

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.

Bexar County Record Book Contest – Deadline MAY 30th @ 5pm **(FORMS and INFORMATION) (SUBMISSION LINK)**

As the 2023-2024 4-H year winds to a close it is that time of year again for Record Books! The Bexar County Record Book Contest will be a digital submission of your record book as a pdf document through the Google Form. If you have difficulty submitting a scanned record book you are welcome to bring a hard copy to the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service Office for us to scan. If you bring a hard copy book you must do so by Wednesday, May 29th @ 5pm to make sure we have time to scan all books and upload them for our judges.

File format name requirement: Age_Division_Category_Member Name
(Example): Senior_Animal Agriculture_Kevin Knapick

Bexar County Record Book Judge Sign-Up – DEADLINE MAY 29th **(Sign-up Link)**

We are not able to complete the Bexar County Record Book Contest without amazing volunteer judges! Never judged before... THAT'S OK! Kevin will be providing judge trainings virtually on Tuesday, May 28th @ 7pm and Thursday, May 30th @ 7pm. If you have questions, please reach out to Kevin at kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu or (210) 446-9077. The more judges we get the fewer books everyone has to judge!

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 30, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

APR 26 – 28	Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp – Pg. 19
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JUN 30	2024 – 2025 4-H Club Charter DEADLINE – Pg. 19
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JUL 21 – 27	2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show – Pg. 12

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.

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

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	
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>
2024 Texas 4-H Congress	
Event Date: July 14-17, 2024	
All 4-H members (going into 9 th grade – through those who just graduated 12 th 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.	
SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! Contact your County Office to find out how to sign up!	
CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPENS: April 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2024 (\$425)	
LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2024 (\$500)	
BILL SUBMISSION CLOSES (4HOnline): May 30, 2024	
Information	Texas 4-H Congress Letter

SUMMER DATES

Texas 4-H State Roundup – College Station	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon., Mar. 13, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION:	
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	
Event Information & Helpful Links	
EVENT DATE: June 3-6, 2024	Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook 2024 Changes & Reminders College & Career Fair Registration Room Block Information Sponsorship Opportunities Schedule of Events (Tentative) Educational Workshops Series Texas 4-H Roundup - Buckle Blitz
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	
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 (*District 10 4-H Planning Meetings for Agents/Staff will be held July 10, 2024)	

4-H EVENTS AND TRAININGS

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

4-H Training Request Form- **PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE**

- **Information:** If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this [form](#) and submit it to kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. Please contact us at 210-631-0400 with questions.

2023-2024 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings

Bexar County 4-H Record Book Training	4/30/2024 7:00pm	VIRTUAL TEAMS LINK	Spring is in the air and as the 4-H year wraps up we turn to one of our final events. 4-H Record Books! This training will serve as an overview of what to include in your record book along with tips on how to maximize your record book entries!
Bexar County 4-H Club Manager Training	5/23/2024 7:00pm	Bexar County Extension Office	**REQUIRED FOR CLUB CHARTERING** 4-H Club Chartering is once again upon us as we wrap up the 2023-2024 4-H year and look towards 2024-2025. This year we will again be making club manager training mandatory to recap club requirements and review some critical information. Clubs should send either their primary manager or assistant club manager to attend. RSVP LINK
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2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates

May 16th (Elections)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship – PACKET RELEASE IMMINENT

Packet will be sent out by Friday April 26th. We have not received confirmation from SALE, but this will allow 4-H members the opportunity to work on their applications. **Tentative Deadline for scholarship submissions will be Friday May 10th @ 5pm.** Interviews are tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 24th (Time TBD).

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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.

NEW

2024 Validations Dates (Bexar County 4-H members):

Steers and Heifers

June 11th 9:00 – 11:00 am [James Madison](#)
 June 12th 9:00 – 11:00 am [ASTA](#)
 June 18th 4:00 – 6:30pm [East Central](#)

Fall Heifer

October 26th 9:00 – 11:00am [East Central](#)

Sheep and Goat

October 10th 3:00 – 6:00pm [ASTA](#)
 October 23rd 3:00 – 6:00pm [James Madison](#)

State Fair Lamb, Goat and Swine

June 11th 10:00 – 12:00pm [James Madison](#) (LAMB/GOAT)
 June 18th 9:00 – 11:00am [East Central](#) (SWINE)

Swine Validation

November 9th 9:00 – 11:00am [ASTA](#)
 November 26th 2:00 – 5:00pm [East Central](#)

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

Calling all future leaders! If you are entering 10th or 11th 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.

Kerr 4-H Judging Contests ([FLYER](#))

Kerr County 4-H Invitational Judging contests will take place on May 11th, 2024 at the Hill County Youth Event Center. This year, they will offer: Grass ID, Range Judging, Livestock Skillathon & Wool & Mohair Judging. More details [HERE](#). Please contact Jennifer.Smith@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

State Fair of Texas Swine Validation Tag Orders ([FORM](#)) – [DEADLINE April 12th](#)

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.

State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders ([FORM](#)) – [DEADLINE May 3rd](#)

Cost will be \$1.50 per chick. Each exhibitor must have an individual order of at least 25 chicks. Increments must be made in 25. Return this form to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230 by Friday, May 3rd. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

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.

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BCJLS UPDATES

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

2024 BCJLS Show Dates

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

2024 – 2025 BCJLS Ambassador Applications (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE April 30th

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.



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HORSE UPDATES

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

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.**

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

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.

2024 District 10 4-H Horse Show ([GUIDE COMING SOON](#)) – [DEADLINE May 14th](#)

The District Horse Show is open to any 4-H member who has validated their horse during the horse validation period of the current 4-H Year. You can compete in events like western pleasure, hunter under saddle, and barrel racing, to name a few. The District 10 4-H Horse Show will be held June 13, 2024 at Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center (1042 Event Center Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620)

NEW

Open Horse Show in Taylor County ([FLYER](#))

Taylor County will be hosting an open horse show at the Taylor Expo Center First Financial Pavilion (1700 State Highway 36, Abilene, TX 79602) on Saturday, May 25th, 2024.

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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.

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

2024 Storyboard Invitational Contest ([INFORMATION](#)) – DEADLINE May 15th

The 2024 Texas 4-H Digital Story Board Contest registration will open on May 1st and remain open until May 15th. For more information visit the [Fashion and Interior Design page](#). Directions to register for the 2024 Texas 4-H Digital Story Board Contest:

1. Go to [4-H Online](#)
2. Event name 2024 Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational
3. Entry selection and \$15 fee payment will take place here.
4. You will receive a link to Submittable to upload entry.

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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.](#)

National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute – DEADLINE May 17th

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 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.](#)

NEW

2024 Virtual Youth Lab (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE May 19th

The Youth Lab summer program reaches underserved teens in 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades from throughout the State of Texas. The 4-H and Youth Development Unit of the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Prairie View A&M University hosts the virtual camp to introduce young people to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers in agriculture. There are two overarching goals of this program. These goals are parallel to the mission of S.A.L.E., Inc. by focusing on educating and developing the youth of Texas for careers in agriculture. This year's theme is "Bee the Change" and will focus on pollinators. The agenda for this program is set up with fun, exciting, and educational activities filled with guest speakers, virtual field trips, hands-on activities, and more.

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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

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.

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 with questions.

TX 4-H Water Ambassadors Program! (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE May 1st

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. Those selected are required to pay a \$300 program participation fee.

NEW

2024 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge (FLYER) – DEADLINE May 15th

Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge at Long Acres Ranch in Richmond, Texas. Come out for a day of fun competition in skills like kayaking, fishing, riflery, outdoor first aid, archery, and so much more! Registration is open now through May 15th, so get your submissions in NOW! Reach out to Larry Hysmith for more information at larry.hysmith@ag.tamu.edu.

NEW

TX 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest (MANUAL) (INFORMATION)

WHEP Workshops will be held periodically around the state for adult leaders and youth to learn the material and practice the application of knowledge and skills. These will be registered through 4HOnline and found on that calendar as well as the Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule found on this website under Resources.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

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

Tom Green 4-H Whizbang (REGISTRATION)

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

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.

Volunteer Outdoor Ed./Hunting Project Training (FLYER) – DEADLINE April 30th

Don't miss this great opportunity for agents & volunteers to introduce Outdoor Education Project into their 4-H Program. Please note that while those attending will be certified in different shooting disciplines, they will only be certified to teach for the Outdoor Education Projects and the Hunting Project **they will NOT be certified to coach traditional Shooting Sports.**

- **Date & Location:** May 22-23 in Alpine, TX
- **Registration Deadline:** 4HOnline Registration will CLOSE on April 30th!
- **Cost:** Program Fee is \$35
- **Lodging:** On your own; Hotel Parker offering rooms at \$107. Call: 432-837-110 & mention **TAMU Group**

NEW

Texas 4-H Roundup State Rifle Rule Updates

Attention Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Participants – Please note a venue change for this year's event. It will now take place in Rosenberg, TX, at the Fort Bend AgriLife Education Building Indoor Range, instead of Victoria. If your team qualifies to compete in this event, please familiarize yourself with the rule updates. The rule updates affect challenges. Rules linked below:

- [Roundup Rifle Rules – REVISED 2024](#)
- [2024 Roundup Indoor Rifle Match Participation Information](#)

Bandera 4-H Mark Bonner Memorial Cowboy Blast (FLYER)

The Bandera 4-H Mark Bonner Memorial Cowboy Blast is June 21-23, 2024. One lunch ticket will be provided to each 4-H shooter with a paid registration good at Bandera Gun Club only.

The Ronald Barlow Memorial 3-D Archery Meet (FLYER) – DEADLINE April 12th

Join Texas 4-H District 5 on April 27th for a fun day of some archery competition! Registration is open through 4HOnline- youth and adults of participating youth are allowed to register. Early registration closes on April 12, 2024, and late registration is open until April 15th.

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STEM

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

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.

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.

4-H STEM Curriculum: Sustainable Polymers: Confronting the Plastic Crisis (FLYER)

Introducing the new 4-H STEM Curriculum for Grades 9-12: Sustainable Polymers: Confronting the Plastic Crisis. Engaging youth to learn about and help mitigate negative environmental impacts of plastic waste.

Sea World 4-H Marine Biology Camp (FLYER) (REGISTRATION)

The Texas 4-H Center has partnered with SeaWorld - San Antonio to offer the first-ever Texas 4-H Center Marine Biology Camp! This 5-day/ 4-night camp on the SeaWorld Campus will allow campers to explore different perspectives and their own personal limitations through unique experiences as they broaden their knowledge of ecology. Join the fun and inspire a passion and joy for the natural world through experiential learning, human and animal interactions, and self-discovery. Get your feet wet with this NEW 4-H Camp!

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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.

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 17th – 21st, 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 6th-8th 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.

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 Roundup Community Service ([FLYER](#))

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NEW

2024 Texas 4-H State Roundup Updates

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

- [IMPORTANT: TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP INFORMATIONAL VIDEO](#)
- [Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook](#)
- [2024 Changes & Reminders](#)
- [College & Career Fair Registration](#)
- [Room Block Information](#)
- [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)
- [Schedule of Events](#) (Schedule is NOT finalized and subject to Change)
- [Educational Workshops Series](#)
- [Texas 4-H Roundup Buckle Blitz **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY \(REGISTRATION\)**](#)
- [NEW TO ROUNDUP! Duds to Dazzle Solo Showcase Invitational](#) (Registration for Texas 4-H Roundup and this contest will be open May 1st.)
- [Veterinary Science Skill-A-Thon! \(FLYER\)](#)
- **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.



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. Follow the [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Facebook](#) for current updates.

TAMU AGLS On Tour (REGISTRATION)

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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NEW

2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Chartering Process – DEADLINE June 30th

The 2024-2025 chartering process for existing clubs/groups as well as guidelines for the establishment of new 4-H clubs in Texas 4-H and under the Texas 4-H, Inc. organization is officially open. These documents and other resources are available online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/>. June 30, 2024, is the deadline to submit 4-H club/group charter applications in order for the application to be reviewed for approval for an August 15 club activation. Items to note include:

- [Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions](#) – *Please note the timeline and important deadlines!*
- [2024-2025 Charter Agreement](#) -- *Please note the changes to the Charter Agreement for 2024-2025! As before, signatures are required, but the document must also be initialed where indicated.*
- **Sample Bylaws:** *The sample bylaws are developed to serve as a guide for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in all bylaws. Club/group bylaws should not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the newly revised Charter Agreement.*
- **2023 - 2024 Financial Review Form:** Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks and/or deposit slips. This is for the security of the club/group account(s). Please note that a checkbox has been added to the financial review form indicating that the Extension Agent certifies that all signers on the bank account are currently enrolled 4-H adult volunteer leaders. Also, please note that the name on a 4-H club's bank account should match the name of the 4-H club/group as well as the name on the EIN assignment letter. In order to avoid the application being sent back for corrections, please ensure that the financial review form is completed in its entirety.
- [Charter Application Worksheet](#) for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4HOnline - This form is simply a worksheet and **should not be uploaded** as part of the chartering process.
- [Disbandment Form](#) – Included for any club that will be disbanding. Upon closure of the club, please provide the completed form to the Texas 4-H Office.

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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>