

# 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.

**NEW**

## **4-H Foundation Scholarships Announcement**

As we stated previously in our communications, we would continue to monitor the situation regarding FAFSA. Due to the ongoing issues that our families are facing with submitting the FAFSA, we have decided to no longer require the FAFSA. This means that applicants no longer need to submit the SAI score or estimate and proof of FAFSA submission. Those questions have been marked as NOT REQUIRED on the application and WILL NOT be scored; however, the financial narrative will still be scored and is required.

We will be **EXTENDING** the scholarship application deadline from Thursday, February 15th 11:59 PM to Thursday, February 22nd 11:59 PM. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 22nd DEADLINE.** As a reminder, the academic verification **MUST** be submitted by that deadline.

To recap:

- **FAFSA is no longer required to submit the 2024 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship application.**
- **Scholarship application deadline extension - NEW DEADLINE: Thursday, February 22nd by 11:59 PM.**
- **Financial narrative is still required.**
- **No application submissions will be accepted after the February 22nd deadline.**

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## 2024 BEXAR COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



### Registration

- **Deadline: Friday, March 1st at 5:00pm**
- Registration form **MUST** be emailed to Kennedy and Kevin. [kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu) and [kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu)

### Judging

- Thursday, March 7th - Friday, March 22nd
- **Results: Wednesday, March 27th**
- **1st place seniors qualify for the state contest**
- State contest registration: April 1st-15th
- **Volunteer: <https://forms.gle/CVRNAFcmUjY5uXa68>**

### Submission Link

<https://forms.gle/vtyuqGeRuXAcuF2g8>

- Photos must be uploaded to google form as .jpg, .jpeg, or .png **ONLY**.
- other formats will be disqualified
- **Limit 1 photo per category per exhibitor**



Questions: Please call the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service office at (210) 631-0400 or email Kevin Knapick at [kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu).

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# BEXAR COUNTY FUNDRAISER

**\*\*\*NEW BEXAR COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER!\*\*\***

FREDERICKSBURG  FARMS  
*Texas Real*



Bexar County 4-H will partner 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. But over the past few years, we have seen a rapid decline in participation in our county fundraiser; this fundraiser is the critical component that 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 gather their club orders and submit 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.

FEB 16 – 17	Wilson County 4-H Small-Bore Rifle Invitational Shoot – Pg. 17
<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>District 10 Photography Contest DEADLINE 4-HOnline - Pg. 19</b>
FEB 21	Grayson County AgRobotics Challenge <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 20
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FEB 24	Gonzales County AgRobotics Contest <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 18
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FEB 24 – 25	Buc Days Invitational 4-H Clays Youth Shoot – Pg. 17
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MAR 1	Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 8
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MAR 3	Georgia Boot Trailblazers Campaign <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 15
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MAR 15	Texas Outdoor Media Association Photography Contest <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 18
MAR 16	Jim Wells County 4-H Invitational Ag Product ID – Pg. 10
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MAR 24	2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Internship Opportunities <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 14
MAR 28	2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Council At Large Delegates <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 14
APR 1	Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 8
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<b>APR 15</b>	<b>Texas 4-H State Photography Contest DEADLINE – Pg. 19</b>
MAY 11	Buc Days Invitational Food Challenge – Pg. 13
MAY 17	National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute <b>DEADLINE</b> – Pg. 14

## **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](mailto: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.

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

### FALL & WINTER DATES

<b>District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR</b>	
<b>**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.</b>	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024</b>	
<b>DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 6, 2024</b>	
<b>DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024</b>	
Mar. 4, 2024	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
<b>District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024</b>	
Feb. 23, 2024	4HOnline Registration <b>CLOSES</b>
Mar. 29, 2024	Photography Results Released
<b>Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship</b>	
<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023</b>	
<b>APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM</b>	
Nov. 1, 2023	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Foundation Website</a>
<b>Other Scholarship Opportunities</b>	
<b>Big Tex Scholarship Program (State Fair of TX)</b>	
Feb. 1, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">Big Tex Scholarship Website</a>
<b>Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships</b>	
Mar. 1, 2024	Scholarship Applications Close
Information	<a href="#">TFB Scholarship Website</a>

### SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024</b>	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
April 9, 2024	• Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	• Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	• Consumer Decision Making • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	• Share the Fun • Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	• Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	• 4-H Storyboard Results Released
<b>District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE Tues. May 14, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024</b>	
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024</b>	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024</b>	

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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](mailto: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**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup> (Elections)**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## FAFSA Information

Applicants must complete a 2024-2025 FAFSA Application by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for consideration for a Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship.

- In the FAFSA section in the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship application, applicants will input a "0" for the EFC box.
- In the FAFSA upload spot, applicants will upload a screenshot of their FAFSA account dashboard that shows their form is in review, submission date, and name of applicant. (Example below)
- If applicants already have their report back from FAFSA, they can input it in the appropriate spots.
- If applicants have not received their FAFSA report back by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, they need to follow the instructions above using their FAFSA submission confirmation.

**The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship DEADLINE is still February 15<sup>th</sup>.** Once applicants receive their official FAFSA report back they will submit it using this link:

<https://fs23.formsite.com/YVsLnb/junaan8zju/index>

**NEW**

## **Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship – DEADLINE EXTENDED February 22nd @ 11:59pm (Texas 4-H Foundation Website) (INFORMATION)**

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

## **Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships – DEADLINE March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Applications for all TFB scholarships are open for submission. TFB awards over \$240,000 each year to graduating high school seniors and enrolled college students. Applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2024.** Winners will be accounted by May 2024. Information on how to apply for the scholarship is available by clicking [here](#).

## **Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE April 1<sup>st</sup>**

This year, Lockheed Martin will award up to 100 scholarships to those who are selected for the [STEM Scholarship Program](#). The Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship Program is only open to applicants and recipients who are U.S. citizens attending or planning to attend an accredited U.S. 4-year college or university full time. Learn more by visiting the [STEM Scholarship Program](#) pages.

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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](mailto: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: 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade, intermediate: 6-8<sup>th</sup>, senior: 9-12<sup>th</sup>) 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!**

### **SHOW TIME! Validation Reminders!**

- Heifers – we require the original registration papers only! No copy, electronic copy, or online papers will be accepted.
- The exhibitor must bring original registration papers to the RING. They will not be allowed to retrieve them from their stalls/showbox.
- If registration papers have been reprinted, we need new papers and a letter from association emailed to the office ASAP. This must be received BEFORE show check in.
- Please check all tattoos for steers and heifers. Steers must be the county number and heifers must match the registration paper. These must be legible. If they are not there or not readable, the animal will be disqualified. We will not pull DNA for these instances.
- The county tattoo for a steer can be in either ear.
- Retags for both steers and heifers will be administered at the show for \$25 CASH. We will need the old tag number. Animals must be retagged within 2 weeks of losing the tag. Only those livestock losing tags close to the time of show should be retagged there. I will take retag forms emailed to me up until check in day.

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# AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

## **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.

## **Jim Wells Co. 4-H Invitational Ag Product ID Contest ([ENTRY](#)) – [DEADLINE March 4<sup>th</sup>](#)**

Jim Wells County invites 4-H members to compete at their Invitational Ag Product ID Contest on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** in Alice, TX. Registration will be \$10 per individual pr \$40 per team.

## **State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders - [DEADLINE March 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)**

All lamb and goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2024 must be validated. Tag order forms are not ready and will be uploaded on our 4-H Livestock [webpage](#) soon.

## **Spring Heifer Validation Tag Orders – [DEADLINE March 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)**

All heifers to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be state validated. Tag order forms are not ready and will be uploaded on our 4-H Livestock [webpage](#) soon.

## **Steer Validation Tag Orders – [DEADLINE March 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)**

All steers to be show at the county and major livestock shows must be stated validated. Tag order forms are not ready and will be uploaded on our 4-H Livestock [webpage](#) soon.

**NEW**

## **Kimble County Invitational Contests ([AGENDA](#))**

Kimble County 4-H Invitational contests will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This year, they will offer: Grass ID, Range Evaluation, & Wool & Mohair Judging. All contests are open to all 4-H and FFA members. If there are any conflicts on April 13th, contestants may compete in any of the contests during the afternoons of Thursday (April 11th) or Friday (April 12th) through prior notice/registration. More details and the official flyer will be posted soon. However, attached is the [AGENDA](#) for each of the contests. Please contact [Alex.Lopez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Alex.Lopez@ag.tamu.edu) with questions.

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# BCJLS UPDATES

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

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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.

## **Fashion and Interior Design Project Survey (FLYER) (SURVEY)**

Are you a 4-H member that would like to participate in a Fashion and Interior Design project? Complete the survey link above! And attend the next meeting that will be held Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center (12131 Leslie Rd, Helotes, TX 78023) For more information contact Alya Trimble, Texas Fashion Ambassador at [phttrimble@yahoo.com](mailto:phttrimble@yahoo.com) or Angie Gutierrez, Family & Community Health Agent at [aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu) or (210) 631-0400.

## **Buc Days Invitational Food Challenge (RULES) (REGISTRATION)**

The Buccaneer Commission in Corpus Christi, Texas, will be hosting an invitational Food Challenge May 11, 2024. The event will be hosted on Buc Days Festival grounds in the American Bank Center Exhibit Hall where \$7,500 will be awarded in prize money.

**NEW**

## **Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications Open – DEADLINE April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team! Applications are open now and due April 1st. Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program. [Click here to access the application and additional information about the program, including the timeline.](#)

**NEW**

## **Refashion Retreat (REGISTRATION)**

It's time to let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat! The event will be held March 1-3, 2024, at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Youth registration is \$170, and each youth must have an adult chaperone accompanying them to the retreat. Chaperone registration is free. **Space is limited to the first 24 youth participants.**

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# LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

## **Citizen Washington Focus**

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. [Click here to register.](#)

## **2024 National 4-H Conference (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE December 15<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute – DEADLINE May 17<sup>th</sup>**

National 4-H Council's True Leaders in Equity Institute is an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues that challenge your community. Teens and adult teams will engage with inspiring speakers, learn from hands on workshops, and become change agents to create welcoming and belonging environments for all. [Save this link to stay informed on updates.](#)

## **2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Council At Large Delegates (APPLY) – DEADLINE March 28<sup>th</sup>**

The 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate Applications are now available online by [clicking here](#). Deadline to apply is March 28, 2024. Members of Texas 4-H Council are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events. Check for an email from Jana Barrett for youth commitment dates.

**NEW**

## **At Large Delegate Q&A**

Youth interested in the Texas 4-H Council At Large Delegate process, there will be an At-Large election question and answer session with current Council members that went through the At-Large Process. We will host the event on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. A link to the Zoom will be sent out the morning of February 27<sup>th</sup> to those that sign up on the Google Form. [Click here to sign up or ask questions you may have now.](#)

**NEW**

## **2024 TFB Student Success Series Engage Program**

The Texas Farm Bureau Student Success Series Engage Program is for current freshmen and sophomores in high school. Participants will learn more about TFB, engage with community leaders in agriculture and western industries, gain insight into the free enterprise system, and tour a local agricultural operation. This program will take place in each of the 13 TFB Districts. A list of district event dates, locations, and registration are available by [clicking here](#).

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## **Georgia Boot Trailblazers Campaign – DEADLINE March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Calling all 4-H'ers around the country! Do you want to show off your 4-H project? Apply for the 2024 Georgia Boot Trailblazer Contest. Georgia Boot is looking for four enthusiastic 4-H'ers to share their 2024 project journeys with the Georgia Boot audience. [Don't miss this chance to win a prize package valued at \\$500!](#)  
[Learn more by clicking here.](#)

**NEW**

## **Texas 4-H Center Camp Ambassador Training**

Join the Texas 4-H Center staff for Camp Ambassador Training March 14-17th at the Texas 4-H Center. Youth should be ages 15-17 (or 18 if a graduating senior). At this event, teens will participate in teambuilding activities, learn their role as a camp ambassador, help create camp activities and themes, participate in an "empathy lunch", and more. Ambassadors receive 50 hours of volunteer service for each camp they serve at. Ambassadors from 2023 are encouraged to attend again. Registration fee is waived for youth who bring a friend to participate as well. Reach out to Alec Kiser for more information at [alec.kiser@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:alec.kiser@aq.tamu.edu). Register at the Texas 4-H Center website.

**NEW**

## **CORE Academy (FLYER) (APPLY) – DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars for the 2024 CORE Academy. Explore the Stephenville and San Angelo areas with other high school youth as you explore career and leadership opportunities in diverse global economies while you learn about post-secondary degree institutions in Texas. The academy will take place June 17-21 and registration is due April 15th. See the attached flyer for more information and the link to register.

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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.

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## **4-H Plant Identification Plant Mounts Resource**

Individuals & Teams interested in participating in the 4-H Plant Identification Contest will need to secure new sources for plant mounts. Unfortunately, the TAMU Range Club will no longer be accepting plant mount orders until Fall 2024. Texas Range Plant Mounts: If you are looking for plant mounts for the 4-H Plant Identification contest, Shanna Gleason and Daphne Kast, members of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2022, are selling plant mounts for \$2.50 each. Shanna and Daphne competed in international collegiate plant identification contests while attending Texas A&M University. They recognized the need for study mounts for teams across Texas. Whether you are just starting a plant ID team or are trying to get some new mounts because your teams have memorized all the old ones, Texas Range Plant Mounts can serve as a good resource. Contact them through their [Facebook Page](#) to learn more and see what is currently available. You can also contact the Kast's by email at [daphne.kast@gmail.com](mailto:daphne.kast@gmail.com).

## **2024 Texas 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon (RULES) (FLYER)**

It's time to start gearing up for the STATEWIDE 2024 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon! Registration will open on 4HOnline, February 1<sup>st</sup> with the spring tournament scheduled to start on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and Clover Kids to get outside and fish with their families and friends as the fishing takes place wherever they are located in Texas! Short educational videos on fishing tips, equipment, fish ID, industry careers, and more are available on the **Texas 4-H Natural Resources** Facebook page and new YouTube page. Prize packages of gift cards, fishing gear, and more will be awarded as provided by our sponsors. Last year we awarded over \$10,000 in prizes!

**NEW**

## **Texas 4-H Landscape Design Contest (FLYER)**

Does your 4-H'er have "the eye" for what it takes to properly design a landscape? Join us for the Texas 4-H Landscape Design Contest June 3, 2024, in College Station, hosted by the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department.

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# SHOOTING SPORTS

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

## **Henderson County Whiz Bang ([FLYER](#)) – [DEADLINE April 10th](#)**

Henderson County Shotgun Sports group will once again be hosting 2 Whiz Bangs in one weekend. The event will be held April 12th and 13th at 5H In Frankston. See flyer has the complete details on this event and how to register.

## **Wilson County 4-H Small-Bore Rifle Invitational Shoot – [DEADLINE February 12<sup>th</sup>](#)**

Wilson County will be hosting a Small-Bore Rifle Invitational Shoot February 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Wilson County Show Barn (435 TX-97, Floresville, TX 78114) It will begin 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Relays will be added once ALL above relays are full. The cost will be \$10 per competitor, MUST PREPAY TO SECURE A SPOT.

## **Buc Days Invitational 4-H Clays Youth Shoot ([RULES](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))**

The Buccaneer Commission in Corpus Christi, Texas, will host an invitational 4-H Clays Youth Shoot February 24-25, 2024. The event will be held at the Corpus Christi Gun Club, and \$25,000 in prize money and scholarships will be awarded.

**NEW**

## **4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training ([INFORMATION](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))**

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training will take place on March 8-9, 2024. Disciplines TENTATIVELY offered are: Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Pistol, Western Heritage. If a discipline is cancelled, registered attendees will be refunded or allowed to select a different discipline. Registration for this event will be done through the Texas 4-H Center website, NOT via 4HOnline. **However, participants MUST have an active profile in 4-H Online. This is a requirement for our program.**

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# STEM

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

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## **Van Zandt County Market Show Robotics Contest ([ENTRY](#)) – DEADLINE March 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Van Zandt County Market Show will be hosting an invitational Robotics contest March 25th. Registration is due online or postmarked by March 1st. See the attached file for more information and the entry form.

## **4-H STEM – Solar Eclipses NASA Webinar**

NASA is conducting a webinar covering the upcoming solar eclipse. The webinar is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note the time on the [FLYER HERE](#) is Eastern Time – Please be sure to logon at 11AM Central Time. Please use the link on the flyer to register. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this event and how to prepare for safe and engaging viewing with your 4-H members!

## **CLOVER: Exploring the Secrets of Our Sun ([ACTIVITY](#))**

Developed by Utah State University and EDP Renewables, help youth dive into the world of experiential learning! 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.

**NEW**

## **Texas Outdoor Media Association Photography Contest ([RULES](#)) – DEADLINE March 15<sup>th</sup>**

The TOWA/TOMA Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs. They are passionate proponents of the North American Conservation Model and have a mission to encourage young photographers to use their craft as a medium to communicate their appreciation of the Texas outdoors. This photography contest is for senior level 4-H members across the state. Submissions are now being accepted through March 15<sup>th</sup>. [Click here to submit photos.](#)

**NEW**

## **Clover by 4-H Activity ([ACTIVITY](#))**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines. Designed by The Ohio State University Extension and brought to you by Google, 4-H educators will help youth explore the fundamental decision-making principles of AI and applications of AI in commonly used technologies in this week's Clover by 4-H activity.

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# STEM

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## **Bexar County Photography Contest – Rules and Registration – DEADLINE March 1st**

The rules for the 2023-2024 Bexar County Photography Contest have been released (Download above). For those who may be new to 4-H, the Bexar County Photography Contest serves as the qualifier for senior members to compete state. This is different from other contests and instead of the district contest serving as the qualifier photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). If you have questions please call the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service office at (210) 631-0400 or email Kevin Knapick at kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu.

## **District 10 4-H Photography Contest (RULES) (GUIDE) – DEADLINE February 20<sup>th</sup>**

The District 10 Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs. Registration Period: \$15 per contestant entered – **Feb. 1 – Feb. 20, 2024** \*NOTE: State qualifications will come for your local County Photography contest. Registration on 4HOnline ([v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)). Please reference the Event Registration instructions here: [DOWNLOAD](#). Limit of 3 photos per participant.

**NEW**

## **2024 District 10 4-H Photography Workshop (FLYER) – DEADLINE March 1<sup>st</sup>**

The 2024 District 10 4-H Photography Workshop scheduled for March 9th at Bamberger Ranch (Johnson City, TX) is now open for registration on 4HOnline! This event is open to all youth age divisions and adult members. We encourage participants to bring a camera for some hands-on lessons with professional photographers. All types of cameras are welcome!

**Cost**: \$10 per participant

**Registration**: Event space is LIMITED to 60 participants max on 4HOnline.

**Deadline**: March 1st (Friday) OR until space is maxed out.

## **STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – DOWNLOAD GUIDE – DEADLINE April 15th**

The rules for the 2023-2024 State Photography Contest have been released. 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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# STEM

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

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## **Gonzales County AgRobotics Contest (FLYER) – DEADLINE February 24<sup>th</sup>**

4-H Robotics Teams are invited to Gonzales County's Invitational AgRobotics Contest on Friday March 1, 2024. The contest will be hosted at the JB Wells Park, Arena & Expo Center in Gonzales, TX (2301 Co Rd 197, Gonzales, TX 78629). This contest is open to teams (2-4) in the Junior, Intermediate & Senior age division. **Teams must register [HERE](#)** on or before February 24, 2024. For more information on the AgRobotics Contest & Game Rules for this season please visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/>

**NEW**

## **Aperture Academy (FLYER)**

Aperture Academy is a beginner's photography camp for youth entering grades 6-8 and is scheduled for July 7-10. All cameras, equipment, and supplies for the camp will be provided. No prior knowledge or experience of photography is required. Registration is open & space is limited to 25.

**NEW**

## **Grayson Co. AgRobotics Challenge (REGISTRATION) – DEADLINE February 21<sup>st</sup>**

This contest will be hosted at Austin College in Grayson County on Sunday February 24th. Registration is open ([HERE](#)) and will end on Wednesday, February 21st. Note: We will be open to the first 20 teams in each age division (Jr./Int./Sr.) See [Flyer for more details!](#)

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

# 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.

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## **4-H More Information and Materials**

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. Contact [Darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu) for more information. [Register today by clicking here and inputting "Locke-7342"](#).

## **Core Academy (FLYER)**

June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, Explore Stephenville, Abilene, and San Angelo. One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers.

## **Texas 4-H Center Summer Calendar RELEASED! (CALENDAR)**

The Texas 4-H Center will host a series of camps for 4-H members of all ages during the months of June, July & August. Space is limited in each camp, so mark your calendar!

## **2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt Design Contest (FLYER) – DEADLINE February 15<sup>th</sup>**

The 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show is looking for creative 4-H members to create a shirt design for the annual Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt! **ALL** age divisions are welcome to participate (Clovers, Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors). An overall design will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners per each age division.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

## **2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation (INSTRUCTIONS) – DEADLINE January 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. Please see the following the 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book [HERE](#) for more information. 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. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- For purebred dogs (they do not have to be registered) you will select the 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.

## **JMG Virtual Leader Training Conference – DEADLINE February 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Junior Master Gardener National Leader Training **Virtual** Conference is February 20-21, 2024. It is open for teachers, volunteers, youth leaders, and anyone interested in youth gardening. They have an exciting line up of keynote speakers, breakout sessions and virtual field trips. [Registration AND a complete view of the schedule, speaker bios, and sessions can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

Registration closes Monday, February 12th. The \$65 registration includes:

- Access to all general and concurrent session either live OR for viewing for 4 months after conference.
- Live door prizes given in every general and breakout session
- Hands on activities during curricula sessions
- 14 CPE/Professional Development Hours Awarded

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

Texas 4-H Roundup will be on June 3 – 6, 2024. **CONTEST UPDATES** can be found [here](#).

## **2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Hotel Room Block (INFORMATION)**

Hotel room block information for Texas 4-H Roundup 2024 is now available! Don't wait to book your rooms, contact the hotels now. Roundup will be held in Bryan/College Station June 3-6.

## **2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Sponsorship Opportunities (INFORMATION)**

Roundup provides life changing opportunities to senior level 4-H youth each year! Do you know of a business, group, or individual who might be interested in supporting Texas 4-H Roundup financially? Click [here](#) to find more information or contact [jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu) with any questions.

**NEW**

## **2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Internship Opportunity (APPLY) – DEADLINE March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Seeking highly motivated college students who are interested in Extension, communications, event programming, photography and other relevant majors to join us this summer at Texas 4-H Roundup as interns. Applications close March 24, 2024.

# GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

**NEW**

## **Seeking Roundup National Anthem Singers**

Is your 4-H member a talented performer? We are seeking youth to sing the National Anthem at Roundup assemblies. Senior level 4-H youth are eligible to apply now through March 1st via [4HOnline](#) by selecting the "2024 Texas 4-H Roundup - National Anthem Audition" event. All submissions must also be uploaded to YouTube as an unlisted link. YouTube Video must be of the individual or group (up to four 4-H members) singing the National Anthem. Singing must be in acapella style (no music). If submitting as a group, only one member of the group needs to register on 4HOnline and then list the other team members. All members **MUST BE ENROLLED** in 4-H. Three individuals/teams will be selected to perform, one at each assembly held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 4-6, 2024). Individuals/teams will be announced April 1, 2024. 4-H member does not have to be a contest participant of Texas 4-H Roundup but must register for the event.

**NEW**

## **Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (FLYER)**

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors are hosting the first-ever Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp) at the Texas 4-H Center April 26-28. This event is open to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Registration opens February 5 on the Texas 4-H Conference Center website. Youth will be involved in project-based learning and lots of fun water activities! Registration is \$210 per student, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, a camp t-shirt, a camp water bottle, and all workshops and programming. Save the date to register beginning February 5th!

**NEW**

## **National Cornbread Festival 4-H Cookoff (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE February 28th**

It's time to show off your 4-H'ers cornbread cookin' skills at the National Cornbread Festival 4-H Cookoff. The contest is open to 4-H members in grades 4-6. Recipes will be submitted, and the top 10 finalists will be invited to the cook-off at the Cornbread Festival in Tennessee. Submissions via the attached document should be emailed or mailed to contest leadership by February 28th.

**NEW**

## **States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting (APPLICATION)**

Host a Japanese youth in summer 2024 through States' 4-H International & bring the richness of the world to your home. The hosting period is July 24-August 17. The youth to be hosted are ages 12-18. Host families must have a child of the same gender and within three years of age of the hosted youth. The visiting youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

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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.

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