

# BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



March 27, 2024

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# BULLETIN BOARD

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



## **BEXAR COUNTY 4-H PROJECT SHOW**

**All Bexar County and Guadalupe County youths are  
welcome to participate!**



**Saturday, April 27th**

9am - 11am Project Drop off  
12pm Judging  
1pm STEM Presentations  
2pm Awards



**Helotes 4-H Activity Center**

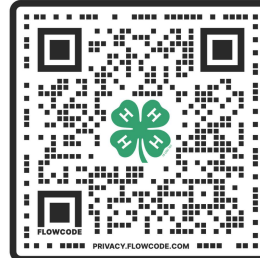
12132 Leslie Rd. Helotes, TX 78023

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**April 16, 2024**

**@5:00 p.m.**

**Rules and Registration**



**REGISTRATION FEE**

**\$15 / Exhibitor**

**LATE REGISTRATION**

**APRIL 17-19, 2024**

**+\$10 / Exhibitor**

Entries may be dropped off to the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. STE 212 San Antonio TX 78230) from April 22nd-April 25th or at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center on April 26th from 2pm to 5pm if you cannot attend on Saturday April 27th.

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**2024 Bexar County 4-H Project Show Packet/Registration Form**

# BEXAR COUNTY FUNDRAISER

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



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.

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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@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.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

### SPRING 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 (Seguin, TX)
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 <i>Results Released</i>
<b>2024 Texas 4-H Congress</b>	
<b>Event Date: July 14-17, 2024</b>	
All 4-H members (going into 9 <sup>th</sup> grade – through those who just graduated 12 <sup>th</sup> at the time of the event) must contact their County Office if they wish to be nominated for selection to attend Texas 4-H Congress.	
<b>Contact your County Office for House/Senate Delegate Nomination DEADLINE</b>	
<b>PRESS CORPS/LOBBYIST DEADLINE: Mar. 14, 2023</b>	
<b>CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPENS: April 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2024 (\$425)</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2024 (\$500)</b>	
<b>BILL SUBMISSION CLOSES (4HOnline): May 30, 2024</b>	
Information	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Congress Letter</a>

### SUMMER DATES

<b>Texas 4-H State Roundup – College Station</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., May 1, 2024</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon., Mar. 13, 2024</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b>	
May 14 - May 15, 2024: Additional \$50 Late Fee	
May 16 – May 17, 2024: Additional \$250 Late Fee	
May 18 - May 31, 2024: Additional \$500 Late Fee	
<b>Event Information &amp; Helpful Links</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE:</b> June 3-6, 2024	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook</a> <a href="#">2024 Changes &amp; Reminders</a> <a href="#">College &amp; Career Fair Registration</a> <a href="#">Room Block Information</a> <a href="#">Sponsorship Opportunities</a> <a href="#">Schedule of Events</a> (Tentative) <a href="#">Educational Workshops Series</a>
<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 (*District 10 4-H Planning Meetings for Agents/Staff will be held July 10, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup> (Elections)**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

### **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.

### **2024 Youth in Action Awards ([APPLICATION](#)) – [DEADLINE April 1<sup>st</sup>](#)**

Teens aged 14–19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story and win a \$5k educational scholarship. [Apply TODAY](#) to become one of four National 4-H Youth in Action winners. Each outstanding youth will receive a \$5k scholarship, tailored professional mentoring, national speaking opportunities and MORE! Applications are now live until April 1st. 4-H'ers interested in applying are encouraged to attend the [info session](#) on February 21st, at 7:00 PM ET.

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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.

### **State Fair of Texas Swine Validation Tag Orders (FORM) – DEADLINE April 12<sup>th</sup>**

All lambs and goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2024 must be validated. The cost will be \$18.00 per head. If you are showing through Bexar County 4-H, please return the attached form and fees to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

### **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. More details and the official flyer will be posted soon. Contact [Alex.Lopez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Alex.Lopez@ag.tamu.edu) with questions.

### **CFC Ag Start Loan Program (FLYER)**

The Capital Farm Credit Ag Start Loan Program provides youth in agriculture the tools and resources they need to prepare for a successful career in the agricultural industry. This loan program is available to 4-H and FFA members involved in junior market, breeding and commercial livestock projects. Funds can be used to purchase and care for a junior livestock project or for a general-purpose youth agricultural loan and must be repaid following the sale of the animal(s). The AgStart Loan Program is designed to offer educational and financial awareness to youth while supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

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## **Sonora Invitational Judging Contest & Fleece Show**

Sutton County invites all 4-H members to the Sonora Invitational 4-H Judging Contests on April 6, 2024. Youth may enter: Grass ID, Range, Wool & Mohair. Youth may also enter their annual Fleece Show. Email these forms to: [p-hernandez@tamu.edu](mailto:p-hernandez@tamu.edu) or [Annette.Estrada@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Annette.Estrada@ag.tamu.edu); hard copies may be mailed to: **Sutton County Extension Office P.O. BOX 1047, Sonora, Texas 76950.**

- [2024 Sonora Fleece Entry Sheet](#)
- [Invitational Judging Team Entry Form](#)
- [Contest Schedule](#)

## **Texas Farm Bureau Engage Series ([INFORMATION](#))**

Calling all future leaders! If you are entering 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2024, check out this opportunity to dive into the world of agriculture and community engagement. Join us to explore the Texas Farm Bureau, connect with industry leaders, delve into the free enterprise system, master social media presence, and experience firsthand Texas agricultural operations.

**NEW**

## **Veterinary Science Camp Opportunities**

Keller 4-H would like to invite all 4-H members to their 4-H Veterinary Science Camp on April 20, 2024, in Springtown, Texas. The cost is \$50 (not including lunch). Registration is not completed until payment and waivers are received. Limited number of slots, so register early! [REGISTER HERE](#). Contact [sanci.hall@gmail.com](mailto:sanci.hall@gmail.com) with questions.

- **4-H Vet Science Camp ([FLYER](#))**  
Event Date: April 20, 2024  
Entry Deadline: April 1, 2024 by 5pm  
Camp Fee: \$50
- **4-H Vet Science Photography Contest ([FLYER](#))**  
Event Date: April 20, 2024 (Turn in photos at camp)  
Cost: \$3 per category or \$10 for all 5 categories.

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**NEW**

## **TX 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Programs – DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup>** **(POULTRY) (EQUINE) (LIVESTOCK) (TX 4-H ADVOCACY ACADEMY APPLICATION)**

The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy is a unique experience for those wishing to take the next step as a Texas 4-H Ambassador. As you know, the first year of the Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Program is primarily focused on mentoring families and applying animal/equine/poultry science knowledge. The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy focuses on building your understanding of the importance of the political world surrounding agriculture, providing a global perspective of agriculture, and giving you the tools to effectively educate others about agriculture. Here is what you should expect:

- Meet agricultural lobbyists and advocacy groups
- Meetings and communication with State Representatives and Senators, and other elected officials
- Learn ethical considerations of raising livestock and horses for food and entertainment
- Ethical considerations of reproductive/growth technologies/GMOs
- Investigate agricultural law
- Communicating with elected officials
- Unique insight to collegiate internships in Austin and Washington D.C.
- Participate in agriculture issue debates

### **2024 Short Course Offering:**

1. [Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas Tech University – June 10-13, 2024
2. [Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University – June 24-27, 2024
3. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University-Kingsville – June 17-20, 2024
4. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University – July 15-18, 2024
5. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University – July 22-25, 2024

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Senior level (grades 9-12 in fall 2024) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects.
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others.
- Top 25% class rank

### **Application Process:**

1. Students will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent.
2. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey.
3. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course.

### **2024 Phase II and Phase III Offering:**

1. [Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy](#), Austin – July 1-3, 2024
2. Texas 4-H Mountain West Agricultural Experience – July 27-August 6, 2024 - \*dates tentative\*

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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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## 2024 BCJLS Show Dates

The BCJLS Board of Directors finalized the 62nd Show dates: December 27 - 30, 2024. More details will follow.

**NEW**

## 2024 – 2025 BCJLS Ambassador Applications ([APPLICATION](#)) – **DEADLINE April 30<sup>th</sup>**

The BCJLS will select Ambassadors to represent the BCJLS to the Ambassador's home FFA Chapter or 4-H Club and the community at large. Ambassadors will work with the BCJLS Board, volunteers, exhibitors, and judges to help make a quality show. Ambassadors will demonstrate and develop their leadership skills. Ambassadors will be recognized at the BCJLS Auction of Champions. Send completed applications to [VP2@bcjls.com](mailto:VP2@bcjls.com).



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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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## **2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show ([SCHEDULE](#))**

The 2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show schedule is now available, as well as other important information about the show. The event will be held July 21-27 in Bryan/College Station. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **Texas 4-H Roping School ([FLYER](#)) ([INFORMATION](#))**

On June 16- 20, 2024, the Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held in Stephenville, Texas. The school will be held at Park Your Pony Arena (address and contact information are provided below). This event has been developed to encourage young people in 4H to develop leadership skills and to exercise their abilities in working with younger members in roping activities in 4H. Participation is open to all districts of the state, with applications being accepted on a first come, first-serve basis with priority to those who are 12 years of age and older. The maximum number which can be accommodated is 50. **All participants MUST be a current member of 4H to participate.**

## **Oak Valley 4-H Club 4-H Youth Horse Show ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([FLYER](#)) – [DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM](#)**

Oak Valley 4-H Club will be hosting a 4-H Youth Horse Show on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the HIS Arena – Country Church (1005 FM 78 W, Marion, TX 78124) Please see the flyer for more information.

## **2024 TX 4-H Horse Validation ([GUIDELINE](#)) ([WALK THROUGH](#)) – [DEADLINE May 1<sup>st</sup>](#)**

4-H exhibitors wishing to participate in the 2024 District & State Horse show must validate any horses that will be used in competition. ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

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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.

## **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.

## **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.](#)

## **Food Handlers Course (FLYER)**

If you're interested in obtaining your food handlers certification you can contact Angie Gutierrez, Family & Community Health agent. Class can be conducted at the Extension office or at your location.

**NEW**

## **TX 4-H Fashion/Interior Design Ambassador (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Attention senior 4-H members! The Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program is now accepting applications for the upcoming term. This program offers a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills within the realm of 4-H Fashion & Interior Design. Through hands-on training, leadership development, and exposure to industry trends, ambassadors will gain valuable insights into the field. By connecting with professionals, participants will receive recognition as youth leaders and explore various career paths. Don't miss out on this chance!

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# LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

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## **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.

## **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](#).

## **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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# LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

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## **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@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:alec.kiser@ag.tamu.edu). Register at the Texas 4-H Center website.

**NEW**

## **4-H IDEA Summit (FLYER)**

A group of young 4-H alumni from around the nation are collaborating on the IDEA Summit scheduled for April 11-12th in Seattle, Washington. I.D.E.A is a 2-day event featuring engaging professional development workshops on Friday and youth programming on Saturday. The focus is embracing intersectionality through inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. The summit is open to high schoolers from all states. More information for registration is coming out soon!

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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.

## **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. 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. 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).

## **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.

## **Natural Resources Program Spring and Summer Events (FLYER)**

There are a few upcoming 4-H Natural Resources program events coming up in the spring and summer to keep an eye on. Mark your calendars for the events in the attached graphic. [Click here to access the Natural Resources webpage](#), [click here for the 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page](#), and [click here for the 4-H Natural Resources Instagram](#). Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) with questions.

**NEW**

## **TX 4-H Water Ambassadors Program! (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Applications are now open to senior level (9-12 graders in 2024-2025 academic year) 4-H members for the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. The 4-H Water Ambassadors Program will select up to 30 students for a minimum 12-month term of service. Over the next year, water ambassadors commit to delivering at least 40 hours of education and service. Students will also engage in continuing education opportunities to broaden their understanding of water and equip them to share their knowledge with their local communities, clubs, schools, etc. Those selected are required to pay a \$300 program participation fee.

**NEW**

## **2024 TX 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest (GUIDELINES) – DEADLINE April 21<sup>st</sup>**

The 2024 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic has been announced! This year's topic is, "For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: What makes a varietal honey? What are some unique varietals? How are some of the valuable varietals confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)? What are some culturally or economically important varietals and why are they important?". Contestant essays must be submitted to 4HOnline by 11:59 PM Sunday, April 21, 2024. This contest is open to any active 4-H Club members. The top three winners will be awarded a cash prize, and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will advance to the National Contest. Please see the attached PDF for more information. [Click here for the National Contest Information](#).

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# SHOOTING SPORTS

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

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## **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.

## **2024 State Shooting Sports Extravaganza (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Registration for Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza is now open on 4HOnline. This is a beginner's match and a learning event, so only **first and second-year** shooters in a discipline are allowed to participate. No previous experience in competitive shooting is required for participation. The emphasis of this event is on exploring new shooting activities and having fun, so we are encouraging participants to register for events in which they have never shot competitively.

## **Tom Green County 3-D Archery Shoot (FLYER) (REGISTRATION)**

The Tom Green 4-H Archery Club is inviting all 4-H members to their 3-D Archery Shoot. Fees to participate are: Youth (\$15) and Adults (\$25). This event will be held on April 6th at the Tom Green 4-H Shooting Sports Complex.

**NEW**

## **Tom Green 4-H Whizbang (REGISTRATION)**

The Tom Green 4-H Whizbang and Clay Shoot will be May 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. This event is **limited to 60 shooters** and will cost \$225 per shooter for youth members. Adult division will cost \$100.

**NEW**

## **Helotes 4-H Wildlife Project 3D Archery Shoot (FLYER)**

The Helotes 4-H Wildlife Project is inviting shooters of all ages and experience levels to come enjoy the 4th annual 3D Archery Shoot. Fees to participate are \$15 for youth and \$20 for adults. The event will be held on 4/20/24 at the Helotes Ag Youth Ranch just north of Rio Medina. See flyer for details, registration, and contact information.

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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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## **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.

## **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.

## **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.**
- **JUDGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sign up [here!](#)**

## **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.

## **Clover by 4-H Activity: Rockets to the Moon**

Calling all space explorers! Designed by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and brought to you by Hughesnet, embark on a cosmic journey beyond our atmosphere. 4-H educators can help youth create a [virtual rocket](#), customize the look and feel, and equip it with all it needs to get to the moon.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

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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](#)

## **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.

## **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. 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.

## **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 imaginative.

## **Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show (REGISTRATION) (FLYER)**

Tarrant County will be hosting a 4-H Dog Show Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dogs do not need to be validated for the show. Please see the flyer for more information.

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**NEW**

## 2024 Texas 4-H State Roundup Updates

Event Date: June 3-6, 2024 in College Station, TX

- [Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook](#)
- [2024 Changes & Reminders](#)
- [College & Career Fair Registration](#)
- [Room Block Information](#)
- [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)
- [Seeking Roundup National Anthem Singers](#) (Apply via 4HOnline - Closes March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- [Roundup Internship Opportunity](#) (Open to College Students - Closes March 24, 2024)
- [Schedule of Events](#) (Schedule is NOT finalized and subject to Change)
- [Educational Workshops Series](#)
- [Salute to Excellence Awards](#) ([SUBMISSION LINK](#)) – **DEADLINE April 1<sup>st</sup>**
- [Texas 4-H Roundup Buckle Blitz](#) **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY** ([REGISTRATION](#))
- **NEW for 2024:** Any unresolved or declined credit card payments will be flagged, and affected individuals will be required to make payment on-site before being allowed to pick up their credentials and compete.



## Texas 4-H Center Events ([REGISTRATION](#))

- **2024 Summer Camp Schedule:** [County Camp, Prime Time & Horizons Schedule](#)
- **Lone Star Splash Camp** ([FLYER](#)): **Event Dates:** April 26-28. Registration will CLOSE April 5th.
- **Aperture Academy** ([FLYER](#)): **Event Dates:** July 7-10. Registration is limited to 25 participants.
- **Texas 4-H Center 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash** ([REGISTRATION](#)): April 12 – 13
- **Texas 4-H Roundup Community Service** ([FLYER](#))

## Wildfire Relief For The Texas Panhandle

Wildfire Relief for the Texas Panhandle is being coordinated through a combination of local and state resources. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will continue to make regular updates to the list of agricultural resources needed and contacts at [tx.ag/WildfireRelief](https://tx.ag/WildfireRelief). Follow the [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Facebook](#) for current updates.

## TAMU AGLS On Tour ([REGISTRATION](#))

If you are involved with Texas 4-H as a parent or a student, you are among the best and brightest individuals who will impact the future of agriculture. The Texas A&M University College of Ag and Life Science is home to 15 departments and various degree programs. AGLS on Tour is a multi-city road tour designed for recently admitted students, including those in Aggie Gateway to Success and Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM, as well as local prospective students eager to explore the college.

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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>