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BEXAR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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NEW

Water Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE May 1st ([INFORMATION](#)) ([FLYER](#))

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program! These youth travel across the state of Texas learning about different water resources and give back to their communities through education and service.

NEW

Bexar County 4-H County Council Applications – DEADLINE May 15th ([APPLICATION](#))

At the May 18th meeting we will be electing new council officers for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. To be eligible for nomination you must complete and return a 4-H County Council application, must be at least 13 years old, and only 2 council members can be elected from the same 4-H Club! Nominations for officer positions at the elections on May 18th will first occur from those who submit applications, only after this process will nominations be open to anyone present at the meeting. Application DEADLINE: May 15th by 5:00pm and a virtual Q&A session will be held Wednesday, April 26th @ 7:00pm [TEAMS LINK](#).

NEW

Bexar County 4-H County 4-H Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE June 2nd ([APPLICATION](#))

This is an Excellent opportunity for those who do not get elected to a council position and younger members to gain 4-H leadership experience. Members must be at least 11 years old to apply. Application DEADLINE: June 2nd by 5:00pm
Virtual Q&A session: Wednesday, April 26th @ 7:00pm [TEAMS LINK](#).

NEW

Y.A.L.L. TOUR APPLICATION – DEADLINE April 15th ([FLYER](#))

The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6-day exploration for youth to experience Texas Panhandle agricultural production practices. Participants will learn the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective. During the trip, participants will have the opportunity to see diversified agricultural production and various aspects of the agriculture industry. While many youths are interested in some aspects of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the primary purposes of the Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership tour is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the country. While each university may offer different degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing educators when it comes to agriculture education. Participants will tour local colleges. Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Participants will see how numerous agricultural-related issues are challenged daily by groups targeting our food supply system. Participants will be provided opportunities to defend agricultural-related topics based on the information they learn from the tour presenters.



- APR 8 Bexar County Project Fair – Pg. 6
- APR 10 2023 Guadalupe Co. GEAR Robotics Contest (Seguin, TX) **DEADLINE** – Pg. 17
- APR 10 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Bexar County **\$10 DEADLINE** (4-HOnline) – Pg. 12
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- APR 24 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Bexar County **\$20 DEADLINE** (4-HOnline) – Pg. 12
- APR 29 District 10 Photography Workshop **(Save the Date)**
- MAY 1 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation **CLOSES** (4-HOnline) – Pg. 12
- MAY 1 Texas Water Ambassador Application **DEADLINE** – Pg. 19
- MAY 1 District 10 Horse Show registration **OPENS** (4-HOnline)
- MAY 16 District 10 Horse Show registration **DEADLINE** (4-HOnline)

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



2022-2023 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

**These calendars are subject to change.*

- **APR 8** **Bexar County 4-H Project Fair**
- **APR 2023** **Meats Judging**
- **APR 18** **Leaders 4 Life**
- **APR 19** **Livestock Judging**
- **APR 20** **Range/Pasture ID and Range Evaluation**
- **APR 20** **Share the Fun**
- **APR 20** **Wool and Mohair Judging**
- **APR 21** **Soil Judging**
- **APR 21** **Duds 2 Dazzle**
- **APR 21** **Fashion Show and Natural Fibers**
- **APR 22** **Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)**
- **APR 28** **Virtual Fashion Storyboards**
- **JUN 5-8** **Texas 4-H Roundup**
- **JUN 14-15** **District 10 Horse Show**
- **JUL 13** **District 10 Record Book Judging**

District/State Contest Reimbursement Form

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

2022 – 2023 DISTRICT 10 4-H CALENDAR

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	
April 12, 2023	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 18, 2023	• Leaders 4 Life
April 19, 2023	• Livestock Judging
April 20, 2023	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Share the Fun • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 21, 2023	• Soil Judging • Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 22, 2023	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 28, 2023	• 4-H Storyboard Results Posted
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	
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	
EVENT DATE: June 21-23, 2023	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., June 1, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 27, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 28-30, 2023	
EVENT DATE: July 13, 2023 (*District 10 4-H Planning Meeting will be held July 12, 2023.)	

IMPORTANT STATE EVENTS

Texas 4-H State Roundup – College Station, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sun., May 14, 2023	
CONTEST INFORMATION	
EVENT DATE: June 5-8, 2023	Texas 4-H Roundup Website Texas 4-H Roundup Guide 2023 Hotel Block Information
Texas 4-H State Dog Show – Belton, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: TBA	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 12, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 13-19, 2023	
EVENT DATE: July 6-8, 2023	Texas 4-H Dog Show Website Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules 2023 Hotel Block Information
Texas 4-H State Games – Baird/San Antonio, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: TBA	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA	
Registration will be conducted on (2) different sites: STEP ONE- Register on 4HOnline. STEP ONE must be completed FIRST. STEP TWO- Register on iclays.com	
July 9-14, 2023 Baird, Texas	Events: Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Hunting Skill Location: Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range
July 17-22, 2023 San Antonio, Texas	Events: Archery & Shotgun Location: National Shooting Complex
Texas 4-H Horse Show – Bryan, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sat., July 1, 2023	
EVENT DATE: July 23-28, 2023	Texas 4-H Horse Show website Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules 2023 State Horse Validation

District 10 4-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
Mar. 31, 2023	Photography Results Released

2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide Posted

The 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide has been updated and posted with most contest updates posted as well. Please review the changes that have been made to the 2023 Roundup. [Click here to access the guide and contest information.](#)

Bexar County 4-H Project Fair – DEADLINE March 24th

(RULES/GUIDELINES/REGISTRATION FORM)

ANY Texas 4-H member 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- 3rd 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 2023 4-H Project Fair Rules, Guidelines, and Registration Forms at the link above.**

Entry forms and payment must be dropped off to the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Drive, STE 212, San Antonio TX 78230) by Friday, March 24th.

2023 District 10 Spring Roundup – April 12th-28th – DEADLINE March 21st

(CONTEST GUIDES)

The 2023 District 10 Spring Roundup will take place April 12th-28th in San Angelo, Fredericksburg, and Floresville, Texas. The contests that will be included are Meat Judging, Leaders 4 Life, Livestock Judging, Range ID, Soil ID, Mohair Judging, Share the Fun, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show/Natural Fiber, Virtual Storyboard, and Smallbore Rifle. **ALL Bexar County Livestock Judges should register as individuals. On your 4-H Online registration where it asks for team members simply place an "X" in each space, team members will be filled in by Kevin Knapick during approval in consultation with Ty Chumbley and Sam Womble.**

LOCAL 4-H EVENTS / TRAINING

4-H Training Request Form- **PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE**

- **Information:** If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this [form](#) and submit it to kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. Please contact us at 210-631-0400 with questions.

2022-2023 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings and Events

County 4-H Ambassador Meeting	4/11/23 @ 7:00 pm	VIRTUAL TEAMS Link	Agenda TBA
County Council Meeting / County Officer Elections	5/18/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	County Council officer elections for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be conducted.
Club Manager Training #1	5/23/23 @ 7:00pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	First in-person club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.
Club Manager Training	5/25/23	VIRTUAL TEAMS Link	Virtual club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.
Club Manager Training #2	5/23/23 @ 7:00pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	Second in-person club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.
County 4-H Ambassador and Council Officer End-of-Year Party	TBA TBA	TBA	All ambassadors who complete their yearly requirements and County Council officers will be welcome to a party.

*If your club has news or events they would like to see in our newsletter please email to kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu

Send Us Your Pictures

We would love to use pictures from your contests and events for flyers, brochures, and to recognize the kids' hard work in our newsletter. Email pictures to kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu

Academic Eligibility

All 4-H members will have their academic eligibility checked and appropriate excused absences requested by the County Extension Office. Please call or email Kevin Knapick if you have any questions.



Jason Kreuger Memorial Scholarship- DEADLINE April 20th (APPLICATION)

Active Senior 4-H/FFA members who are scheduled to graduate from High School in 2023 and have exhibited a steer in any Texas Steer Shows are welcome to apply for the Jason Kreuger Memorial Scholarship. Students must submit the following to be considered. Postmark deadline is 4/20/2023:

- Completed General Information sheet.
- Resume or Student Biography (note high school achievements, honors, awards, activities, extra-curricular, community service, and 4-H/FFA involvements)
- Applicant essay which details applicant's dreams, ambitions, and future educational goals. **Not to exceed 300 words.**
- Two letters of recommendation (not from a family member)



Livestock News & Events

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

2022-2023 Livestock Project Meetings			

*** PLEASE RSVP to sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu for all Project Training Events ***

State Fair of Texas Swine State Validation Tag Orders –

DEADLINE April 14th (FORM)

All swine to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2023 must be validated. Cost will be \$18.00 per head. If showing through Bexar County 4-H, please complete one form per family and submit paperwork & payment to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230. If showing through FFA, please submit paperwork & payment to your Supervising Ag Science Teacher.

Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows



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

Show Information: Upcoming show information is available on the [Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page](#). 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!

Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Changes (UPDATED RULES)

The State 4-H Horse Show Committee has voted on several rule changes for the 2023 year.

The major changes include:

1. **Ranch Cutting will be added as a class in the stock horse division.** This class will not count towards high point in the division. Exhibitors can show in both cutting and ranch cutting. (pg. 87)
2. **District qualification will be removed; however, for safety reasons, futurity exhibitors must participate in a district horse show, district educational clinic, or other equivalent event where futurity project is present.** Participation will be verified by the county extension agent on the State 4-H Horse Show entry form. (pg. 9). This change allows more flexibility for district programs to offer targeted experiences that are tailored to local needs; and allows more flexibility for 4-H families.
3. **State 4-H Horse Show entries will be open earlier beginning May 1 and will remain open until July 1.**
4. **Ownership requirement amendment: lease horses will be allowed.** Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and county extension agent. Lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H Year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4HOnline at validation. (pg. 7)
This is a significant change for horse project eligibility in Texas which the committee expects will result in an increase in participation at the State 4-H Horse Show. However, the anticipated increase in participation at the state show was not the primary goal when considering this change. In fact, the State 4-H Horse Show has seen a 10.7% increase in participation over the past 4 years. The objective in allowing lease horses is to make the show more inclusive for young horse enthusiasts who may not have the opportunity for horse ownership yet.

*Official lease agreement is under review and will be made available on the State 4-H Horse Show webpage when finalized. Anticipated availability by Friday 2/3.

2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation

Validation Period: March 1st – May 1st, 2023



Information: ALL horses that may possibly be shown at a 4-H District and/or State Horse Show must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. Youth are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted if a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

Payment & Deadlines: The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), credit card ONLY.

- From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. **The county deadline will be April 10th by 5 p.m.**
- From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. **The county deadline will be April 24th by 5 p.m.**
- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. **The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.**
- **If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded.** These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list “pending” in the registration number area.
- ***NEW IN 2023*** - Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
 - Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent.
 - The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at [HERE](#) or on <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
 - must be uploaded on 4HOnline during validation.
- Image uploads in 4H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- **Families can validate each horse only one time.**
- **Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2022) and at least in the 6th grade.**

Resources for Families:

- 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Guidelines for Families: [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)
- 4HOnline Validation walk-through guide for families: [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)
- For additional one-pagers and other resources, please visit <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
- Validation walk-through video: <https://youtu.be/OPoOmyC1kTk>



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

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

[4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule - Google Docs](#)

Henderson County 4-H Shotgun Club, Whiz Bang

Pre-Registration DEADLINE April 10th (FLYER)

Our Henderson County 4-H Shotgun Club is hold not one but two whiz bangs! The whiz bangs will be held on April 14-15, 2023 in Frankston. Check out the flyer for more information and registration.

HELOTES AG BOOSTERS 3D Archery Shoot – April 22nd (FLYER)

Helotes Ag Booster Club will be hosting a 3D Archery Shoot on April 22nd at the Helotes Ag Booster Club Youth Ranch at 1825 CR 2615, Rio Medina, TX. All interested are encouraged to check out the flyer above. Pre-registration is \$10 for youth and \$15 for adults and registration the day of the event will be \$15 for youth and \$20 for adults.

Family & Community Health Events



TEXAS A&M
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Join us in a Community Service Project in making Simple Lap Quilts!

Dates & Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

- Saturday, April 15th 2023
- Saturday, May 27th 2023

**Location: 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 208
San Antonio, TX 78230**

Please bring your sewing machine.

Fabric will be provided.

Some machines will be provided.

**Completed projects will be delivered on
May 27th to Nursing Home Residence**

**Any additional questions contact Alya Trimble,
Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador at phtrimble@yahoo.com**

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**FAMILY &
COMMUNITY HEALTH**

FOOD HANDLER'S COURSE

**2yr.
permit**

Join us for an in-person class on
Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at our office
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste 208,
San Antonio, TX 78230
Payment must be paid in advanced
Fee: \$20.00

Texas Department 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. Practices discussed
include:

- Good Personal Hygiene
- Cross Contamination
- Time and Temperature

For questions, please contact
Family & Community Health Agent,

Angie Gutierrez at
(210) 631-0400 or
aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu

Scan the QR Code to register.



Money Order or Check Payable to:
AgriLife Extension 230100-60041

Fee \$20.00/Person

Payment can be mailed to:

AgriLife Extension Service

Att: Angie Gutierrez

3355 Cherry Ridge., Suite 212

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4-H Events & Training



2023 National 4-H Conference – April 14th-19th

APPLICATION DEADLINE – December 22nd (4-H Online)

(FLYER)

Mark your calendar for the 2023 National 4-H Conference, which will be held April 14-19 in person at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, and online. Deemed “the Secretary’s Conference,” this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future focused. The Conference brings together youth, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. More information to follow.



Summer 2023 Texas 4-H is going Abroad (FLYER)

There is still time left to encourage your 4-Her's to be a part of this year's Global Citizenship Tour in Spain. The Global Citizenship Trip is planning to take place July 5th-12th, upon approval. Final travel dates will be announced two to three months before the tour. For more information see attached flyer, contact Megan Logan (megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu) or visit <https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2586572TK>

Allergen-Free Baking Recipes for Kids

Just about everyone loves delicious baked goods, but some people are allergic to the standard gluten-based flour used in most recipes. These simple alternatives from Kristin Osika, the 2021 4-H Youth-in-Action Winner, leave out the gluten but pack all of the scrumptious taste. [Get started by clicking here.](#)

Gettysburg & Washington D.C. Trip – July 17th-21st DEADLINE January 31st

(INFORMATION)

Join Cooke, Denton, and Kaufman Counties as they travel to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. July 17th - July 21, 2023. 4-H members must be 13 years old. For more information view the flyer above or contact steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu; Phyllis.Griffin@ag.tamu.edu or cl-sharp@tamu.edu

2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Invitational Contests (INFORMATION)

The 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup planning is well underway! Please encourage 4-Her's to get involved in these *invitational contests*. Keep an eye on your emails and Texas 4-H social media for invitational contest for your 4-Her's to get involved in.



2023 4-H Day at COALS – March 30th

ATTENTION FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE'S, & JUNIOR'S! Interested in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Texas A&M University? Visit us for Texas 4-H Day hosted by the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences on March 30th in College Station, Texas! You will experience a campus tour, presentations on admissions and scholarships, meet current students, and see what life is like as a student at Texas A&M! Check out the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences majors [here](#)! Space is limited, make sure to signup starting February 1, 2023! Cost is \$30 per 4-H member, and parents are free! For more information, contact Jana Barrett (jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu) or Megan Logan (megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu) for more information about 4-H Day at COALS. *This event is back-to-back with 4-H Day at the Capitol, it is encouraged that families and counties register for both events.*



Texas 4-H Center Camp (INFORMATION)

From traditional camp experiences like fishing and dancing, to specialized camps on photography and woodworking, to an inclusive camp for youth with disabilities, there's something for everyone at Texas 4-H Camp! Registration is now open for the 2023 Summer camps. Register now before early bird pricing ends on April 1st!

4-H Landscape Challenge (FLYER)

New in 2023, the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department will be hosting a 4-H Landscape Challenge. The Final Challenge will take place on Monday, June 5, 2023 in College Station in conjunction with Texas 4-H Roundup week. Youth that compete in the 4-H Landscape Challenge Final are also encouraged to register for Texas 4-H Roundup and the events and activities offered that week. This challenge is meant to promote landscape design knowledge and professionalism to 4-H students by simulating a real-life interaction between customer and landscape professional. More information visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horticulture/> or contact Jayla Fry at jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu

2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Room Block Announcement (INFORMATION)

The 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup planning is well underway! Please encourage 4-Her's to get involved in these *invitational contests*. Keep an eye on your emails and Texas 4-H social media for invitational contest for your 4-Her's to get involved in. Facebook: Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
Instagram: @Texas4H
Twitter: @Texas4H

2023 CORE Academy Registration – DEADLINE APRIL 15th (FLYER) (REGISTRATION)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for 4-H members in the 9th through 12th grade! The CORE Academy Program (Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence) is a weeklong excursion that aims to expose students to various career and leadership opportunities around the state. Students will also learn and visit different post-secondary degree institutions across Texas. **Core Academy Applications for 2023 opened February 1st 2023!** Don't forget to follow CORE Academy on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CORE4H>

Guadalupe County GEAR Contest – DEADLINE April 10th (FLYER)

Guadalupe County will host their annual 4-H GEAR Robotics contest this spring. The contest will be held on April 22, 2023. Location is tentatively set at the Guadalupe County Extension Office (210 East Live Oak, Seguin TX 78155). Information for registration is located on the Flyer. Game Specific Rules at <https://tinyurl.com/yckpa9nm>
General Rules at <https://tinyurl.com/5bxn7jeb>

College / Career Fair & Trade Show – June 5th-8th (INFORMATION)

Six youth will be elected from across the state to serve on Texas 4-H Council 2023-2024, representing the entire state rather than their home district. These youth will be elected the week of Roundup, but the application process begins now!

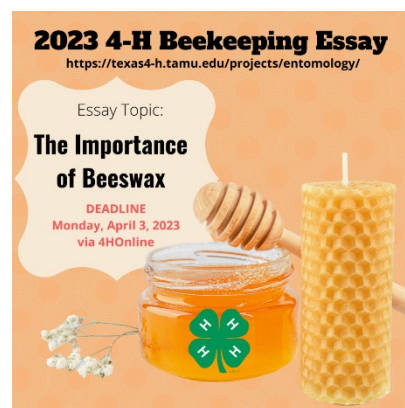
Applications must be submitted through 4HOnline by March 20th! Information and the application can be found online by clicking the button below.

Virtual Fishing Skill-A-Thon (FLYER)

This is a fun, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and Clover Kids to get outside and fish with their families and friends. The fishing takes place wherever they are in Texas! Short, educational videos on fishing tips, equipment, fish ID, industry careers, and more are available on the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page and new YouTube page. Prize packages of gift cards, fishing gear, and more will be awarded as provided by our sponsors. Last year we awarded over \$13,000 in prizes! Rules of play are attached to this email via the buttons below. Registration is now open on 4HOnline and the tournament will begin March 20th!

2023 Beekeeping Essay Contest – DEADLINE APRIL 3rd (FLYER)

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. announced their 2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic. 4-H members do not have to have a bee project to participate in the essay contest. 2023 Essay Topic: The Importance of Beeswax. For this essay, a 4-H student should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps, or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'er's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions. Essays will be uploaded to 4HOnline using the "2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is Monday, April 3, 2023. Winners will be announced the week of April 24th.



2023 Inbound Programs (FLYER)

Howdy 4-H families! Are you interested in providing an international experience for your family? Would you like for your children to learn about other cultures and interact with persons from different countries? Would you consider hosting an international delegate in your home to meet those goals? Texas 4-H will host 20 youth from Japan this summer, July 23 – August 16. This immersive cultural experience is a great way to do those things listed above. Host Families are not expected to entertain the delegate, but rather to just treat them as a member of the family. They come to the United States to learn our ways, our customs and how we interact as families. The twenty youth visiting Texas have an even richer experience! The delegates have some familiarity with English but often lack the opportunity to practice what they've learned. Their immersive homestay in Texas and with families provides the atmosphere to further develop their English skills. Families learn that communication goes beyond the spoken word – creativity plays a big part in the communication, especially at the start of the homestay. 4-H membership is not a requirement. If your family is unable to host this summer, please feel free to share the information with others. For more information or to speak with someone directly, please email Darlene Locke at darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu.



2023 FCS Signing Event – DEADLINE APRIL 10th (FLYER)

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Affiliate, and Texas 4-H will be recognizing all graduating senior 4-H members at Texas 4-H Roundup that have confirmed they are majoring in any area of Family and Consumer Sciences in college. This would include any majors related to Texas 4-H FCH projects, such as Food & Nutrition, Fashion & Interior Design, Health & Safety or Consumer Education. The members that have committed to and been accepted into a university/post-secondary institution may participate in a signing event, similar to athletic signing events, on Monday, June 5th, 2023, during the College and Career Fair. To participate in the event, you will need to complete the registration form and submit it by April 10th, 2023. **Click here to access registration form.**



Water Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE May 1st (INFORMATION) (FLYER)

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program! These youth travel across the state of Texas learning about different water resources and give back to their communities through education and service.



WHEP Contest Information – DEADLINE April 17th (FLYER)

The Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP) Contest registration is now OPEN until April 17th! Visit the Texas 4-H Natural Resources webpage or contact Larry Hysmith (lhysmith@tamu.edu) for more information. [Register now by clicking here.](#)



Logo Design Contest – DEADLINE March 31st (REGISTRATION) (FLYER)

The official DJs of Texas 4-H Roundup and other state 4-H events are seeking a new logo! The "Mo Betta DJs" want your help in designing their logo. See the details on the graphic above and have your youth submit their ideas by March 31st!



Texas 4-H Center Teen Weekend (REGISTRATION) (Information)

The Texas 4-H center will be hosting its second Teen weekend May 5-7. Responsible teens who have aged out of traditional camp and are interested in taking on more of a leadership role should apply. At teen weekend, your teen will receive all the required training to be ready for success this summer as a teen counselor. At the end of this weekend your teen will have the ability to sign up for any camp they wish to help with FOR FREE, leaving the week with 50+ Hrs. of volunteer service hours. Youth must have attended the teen training to be utilized as a teen counselor.

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