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BEXAR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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If your club had a member who had applied for an award other than the Gold Star and I Dare You Award and did not receive an award please contact Kevin (kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu) if you haven't already to make sure we get this rectified so that we can honor those 4-H members who completed outstanding accomplishments in our last newsletter of the 2022/2023 4-H Year on August 30th!



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**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.*

AUG 19 **District 10 Mega Meeting**

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; it will 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

As the 2022-2023 Texas 4-H year comes to a close, we are now working on solidifying all major District event dates for the 2023-2024 4-H Year! All calendar dates with registration deadlines will be updated in the Bulletin no later than **September 1, 2023**. Please be patient as we work closely with our committees and venues to ensure we release the most accurate calendar.



END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tue., August 1, 2023
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Fri., August 11, 2023
FINAL LATE DEADLINE: Tue. August 15, 2023
Registration for this event will be conducted on AgriLife Register due to annual maintenance and rollover of 4HOnline during this time period.
EVENT DATE: Saturday, August 19, 2023

NEW

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting – *SAVE THE DATE!* August 19, 2023 ([INFORMATION](#))

Early Registration Deadline: August 11, 2023 on [AgriLife Register](#)

Late Registration Deadline: August 15, 2023 (+\$10 Late Fee) on [AgriLife Register](#)

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting is an event that showcases a variety of activities including Adult/Youth Workshops. 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. District 10 4-H members and adult volunteers are encouraged to join us for the 2023 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting held Saturday, August 19th, 2023. This year's Mega Meeting will feature project based hands-on workshops for youth & adults! Additionally, County Delegates are encouraged to attend and take part in our first District 10 4-H Council meeting for the year.

Cost:

Early Bird Fees:

\$40.00 per YOUTH registrant (Lunch & T-Shirt Provided)

\$20.00 per ADULT registrant (Lunch & T-Shirt Provided)

LOCAL 4-H EVENTS / TRAINING

4-H Training RequestForm- **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.

2023-2024 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings and Events

4-H Volunteer Enrollment and General Training	8/23/23 7:00pm	Virtual TEAMS LINK	This training will present a walkthrough of volunteer enrollment on 4-HOnline as well as serve as a formal training for all volunteers to ensure that all 4-H rules, guidelines, and procedures are followed during activities.
4-H Youth Enrollment Training and Q/A Session	8/30/23 7:00pm	Virtual TEAMS LINK	This training will walk families through the 4-HOnline processes including enrollment, event registration, animal validation (Dog and Horse), and then serve as an open Q&A session for the new year with Kevin.
4-H Record Book Training	9/7/23 7:00pm	Virtual TEAMS LINK	This training will introduce the record book process as we begin the new 4-H year to familiarize members with the process and expectations of a record book. Multiple trainings will be held throughout the year including at club meetings as requested. More 1 on 1 options will be available as well upon request
4-H Awards and Scholarship Introduction	9/27/23 7:00pm	Virtual TEAMS LINK	This training will focus on an introduction to scholarships and awards for the 2023/2024 4-H year so that members can work towards these goals. Awards will be first followed by scholarships (more advanced trainings on scholarships will be coming soon)
District 10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training	9/30/2023 – 10/1/2023	Guadalupe Co. AgriLife Extension Office (210 East Live Oak Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disciplines Offered: Shotgun, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Western Heritage. Participants may only choose ONE discipline to receive certification. Space in each discipline training is <u>limited</u>. Participants will be required to provide a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd discipline choice. ○ Registration: Registration will be held on 4HOnline from August 28-September 15, 2023. Adult & Youth participants MUST be enrolled on 4HOnline to register for this event. Re-enrollment begins on August 15, 2023. Please re-enroll in a timely manner to register for this event.

*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





Livestock News & Events

Project Visits –

If you have questions or need help with your livestock project, feel free to contact me. You're welcome to call, email, text or swing by the Extension office. I would like to see your project throughout the feeding period and would prefer to stop by when you and your parent(s) are available. Please reach out to schedule an appointment.

Project Meetings/Resources –

If you have an idea for a livestock project meeting or you're an adult looking for resources to share with members, feel free to contact Sam Womble. Sam is happy to help! Contact Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu, office # 210-631-0400 or cell # 361-649-5836

2023 – 2024 Livestock Project Meetings

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*** PLEASE RSVP to Kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu for all Project Training Events ***

NEW

Important Quality Counts Update (FAQ) (QC Enrollment Instructions)



Newly updated Quality Counts learner experience is **LIVE!** As a reminder, all exhibitors are required to provide a verified QC number at the time of major livestock show entry. Again – this new process/exam is NOT required for everyone. Only those users who are new or are moving to the next grade level course (junior: 3-5th grade, intermediate: 6-8th, senior: 9-12th) are required to take Quality Counts this year.

2023 Validation Dates:

Sheep and Goat Validation –

October 12th 3:00-6:00 pm James Madison

October 19th 3:00-6:00 pm ASTA

Fall Heifer Validation –

October 28th 9:00-11:00 am East Central

Swine Validation –

November 8th 4:30-6:00 pm Southwest

November 11th 2:00-5:00 pm ASTA

November 14th 4:00-6:00 pm Judson

November 20th 5:00-7:00 pm James Madison

November 21st 2:00-5:00 pm East Central

Please Note: If you have an extenuating circumstance that conflicts with the scheduled validation date(s), you are expected to contact your supervisor (Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent) in advance. Each request will be considered based on validity. Understand the local validation committee is not required to accommodate your request for an alternate validation date/time. Should a request be granted, you will be responsible for working around the local committee's schedule.

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Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows

Sheep and Goat Youth Expo Youth Program (FLYER)

The Texas Sheep and Goat Expo provides producers and others interested in the sheep and goat industry, an opportunity to attend educational presentations from expert speakers in a very diverse industry. This event, which draws producers from across Texas to as far away as Australia, is the largest event of its type in Texas and one of the largest sheep and goat industry educational programs in the world. The event covers a range of industry topics, including addressing the concerns and challenges facing today's producers in light of recent events, as well as the exciting changes happening in the industry involving technological advances and new services. The event also features a field day, youth program, and skill-a-thon. Save the date for August 19th in San Angelo for the youth program and skill-a-thon. [Click here to learn more about the program](#) or [click here to follow the event on Facebook](#).

NEW

Invitational Livestock Quiz Bowl – DEADLINE August 15th (ENTRY FORM)

The Tri-State Fair will be hosting an invitational Livestock Quiz Bowl on Sunday, September 17th. It is open to any 4-H or FFA teams across the state. There will be a junior/intermediate contest and a senior division contest, with buckles awarded to champion and reserve teams. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, August 15th.

NEW

BCJLS Ambassador Program – DEADLINE September 15th (APPLICATION)

We have started a new Ambassador program at BCJLS. High school 4-H and FFA members may apply to be ambassadors and the board will select the ambassadors. Ambassadors are student volunteers at the Show this December. We will provide a vest for them to wear, recognizing them as Ambassadors. Being a BCJLS Ambassador is a nice thing to add to a student's resume. Ambassadors will be recognized at the Show and Auction. The application is live on our website Show Page [here](#). It is due Sept 15, 2023, and does require signatures from their school staff verifying their academic record and from their Club Manager or FFA advisor so the kids need to give themselves plenty of time. Clarence Sultenfuss or I can answer questions. Clarence can be reached at sandstonedairy@hotmail.com.

Horse News & Events



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! 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Show Schedule, [Click here to view all information about the state horse show.](#)



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](#)

NEW

D-10 Shooting Sports Coach Training - Registration August 28th-September 15th

- **Date:** September 30 – October 1, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)
- **Location:** Seguin, Texas (210 East Live Oak Street)
- **Disciplines Offered:** Shotgun, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Western Heritage. Participants may only choose ONE discipline to receive certification. Space in each discipline training is limited. Participants will be required to provide a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd discipline choice.
- **Registration:** Registration will be held on 4HOnline from August 28-September 15, 2023. Adult & Youth participants MUST be enrolled on 4HOnline to register for this event. Re-enrollment begins on August 15, 2023. Please re-enroll in a timely manner to register for this event.

CCS 4-H Clay Shoot (REGISTRATION) (FLYER)

Cornerstone Christian Schools 4-H will be hosting a clay shoot Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at the National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roft Road, San Antonio, TX. It is a Whizbang Qualifier, sporting clay and second whizbang that will go toward HOA prizes. Please see above for registration.



State Games Photos Available!

All photos from BOTH weeks of State Games are available now on Flickr for FREE download. [Click here to access photos.](#)

Family & Community Health Events

Managing Stress with Mindfulness (FLYER)

Did you know AgriLife Extension offers worksite wellness classes such as Stress Less with Mindfulness? If you are interested in hosting a worksite wellness class such as this one at your organization, contact Health & Wellness Educator Samantha Villanueva at 210-631-0400 or by email at Samantha.Villanueva@ag.tamu.edu

Egg to Chick Program (FLYER)

The Egg to Chick Program is open to reserve for the summer! If interested, contact our Urban Agriculture Educator, Dorothy Herbst at 210-631-0400 or dorothy.herbst@ag.tamu.edu

NEW

Dinner Tonight Volunteers Needed!

VOLUNTEERS *Needed*

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our upcoming Family & Community Health Event "Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School" on Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at 10:00am - 12:30pm at The Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas St, San Antonio, TX 78228.

We will be having a brief orientation on which duties you will be assisting with on Thursday, August 24th, 2023 at 10:00am at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 208, San Antonio, TX 78230.

Please send an email to Angie Gutierrez, Family & Community Health Agent to sign up as a volunteer.



210-631-0400



aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu



The flyer features a yellow and orange color scheme. At the top left is a circular logo with a fork, spoon, and knife. To its right is the text "DINNER TONIGHT" in large white letters, with "TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION" in smaller white letters below it. On the top right is the "TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION" logo. The main text is centered and reads: "Join Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 'DINNER TONIGHT HEALTHY COOKING SCHOOL'". Below this, it says "Looking for healthy, family-friendly meals? Come see a live food demonstration of healthy recipes and participate in a taste test." To the right of this text is a yellow circle with "FREE EVENT" in white. The event details are: "When: Thursday, August 31st, 2023", "Time: 10:00AM - 12:30PM", "Location: The Family Service Neighborhood Place", "Address: 3014 Rivas St. San Antonio, TX 78228". A yellow circle on the left says "RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG & MEET EXHIBITORS!". Below the event details, it says "Limited spots are available, register here." and provides a link: "link: https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3lyiz8reMoYPMW". At the bottom left, it says "Sponsored by" and lists "superior healthplan.", "The Gonzaba Foundation FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES", and "Family Service". A QR code is in the bottom center. At the bottom right is an image of a basket filled with various fresh fruits and vegetables. Contact information is at the bottom: "For more information, contact Angie Gutierrez at aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu or call (210) 631-0400".



4-H Events & Training



National 4-H Volunteer Conference (FLYER)

Mark your calendars for September 28th - October 1st 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. There is also a virtual option if you can't physically make it there. Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia. <http://www.4hvcoss.com/>. Registration opens June 1.

2023 National 4-H Congress – DEADLINE June 13th (INFORMATION)

National 4-H Congress will be held Friday, November 24th through Tuesday, November 28th at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service-learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available. Applications will open on **May 24th** and must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**.



Texas 4-H State Record Book Judging – DEADLINE July 31st

***NOTE: This is only for Senior Age Division Youth who place 1st in their Category at District**

- **Entry Process:** Entry Process this year will be a Two-Step Process. You will need first register on 4HOnline by July 31, 2023. Next, you need to upload your Record Book into Submittable by that same deadline.
- **Book Handling:**
****All record books MUST be uploaded as a PDF in Submittable by July 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm.** Judging is scheduled in August. Judges will use the score sheet in Submittable to judge. Scoresheets will be sent to the 4-H member through Submittable after judging concludes and the State Office has time to review. Awards will be given to the Top 3 in each category and mailed to the County Office following the competition.
- **Entry and Cost Information:** Each individual 4-H member will use 4HOnline to enter their record book into state competition by selecting the event: **2023 STATE 4-H Record Book Judging (Senior District Winners)**. Registration cost is \$15.00. The entries will require county and district certification in 4HOnline. If a book does not get entered online correctly by Monday, July 31st at 11:59 pm it will be disqualified. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.
- **Results:** Results will be posted on the Texas 4-H Record Book website by September 1, 2023.
- **State Record Book Winner Trip:** State Record Book Winner Trip: Those placing 1st in the State record book contest earn the opportunity to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference. The Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. during Thanksgiving break (November 23-November 28, 2023). The cost of the trip to the 4-H member is typically between \$1,500-2,000. The deadline to accept the trip opportunity will be September 15, 2023. Registration details will follow.

Texas A&M Forest Service Contest – DEADLINE September 15th (FLYER) (RULES)

Texas A&M Forest Service is hosting a Smokey Bear Poster Contest for youth in Texas to celebrate Smokey's 80th birthday. They plan to use the winning designs in the 2024 calendar.

EPA - National Environmental Youth Advisory Council – DEADLINE August 22nd

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the formal establishment of the agency's first-ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). EPA is soliciting applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. Selected applicants will contribute to a balance of perspectives, backgrounds, and experience of the council and will be appointed by the Administrator. As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29. Applications to the NEYAC are due by August 22, 2023 at 11:59PM. Visit the [EPA NEYAC webpage](#) for more information on the council and to apply.

Save The Date: 2024 Ignite by 4-H

Spark your imagination and passion! [Ignite by 4-H](#), an inclusive teen event, returns March 13-17, 2024, to Washington, D.C. Join us for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, hands-on workshops, and connections. The summit will provide high-school-aged youth from across the country the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-Being. [Click here to watch a video and get excited.](#)

NEW

4-H Day at COALS & 4-H Day in Aggieland

The Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences wants to meet YOU! On November 17, youth and their parents will have the opportunity to learn about the college, take a tour of campus, meet representatives of the college, and more! Space will be limited, so stay tuned soon for the link to register. The day will be held in conjunction with 4-H Day in Aggieland on November 18. Come Friday for the day at COALS and stay Saturday for the 4-H tailgate and football game! [Purchase tickets to the game by clicking here.](#) More information will be released soon about the tailgate.

Save the date for 4-H Day in Aggieland! Tickets are on sale now to the football game on Saturday, November 18. Additional information about the day's events will be released soon. [Click here to order tickets.](#)

Leadership Positions for 2024 National 4-H Conference – DEADLINE August 30th

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is now accepting submissions from youth and adults to serve in leadership positions at [2024 National 4-H Conference](#). National 4-H Conference offers opportunities for youth to learn, practice and apply civic engagement skills through roundtable discussions, federal agency briefings and more. Those interested in the following positions should review the [National 4-H Conference leadership position descriptions](#), complete the [National 4-H Conference Leadership Interest Form](#) and email the completed form along with resume to National4-HConference@usda.gov, using the subject line "National 4-H Conference Leadership Interest," and in the Cc line include the State 4-H Program Leader/contact for the Land-grant University they are/plan to be affiliated with. National 4-H Conference Leadership Interest Forms are due August 30, 2023.

NEW

Guadalupe County Fair Invitational Contests

Guadalupe County would like to invite all 4-H members to join us at the Guadalupe County Fair on Oct. 14-15th for three invitational contests! Click links below for more contest fees, details, and registration information.

- [Guadalupe County 4-H Consumer Decision Making](#) When: October 14 @ 8am
Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 – 5PM
- [Guadalupe County Fair Desserts on Display](#)
When: October 14 @ 2pm
Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 – 5PM
- [Guadalupe County Fair Food Challenge Contest](#) When: October 15 @ 1pm
Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 – 5PM

NEW

2023 4-H STEM Challenge: Power Protectors

Explore the exciting world of renewable energy with the **2023 4-H STEM Challenge Kit, [Power Protectors](#)**! This year's Challenge Kit teaches kids about the exciting world of renewable energy. Perfect for youth aged 8 to 14, the kit consists of three activities that provide them with the knowledge to address real-world issues and explore careers in energy. The three activities are:

- **Superhero Hideout** – Kids will learn about renewable energy and get creative to design an electrifying Power Protector hideout!
- **Amped Up Engineering** – Acting as engineers, kids will design and build a model of a renewable energy source to help Energy Island survive and thrive!
- **Energy Island Adventure** – Playing this collaborative board game, kids work as a SUPER team and use solar, wind and hydropower to save endangered Energy Island!



NEW

Tractor Supply Thank You Video – **DEADLINE August 18**

Thank you for all your support of the bi-annual Paper Clover fundraising campaign at Tractor Supply. The campaign reached a major milestone – raising \$20M for 4-H'ers since 2010. As a thank you to Tractor Supply for their commitment to 4-H'ers across the country, National 4-H would like to hear directly from YOU. They are asking you to submit a brief video to say thank you to the Tractor Supply associates and share a testimonial about how the funds raised through Tractor Supply create opportunities for young people. Videos can feature an individual, or a group National 4-H will be compiling the clips into one video to share with Tractor Supply associates ahead of the Fall 2023 Paper Clover campaign. How to Share your Video: Please email all completed videos to creininger@fourhcouncil.edu



NEW

Kendra Scott Gives Back

Mark your calendars for the Kendra Scott Gives Back to 4-H event! Online shopping will take place October 6-7 and in person shopping will be October 7, 2023. A portion of the proceeds from every purchase made during the event will go directly back to youth in the Family & Community Health project. Stay tuned for more information.

NEW

Quilts of Valor

Are you ready to become a part of something truly special? Unleash your creativity, share your kindness, and honor our Texas veterans and military members through the art of quilting with Quilts of Valor. Quilts of Valor is a nationwide initiative that brings people together to create handcrafted quilts specially designed for our courageous veterans and active-duty military members. These quilts are heartfelt expressions of appreciation and love, symbolizing the deep respect we have for those who have selflessly served our country. Texas 4-H is partnering with Quilts of Valor Under Our Wings to provide Quilts of Valor to make this happen. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or a beginner eager to learn, the Quilts of Valor program warmly welcomes you. Stay tuned for information about the Quilts of Valor Sew Day Kickoff event on September 9, 2023, in Conroe, TX and the 4-H QOV Challenge.

NEW

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza – **DEADLINE September 12th**

Save the date for the 2023 Rabbit Extravaganza, a statewide competition open to enrolled Texas 4-H members. Included are educational workshops, a rabbit show, rabbit photography and arts contest, and youth skills contests. The event will be Saturday, September 16th in Belton. Registration opens August 16th on 4-H Online and closes September 12th. [For more information, click here.](#)

NEW

Calling All National Competitors

Did you or your team advance and compete at a National 4-H contest this year? If so, we want to feature you on the Texas 4-H social media accounts! Send in photos of the team or individual and details about the contest, including team member names, to callie.cline@ag.tamu.edu soon after your contest to be featured.



NEW

Texas 4-H Junior Master Photography Workshops and Ambassador Program

Junior Master Photographer Workshops. Below are the details for both training courses. Please note that these will not be offered at any other time during the 4-H year. Please see [flyers](#) for more information!

- [JMP Workshop I](#)

- Date: Saturday, September 23
- Times: 8 AM to 4:30 PM
- Fee: \$50
- Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX
- Age divisions: Intermediate and Senior
- Registration: **Opens on 4HOnline August 30 and closes September 20**

DSLR Camera Required (some will be available for loan on the day of the workshop)
Limited to the first 50 youth to register.

- JMP Workshop II*

- Date: Saturday, December 9
- Times: 8 AM to 4:30 PM
- Fee: \$50
- Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX
- Age divisions: Intermediate and Senior
- Registration: **Opens on 4HOnline November 10 and closes November 30**

***Must have attended Workshop I**

DSLR Camera Required (some will be available for loan on the day of the workshop)
Only open to those who have previously attended JMP Workshop I

NEW

2023 Youth Day (FLYER) (RSVP)

Mark your calendar - Helotes Ag Boosters invites all 4-Hers and their families to the annual Youth Day & Camp out at Helotes Ag Youth Ranch! [Helotes Ag Booster Club](#). If you have a flag that needs to be retired, please see the flyer for details.

NEW

Embark on a STEM Career: Embrace the Future

Did you know that rural areas are experiencing shortages of qualified STEM workers who can provide vital services to often under-resourced areas? Explore this course to view activities and information about STEM careers across the country. *You must have an existing CLOVER account or create a free account to complete this course.

2023-2024 Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions – ASAP!!!

****Please do not complete paperwork until you have attended club manager training****

The 2023-2024 4-H Year is just around the corner! All 4-H clubs that intend to operate and open for enrollment MUST have a charter submitted & approved on 4HOnline. Please utilize the [State Chartering Instructions & Guidelines Packet](#) for information regarding the 2023-2024 Chartering Process. Please reference the [Top Reasons Returned PDF](#) to ensure your Charter submission is accurate. **Remember! 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 **should not be uploaded** as part of the chartering process.
- [2023-2024 Charter Agreement](#) (Must be signed by CEA/CED) **Please note the changes to the Charter Agreement for 2023-2024! As before, signatures are required, but the document must also be initialed where indicated.**
- Bylaws: The Sample Bylaws (Download: [Word Doc](#)) 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** ([See Bylaws Requirements](#)). 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:

- [2022-2023 Financial Review Form & Asset List](#) (Must be reviewed/signed by CEA/CED) **Please note that a checkbox has been added to the financial review form indicating that the Extension Agent certifies that all signers on the bank account are currently enrolled 4-H adult volunteer leaders.** Also, please note that the name on a 4-H club's bank account should match the name of the 4-H club/group as well as the name on the EIN assignment letter. To avoid the application being sent back for corrections, please ensure that the financial review form is completed in its entirety.
- **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 the security of the club/group account(s).
- **Bexar County Club Information Sheet** ([Fillable PDF](#)) or Google Link: <https://forms.gle/M9Spn9aefPXHZmmc9>
- **ONLY if Texas 4-H Club/Group is Disbanding** [Texas 4-H Club/Group Disbandment Form](#)

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4-H Days at McCoy's - July 31st-August 12th

Information: Help build the next generation of leaders! McCoy's Building Supply is a long-time sponsor of Texas 4-H and its mission. They support many programs that include Roundup, Youth Livestock, STEM and more!

Now McCoy's wants to help raise money for YOUR COUNTY! For 2 weeks, beginning **July 31st - August 12th** McCoy's will be seeking donations for Texas 4-H. Shoppers who enter the store will be encouraged to donate **\$1, \$5, or \$10** to support your local county 4-H. (*Donations can only be accepted in-store.*) You can help spread the word by sharing the flyer below with friends and family!



ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Texas 4-H Alliance members have special programs set up for Texas 4-H members, their families and supporters the program. These business organizations offer discounts for services or merchandise, and in return a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Texas 4-H Foundation and/or the local county 4-H programs where the businesses are located.

Thank you to these Texas 4-H Alliance Members!

