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BEXAR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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[Message from the new Bexar County 4-H Council President!](#)

NEW

State Record Book Results!

Congratulations to all that advanced to the state level record book competition this year! There were 270 record books submitted to the State for judging, in their respective categories. Full results can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/> under 2023 Results.

2022-2023 Bexar County Awards

We would like to officially congratulate everyone on an amazing 4-H year, but we especially want to congratulate all our members who received awards this year for their outstanding accomplishments.

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship Recipients

Darius Cobos Brylee Meeks Jayden Ingalls Trinity Payne Josie Johnson Sarah Quinn

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Reagan Crick Jayden Ingalls Josie Johnson

Method Demonstration Proficiency Awards

Audrey Belzung
Klaire Belzung
Troy Bettice
Aaron Flanigan
Mikinley Gaenzel
Diego Infurchia
Jayden Ingalls
Brylee Meeks

Caroline Belzung
Hope Berry
Thomas Chacko
Ben Flanigan
Elizabeth Gill
Iliana Infurchia
Alexis Lange
Reese Royce
Joshlyn Stover

Emma Belzung
Brigitte Bettice
Emily Felty
Mikaela Gaenzel
Titus Gill
Philip Infurchia
Lynae McClain
Alexandria Salazar

Honor Club Awards

A-Team Helotes LSO Helotes Unlimited St. Hedwig Veritas Co-Op 4-H

Rookie of the Year Award

A-Team: Ben Flanigan
Bexar County 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports: Joseph Johnson
Helotes LSO: Mya Martinez
St. Hedwig 4-H: Lucas Latham
Veritas Co-Op 4-H: Dominic McNamara

Bronze Star

Clara Hamilton Diego Infurchia Lucas Latham Dominic McNamara

Silver Star

Ainsley Caldwell Philip Infurchia Leslie Taylor Agnes Trimble

I Dare You Award

Emma Belzung Brigitte Bettice

Gold Star Award

Hope Berry Brylee Meeks Reid Warner

2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council

President: Krystal Tondre
1st Vice President: Brigette Bettice
2nd Vice President: Emma Belzung
Secretary: Samantha Richardson
Treasurer: Alexandria Salazar
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Community Service Delegate: Hope Berry
Parliamentarian: Klaire Belzung
District Council Delegate: Reese Royce
District Council Delegate: Mikaela Gaenzel

2023-2024 Bexar County Adult Leaders Association Officers

President: Sue Berry
Vice President: Lauren Belzung
Secretary: Amber Tondre
Treasurer: Teresa Salazar



- **AUG 30** 4-H Youth Enrollment / 4-HOnline Training – Pg. 8
- **SEPT 1** 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Year Begins! (All non-State Fair 4-H Members will be approved)
(Clover Kids/3rd Grade members **MUST** wait until **Sept. 1st** or your membership will be sent back)
- **SEP 7** 4-H Record Book Introduction Training – Pg. 8
- **SEP 15** District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training Registration **CLOSES** – Pg. 15
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- **SEP 23** CCS 4-H Clay Shoot – Pg. 15
- **SEP 27** 4-H Awards / Scholarship Introduction Training – Pg. 8

**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.*

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.



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.

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

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-H Online 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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Important Quality Counts Update (FAQ) (QC Enrollment Instructions)



a reminder, all exhibitors are required to provide a verified QC number at the time of major livestock show entry. 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.

Major Stock Show Broiler Order – DEADLINE September 8th (FORM)

If you are participating and showing through Bexar County 4-H, Major Show Broiler orders are due to our office by Friday, September 8, 2023. A minimum order per exhibitor or family is 25 chicks, with a maximum of 75 chicks, in increments of 25. Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75). Cost is \$1.50 per chick.

Major Stock Show Swine Tag Order – DEADLINE September 8th (FORM)

All swine to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be validated. State tags will be \$18.00 per head. 'County Only' tags will be \$5 each. Payable to BCJLS at validation. Please return this form and fees to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230 by Friday, September 8th. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

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.

NEW **BCJLS Meat Pen Order**

****Attention Rabbit Meat Pen Exhibitors at Bexar County Jr. Livestock Show:****

The Breed date for our December 29th show is September 20, 2023. This is a reminder to place your orders for meat pen rabbits if you haven't already, as breeders only produce what has been requested. Given the exceptionally hot summer, we anticipate fewer litters, which could result in a limited availability of fryers. Please note that we do not endorse any specific breeders, but you can find a list of breeders at www.texascals.org. We look forward to seeing you at validations during the week following Thanksgiving.

NEW **BCJLS Entry Instructions (FORMS)**

4-H club managers & Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) MUST collect paper entry forms & money from the exhibitors. Forms are available on the [Show Page](#) on our [website](#). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide accurate information to the leaders for entry.

NEW **Market Poultry Workshop (REGISTRATION)**

Are you raising chickens or other poultry for 4-H or FFA? Join Texas A&M poultry experts as they walk you through a series of videos related to the rearing of poultry for youth livestock shows in Texas.



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BCJLS returns for 61st year

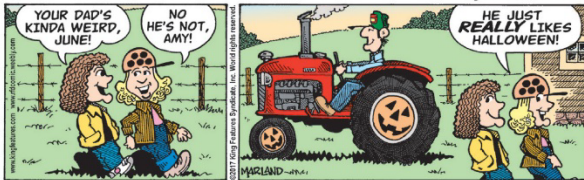
The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors met for their regular meeting in May to approve the show rules for the 61st livestock show.

New to the show for this year will be the Torch Cutting Contest. It will be held during the Ag Mechanics portion of the show. The Board also approved additional auction spots for Arts and Crafts show participants. In other action the BCJLS approved the dates of the show. So after Santa has made his stop at all the houses, and the packages are unwrapped our FFA and 4H students will need to prepare to hit the show barn.

This year the show will begin on December 27 and will conclude on December 30.

The Auction of Champions is slated to be held on January 6, 2024. As of press time the location of the auction has not been decided. For a complete list of rules and a current schedule you can log onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/

R.F.D.



BCJLS Board adds new Directors; elects new Treasurer

During the April meeting the BCJLS Board of Directors elected new Board members. Joining the Board in April are Board Members James Lee, Luke Parish, and Bryan Quinn.

During the July meeting the Board of Directors selected Robert Reyes and Bobby Acosta as new Board members. In other action during the March meeting Betty Evans the current Treasurer elected not to seek reelection. The Board elected Gary Schott to serve as Treasurer. The Board also appointed Madelyn Schott and Rebecca Morrison to serve as assistants to the Treasurer.

The Executive Board includes Richard Ricks, President, Sammy Perez, 1st Vice President, Mark Haverkorn, 2nd Vice President, Gary Schott, Treasurer, Jennifer Craig, Secretary, James Lee, PR Secretary, Jeff Tondre, Technical Superintendent, and Wade Tuhope, Show Superintendent.

The Board of Directors meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at the BCJLS show grounds located at 7701 FM 1346.

For a list of the Board of Directors you may log onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/

Here come the cluckers: Order your chickens by September 22

For those exhibitors who wish to participate in the poultry division--Market Broilers you will need to order your chickens by September 22.

You may place your order online by logging onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/

If you are new to 4H or FFA and looking for an animal project as a great way to start your BCJLS experience then join the poultry project.

Validation dates set

If you plan to raise a project animal this year, remember the animal must have a current validation tag. If you do not have a validation tag from the State of Texas, you must secure a BCJLS tag.

There are many opportunities throughout the fall to secure the tag. To locate an event offering validation tags, log onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/

Our newsletter wants to hear from you!

This year, we want to hear from our exhibitors. We want it all--birthdays, milestones and accomplishments on the show circuit, funny memories, inspiring pictures, funny pictures, and video clips.

What a great way to document your journey and let others learn what to do or maybe what not to do. Extra points for any pictures of your leaders sleeping on the job.

Stay tuned for exciting challenges, ways to earn some cash, and just have fun this show season.

To submit your material to the newsletter send it to prsecretary@bcjls.com.

Laugh for the day

Did you know that the average person will eat twenty 240 pound pigs in their lifetime?

Gives new meaning to Pig People doesn't it!

If your business would like to be included or featured in our newsletter, send an inquiry to prsecretary@bcjls.com



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Welcome back for 61st BCJLS Show

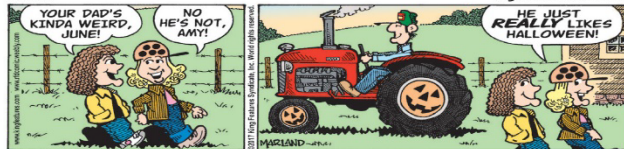
The BCJLS Board of Directors has been very busy this summer planning for the 61st BCJLS Show and Auction.

Last year, the Premium Auction raised over \$630,000 for the exhibitors. The Directors plan to increase the sale amount for the 61st. So for all of you who have returned to school and summer break is over--welcome back. Although for Ag kids summer break doesn't really exist.

So where can you find all the latest and greatest information for the 61st show? Let me answer that question for you.

For a complete list of rules and a current schedule you can log onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/. All of the announcements and changes will be listed there first. Of course, also check out our socials. You can access our Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, and coming soon our TikTok channel. We look forward to serving you and a great year.

R.F.D.



BCJLS Board approves Breeding Swine Show change.

During the August meeting the BCJLS Board decided to make a change to the Breeding Swine Show. To provide exhibitors who will be attending the major shows an opportunity to exhibit their breeding quilts born in June, the Board added that birth month to the current list of classes.

Unlike San Antonio and the other major shows who will be using weight to determine class breaks, the BCJLS Show will use the birth months to determine the classes of breeding gilts.

So if you have a young girl born in June, she is eligible for our show. You can find information and requirements for the breeding show on the BCJLS website. www.bcsjls.org/showinformation

We look forward to everyone coming out in December and what a great start to your show season.

Denim and Diamonds returns for 2nd annual event

The Denim and Diamonds event returns for the second year. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 14. The event will start at 7pm and will conclude at 11pm.

There will be food, music, dancing, games, and a chance to win some prizes.

The cost to attend the event is \$25 per couple and tickets can be purchased on the BCJLS website.

Martinez Social Club serves as hosts again this year.

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Validation dates set

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There are many opportunities throughout the fall to secure the tag. To locate an event offering validation tags, log onto https://bcjls.org/show_information/. BCJLS BoD is considering a validation event at the show grounds. Stay tune for more information.

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Inaugural Event

**BCJLS
Ambassador
Program**

WE NEED YOU

Calling all interested
4H & FFA Members
(High School Students only)

- *Great chance to give back
- *Make the 61st Show great
- *Have fun
- *Meet new people

To apply log onto www.bcjls.com
Deadline is September 15, 2023

Important Dates

September 15 Ambassador Applications **Due**

September 22 BCJLS Poultry orders **Due**

September 26 BCJLS Board Meeting **7pm**

September 27 BCJLS Soil, Plant, Range Judging

October 14 2nd Annual Denim & Diamonds **7pm**

Laugh of the Day

Q-What did the momma cow say to the baby cow?
A-Its pasture bedtime.

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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 – (INFORMATION) 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. Contest will count as a qualifier for SALE Whizbang and Jr. Shootout.



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.](#)

NEW

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Archery Competition – DEADLINE October 24th

This competition be divided between four divisions (Junior Male, Senior Male, Junior Female, and Senior Female) based on age. All entries in this competition are subject to the HLSR Archery Competition Rules. Entries will be made through the Eyes on Score system at <https://www.eyesonscore.com/> starting September 1, 2023, and will close on October 24, 2023, or when the max entries is met. Contestants in the HLSR Archery Competition are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition. See [Exhibitor Handbook](#) for rules.

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



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. 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

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.

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.](#)



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.](#)

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

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!



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.

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.

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.

NEW

Gardening for Health Contest – DEADLINE September 15th (FLYER) (RULES)

Grow.Texas. is an exciting opportunity funded by the Love Tito's Foundation which is based on the concept of growing healthy foods to improve health. Grow. Texas. will include learning modules, mentor program, contest, and scholarship awards at the regional and state level. Grow. Texas. is open to youth in grades 6 through 12. Participants must be a 4-H member, FFA member, or school participant in the Junior Master Gardener program. Participants must submit their information to be eligible for awards by September 15 at <https://tinyurl.com/nj8jdss6>.

NEW

4-H Entomology Club (INFORMATION) (GOOGLE FORM)

We are a group of kiddos that enjoy science and want to learn more about insects. The project involves studying insects to prepare for the District RoundUp Entomology ID Contest. We study the common names and order names of various common Texas insect specimens. What do I need to know for the Entomology ID Contest? You will be tested over your ability to identify insects to order and proper common name. You will also need to know what type of mouthparts they have, lifecycle, if they are a pest or beneficial or inconsequential, what their host is and interesting facts about them. Fill out the [google form](#) if you are interested.

NEW

Texas Farm Bureau Jumpstart/Activate – DEADLINE September 25th

Dive into agriculture, career opportunities and leadership through Texas Farm Bureau's Student Success Series! Students in 8th and 9th grade can participate in Jumpstart and Activate. Registration closes Sept. 25. [Click here to learn more.](#)



NEW

Reduce your Stress with 4-H

School is starting up again, and so do some individuals' stress levels. According to 4-H research, 45% of teens have dealt with excessive stress. In this activity, you will identify the sources and the impact of stress on your life. [Click here to get started.](#) *You must have a CLOVER account or create a free account to complete this course.

NEW

Ag Product ID Contest (FLYER)

An invitational Agriculture Product Identification contest open to the whole state will be held Monday, October 9th, at the Milam County Youth Expo Building. The event will begin at 9 AM, and is open to juniors, intermediates, seniors, and Clover Kids in 4-H and FFA. The cost is \$15 per individual or \$40 per team. [Click here to register now.](#)

NEW

Be A Wind Warrior

Get blown away by the awesome power of the wind! Build a windmill structure to learn about mechanical engineering, simple machines and the superpowers of reusable energy. Work as a Power Protector engineer and use creativity and problem-solving to convert wind into energy and help Energy Island stay powered up! [Click here to get started.](#)

NEW

Texas Farm Bureau Speaking Out For Agriculture - DEADLINE

September 5th (ENTRY WORKSHEET)

Give a speech. Participate in a discussion. And take home prizes! High school students who are members of Texas 4-H are eligible to participate in the Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) Challenge. This contest provides an opportunity for students to develop problem-solving and communication skills, while learning more about agriculture. The contest will be held Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. Registration closes Sept. 15. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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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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!

