

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



July 3, 2024

Contents:

- ☀ **Bulletin Board/Fundraiser**2
- ☀ **Upcoming Events**..... 3
- ☀ **Contest page**4
- ☀ **4-H Trainings and Workshops**5
- ☀ **Scholarships**6
- ☀ **Agriculture & Livestock**..... 7
 - **BCJLS Updates**9
 - **Horse Updates** 10
- ☀ **Family & Community Health**..... 11
- ☀ **Leadership & Citizenship**12
- ☀ **Natural Resources**13
 - **Shooting Sports**14
- ☀ **STEM**15
- ☀ **General Information/Events**.....16

Bexar County 4-H Staff

- **Kevin Knapick**
Kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu
 CEA 4-H & Youth Development
 - **Sam Womble**
Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu
 CEA Ag & Natural Resources
 - **Angie Gutierrez**
aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu
 CEA Family & Community Health
 - **Gabrielle Alanis**
Gabrielle.Alanis@ag.tamu.edu
 Youth Outreach Educator
 - **Kennedy Green**
Kennedy.Green@ag.tamu.edu
 Office Assistant IV ANR/4-H
- ❖ Kevin's Cell: (210) 446-9077
- ❖ Sam's Cell: (361) 649-5836

Club Manager Reports: Last Page



BULLETIN BOARD

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

NEW

CLUB MANAGER TRAINING

Club Manager Training is **REQUIRED** for all clubs as a condition of county charter approval. If you have missed the previous meetings, you will need to contact the Bexar County Extension Office at 210-631-0400 and schedule an in-person meeting with Kevin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JUL 7 – 10

Aperture Academy

JUL 13 – 18

NACAA Floral Design Jackpot – Pg. 14

JUL 21 – 27

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show – Pg. 11

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

Remaining DISTRICT DATES

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 Council Officer Applications
REGISTRATION PERIOD: May 1 - 31, 2024
NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
Elections held during Leadership Lab
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 <i>(*District 10 4-H Planning Meetings for Agents/Staff will be held July 10, 2024)</i>

STATE EVENT DATES

State 4-H Horse Show – Bryan, TX	
FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2024	
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS	
EVENT DATE: July 21-27, 2024	Horse Show Rules Horse Show Schedule Hotels – Destination Bryan Hotels – Visit College Station
Texas 4-H State Games	
STEP 1: 4HOnline DEADLINE: Mon. June 17, 2024	
STEP 2: iClays DEADLINE: Mon. June 17, 2024	
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS	
July 7-12, 2024	Hunting & Wildlife, Muzzleloading, Pistol & Rifle – Callahan Rifle Range, Baird, TX
July 16-20, 2024	Archery & Shotgun Events - National Shooting Complex – San Antonio, TX
Information	2024 State Games Handbook 2024 Shooting Sports Waiver

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

--	--	--	--

2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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.

NEW

2023 – 2024 Livestock Project Meetings

Livestock Project Meeting (SWINE)	8/08/2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm	VIRTUAL (TEAMS LINK)	These will be tailored toward new families (3 years or less in the project). New and or inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well.
Livestock Project Meeting (CATTLE)	8/15/2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm	VIRTUAL (TEAMS LINK)	These will be tailored toward new families (3 years or less in the project). New and or inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well.
Livestock Project Meeting (SHEEP/GOAT)	8/22/2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm	VIRTUAL (TEAMS LINK)	These will be tailored toward new families (3 years or less in the project). New and or inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well.

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):

Fall Heifer

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

Swine Validation

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

Sheep and Goat

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

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

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

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

NEW

Major Show Turkey Order (FORM)

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and San Antonio, Houston and Rodeo Austin turkey poult orders are due to the Extension office by Friday, July 12, 2024. Please fill out the information below to order your poults. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 75 poults may be ordered per exhibitor/family. Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. The cost is \$4.75 per poult.

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.

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.

Sheep Capital Lamb and Goat Camp (APPLICATION)

The 2024 Sheep Capital Lamb & Goat Camp will be held in San Angelo, Texas July 26–28, 2024. The camp will be open to incoming 3rd Graders through Seniors in high school, and exhibitors of all levels of experience are welcome to participate. Space is limited to the first 50 lamb and 30 goat entries. Camp will be a 3-day program, and the registration fee will include breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and lunch Saturday and Sunday, a t-shirt, and a camp packet. Registration and information can be found at <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/sheep-capital-lamb-and-goat-camp>

Turkey Farm Showdown (FLYER)

4-H Members are invited on September 14th for the Gillespie Turkey Farm Showdown. Entries are \$30 per head/per ring. Cash, Check, or Venmo are acceptable forms of payment. Exhibitors must show in Ring A in order to show in Ring B. For more information click on the flyer (right) to visit the Facebook page or contact Duane Kuhl at 512.924.1348.

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

BCJLS UPDATES

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

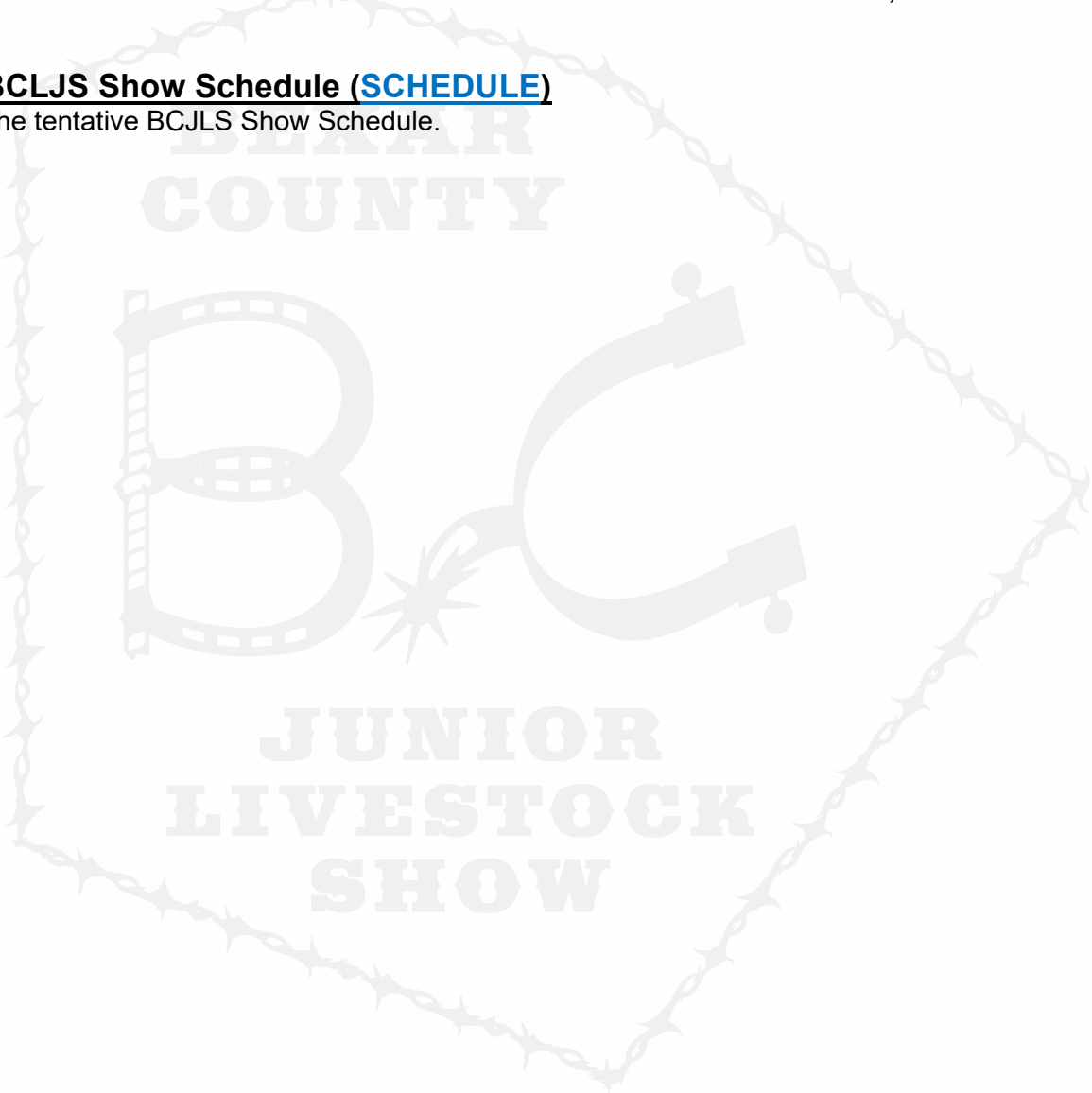
2024 BCJLS Show Dates

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

NEW

2024 BCLJS Show Schedule ([SCHEDULE](#))

This is the tentative BCJLS Show Schedule.



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

HORSE UPDATES

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

NEW

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show Information(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.](#)

- **Informational Meeting** Friday, June 12th from 12:00pm – 1:00pm via [Zoom](#)
- **RV spaces** may now be reserved using this [link](#). Please be aware that your credit card information will be gathered at the time of reservation, but your card will not be charged until the week of the show.
- **2024 Texas State 4-H Horse Show T-Shirt Preorders are [OPEN!](#) – DEADLINE July 5th**

District 10 4-H Horse Show Results POSTED!

Congratulations to all who competed in our annual District 10 4-H Horse Show. Full results can be found [HERE](#).

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

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

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.

Wellness Wednesday ([REGISTRATION](#))

Join us for the next "Wellness Wednesday" on July 10th, 2024.

Details:

Date: July 10th, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Bexar County AgriLife Urban Farm - Outdoor Classroom & Kitchen

Address: 1615 Sherman, San Antonio, TX 78202

Youth Summer Programming ([HATCHING](#)) ([GEM](#))

"Do you need youth programming for summer camps? We are currently scheduling classes! If you or anyone you know would be interested in a free series on mindfulness for youth, please get in touch with Michelle Hu at su-wheymichelle.hu@ag.tamu.edu or 210-631-0400 or Kayla Ayala at kayla.ayala@ag.tamu.edu for the Hatching in the Class Program.

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

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

2024 TFB Student Success Series Engage Program – DEADLINE July 15th

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

National 4-H Ignite Summit 2025 Dates Released

Ignite by 4 H, the National 4-H Council annual summit, returns for its third year in Washington D.C. from March 12-16, 2025, to inspire teens from all over the nation to find their spark in a multitude of topics across STEM, Ag, Healthy Living, and Belonging. High school aged teens can continue to fuel their career paths and build career readiness skills to lead for a lifetime. More information on registration fees, on sale dates, scholarships, and other details will be forthcoming. [Click here](#) to get updates.

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

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.

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.

NACAA Floral Design Jackpot (RULES) (ENTRY)

The National County Agricultural Agents meeting will be showcasing Texas 4-H, FFA, and Master Gardeners by having a Floral Design contest. In addition to award money, these designs will be centerpieces for the NACCA Conference hosted this July 13-18th in Dallas. Entries should showcase: Texas Agriculture, Texas 4H or FFA, Texas History, Native Plants of Texas, Etc. With questions, contact Brittnay.Meyer@ag.tamu.edu.

NEW

CEP Photography Contest (INFORMATION) (REGISTRATION) – DEADLINE July 15th

Registration for the CEP 4-H State Photography Contest will be done via a Google doc and entries are due by 5:00 PM on July 15th, 2024. Each 4-H member may enter up to three (3) photos. All entries from the same 4-H member must be in different categories. Photos must be taken by the 4-H member between June 9th, 2023 and July 15th, 2024. Entry into the contest is free for registration, access this link or email CEP 4-H Agent Nathan Tucker at: Nathan.Tucker@agnet.tamu.edu to receive the link or if you have any questions.

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

SHOOTING SPORTS

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

CCS Rodeo Warm-Up Sporting Clay and Whizbang Qualifier Shoot

Cornerstone Christian schools will be hosting a Whizbang Qualifier Shoot Saturday, September 21 at National Shooting Complex. SALE Jr. Shooting Qualifier Shoot. Registration is coming soon!

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

STEM

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

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!

CLOVER by 4-H x Google Activities ([ACTIVITY](#))

CLOVER by 4-H recently released three new activities, designed by the University of Georgia Extension and brought to you by Google, focused on educating youth about computer science with the help of Scratch. Scratch is a visual programming language designed to teach programming concepts fun and intuitively by allowing users to create animations, games, and interactive stories.

Youth are invited to complete the three activities, which are:

- Introducing Commands — an introduction to basic coding and using commands in Scratch. Explore the simple commands of "move" and "turn" by coding a graphic to complete a maze.
- Jumping Sprite — Introducing Functions — create a simple jumping game in Scratch to explore how functions are used.
- "Say My Name" Introducing Variables — an introduction to coding with variables in Scratch. During this activity, you will tell a story using code.

NEW

Make Your Own Outdoor Fun! ([LINK](#))

Get the satisfaction of making toys or gadgets to enjoy for hours outdoors! These activities let you experience fun new ways to make the most of nature. 4 H educators can assist youth with learning about the power of small adjustments in wind, solar, or water engineering — just by taking these creations outside to play!

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.

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](#)

Texas 4-H Center Events (REGISTRATION)

- 2024 Summer Camp Schedule: [County Camp, Prime Time & Horizons Schedule](#)
- Aperture Academy ([FLYER](#)): Event Dates: **July 7-10**. Registration is limited to 25 participants.
- Texas 4-H Roundup Community Service ([FLYER](#))

Texas 4-H Roundup Photos Available

All official photos from Texas 4-H Roundup contests, assemblies, and events are now available for FREE download on the [Texas 4-H Flickr](#).

National 4-H Index Needs YOU!

National 4-H Council would like to ask 4-H youth some questions about your experience in the 4-H program in 2023. This information will help them make sure future programs are even better. This can be shared with the youth participants: You don't have to do this if you don't want to, and you can leave any questions you don't want to answer blank, and you can stop any time you want. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want you to answer each question as honestly as you can. Thanks for your help!"

[Click here to complete survey.](#)

NEW

SAVE THE DATE: National 4-H Week!

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 6-13, 2024. This year's theme is "Beyond Ready." Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more information and resources coming soon!

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.

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.

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

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>