

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



December 6, 2023

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BULLETIN BOARD

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

2023 – 2024 District 10 4-H Fall Roundup Results

Educational Presentation, Junior Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Family & Consumer Education	2 nd	Caroline Belzung
Horse	1 st	Mikinley Gaenzel
Open	3 rd	Emma Paramore

Educational Presentation, Intermediate Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Family & Consumer Education	2 nd	Audrey Belzung
Open	1 st	Lynae McClain
Safety & Injury Prevention	2 nd	Mikaela Gaenzel

Educational Presentation, Senior Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Family & Consumer Education	2 nd	Alya Trimble
Health & Wellness	1 st	Emma Belzung

Public Speaking, Junior Division

Contest	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Public Speaking	1 st	Kal Damiana

Food Show, Junior Division

Contest	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Healthy Dessert	3 rd	Caroline Belzung

Food Show, Intermediate Division

Contest	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Healthy Dessert	3 rd	Evan Longoria
Main Dish	4 th	Audrey Belzung

Food Show, Senior Division

Contest	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Appetizer	1 st	Emma Belzung
Dessert	2 nd	Klaire Belzung

Food Challenge, Junior Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Main Dish	3 rd	Soup-A-Stars: Caroline Belzung, Inessa Chavez, Dani Flowers

Food Challenge, Intermediate Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Appetizer	1 st	Salt & Pepper: Audrey Belzung, Alejandro Chavez, Karis Vess

Food Challenge, Senior Division

Category	Placing	4-H Member(s):
Side Dish	1 st	Strawberry & Shortcake: Klaire Belzung, Julie Cosper, Chesed Vess

Entomology Team, Junior Division

Placing	Team 4-H Member(s):
1 st	Bexar Co. Jr. Team #1: Matthew Diaz, Elijah Gibbs, Gunny Orsi, Joe Rust

Entomology Team, Intermediate Division

Placing	Team 4-H Member(s):
1 st	Bexar Co. Intermediate #1: Luis Castaneda, Nico Lange, Asher Stevens
2 nd	Bexar Co. Intermediate #2: Charlie Keck, Leah Latham, Makinley Slater

Entomology Team, Senior Division

Placing	Team 4-H Member(s):
2 nd	Bexar Co. Senior Team: Levi Bufalino, Brighton Decker, Henry Schell, Sydney Weller

Entomology, Top Individuals

Placing	Division	4-H Member(s):
2 nd	Junior	Matthew Diaz
3 rd	Junior	Joe Rust
1 st	Intermediate	Makinley Slater
2 nd	Intermediate	Asher Stevens
3 rd	Intermediate	Charlie Keck
2 nd	Senior	Levi Buffalino
5 th	Senior	Sydney Weller

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NEW

San Antonio Stock Show School Tours – DEADLINE Monday December 11th

SIGN-UP LINK

Based on our survey we have identified 3 dates for Bexar County 4-H to submit for school tours. Please fill out the form attached if you want to sign up for tours so that we can generate a list tconfirming our dates to the School Tours Committee. If you have nay questions please contact Kevin Knapick (kevin.knapick@aq.tamu.edu).

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BEXAR COUNTY FUNDRAISER

*****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](#)

Next order Deadline: April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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FEB 6	District 10 HLSR Horse Judging DEADLINE – Pg. 13
FEB 15	Texas 4-H Found Opportunity Scholarship DEADLINE – Pg. 9
FEB 20	District 10 Photography Contest DEADLINE 4-HOnline

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@ag.tamu.edu

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CONTEST PAGE

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

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) Livestock Judging Consumer Decision Making Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation Wool & Mohair Judging
<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"> Share the Fun Soil Judging 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

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2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates
January 18th, March 21st, May 16th (Elections)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship information is now available! You can find all the scholarship information, guidelines, and application portal on this website:

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

A few things to note...

- Collegiate Scholarships will NOT be given out in 2024.
- This year, FAFSA will not open until December 31, 2023. Seniors are encouraged to immediately complete their FAFSA when it opens. The delayed opening should not affect applicants' ability to receive their SAR report in time to submit with their scholarship application. However, if an applicant does not receive their SAR report in time before the deadline, they will get a "preliminary EFC number" before they get their official Report. We encourage all applicants to take a screenshot of your preliminary EFC page and upload the screenshot until your official FAFSA SAR Report is returned. Please contact your county agent and Kelly Gideon with the Foundation office to assist. Kelly can help anyone that reaches out BEFORE the deadline.
- Are you a first-time applicant? Please join us for our District 10 Opportunity Scholarship Virtual Help Training on December 7, 2023 (Thursday) at 6:30PM. You can join us by clicking the link listed in our PDF Flyer HERE. Please share with interested future applicants as well!

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

Ag Student Award and Recognition Programs (APPLY) – DEADLINE January 15th

Ag Champs: \$1,000 to 19 students + \$1,000 to their chapter or club

Each Texas Farm Credit branch location will select one local student who will be awarded a \$1,000 academic grant and the title of Ag Champ. In addition, each Ag Champ will also have a \$1,000 contribution made in their honor to their FFA chapter or 4-H club.

Marsha Martin Scholarship: \$5,000 to 10 students

Texas Farm Credit will present \$5,000 postsecondary scholarships to ten future ag leaders. Winners will be announced in May. The annual scholarship program is named in honor of Paris, Texas native Marsha Pyle Martin, a strong advocate for youths and agriculture who passed away in 2000 following a 30-year Farm Credit career.

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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.

CHECK YOUR PROJECT TATTOOS TO ENSURE THEY ARE VISIBLE! If you need assistance, please reach out to Sam or Kevin to make sure your tattoo is good to prevent a potential disqualification. All tattoos must be replaced 3 weeks prior to the show you are entered in!

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)

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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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

Southern Classic Youth Livestock Project Experience ([FLYER](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

The District 9 & the Southern Classic Program Committee invite you to the 2023 Southern Classic Livestock Workshop & Prospect Show on December 8-10, 2023. Friday is an optional move-in/registration day. There will also be an opportunity to move in & register on Saturday before the hands-on showmanship workshops for sheep, swine, cattle, and goats & the classroom experiences for beginner rabbit & poultry exhibitors. The prospect show will start Sunday morning; however, you must attend Saturday to participate. Early Bird Registration is \$40 per family, until December 4th and can be found at this link above. (onsite registration is \$50 per family).

Wilson County Livestock Judging Contest ([REGISTER](#)) – DEADLINE December 15th

Wilson County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Livestock Judging contest on December 16, 2023, in Floresville, TX. Individuals & Teams must register on JudgingCard.com by December 15th @12PM. Please see flyer [here](#) for more information!

Kendall County Livestock Judging Contest ([REGISTRATION](#))

Kendall County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Livestock Judging contest on January 7, 2023 at the Kendall County Youth Ag & Equestrian Center. Individuals & Teams must register on JudgingCard.com.

2023 Seguin Swine Breeders Prospect Pig Show ([FLYER](#))

Guadalupe County invites all 4-H swine exhibitors to their annual 2023 Seguin Swine Breeders Prospect Pig Show. The contest will held on Sunday, December 10th at the Guadalupe Co. Fairgrounds.

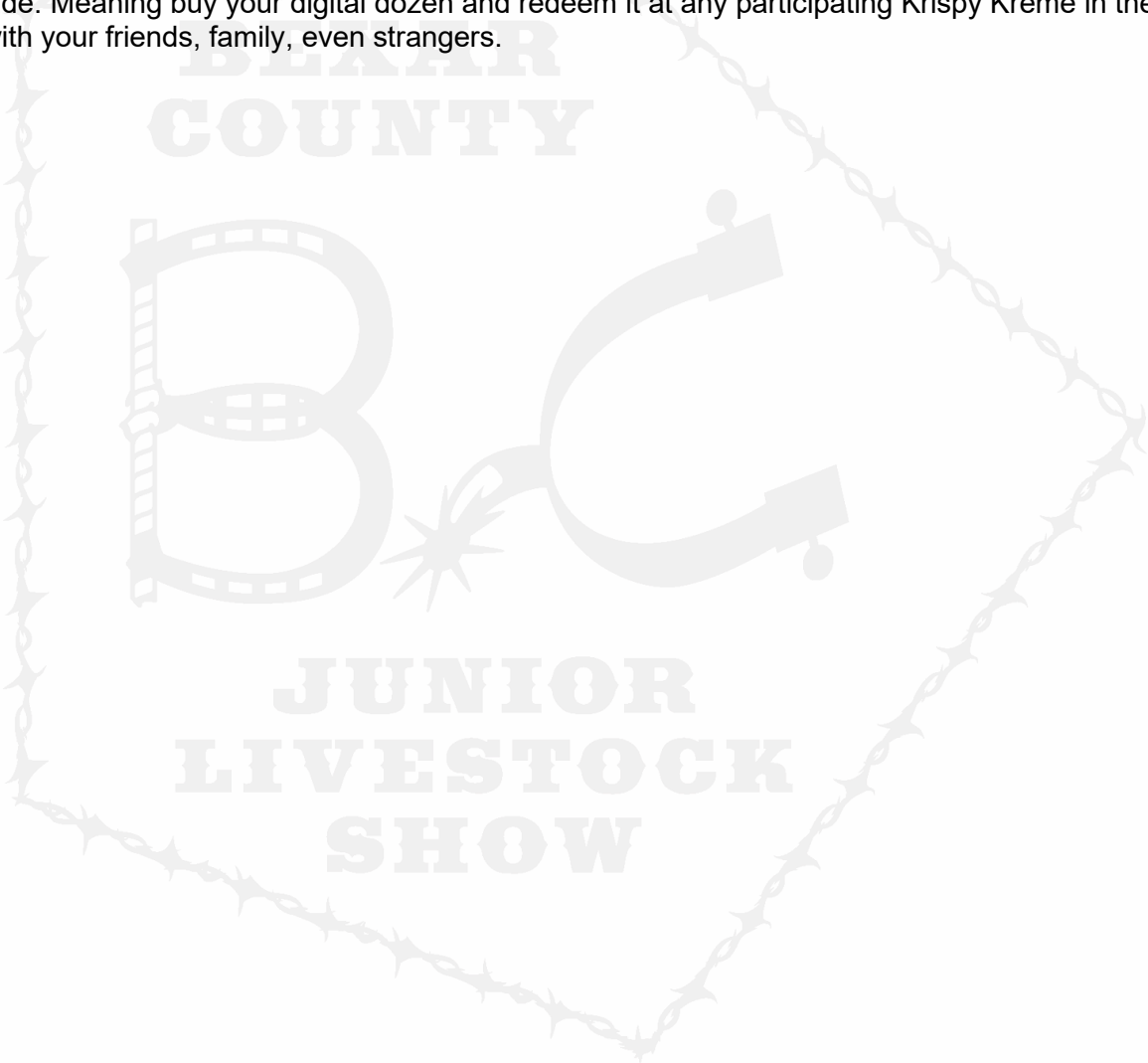
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BCJLS UPDATES

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

BCJLS Krispy Kreme Fundraiser [\(LINK\)](#)

We have partnered with Krispy Kreme Donuts and for every digital dozen you buy, the BCJLS receives 50% back to our organization. There is no limit to the number of dozens you can buy, and they can be redeemed nationwide. Meaning buy your digital dozen and redeem it at any participating Krispy Kreme in the US. Share with your friends, family, even strangers.



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HORSE UPDATES

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

District 10 4-H H.L.S.R. Horse Judging (FLYER) – DEADLINE February 6th

The District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest will be hosted at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) this year. Guide and Schedule coming soon! To correctly register for this contest, all 4-H members must:

- Submit entries/fees for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo via Judgingcard.com. Please contact the extension office to correctly submit entries by the deadline.
- Register all contestants/teams on 4HOnline by the District February 6th deadline in order to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging qualifier.

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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.

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.*

District 9 Invitational Quiz Bowl Contest (FLYER) – DEADLINE December 20th

District 9 is hosting an Invitational Quiz Bowl event on Friday, January 12th in Huntsville, TX. This will be a great opportunity for teams to become more familiar with the event and to gain more experience.

Registration will be conducted via 4-H online.

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

2024 Texas 4-H Congress Youth Leadership Opportunity – DEADLINE December 5th

Texas 4-H Congress will be held in Austin, TX on July 14-17, 2024! At Texas 4-H Congress we have a Youth Leadership Team that serves in various Legislative Roles at Congress. This year, the opportunity to serve in one of these leadership roles is being opened to Texas 4-H members who have or are currently serving on one (or more) of the following groups: • Texas 4-H Council & District Council • State Level Ambassadors: Livestock, Poultry, Equine, Fashion & Interior Design, Healthy Texas, Photography, Shooting Sports, STEM and/Water Ambassadors Applications will open on 4HOnline on November 1, 2023, and will close on December 5, 2023. There will be no late applications accepted. The Leadership Team will be announced in January 2024. When announced youth will only be informed of being selected to serve on the team, they will not know their final role until after the Texas 4-H Roundup in June. Download informational PDF [here!](#)

Citizen Washington Focus

National 4-H is looking for all future change agents in 2024! Join 4-H'ers from across the nation at one of two incredible weeks of the new Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) experience. The dates for 2024 are June 15-22, 2024, and June 20-27, 2024. National 4-H Council will host an informational webinar regarding CWF 2024 on Wednesday, December 6th, at 2:00 PM ET. Learn more about the exciting additions and changes they're making for CWF 2024. They will have dedicated time to ask questions! [Click here to register now.](#)

2024 National 4-H Conference ([INFORMATION](#)) – DEADLINE December 15th

Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024, in Arlington, VA will open on 4Honline on December 1, 2023. Youth must be 15 – 19 years old to attend. Click the button below for the announcement for Texas 4-H members and information about National 4-H Conference. Applications will close on December 15, 2023, the delegation will be announced early January 2023. Want to know more about Texas 4-H members experience? [Click here](#) to read a story about last years' Conference OR check out the attached document to learn more about the opportunity.

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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.

Natural Resources Photography Contest – [DEADLINE December 15th \(RULES\)](#)

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest. It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties.
- Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions
- Natural Resource themed categories
- Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state contest
- Entry timeline is December 1-15
- No late entries accepted.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – [DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)

The rules for the 2023-2024 State Photography Contest have been released (Download above). For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. The timeline for entry is April 1-15. If you have questions about this contest, please contact Derrick Bruton. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 15 categories (includes a new “Abandoned” theme for this year)
- **Entry: April 1-15, 2024 @ 11:59PM on 4HOnline & Submittable. No late entries accepted.**

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SHOOTING SPORTS

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

4-H Hunting Project Coach Training [\(FLYER\)](#) – [DEADLINE November 27th](#)

The Texas 4-H Natural Resources program will host a 4-H Hunting Project Coach Training on December 16-17, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday) in Big Spring, TX (Howard County). This training will include a Texas Hunter Education Instructor Certification. Interested adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members and County Extension Agents/Program Assistants are welcome to register via 4HOnline.

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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!)**

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:



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

Solar Brilliance: Exploring the Secrets of Our Sun

Developed by Utah State University and EDP Renewables, help youth dive into the world of experiential learning in this week's Clover by 4-H activity! 4-H youth will build a solar energy model, get their hands dirty (well, not literally), and learn about renewable energy. From understanding the principles of photovoltaics to assembling the components, every step is a chance to explore, discover, and apply real-world knowledge. [Click here to get started.](#)

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State Photography Contest – DEADLINE April 15th (RULES)

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- 15 categories (includes a new “Abandoned” theme for this year)
- Entry timeline is April 1-15
- No late entries accepted.

4-H STEM – Solar Eclipses

The Texas Hill County will experience two solar eclipses (one annular and one total) taking place in October and April respectively, both bisecting our state. The total eclipse will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for youth to experience, learn and possibly even photograph! The date for these two events is October 14, 2023 – Annular Eclipse and April 8, 2024 – Total Eclipse. See NASA’s Eclipse [Map](#) & [Eclipse Resource page](#) on how to safely view both eclipses.

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GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

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.

It's Jerky Jackpot Time!

We are gearing up for the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Year! 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) 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. 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](#)

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. [Click here to watch a video and get excited!](#)

Travel Abroad with 4-H in 2024

Join other 4-H members from across the state and travel across Europe June 8-17, 2024. Visit Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest. Check out the full information about the trip via the attached document or contact Darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu for more information. [Register today by clicking here and inputting "Locke-7342"](#).

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring 2024 (FLYER) (PLAYBOOK)

4-H are asked to collect food and/or monetary donations for local food pantries or hunger relief organizations during January 1 – February 11, 2023. All efforts are local! To participate, download the official Tackle Hunger Challenge Playbook. See flyer for more information.

HLSR Trailblazer Committee Writing Competition – DEADLINE December 5th

Introducing the 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Trailblazer Committee 4th Grade Student Writing Competition. Their theme this year is “My Magical Rodeo Garden.” In addition, we added a writing prompt as well: One day while exploring the outskirts of your ranch you discover an old worn cowboy hat next to a hidden entrance. Curious, you put on the hat, and it magically leads you to a rodeo garden deep in the heart of Texas. Write a story or poem about the adventures you have in the magical garden. The entry portal will open on Nov. 20th and the entry deadline is Dec. 5th. The forms plus updates can also be found on the Rodeo’s website at www.rodeohouston.com/writing. Rules can be found [here!](#)

2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation (INSTRUCTIONS) – DEADLINE January 10th

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024, on 4HOnline. Please see the following the 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book [HERE](#) for more information about this Statewide event. We strongly encourage members to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. As 4-H members complete their validation, here are some things to keep in mind:

- For purebred dogs (they do not have to be registered) you will select the correct Group and list the breed.
- For mixed breed dogs you will select the Weight Group of the dog and list the dominant breed along with the word “Mix” or list the two breeds if known. (Ex: Border Collie Mix/Mastiff/Great Dane)
- Photos of the left/right side of the dog should be a side view of the entire dog. Pictures must be clear & well-lit to see all markings/color of the dog. The dog should only be wearing a collar only.
- Dogs MUST be validated each year. If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2023-2024 year.

NEW

2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off (RULES)

4-H Teams are invited to compete in the 2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off on Saturday, **February 3, 2024**. Entries for the 2024 Junior Vaquero Cook-Off are now open & will close when the capacity of 40 teams has been reached. Visit sarodeo.com/vaquero and click on the Youth Vaquero Cook-Off Contest link for more information, guidelines, eligibility, scholarship qualifications, rules and regulations and to get your team registered.

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GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook Released ([HANDBOOK](#)) – **DEADLINE May 13**

The Texas 4-H Roundup Guide has been released for the upcoming 2024 Roundup. It will be on June 3 – 6, 2024. Registration cost will remain the same as it was in 2023. Hotel room blocks will be released by January 2024. **CONTEST UPDATES:** Below are noted changes/reminders for this 4-H year.

Texas 4-H Ag Produce ID Updates:

- [23-24 State Ag Product ID NEW Guide & Contest Rules](#)

Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Updates:

- [23-24 Quiz Bowl Contest Rules & Guide](#)
 - [Horse Quiz Bowl Resources](#)
 - [Livestock Quiz Bowl Resources](#)
 - [FCH Quiz Bowl Resources](#)

Texas 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Updates:

- [23-24 Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest Rules & Guide](#)
- **New Change:** Teams at Texas 4-H Roundup will complete two team exercises. This change will help our state contest move closer to the National Contest which has 5 team exercises.

Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Contest Updates:

- [23-24 State Fashion Show Rules & Guidelines \(Buying & Construction\)](#)
- [23-24 State Fashion Show NATURAL FIBERS Rules & Guidelines](#)
- [23-24 State Duds to Dazzle Rules & Guidelines *Teams of 3-4](#)
- **NEW CONTEST** [23-24 State Duds to Dazzle SOLO SHOWCASE Rules & Guidelines](#)

*Individual ONLY

- [23-24 State 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational Rules & Guidelines](#)
- **NEW CONTEST** [23-24 Quilts of Valor Block & Top Challenge Rules & Guidelines](#)

Texas 4-H Talent Showcase Updates:

- [23-24 State Talent Showcase Contest Rules & Guide](#)
- **New Change:** 4-H Skit description wording was altered slightly for more clarity.

Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Updates:

- [23-24 State CDM Categories/Contest Rules & Guide](#)
- **New Change:** New Categories for the 23-24 year. District Contest will now be held during our Spring Roundup Contest Lineup.

Texas 4-H Educational Presentation Updates:

- [23-24 State Educational Presentation Rules & Guide](#)
New Change: New Categories ([SEE LIST](#)) for the 23-24 year & team size has increased to 4 member.

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CLUB MANAGER REPORTS

The Club Manager Report page will contain the link and QR Code for all club managers to submit their monthly reports to the County Extension Office.



LINK: <https://forms.gle/MMzKsUZ95BJChTiM9>