

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



September 4, 2024

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BULLETIN BOARD

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

Helotes 4-H Youth Day (FLYER)

Helotes 4-H Youth Day is set for September 7, 2024, and would love to invite all District 10 4-H members. This event will host a ceremony for retiring flags, cornhole tournaments for both adults/youth, and lunch/dinner will be provided. Attached is the flyer with more details and information for our Youth Day event. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to helotesunlimited@gmail.com or phone: 210.710.9576.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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

FALL & WINTER DATES

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza – Belton, TX	
REGISTRATION PERIOD: Aug. 16 – Sep. 10, 2024	
Sep. 13-14, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Rules & Guidelines • Website
District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Oct. 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 29, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W–F, Oct. 30 - Nov 1, 2024	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Dec. 4, 2024	• Food Challenge
Dec. 5, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Show • FCH Quiz Bowl • Entomology Judging
Dec. 6, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking • Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 6, 2025	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 4, 2025	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 5-7, 2025	
Mar. 2025	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 21, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 18, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 19-21, 2025	
Feb. 21, 2025	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 31, 2025	Photography Results Released

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Feb. 25, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 18, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 19-21, 2025	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 8, 2025	• Leaders 4 Life (Seguin, TX)
April 9, 2025	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 10, 2025	• Livestock Skillathon NEW!
April 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 14, 2025	• Livestock Judging
April 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Decision Making • Talent Showcase
April 25, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo) • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers • 4-H Storyboard
April 26, 2025	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
District 10 Horse Show	
<i>Due to low participation & increased costs for the past 2 years, the District 10 4-H program has decided not to host a Horse Show for the 24-25 year. We will promote other local events during the year for horse exhibitors.</i>	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Location TBD	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thursday, May 1, 2025	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 27, 2025	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 28-30, 2025	
TENTATIVE EVENT DATE: June 25-27, 2025	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, June 6, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 24, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 25-27, 2025	
EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 10, 2025	

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

<p>District 10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training</p>	<p>11/02/2024 – 11/03/2024</p>	<p>Guadalupe County Extension Office (210 East Live Oak Street, Seguin, TX 78155)</p>	<p>Disciplines Offered: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle Pistol, Muzzle Loading and Hunting and Wildlife Registration: Registration will be held on 4HOnline from September 10 – October 8. Adult & Youth participants MUST be enrolled on 4HOnline to register for this event.</p>
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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 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.
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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.

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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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.

NEW

Guadalupe Co. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (FLYER) – DEADLINE September 24th

Guadalupe County 4-H will be hosting a Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at the Country Church Arena (1005 W FM 78, Marion, Texas 78124) Entry Fee is \$40 per team/\$10 per individual. Please see flyer for more information.

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BCJLS UPDATES

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

NEW

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

This is the tentative BCJLS Show Schedule

NEW

BCLJS Broiler Order ([LINK](#)) – 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.

NEW

BCJLS Homesite, Land Range and Plant ID Contests ([INFORMATION](#))

BCJLS will host a Homesite, Land, Range and Plant ID Contest Monday, September 23rd at the BCJLS Land (Behind Martinez Hall: 7791 St. Hedwig Rd SA, TX 78220) Signup will be on JudgingCard.

NEW

Bathroom Benefit Bash – Cornhole Tournament, Mechanical Bull Riding, & Concert

BCJLS will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, October 5th at the BCJLS Showgrounds (7701 FM 1346 San Antonio, TX) \$20 per person at the gate, except the entry to the cornhole tournament covers the gate fee. The cornhole tournament is a 24-team, double elimination contest. Entry is \$100 per team with cash prizes to the top 3 teams. The tournament entry fee also gives access to the concert. Mechanical bull riding is \$5 per entry with a junior (18 and under) and senior (19+) division. Winners receive belt buckles. Kate Watson from American Idol performs at 8pm! [FLYER HERE](#)

JUNIOR
LIVESTOCK
SHOW

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HORSE UPDATES

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

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

NEW

Wellness Wednesday (REGISTRATION) (FLYER COMING SOON)

Join us for the next "Wellness Wednesday" on September 11th, 2024.

Details: Coming Soon

Date: September 11th, 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

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! *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](#)

NEW

SAVE THE DATE: Bexar County Food Challenge and Food Show Contest! (FLYER)

Save the date for the Bexar County 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Location to be determined.

NEW

Guadalupe County CDM Contest (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE September 24th

Guadalupe County invites 4-H members to the 2024 Guadalupe County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest on Saturday, September 28 at The Country Church in Marion, Texas. This contest will be held at the same time and location as the Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Cost is \$40 per team or \$10 for an individual. If you have any questions, please email: MJMiranda@ag.tamu.edu.

NEW

Guadalupe Co. Fair Food Challenge & Desserts on Display Contests

DEADLINE September 27th

Guadalupe County is inviting all 4-H members to the 2024 Guadalupe County Fair for the Desserts on Display Contest on Saturday, October 12 (Afternoon) & the Fair Food Challenge on Sunday, October 13. Below are links to entry information and forms. If you have any questions, please email:

MJMiranda@ag.tamu.edu

- [2024 Guadalupe County Fair Contest Entry Information](#)
- [YOUTH Desserts on Display Flyer](#) and [ADULT Desserts on Display Flyer](#)
- [Fair Food Challenge Flyer](#)

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

NEW

National 4-H Ignite Summit 2025

Join National 4-H at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C., for Ignite by 4-H! The four-day interactive summit helps teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration, and peer connections. Ignite is a step forward in the journey of becoming beyond ready. At Ignite, teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds and their world — becoming resilient and READY for everything life has to offer. The possibilities are endless at Ignite by 4-H. Special **Early Bird Rate ends October 15th**.

- Teens: \$1,200 per person (*double occupancy*)
- Adults: \$1,650 per person (*single occupancy*)

For a limited time only, while quantities last, buy the Teen Ticket Bundle value pack, where you will receive five (5) teen tickets for the price of four (4). Registration will be open until SOLD OUT or November 25th. Attendee names are not required to purchase, and one point of contact can be the purchaser for their group. All names are due by December 2nd, so don't miss out — buy your tickets today! [Click here to get started.](#)



NEW

Spark 2024! – DEADLINE October 28th

Mark your calendars for Spark 2024! Spark is an exciting experience at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood for 3rd through 8th grade 4-H members to learn, grow, and have FUN! The 24-25 Texas 4-H Council will be hosting "Camo and Crowns" November 8-10. Registration is \$170/participant and will be open September 1-October 28. [Click here for more information and for the registration link.](#)

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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.

2025 Junior Master Gardener National Leader Training ([INFORMATION](#))

It's almost time to register for the 2025 Junior Master Gardener National Leader Training! This year's NLT is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the JMG program and will be held virtually from February 18th-19th.

Registration Details:

- \$70 Conference Registration Fee
- 4 interesting and impactful conference tracks
- **Hands-on** curriculum sessions
- Earn certificate with **26 CEU hours!**
- Door prizes every session
- Access to recorded sessions for 4 months!

The Basics of Plant ID, Phelology & Value ([INFO](#)) – [DEADLINE September 19th](#)

This workshop will help participants learn the basics of plant ID and how to each others. Participants will learn the plant list used by 4-H/FFA for contests. This half day workshop will feature hands-on learning in the field. Drinks, snacks and lunch are provided. Fee is \$75.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

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

NEW

Upcoming Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings!

District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Encino, TX) – DEADLINE September 15th

- When: September 21 – 22, 2024
- Registration Period: August 15 – **September 15, 2024**
- Where: [Encino, Texas at La Copa Ranch](#) (5432 S US Hwy 281, Encino, TX 78353)
- Cost: \$150 (Includes meals, materials, lunch/steak dinner, and polo)
- Disciplines: Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzle Loading and Pistol
- [Release Letter](#) and [Flyer](#)

District 9 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Beaumont, TX) – DEADLINE September 4th

- When: September 27 – 28, 2024
- Registration Period: August 15 – **September 4, 2024 (\$120)**
- Late Registration: September 5 – **September 9, 2024 (\$150)**
- Where: [Jefferson County AgriLife Extension Office](#) (1225 Pearl St. Ste 200, Beaumont, TX 77701)
- Cost: \$120 (Includes meals – Friday Dinner, Saturday lunch, and snacks, materials)
- Disciplines: Archery Shotgun, Pistol, Rifle, and Hunting and Wildlife
- [Release Letter](#) and [Website](#)

District 4 Shooting Sports Coach Training (New Boston, TX) – DEADLINE September 25th

- When: October 12 – 13, 2024
- Registration Period: September 11 – **September 25, 2024**
- Where: [Bowie County Courthouse](#) (710 James Bowie Dr., New Boston, TX 75570)
- Cost: \$125 (Includes meals and materials)
- Disciplines: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol and Archery
- [Release Letter](#) and [Flyer](#)

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Seguin, TX) – DEADLINE October 8th

- When: November 2 – 3, 2024
- Registration Period: September 10 – October 8, 2024 (\$130)
- Late Registration: October 9 – October 11, 2024 (\$150)
- Where: [Guadalupe County Extension Office](#) (210 E Live Oak St, Seguin, TX 78155)
- Cost: \$130 (Includes meals and materials)
- Disciplines: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle Pistol, Muzzle Loading and Hunting and Wildlife
- **Releases Letter and Flyer COMING SOON**

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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!

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 and titled “2024-2025 Texas Shooting Sports Team application”. Members must be current enrolled 4-H'er and be enrolled in the 2024-2025 4-H year to be eligible.

Bexar 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports 12th Annual Bexar Junior Shoot-Out

Bexar 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports is hosting the 12th Annual Bexar Junior Shoot-Out, a rodeo qualifier event. It will be held at the San Antonio Gun Club, 928 Contour Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212 on Saturday, November 23rd, with a Mandatory Safety Orientation at 8am. Will be on iclays.com. For any questions contact info@bexar4hpaperpunchers.org.

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STEM

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

Once in a Wild Program ([BOOK ENCOUNTER](#))

Go wild with San Antonio's premier mobile zoo offering interactive live animal experiences! Serving the greater San Antonio area and beyond, this program is looking to partner with schools and 4-H clubs to bring the wonder of wildlife directly to you! This program offers:

- Working with 4-H agents to enhance afterschool programming at grade schools with special Once in a Wild appearance.
- Offering multi-week Zoology project classes for 4-Hers on the club or county level.
- Enhancing club, county, or district events with fun and interactive activations such as Meet & Greets and Petting Zoos.

Depending on the class size, these specialized STEAM lessons can range from \$10-25 per session for each student!

Ag Robotics 2024 – 2025 Theme & Rules Released!

We are excited to announce that the game mat and game piece supply list for this year's AgRobotics contests is now available [HERE](#). This year's theme is titled *Coastal Cultivators* which focuses on agriculture, aquaculture, and resource stewardship along the coast.

The following major stock shows will use this game during the 2024-2025 4-H year:

- State Fair of Texas – October 17, 2024
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – January 31, 2025
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo – February 13, 2025
- Rodeo Austin – March 26, 2025
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo – April 12, 2025

You can obtain a game mat via the following:

1. Teams can download & print a practice mat at a print shop using the linked PDF [HERE](#).
2. Teams can purchase a mat from Geyer who can print and direct ship game mats to you.
 - a. [4H AgRobotics Robotics Challenge Mat: Coastal Cultivators, Robotics Mat \(2024/2025\) - Geyer Instructional Products](#)

Use Code **5FORYOU** – For Free Shipping and 5% Off

Atascosa County 4-H Robotics Workshop ([FLYER](#)) – [DEADLINE September 27th](#)

Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers and leaders are invited to come learn how to implement 4-H Robotics in your club or school! The workshop will be held on October 5th, 2024. RSVP is required by [September 27th](#) to the Atascosa County Extension Office at 830-569-0034. Details for the event are linked below!

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24 – 25 TX 4-H Junior Master Photography Workshops ([FLYER](#)) ([INFORMATION](#))

Unleash your creativity and dive into the world of photography with the Junior Master Photographer (JMP) program! Join us for two hands-on workshops designed just for you, the budding photographer. Open to all intermediate and senior 4-H members. Sign up on 4-H Online! Each workshop is \$50. For more information contact D-Bruton@tamu.edu.

JMP Workshop I – Dallas

Date: Saturday, September 21st

Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX

Cost: \$50

September 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Register August 30th – **September 15th**

JMP Workshop II – Dallas

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX

Cost: \$50

December 7th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Register November 10th – **December 1st**

Cultivating Tomorrow's Food Leaders with the 2024 STEM Challenge ([KIT](#))

The 2024 4-H STEM Challenge, *Food for Thought*, is available for purchase. The kit provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore the topic of food security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change in their communities. Developed by Council and 4-H educators from LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the new STEM Challenge is a collection of three activities that equip kids with STEM-based skills as they embark on a journey to learn more about food security.

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NEW

New 4-H Year Resources

2024 – 2025 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](#)

NEW

2024 – 2025 Bexar County 4-H Planning Survey (SURVEY)

We would appreciate feedback from 4-H members, parents, and club leadership to assist us with determining a need for different project training opportunities. If you or your club would be interested in training or project support, please complete the survey above.



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.

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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Fostering Belonging in 4-H (GUIDE)

The 4-H Thriving Model emphasizes belonging as a foundation for positive youth development. **Harmony Academy**, in collaboration with the National 4-H Council, offers free resources to help!

NEW

4-H and FFA Weekend In Aggieland (INFORMATION) (REGISTRATION) (TICKETS)

4-H Day in Aggieland will be joining together with our friends at Texas FFA for 4-H AND FFA Weekend in Aggieland! On Friday, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be offering several educational opportunities and on Saturday, they will be hosting a Fightin' Texas Aggie tailgate for all attendees ahead of the Texas A&M Aggies football game. See the attachment to this email for more information and a schedule for the weekend. Registration, and tickets are available now at the links below. Note the deadlines:

- Educational Day with COALS and Tailgate registration closes **September 11 at 11:59 PM**
- Football ticket sales close **September 19 at 8 AM**

NEW

National 4-H Week! October 6th – 12th (RESOURCES)

National 4-H Week is held each year as an opportunity to celebrate our life-changing, positive youth development across the nation. This year, National 4-H Week will be held October 6-12, 2024. The theme for the week is "*Beyond Ready*" celebrating the difference that 4-H makes in young people's lives, allowing them to be beyond ready for whatever they chase after in life. This is an excellent opportunity to promote your life-changing local program to youth in your county, but also to engage alumni in your area who can attest to the point that 4-H did indeed help them become "beyond ready" to succeed. There are several resources available in both English and Spanish to help you promote National 4-H Week in your county

National 4-H Volunteer Conference of the Southern States 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!](#)

GLOBE Program 2024 – 2025 (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE September 20th

The Texas 4-H GLOBE program provides local, state, and international experiences for 4-H youth in grades 7-11. Activities aim to open youth's eyes to cultural awareness, hunger, food security, and poverty while challenging youth to take humanitarian action. With questions, contact: Dr. Darlene Locke, 979-314-8141 or darlene.locke@aq.tamu.edu.

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Introducing the Official Texas 4-H Podcast! (Episode 1)

Exciting News! Texas 4-H now has an official podcast: Deep in the Heart of Texas 4-H! Check it out wherever you listen & you get your podcasts. Check for a new episode every other Monday.



2025 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook RELEASED – DEADLINE May 6th

The Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook has been posted to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>. Remaining contest information should be online by September 15th.

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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>