

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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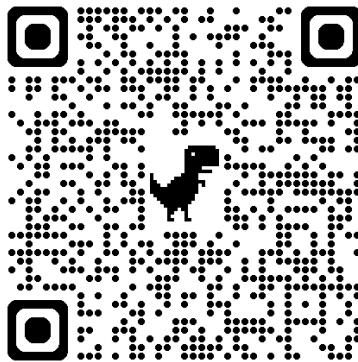
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Club Manager Reports: Last Page



BULLETIN BOARD

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JUL 13 – 18
JUL 21 – 27

NACAA Floral Design Jackpot – Pg. 14
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.

2024 – 2025 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

DISTRICT DATES

STATE DATES



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.

2024-2025 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings

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2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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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.

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](#)

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NEW

2025 Major Show Lamb/Goat Validation Tag Order (FORM) – DEADLINE August 9th

All lambs/goats to be shown at the 2025 Major Stock Shows must be validated. Cost will be \$18.00 per head by Friday, August 9, 2024. The price after August 9th will be \$35.00 per head. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

NEW

2025 Major Show Heifer Validation Tag Order (FORM) – DEADLINE August 9th

All heifers to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be state-validated. Cost will be \$27.00 per head. If you are showing through Bexar County 4-H, please return this form and fees to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230 by Friday, August 9th. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Validation will take place Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at East Central High School.

NEW

2025 Major Show Swine Validation Tag Order – DEADLINE September 6th

All swine to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be validated. The updated form coming soon.

NEW

2025 Major Show Broiler Order (FORM) – DEADLINE September 6th

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and San Antonio, Houston, and Rodeo Austin broiler orders are due to the Extension office by Friday, September 6th, 2024. A minimum of 25 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 (up to 75). The cost is \$1.55 per chick.

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. 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. Exhibitors must show in Ring A 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.

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BCJLS UPDATES

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

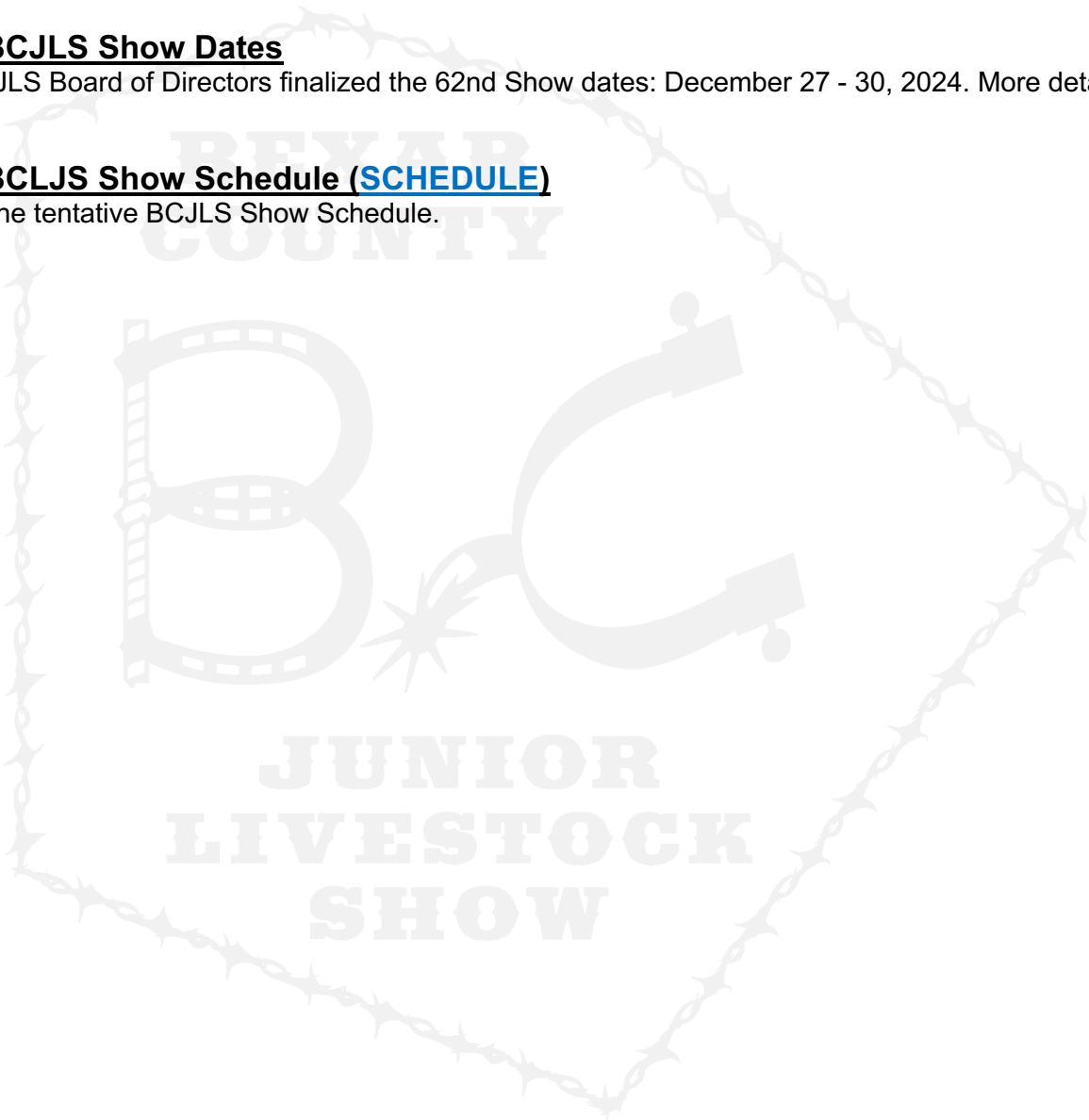
2024 BCJLS Show Dates

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

NEW

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

This is the tentative BCJLS Show Schedule.



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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**

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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.

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

Wellness Wednesday ([REGISTRATION](#))

Join us for the next "Wellness Wednesday" on August 14th, 2024.

Details:

Date: August 14th, 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.

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

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.](#)

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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.

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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!

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STEM

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

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.

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.

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!

NEW

Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador ([APPLICATION](#)) – [DEADLINE July 31st](#)

Applications for the 2024-2025 Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors are now open and will close at midnight on July 31, 2024. A promotional video overview of the team can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_Qpolx2HI4. As STEM Ambassadors, our mission is to educate communities about science, technology, engineering, and math opportunities; both inside and outside of 4-H, while learning essential skills in STEM, communication, and teamwork.

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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](#)

National 4-H Index Needs YOU! (SURVEY)

The 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.

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!

NEW

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H Day in Aggieland

Save the NEW date for 4-H Weekend in Aggieland. 4-H Day at COALS will be held on Friday, September 20th and 4-H Day in Aggieland will be held on Saturday, September 20th. On Saturday, we will host leadership opportunities and a tailgate, and offer discounted tickets to the Texas A&M football game. The Texas A&M Aggies will take on the Bowling Green Falcons at 6:30 PM in Kyle Field. More information will be available soon about the other events but purchase your tickets to the football game now! Click here to purchase tickets.

NEW

Texas 4-H Curriculum (RESOURCES)

Did you know Texas 4-H offers multiple resources for curriculum? Click here to see the frequently updated full list of what we have to offer!

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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>