

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



July 31, 2024

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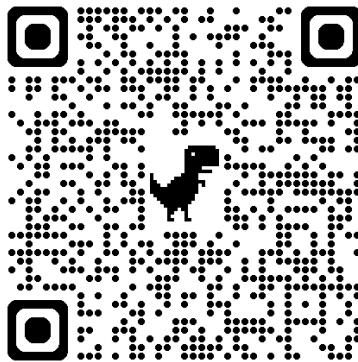
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Club Manager Reports: Last Page



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.

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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.

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

2024 – 2025 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 inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well. (RSVP LINK)
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 inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well. (RSVP LINK)
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 inexperienced project leaders will benefit as well. (RSVP LINK)
Livestock Coalition Meeting	9/10/2024 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Bexar County Extension Office, Suite 208 (RSVP LINK)	These will be tailored towards Project Leaders and Club Managers. This meeting is open to anyone who is involved in livestock projects and involved in stock shows.

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.

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 (FORM) – DEADLINE September 6th

All swine to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be validated. State tags will be \$18.00 per head. 'County Only' tags will be \$5 each. Payable to BCJLS at validation. 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, September 6th. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

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.

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.

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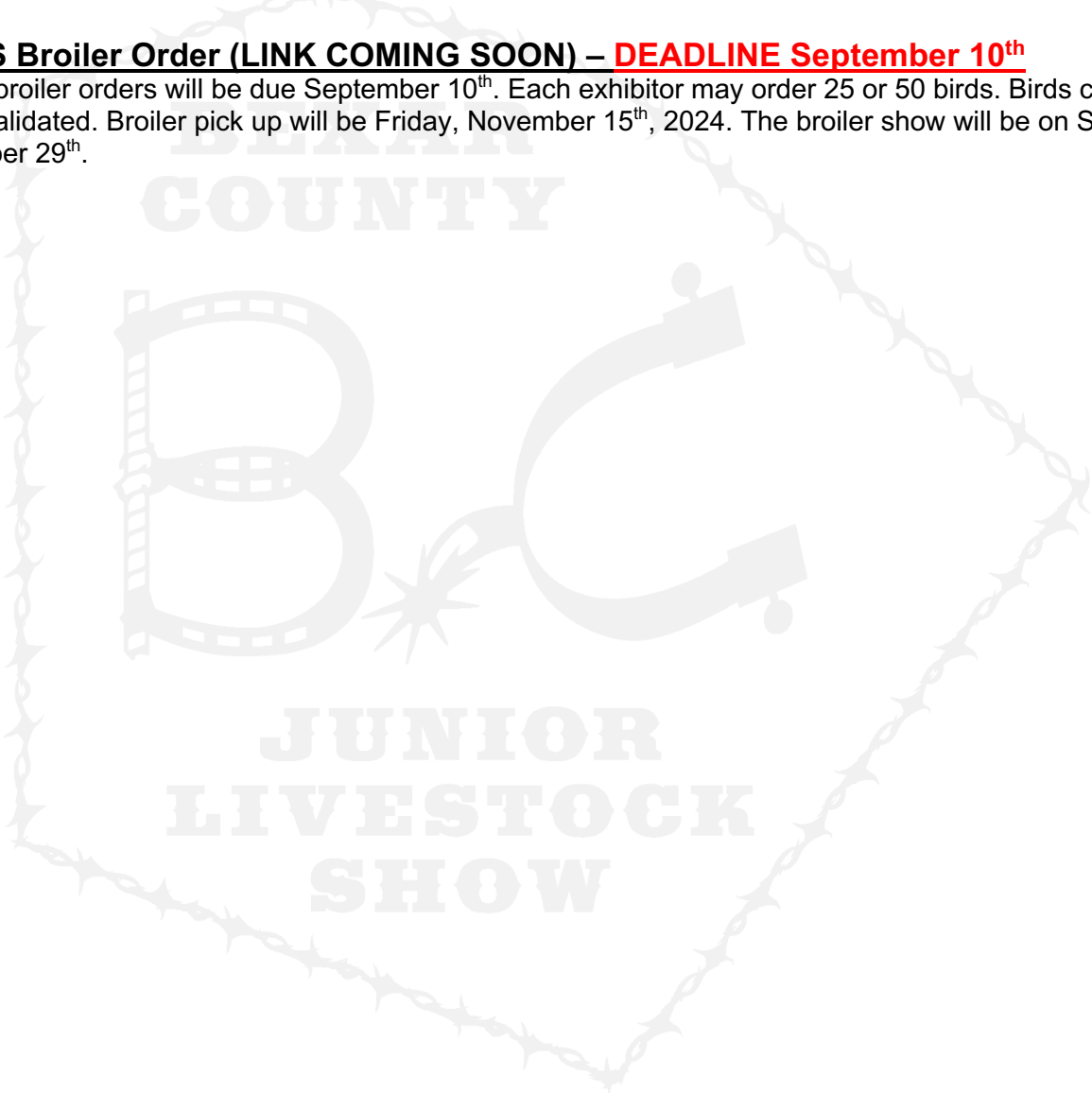
2024 BCLJS Show Schedule ([SCHEDULE](#))

This is the tentative BCJLS Show Schedule

NEW

BCLJS Broiler Order ([LINK COMING SOON](#)) – **DEADLINE September 10th**

BCJLS broiler orders will be due September 10th. Each exhibitor may order 25 or 50 birds. Birds can be family validated. Broiler pick up will be Friday, November 15th, 2024. The broiler show will be on Sunday, December 29th.



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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

Homes for Horses (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE August 15th

The Texas 4-H Homes for Horses program is entering its fourth year! To date, they've successfully assisted 32 horses in Texas. Given that Texas has the highest number of horses in the nation, our commitment to aiding at-risk or transitioning horses is more vital than ever. This program not only significantly enhances the welfare and training of horses, preventing abuse, abandonment, and neglect, but it also offers families a fantastic opportunity to experience horse ownership for a year. Additionally, participants in this program are eligible for \$10,000 in scholarships awarded at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show.

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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](#)) ([FLYER](#))

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.

NEW

2024 – 2025 Food Show and Food Challenge State Guidelines

The Texas 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge committees are pleased to release the 2024-25 guidelines for each of these contests! As you will see in the guidelines, there have been a few changes made. These changes are highlighted in each of the packets linked below. *A reminder that these changes are for the Texas 4-H STATE contests. County and district contest rules will vary so please review those guidelines related to those contests.*

Food Show:

[24-25 Rules & Guidelines PACKET](#)

[Food Show PREPARATION Scorecard](#)

[Food Show PRESENTATION Scorecard](#)

Food Challenge:

[24-25 Rules & Guidelines PACKET](#)

[Food Challenge PREPARATION Scorecard](#)

[Food Challenge PRESENTATION Scorecard](#)

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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.

NEW

Texas Farm Credit 2025 Calendar Photo Contest (ENTRY) – DEADLINE August 1st

The Texas Farm Credit annual photo contest has been a local tradition for over a decade, giving customers and employees the opportunity to have their photo displayed in their yearly wall calendar and a chance to win a cash prize. They're looking for horizontal photos, taken in Texas, that capture the rural lifestyle we all know and love. Pictures of farm life, livestock, agriculture planting, irrigation, harvest, rural Texas, barns, nurseries, timber forests, holiday and seasonal scenes, county fairs, 4-H or FFA events, farmer markets, beautiful scenery, family and kids, row crops, and country homes all qualify. [Click here for more information and to enter your photo.](#)

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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!

NEW

National 4-H Shooting Sports Team ([INFORMATION](#)) – [DEADLINE September 18th](#)

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team application for those that are applying to go to the 4-H National Championships in 2025 is NOW OPEN! It is on 4-H online titled "2024-2025 Texas Shooting Sports Team application". Members must be a current enrolled 4-H'er and be enrolled in the 2024-2025 4-H year to be eligible.

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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.

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.

NEW

STEM Anywhere, Anytime ([KIT](#))

Whether in the classroom or learning at home, *Food for Thought*, the 2024 STEM Challenge Kit fits seamlessly. Tailor the learning experience with individual or combined activities to meet diverse educational and tech access needs.

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GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

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NEW

New 4-H Year Resources

2024 – 2-25 Texas 4-H Year starts on September 1st, 2024

4HOnline opens for re-enrollment on August 15th, 2024

With the new 4-H year beginning September 1st, Clubs and Counties are beginning to gear up for the year ahead and making plans. The Texas 4-H office has some 4HOnline information to help new members get registered. As a reminder, Texas 4HOnline will be offline for annual maintenance August 13–14, 2024.

- [Download New Year 4HOnline Document](#)
- [4HOnline County Staff Guides Available - New Guides Added](#)
- [4HOnline County PowerPoint Training](#)

Other Helpful Guides:

- [Download-Family Enrollment Guides](#)
- [Youth – New | Renew | Processing](#)
- [Volunteer – New | Renew | Processing](#)
- [Download-Family Profiles](#)
- [Download-Family Account Editing](#)
- [Download-Family Account Duplicate Error](#)
- [Download-Family Credit Card Deleting](#)
- [Download-Family Password Reset](#)

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.

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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

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

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!

NEW

National 4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States ([FLYER](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

We would like to officially invite you and your 4-H volunteers to attend the 2024 4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States! This year's conference will begin on Thursday, October 3rd and end on October 6th. Below is the link to register and find more details about the conference. The Conference Overview tab at the top has many more conference details. [Conference website!](#)

NEW

2024 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([INFORMATION](#))

Event Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024

Registration: July 30th – August 9th

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting is an event that gives youth and adults the opportunity to expand their 4-H knowledge and meet 4-H members in District 10. Additionally, County Delegates are encouraged to attend and take part in our first District 10 4-H Council meeting for the year! District 10 4-H members are encouraged to join us for the 2024 District 10 4-H Mega Meeting held Saturday, August 17th, 2024 at Camp Fimfo (520 Whitewater Way, New Braunfels, TX 78132). This year's Mega Meeting will feature an interactive personal leadership assessment, life skills workshop and District-wide community service project! After lunch, all members are invited to Camp Fimfo's water park!

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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>