for Agriculture Studies. Qualified applicants must be:

- A resident of Bexar County or attending school in Bexar County
- A currently graduating high school senior with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Attending a Texas college on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours/semester) for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Pursuing and Agriculture-related decree (i.e. Animal Science, Animal Nutrition, Ag Development, Ag Education, Ag Business, Veterinary Medicine, etc.)



Livestock News & Events

If you have questions or need help with your projects feel free to contact <u>Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu</u>, office # 210-631-0400 or cell # 361-649-5836

2022-2023 Validation Dates					
Lamb & Goat	Fall Heifer	Swine			
Oct. 13 th		Nov. 8 th			
4:00-6:30pm		4:00-6:00pm			
O'Connor HS (BJCLS Only)		Judson HS (BJCLS Only)			
Oct. 13 th	Oct. 29 th	Nov. 12 th			
3:00-6:00pm	9:00-11:00am	2:00-5:00pm			
Madison HS (NO BJCLS)	East Central HS	O'Connor HS (State & BCJLS)			
Oct. 20 st		Nov. 22 nd			
5:00-7:00pm		2:00-5:00pm			
East Central HS		East Central HS			
(State & BCJLS)		(State & BCJLS)			

2022-2023 Livestock Project Meetings					
Rabbit Project Training	9/29/22 @ 6:30 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Open to all families. Rabbit Project Leaders and families raising rabbits encouraged to attend. We will cover rabbit basics, where to buy, basic care and feed of rabbits. Please RSVP to Sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu		
Poultry Project Training	10/12/22 @ 6:30 pm	St. Hedwig Feed 540 E. FM 1518 S St. Hedwig, TX 78152	Open to all families. Poultry Project Leaders and families raising turkeys and broilers are encouraged to attend. Jeff Hanselka will be the guest speaker and cover the basics, where to buy, basic care and feed of poultry. Please RSVP to Sarah.nichols@ag.tamu.edu		
Swine Project Training					

Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows

Washington County Fair – Open Heifer & Steer Show – DEADLINE September 1st

2022 Washington County Fair Open Heifer and Steer Show scheduled for September 10th at the Washington County Expo in Brenham. This show is open to all Texas 4H and FFA members with Junior Beef Projects. Entries allowed online

only at <u>https://washtxfps.fairwire.com.</u> Entries and payments due by September 1st. See <u>Flyer</u> and <u>Prospect Rules</u> for information.

2023 Major Stock Show Broiler Order DEADLINE September 2nd (FORM)

Validation Tag orders for Market Lamb, Market Goat, Registered Sheep, Registered Goat, Wether Dam, Wether Doe. Order form and payment must be in our office before 5pm August 19th.

2022-23 Fall Heifer Validation Order DEADLINE September 2nd (FORM)

Validation Tag orders for heifers and payment must be in our office before 5pm September 2nd.

MCJLS Fall Prospect Show Heifer & Steer – September 10th-11th (FLYER)

Medina County Junior Livestock prospect show at the Medina County Show Barn. Entry fee \$35 per head. Registration allowed day of show; however, pre-entry is recommended. See flyer for details and entry form.

MCJLS Fall Prospect Show Goat & Lamb – September 17th-18th (FLYER)

Medina County Junior Livestock prospect show at the Medina County Show Barn. Entry fee \$25 per head. Registration allowed day of show; however, pre-entry is recommended. See flyer for details and entry form.

2022-23 Major Show Hog Validation Order DEADLINE September 16nd (FORM)

Validation Tag orders for heifers and payment must be in our office before 5pm September 2nd.

<u>Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – September 24th – DEADLINE</u> <u>September 20th (FLYER)</u>

Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the Marion County Church Arena, 1005 FM 78 West, Marion, TX 78124. Entry fee is \$40 per team and \$10 per individual. See the flyer for general rules and entry form.

Atascosa County Fair Association Annual Prospect Show – October 1st (FLYER)

Atascosa County Fair Association, Sonny Domsch Memorial, Annual Prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer and Steer Show – October 1, 2022 - Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena 561 FM 3350 Jourdanton, Texas 78026

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show – October 29th (FLYER)

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show Steer and Heifer Show – October 29, 2022 - Cowboy Fellowship, 561 FM 3350, Jourdanton, TX 78026

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show: December 26th-30th

BJCLS as posted the 2022-23 Annual Rules and information on their website: <u>https://bcjls.org/show_information/</u> Make sure you pay special attention to changes marked in red in the <u>rulebook</u> <u>BCJLS Poultry Order Form</u> – Order online from BCJLS using online order form <u>DEADLINE September 10th</u>

Horse News & Events



Upcoming Bexar County 4-H Open Horse Show Schedule (2022-2023)

<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! Check back soon for 2022-2023 season!



Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here:

4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule - Google Docs

2022 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Certification Training – September 24th-25th (FLYER)

The next District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Certification training has been scheduled for **September 24-25, 2022,** at the Frio County Office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Pearsall, Texas. This event is open to any/all <u>registered and</u> <u>screened 4-H volunteers</u> (age 21 and older) wishing to become certified to lead a 4-H shooting sports program in one of the following four disciplines: **Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun,** or **Archery**. **This training is open statewide**. There are three <u>opportunities</u> for attending this training with specific registration fees for each. The attendee registration options include:

- Coach (Adult) Adults age 21 and older will be candidates for <u>Certified Coach</u>. \$150
- Coach's Assistant (Adult) Adults age 18-20 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. \$150
 - Coach's Assistant (Youth) Youth age 14-18 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. \$150
 - Must be accompanied by a sponsoring adult (age 21 & over) and meet one of the following:
 - Sponsoring adult must be previously certified in that discipline and pay a reduced fee. \$75
 This adult will not receive any type of certification.
 - Sponsoring adult may be registered above as **Coach (Adult)** and pay the registration fee. **\$150**.
 - Both must be in the same discipline/certification group.

Brown County 4-H Shotgun Team's Stock Show Warm Up – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15th (FLYER)

The Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a Stock Show Warm Up October 1st at the Claybird Range in Brownwood, Texas. You must register through iClays by September 15th. The events include: 100 Sporting Clays & 50 Whiz Bang. See Flyer for further details. iClays registration link: <u>https://www.iclays.com/cgi-</u> bin/tournament signup.cgi?tournament id=10731&nsca id=0

Family & Community Health Events



Uvalde Community Service

Here's an easy way for EVERYONE in our 4H community to do something to comfort these young ones in Uvalde who have suffered so much. We're making a simple and adorable pillow/stuffed animal called a Love Bug. Organize a workday to enlist help and make this fun!

Don't sew? NO PROBLEM... There's lot's of things that non-sewers can do on this easy-to-sew project.

Encourage donations for supplies. Individuals and businesses love to help!

Here are supplies needed:

• Bags of Poly-fill stuffing (Note: you'll need Poly-fill not batting. LOTS of filling to stuff each pillow.)

• Large buttons (bright colors best, all colors). LOTS of LARGE buttons are needed!

Fat quarter fabrics (sets of 5 pieces of pre-cut fabric sized 18 1/4" x 22" long) that coordinate, often sold in a set of (5 pieces). Seek fabric donations - pre-cut helps it go faster.
Optional - Small notecards to stuff inside the pockets with a personal message from 4Hers. Stickers to put on the notecards. (Any kind of encouraging words, messages, bible verses, hearts, stars, etc.)

Have students bring supplies to work days or drop them off at the work day location.



Thank you and let's do our best to show how much 4-H loves the kids of Robb Elementary School and their families in Uvalde (Home to our 4H District 10 Office).
Madelyn Hall

- Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador

Host your own Love Bug Workdays We need 600 to ensure every child gets one!

> Let's Go 4-H! We Can DO This!

What to ask students to bring:

• Iron, ironing board

- Sewing machine (& sewing kit if you have one)
- Fabric cutting mat/board and rotary fabric cutter (or fabric scissors)
- A great attitude and willingness to help!





Calling All Champions

Join 4-H and Manna Pro in celebrating the champion in all 4-H'ers! Encourage current members and alumni to submit a photo in their 4-H gear with one of their animals. For every photo submitted, Manna Pro will donate \$10 to 4-H (with a guaranteed maximum donation of \$50,000). <u>Click here to learn more.</u>

4-H Entomology Club (STUDY SCHEDULE)

For those who are looking for additional entomology opportunities, the 4-H year is coming up! 4-H offers three Entomology Contests:

1 – Insect Identification Contest – competition held in late November/early December in Kerrville (high schoolers can also compete at state level in June)

- 2 Insect Collection Contest June
- 3 Insect Photography Contest June

In order to help those interested in the Identification Contest, I hold monthly practices to study the insects that are covered on that contest. The practices are virtual, I try to do in person when I can, but many 4-Hers attend from outside Bexar County, so this allows me to be more inclusive. During practices we study how to identify the insects on the contest and various things about them: Order name, common name, mouthpart type, lifecycle, habitat, pest status, and interesting facts you might be asked. For examples praying mantis: Mantodea, praying mantis, mandibulate/chewing, incomplete/hemimtabolous, beneficial, catch and wait predator. 4-H is for grades 3-12. Unfortunately, there isn't a competition for younger grades. Elementary are Juniors, Middle schoolers are Intermediates, and High schoolers are Seniors. You compete within your age group. If you are interested in joining our 4-H Club, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFIBz9iMVIsdPaYhpImjKC2Sc-GZbjPVPJK1ny818 Eh0xIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Fashion and Interior Design Project (FLYER)

If you are interested in learning more about Fashion & Interior Design and would like to work on this project, please email Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Alya Trimble at ladybugwifi8@gmail.com or Family & Community Health agent, Angie Gutierrez at aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu. Helps us give back to the community. We would like to hear from you no later that September 9, 2022. We are aiming to conduct a workshop mid-September.

Junior Master Photographer & Photography Ambassador Program

Full details about these two youth leadership programs will come out later in the summer. However, training dates for JMP workshops have been set and you are encouraged to promote these to members. JMP Workshop 1 – September 24th. JMP Workshop 2 – December 3rd. Both workshops will be held in Dallas. To become a Photography Ambassador, youth must first complete both JMP workshops, which are only offered once a year. If youth came to workshop 1 in a previous year, but missed workshop 2, they only have to come back for the latter. Regardless of prior knowledge and skills, this is the only pathway to becoming an ambassador. Until summer, you can view more information about these two programs in the leadership section here: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/

States' 4-H Summer Hosting (FLYER)

Host an international youth delegate and bring the richness of the world to your home! Host an International Youth in Summer 2022 through States' 4-H International. Hosting will take place in July and August 2022. The PDF attached explains more details about the program or find more at <u>https://www.states4hexchange.org/state-contacts/</u>.

Ignite the Spark

Please join us for the *Ignite the Spark* professional development series about volunteerism. Here is the registration link: <u>https://bit.ly/S4HVolEngage.</u> You can attend one or all sessions. The topics will build upon one another, but you can select which sessions you'd like to attend. They will be recorded for later viewing. The 4-H Volunteer Specialists of the Southern Region have collaborated to develop a 2022 Volunteer Engagement Professional Development series. This would be a wonderful opportunity to "sharpen your saw" as an agent, program assistant, or specialist. We hope you will join us in the excellent professional development series! Series dates are Aug. 18th, Sept. 15th and Oct. 20th.



Capital Farm Credit YBS Tailgate – September 3rd



Helotes Ag Boosters 2022 Youth Day and Camp Out – September 9th – 11th (FLYER)

Helotes Ag Boosters would like to invite out any Bexar County 4-Hers to enjoy our 2nd Annual Youth Day in remembrance of 9/11. Families are welcome to camp out (dry camping) Friday thru Sunday or just come for Youth Day on 9/10.

<u>Saturday, 9/10 Youth Day Schedule:</u> 10 am-2 pm - Texas 4-H Center Day Camp 2 pm-6 pm - explore the Ag Youth Ranch 6 pm - Flag Retirement Ceremony by local Boy Scout Troop 7 pm - Cornhole Tournament

4-H Day in Aggieland 2022 – September 10th



4-H Day in Aggieland is where the experience begins! 4-H youth, their families and friends, AgriLife employees, and 4-H volunteers are invited to attend the event that's sure to get youth excited about the college experience - an Aggie football game. Participants can purchase discounted tickets to the football game, take a free campus tour, participate in free educational workshops on topics such as scholarships and more, and attend an Aggie tailgate! We are excited to partner with District 9 4-H to include their fall meeting this year, as well. The event will be held Saturday, September 10th as the Texas A&M Aggies take on the Appalachian St. Mountaineers. Kickoff is at 2:30 PM at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas.



Tailgate and workshops will be held in the AgriLife Center on the Texas A&M Campus. Tailgate will feature food and drink, games, and a tv to watch other football games! Tailgate admission is \$5 per person (kids under 8 are free) and workshop admission is FREE. Football game tickets sold separately. Tailgate registration does NOT include ticket to the game. Click here to access links to purchase tickets to the game, purchase a t-shirt, or register for the tailgate.

<u>Gonzales County Gear Robotics Contest – September 24th DEADLINE Sept. 7th</u> (FLYER)

Contact Gayle Bludau at 830-672-8531 for more information. Register with the following link by Sept. 7th <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7h3U4chdHweija5cqfXEDWZ_zKdpu2gYK-gLeuuKXYfMkTQ/viewform?usp=sf_link__General Rules__GEAR 2022-moonpost</u>

National 4-H Week – Oct 2nd – Oct. 8th

Get ready to celebrate National 4-H Week from Sunday, Oct. 2 to Saturday, Oct. 8. This year's theme is Opportunity4All, and the new marketing toolkit is now available for download on the <u>4-H Marketing Online Resource Center</u>. Be sure to register for the National 4-H Week webinar on Thursday, July 14 at 2 PM ET to learn more about this year's theme and how to best implement the marketing toolkit in your local community. <u>Register now by clicking here.</u>

National 4-H Volunteer Conference – October 6th-9th

Mark your calendars for October 6th-9th for the National 4-H Volunteer Conference! Come visit the world's largest 4-H center, enjoy great sessions, meet new people, have fun, and bring home some great ideas to implement with your 4-H clubs and project groups. Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia. <u>http://www.4hvcoss.com/</u>. Registration opens June 1st. Contact Laura Huebinger, <u>lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u>, with questions.

Consider Teaching a Workshop at the National 4-H Volunteer Conference (FLYER)

The Texas 4-H program will offer to pay the conference registration fee if you teach a workshop in-person!! This offer will be provided for up to 3 agents/volunteers. I really hope you'll consider it. If you want to bounce around some ideas, please feel free to contact Laura Huebinger, <u>lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

4-H Day with the UTSA Roadrunners – October 22nd (TICKET LINK)



UTSA vs. North Texas. Purchase your tickets soon! First 150 4-H'ers who purchase tickets will be eligible for the Roadrunners Fan Tunnel Experience. They will be able to be part of the fan tunnel and high five the Roadrunners as they take the field. **Tunnel perk is reliant on us selling 150 tickets so reserve yours today!**

SPARK Retreat – November 11th -13th

This year's Texas 4-H Council is hoping to revive the traditional Junior Leadership Retreat experience by developing shorter morning workshop sessions which are more hands-on activities by the campers, less presentation style approach. After lunch, Council will host high energy group activities and games to keep the 4-H members engaged and learning. Of course, what's a 4-H camp without a dance, so Saturday evening they will host a "Theme" dance. This year's theme will be announced in September. There will also be a servicelearning activity where campers will be asked to provide items to donate but will be taken a step further where they will be actively involved in preparing kits to be donated to a local organization, so they get a better understanding of why



they brought items to the Center. More detail to come soon including Registration information, but we wanted to share the new vision for the camp with you so you could start promoting it with your 4-H members and their families. If you have recommendations, please share those as well so we can provide feedback to the Texas 4-H Council as they plan to "Spark" a fun, state-wide experience for 4-H members in the 3rd – 8th grades.

<u>4-H Day at the Capitol – March 29th</u>

This year's 4-H Day at the Capitol is set for March 29, 2023! Be on the lookout for more information!

<u>4-H 4 More</u>

We believe all youth can find their spark in Texas 4-H; they just have to be introduced to it first. Join us in creating opportunity 4 more youth by inviting 4 new youth into the program. Learn more about the program by clicking here! Here is a video to learn more: <u>https://youtu.be/UKZq5WJL838</u>



New 4-H Year Materials

Happy (almost) New 4-H Year! This year is going to bring new opportunities, new faces, and certainly, new challenges. But amongst the new, one thing surely remains, 4-H is the top tier youth development program in Texas. That is simply only possible through your efforts in your counties. Thank you for keeping the 4-H ball rolling from year to year, kid to kid, opportunity to opportunity. We hope to make your efforts just a bit easier when it comes to marketing your programs. <u>Please find social media templates available for your use by clicking here.</u>

Enjoy the Outdoors Without Leaving a Trace

Wherever you live, you're never too far from a beautiful outdoor space that you can visit and enjoy. Even cities have parks you can explore and get a taste of nature. But it's important to remember whenever we're enjoying the great outdoors, that we're interacting with living things, and the habitats of various animals. In this activity, we will learn how to 'Leave No Trace' when we take our fun into the outside world. <u>Click here to get started.</u>

WebGrants is Upgraded

On August 15, 2022, National 4-H Council returned to a newly upgraded WebGrants platform. It has a modern, fresh look that provides a more user-friendly experience. Training opportunities will be provided and posted on the <u>website</u>. New opportunities will be in WebGrants moving forward.

PYD Academy Registration is OPEN

Positive youth development in 4-H doesn't just happen! It depends on you! We want to prepare you to be the best 4-H PYD educator you can be, and it begins with understanding the science and research of PYD and how you can use it to help youth thrive. Please join 4-H colleagues from throughout the country at the Foundations of Positive Youth Development: Early Career 4-H Professionals Academy. <u>LEARN MORE!</u>

Solar Oven S'mores

The sun warms the earth, creates weather patterns, and helps plants grow, but there's s'more where that came from. In this tasty activity, kids will learn how engineers harness the sun's energy for other purposes by building a tin-foil-lined cardboard box that uses the sun's rays to cook delicious s'mores! <u>Get Started HERE!</u>

STEM Challenge is Back!

Announcing the 2022 National 4-H STEM Challenge, Explorers of the Deep! Designed by Rutgers University, the challenge will take kids on an ocean exploration—with an ocean glider! What's new for 2022? Customizable kits! Learn more about this exciting underwater adventure available for sale on August 2, and sign up for STEM Challenge updates! Learn more by clicking here.



<u>Get in Gear</u>

Explore the power and mathematics of gears in this fun at-home STEM activity for kids. In this activity, kids will assemble and test different gear sets to see how small actions can create big movements. Along the way, they will learn how to determine the direction of gear rotations, how to build compound gear trains and the mathematics and importance of gear ratios. <u>Get</u> started by clicking here.

Shop Kendra Scott and Give Back to 4-H



Kendra Scott has partnered with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation to give back to 4-H in the most fashionable way! Start that Christmas shopping early and shop in store at Kendra Scott on Saturday, October 1st OR online Friday, September 31st through Saturday, October 1st and have 20% of your purchase be donated back to Texas 4-H youth. All 31 Texas Kendra Scott locations will be participating! Make plans to shop now and stay on the lookout for more information.

Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot



The Texas 4-H Foundation has once again partnered with rodeo legend and Texas rancher Bob Tallman to create an exclusive fundraiser that will put money RIGHT IN YOUR COUNTY'S POCKET! All you need to do is send some emails, make a few social media posts and wait for the money to head your way. No collecting

money, no order sheets, no door to door. It's all done online and completely managed by the Foundation. Here is the link to order: <u>https://texas4hfoundation.givecloud.co/texas-4-h-jerky-jackpot</u> Here are some tools to help you share this fundraiser: <u>Download Toolkit HERE!</u>

