

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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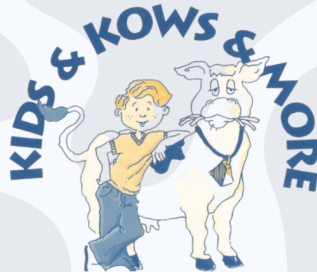
BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board section will highlight critical events, deadlines, and information for quick viewing.

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2023 Bexar County



REGISTER TODAY! SPACE IS LIMITED!

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Call (210) 631-0400 to register

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Topics include: Milk, beef, soil, water, cotton, nutrition, gardening, honey, rabbits, trees, wildlife, and poultry



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Volunteers Needed! **(Volunteer Signup) –**

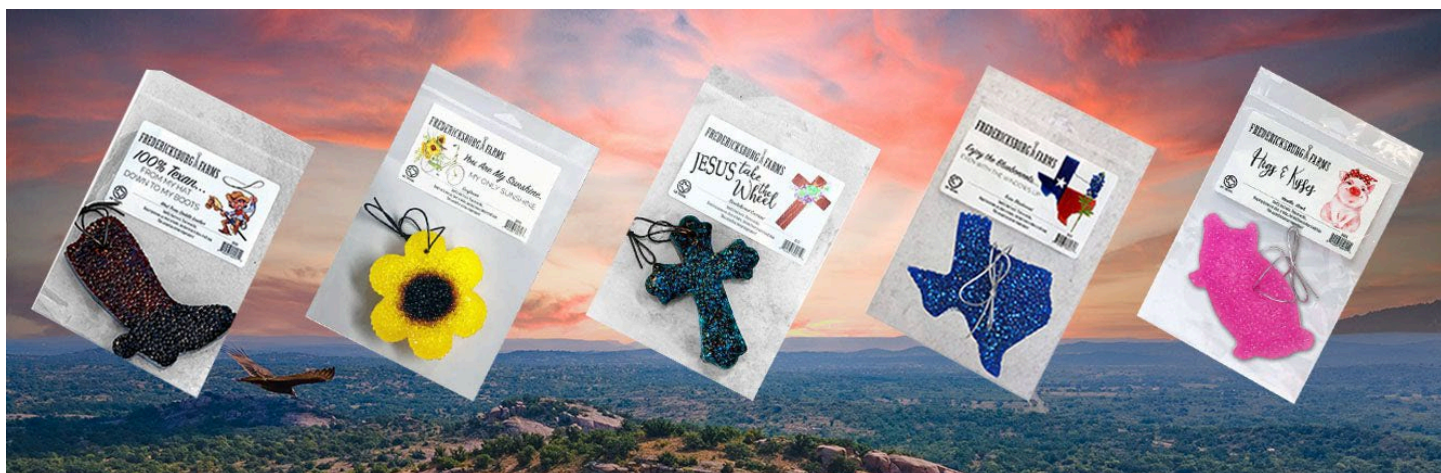
For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic Kids Kows and More is returning full scale to Bexar County! KKM will be on November 16th at the Cattle Barn on the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo grounds. We will have a morning and afternoon rotation so we will be needing help! For 4-H members volunteering we will provide an excused absence letter for your school. All high school aged 4-H members can volunteer as we will be needing help across the board. Please email Kevin at kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

If you know a school that might be interested in participating, please have them contact the Bexar County AgriLife office at (210) 631-0400.

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NEW BEXAR COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER!



Bexar County 4-H will be partnering with Fredericksburg Farms for our NEW Bexar County 4-H fundraiser. For many years Bexar County 4-H partnered with World's Finest Chocolate, and we thank them for their support and generosity over the years. But over the past few years we have seen a rapid decline in participation in our county fundraiser, this fundraiser is the critical component which allows us to provide generous reimbursements for our 4-H members to participate in many district and state level opportunities. The Bexar County AgriLife staff and Bexar County 4-H Council are extremely excited about this opportunity! We will be selling "freshies".

What is a Freshie?

- Wax air fresheners in fun shapes
- 30-45 days of fragrance
- Can be placed anywhere (may stain fabrics)
- May melt in extremely high temps.

What members need to know:

- Each individual club will receive a percentage of their sales just as we did with chocolate.
- Club managers will be responsible for gathering their club orders and submitting them to the Extension office for ordering.
- Orders will be collected 3 times during the year!
- All clubs must submit payment with their orders to the county extension office.
- 12 Freshie options to choose from

Information:

[Flyer](#)
[Order Form](#)

Christmas Order DEADLINE: October 30th @ 5:00pm

***Club order must be submitted to the County Extension Office**

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Upcoming Events section will provide a complete look at the known upcoming events and deadlines.

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NOV 28-30	District 10 Fall Roundup (guides coming soon)
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4-H Reimbursement Form – Reimbursement Submission DEADLINE August 1, 2024

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 be automatically mailed. See details below:

How: Please fill out and return the [Reimbursement Form](#) to kennedy.green@aq.tamu.edu

County deadlines may differ from district or state deadlines to allow the county extension staff time to review and complete entries.

CONTEST PAGE

The contest page will provide a look at all major contests at the county, district, and state levels.

2023 – 2024 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, Oct. 6, 2023	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 31, 2023	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed. – Fri. Nov 1-3, 2023	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Nov. 28, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
Nov. 29, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Show FCH Quiz Bowl Entomology Judging
Nov. 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Challenge
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 6, 2024	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024	
Mar. 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography <i>Results Released</i>
Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023	
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	Texas 4-H Foundation Website

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX		
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024		
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024		
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES		
TBD: April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD) 	
TBD: April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX) 	
<i>Spring Roundup will take place: April 15-20, 2024</i> <i>Exact dates of each contest TBD.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Judging Consumer Decision Making Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation Wool & Mohair Judging 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the Fun Soil Judging 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duds 2 Dazzle Fashion Show & Natural Fibers Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX) 	
	April 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i>
	District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE Tues. May 14, 2024		
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024		
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024		
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX		
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024		
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024		
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024		
TENTATIVE EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024		
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg		
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024		
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024		
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024		

***DATES ON CALENDAR ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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4-H EVENTS AND TRAININGS

The Local Events section will provide upcoming county meetings and training opportunities.

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

Bexar 4-H Fundraiser Informational/Q&A	9/21/23 7:00pm	Virtual TEAMS LINK	This Virtual session will introduce the new Bexar County 4-H Fundraiser. We encourage club members and Club leadership to attend to learn more about this exciting opportunity!
4-H Awards and Scholarship Workshop	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. <p>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.</p>

2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates

September 26th, November 9th, January 18th, March 21st, May 16th (Elections)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship page will provide a look at all upcoming scholarship opportunities for 4-H members.

Ignite Scholarships Available Now! – [DEADLINE September 20th \(APPLICATION\)](#)

Bayer and Nationwide Foundation are excited to offer scholarships to attend Ignite by 4-H. The deadline to apply for these competitive scholarship opportunities is October 20th at 5:00 PM ET. Scholarship winners will be notified by October 27th.

Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships – Applications [OPEN November 1st DEADLINE February 15th @ 11:59pm \(Texas 4-H Foundation Website\)](#) [\(INFORMATION\)](#)

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are open to 4-H members across Texas.

Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship – INFORMATION COMING SOON

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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

The ag and livestock page will be your one stop shop for all critical livestock information.

Project Visits – If you have any 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 parents(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 or call the 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 dates(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 alternative validation date/time. Should a request be granted, you will be responsible for working around the local committee's schedule.

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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

New Ag Product ID Guide and Invitational

The new Ag Product Id Guide has been updated on the Texas 4-H Roundup website [HERE](#). This guide will be used for the Fall Major Show Contests (State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas)

Milam County 4-H Ag ID Invitational Contest (FLYER)

Milam County will be having an Ag Invitational Contest Monday, October 9th. This Statewide Ag Product ID Contest is open to all juniors, intermediates, seniors, and clover kids! Award for top 3 individuals and teams in each category. Open to all 4-H and FFA members.

2023 Wilson County Invitational Buckle Battle (FLYER)

Wilson County would like to invite all 4-H members to join us at the 2023 Buckle Battle sponsored by the Wilson County Goat Club. The show will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Wilson County Expo Center.

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.

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.

Angora Goat Show Clinic (FLYER)

Kimble County will be having an Angora Goat Show Clinic Saturday, October 28th at the Hill Country Fair Association. The clinic will be taught by Dr. Fred. Contact the Kimble County Extension Office at 325-446-2620 or Alex.lopez@aq.tamu.edu to register.

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BCJLS UPDATES

The BCJLS page will provide a look at all major updates from the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show.

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.

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 litter, 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.

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.

BCJLS Homesite, Land, Range and Plant ID Contest (REGISTRATION)

Wednesday, September 27th BCJLS will be having their Home, Land, Range and Plant ID Contest. Registration will be from 4:30 – 5:00PM with the contest to follow. Meal provided for sponsors and contestants. It is \$10 per contestant (NO LIMIT) To enter log onto [Judging Card](#).

BCJLS Denim and Diamonds Event (FLYER)

BCJLS is hosting their [second annual Denim & Diamonds event](#) at the Martinez Social Club next to our show grounds on Saturday evening, October 14, 2023 from 7pm - 11pm. 21 and older only. There will be live music, snacks, drinks, games, dancing, and mingling. See the attached flier.

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HORSE UPDATES

The horse page will provide a look at all horse events at the county, district, and state levels.

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

The FCH page will provide a look at all major FCH related events at the county, district, and state levels.

Bexar County Food Challenge & Food Show – RULES COMING SOON **SAVE THE DATE – October 28th**

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 fall/spring! If interested, contact our Urban Agriculture Educator, Dorothy Herbst at 210-631-0400 or dorothy.herbst@ag.tamu.edu

Get Plugged In to Youth FCH!

Want to stay “Plugged In” to the latest youth Family & Community Health project, trends, and activities? If so, join us for the “Plugged In...Youth FCH Learning Series” happening Fall 2023 & Spring 2024. Our first session will be September 14 @ 11AM – Noon. The Tom Green County Agent Team will share tips & techniques on Food & Nutrition: From Practice to Contest. Join via this Teams

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2aba3wa6> **All sessions will be recorded.*

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

The leadership / citizenship page will provide all leadership events at the county, district, and state levels.

Bexar County Educational Presentation & Public Speaking Contest – RULES **COMING SOON**

If you know a venue willing to host the 2023 contest please email Kevin Knapick at kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu

National 4-H Volunteer Conference (FLYER)

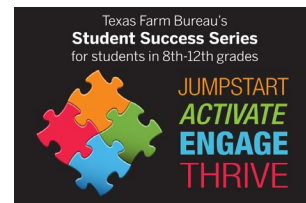
Mark your calendars for September 28th - October 1st for the National 4-H Volunteer Conference! Come visit the world's largest 4-H center, enjoy great sessions, meet new people, have fun, and bring home some great ideas to implement with your 4-H clubs and project groups. There is also a virtual option 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 (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 Farm Bureau Jumpstart/Active – DEADLINE September 25th **(ENROLL)**

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.



Norman Borlaug Youth in Agriculture – DEADLINE October 1st **(FLYER)**

The Norman Borlaug Youth in Agriculture Program is building a community of promising youth leaders to confront complex challenges in global food and fiber production and relentlessly pursue new frontiers in agriculture. Texas 4-H Youth Livestock & Agriculture is providing the opportunity to engage in a truly unique leadership program. The program is only available to (25) Texas 4-H members holding a statewide leadership position. [2023-2024 NBYAP Application - Rural](#). Required In-person Dates for the program: November 3-5, 2023; March 1-3, 2024; & May 3-5, 2024.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The natural resources page will provide a look at all major events at the county, district, and state levels.

Grow.Texas. Learning/Contest Experience – DEADLINE September 15th (FLYER)

This 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 – 12th. 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>. Full Guidelines can be found [HERE](#).

Texas A&M Forest Service Sisters in Fire Event (REGISTRATION)

Texas A&M Forest Service is proud to host the 3rd annual Sisters in Fire event in Palo Pinto, Texas. This free, hands-on learning experience is for girls in 8th to 12th grade to explore wildland firefighting, emergency response and natural resource careers. Led by Texas' top women leaders in wildland firefighting, this one-day camp will be held Saturday, September 30 at Worth Ranch Scout Camp from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults will be asked to drop off and pick up participants. Girls will learn how to put out fires with engines and bulldozers, leadership and communications skills, and other important parts of being a member of a wildland firefighting crew. Lunch, light snacks, water, and T-shirts will be provided during the event. Participants are encouraged to wear long pants, close-toed shoes, and sunscreen and bring sunglasses. Space is limited! Learn more and register today.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

The shooting sports page will provide a one stop shop for all upcoming shooting sports activities.

D-10 Shooting Sports Coach Training – DEADLINE September 15th

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

Location: Seguin, Texas (210 East Live Oak Street)

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. The contest will count as a qualifier for SALE Whizbang and Jr. Shootout.



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.

Shooting Sports Coach Training Opportunities

- ☀ District 6 – Fort Stockton, TX – Oct. 14th-15th - \$105 – Registration: Sept. 11th-26th – [Flyer](#)
- ☀ District 12 – Encino, TX – Oct. 21st-23rd - \$150 – Registration: Sept. 1st-Oct. 13th – [Flyer Information](#)
- ☀ District 9 – Conroe, TX – Nov. 11th-12th - \$120 – Registration: Oct. 11th-25th (26th-30th - \$145) - [Flyer](#)
- ☀ District 8 – Stephenville, TX – Nov. 11th-12th - \$140 – Registration: Oct. 16th-27th - [Flyer](#)

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STEM

The STEM contest page will provide a look at all STEM opportunities at the county, district, and state levels.

2023 – 2024 AgRobotics Game Rules RELEASED!

Information: The challenge rules for this year's AgRobotics game have been posted and can be found on the state robotics page here in the contest section: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/> These rules apply to the following major stock show AgRobotics contests:

- State Fair of Texas
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
- Rodeo Austin
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo (**NEW CONTEST!**)

We are excited to announce that San Angelo has adopted the AgRobotics game format for this year's show, and their contest is scheduled for April 13, 2024. Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo will have a different set of challenge rules, so please see their website and exhibitor handbook for those details.

Get Blown Away by the Interesting Paths of Hurricanes

On average, America sees 12 named storms yearly, most recently Hurricane Idalia. In this 4-H STEM Lab activity, you will be introduced to using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) by tracking the paths of two of the most destructive storms to hit the U.S. in recent history. [Click here to get started.](#)

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!



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STEM

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.

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.](#)

4-H Entomology Club

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.

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The general information page will be the classified section of our newsletter for all general opportunities. This will also be our section to advertise for local businesses that support Bexar County 4-H.

2023 One Day 4-H

Website: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/>

One Day 4-H was created in 2009 as a way for all 4-H members to say “thank you” to their communities, counties, and state for all the support they have provided to 4-H for over 110 years. Now in its 15th year, One Day 4-H will be held on **October 7, 2023**, in every county across Texas. 4-H members, adult volunteers, and friends will help improve their communities by adopting a service project. Please see resources below to help your clubs and Counties complete a One-Day 4-H project for 2023!

- [Barn Buddies Registration Project](#) (Saturday, October 21st at the Helotes Ag Activity Center)
- [2023 One Day 4-H Guide](#)
- [2023 Texas 4-H One Day T-Shirt Order Flyer](#) (**Order Period – September 6-19, 2023**)
- [2023 One Day 4-H Project Report Formsite](#) (**Closes December 31, 2023**)

It's Jerky Jackpot Time!

We are gearing up for the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Year! With things getting back into full swing, it is time to get the [Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot](#) rolling. **Spread the Word & Earn More:** For every bag sold, \$4 will directly benefit YOUR County. **ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PROMOTE!** Hang [this flyer](#) in places your members and community will see it OR post on social media ([Graphics](#) templates) **Exclusive Offer for Our Members:** The more bags you sell, the greater chance you have to win! Tickets level determined by final number of bags sold by 12/31/21. **The top-selling 4-H member will win an exclusive prize AND the top-selling county will win an EXTRA \$1,000!**

4-H More Information and Materials

The 4-H 4 More marketing campaign is designed to increase Texas 4-H membership. We're challenging each 4-H member to invite four friends to join 4-H. Volunteers, agents & parents can invite new members too! For returning 4-H members who invite new members in, we've set up an incentive program. Incentives include:

- 1 new member: 4-H 4 More T-Shirt
- 2 new members: Membership Refund
- 3 new members: Leather portfolio
- 4 new members: Backpack & State Recognition

How is this tracked? When a new member registers on 4HOnline, they will have the availability to input who referred them 4-H. Utilize the marketing materials below!

- [Facebook Post Template](#)
- [Instagram Post Template](#) & [Instagram Story Template](#)
- [Flyer Template](#) & [Brochure Template](#)

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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 National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be October 1-7, 2023. This week is a great time to celebrate all that 4-H has to offer, give back to the community, and promote your program! Click [here](#) to access social media and print resources, as well as the County Proclamation, to help promote National 4-H Week in your county.

Clover by 4-H Activity ([LINK](#))

School is starting up, and kid's futures are in our hands. In this activity, you will help your children explore their career interests. They will answer questions to help them think about various aspects of their future careers.

GLOBE 2024 – DEADLINE September 19th

GLOBE is a yearlong, multi-faceted program for 4-H members in grades 7th-11th. GLOBE prepares 4-H youth to step out of their comfort zone and view the world from a different perspective. You'll explore culture, poverty, sustainable farming, and service. Applications are open from September 5-19, 2023, on 4Honline. Youth participants should be prepared to participate in all activities listed below as well as the anticipated costs for each activity.

- Tier I - Texas 4-H Center - October 27-29, 2023 | Anticipated cost: \$200

- January Activity - Location TBA - January 13, 2024 | Anticipated cost: \$50

- Tier II - Costa Rica Experience - June 22-28, 2024 | Anticipated cost: \$2,400

- Four online seminars | Dates and times TBD

- Provide leadership to a service-learning project in their community.

- Provide two educational presentations.

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Youth Well-Being Prize – DEADLINE September 29th (APPLICATION)

Are you a young person between the ages of 10 and 29 with an idea of how digital tools can be used to help improve other young people's well-being? Do you have ideas about how we could creatively use technology to increase young people's knowledge around issues that impact them? The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is looking for creative innovators with solutions to pressing issues around well-being. Is this you? If so, apply today for the Youth Well-Being Prize Competition! Applications will close on September 29, 2023. To apply, please fill out the application form.

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.

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

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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.

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.](#)

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