

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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MAJOR SHOW ENTRIES

This section will highlight critical deadlines, and information on the upcoming Major Stock Show Season.

2025 Major Show Entry: November 1st – November 8th – DEADLINE November 8th

Entries will be accepted at the Bexar County Extension Office from November 1st to November 8th from 8:30 am – 11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Appointments will also be available on November 1st, 5th and 7th.

- **ALL entries (Fort Worth Stock Show, San Angelo Stock Show, Texas Elite, Rodeo Austin, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show, Hill District Grandstand and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo) will be due November 8th. Any entries submitted AFTER November 8th will incur a \$100 fee.**
- **You are responsible for doing your own entries for Hill District Grandstand and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo online.**
- **If you are needing a San Antonio Premium Pass, please notify Kennedy Green by October 31st. They are \$500 each.**
- **Major Show Entry appointments, please click [HERE](#).**
- **We will need**
 - **MUST BE** an enrolled 4-H Member for the 2024 – 2025 year
 - **Valid Quality Counts** number that is up to date for age division. ([QUALITY COUNTS INFORMATION](#))
 - Child Social Security Number
 - Entry forms can be printed in advance and brought with you or picked up at the County Extension Office
 - **Breeding animals:** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring registration papers.
 - **Cash or check ONLY** to cover entry fee. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund
- **TEAM COMPETITIONS (INCLUDING SAN ANTONIO) – DEADLINE November 8th**
 - 1 Team coach/parent will bring all money and forms for registration to the Extension office.
 - **ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE LISTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**
 - The person completing team registration will need all the required information for each team member at the time of registration.
 - Please be aware of show Team Limits
 - All competitions with team limits will be determined by county qualifying contests.
- **Premium Books**
 - [Hill District Grandstand Show](#)
 - [Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo](#)
 - [San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo](#)
 - [San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo](#)
 - [Texas Elite Showcase](#)
 - [Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo](#)
 - [Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show](#)
 - Rodeo Austin (PREMIUM BOOK COMING SOON)

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, 2025

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@aq.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

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	• Food Show • FCH Quiz Bowl • Entomology Judging
Dec. 6, 2024	• 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. 10, 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
Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship	
APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2024	
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2025 @11:59PM	
Nov. 1, 2024	Scholarship Guidelines Released
Feb. 15, 2025	Scholarship Applications Close
Apr. 25-27, 2025	Interviews in College Station, TX
Information	Texas 4-H Foundation Website

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	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 14, 2025	• Livestock Judging
April 24, 2025	• Consumer Decision Making • Talent Showcase
April 25, 2025	• 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 – Alto Frio	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thursday, May 1, 2025	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 27, 2025	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 28-30, 2025	
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

District 10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training	11/02/2024 – 11/03/2024	Guadalupe County Extension Office (210 East Live Oak Street, Seguin, TX 78155)	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.
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2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates
November 20th, January 15th, March 19th, May 21st (Office Elections)

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.

2024 – 2025 Livestock Project Meetings



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 23rd 3:00 – 6:00pm [James Madison](#)

Kerr County Classic ([FLYER](#))

Kerr County will be hosting a Classic Lamb and Goat Show October 19th, 2024 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center, Contact Kerr 4-H at 830-257-6568 with questions.

Atascosa County Fair & Double Trouble Prospect Show – [DEADLINE October 18th](#)

Atascosa County Fair Association would like to invite 4-H members to their annual prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer and Steer Show on Saturday, October 26th, 2024.

- **Where:** Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena (561 FM 3350 Jourdanton, TX 78026)
- **Entry Form and Event Details** [HERE](#)
- **Questions?** Contact Dale Rankin 830-569-0034 or Julius Korus, Jr. 830-570-3366

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Southern Classic Youth Livestock Project Experience (FLYER) (REGISTRATION)

The Southern Classic will be December 13-14 at the Brazos County Expo (5827 Leonard Rd, Bryan, TX 77807). Registration is \$40 per family, until December 8. Rabbit & Poultry workshops will be held on Saturday (12/14). Registration is \$15 per family, per session. Send payment to the Brazos County Extension Office (4153 County Park Court, Bryan, TX 77802). Make checks payable to Southern Classic.

District 9 Invitational Quiz Bowl (FLYER)

District 9 will host an annual Invitational Quiz Bowl contest Friday, January 10th, 2025 at the Walker County Storm Shelter. Registration will open in 4HOnline on December 4th.

The Eagle Ford Shale Showdown (FLYER) – DEADLINE October 20th

Karnes County will be hosting the Eagle Ford Shale Showdown on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. It will be held at the Karnes County Show Barn (1480 CR 345, Karnes City, TX 78118)

Dove Country Classic Steer Show (FLYER)

Karnes County will be hosting the Dove Country Classic Steer Show on Saturday, November 16th, 2024. It will be held at the Karnes County Show Barn (1480 CR 345, Karnes City, TX 78118)

Erath County Cowboy Showdown Buckle Blowout Jackpot Show (FLYER)

Erath County will be hosting a Cowboy Showdown Buckle Blowout Jackpot Show, taking place in Stephenville, TX at the Erath County Fairgrounds (2389 FM 205, Stephenville, TX 76401) on November 16th – 17th, 2024.

2025 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book (RULES)

Please see the flyer for the 2025 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules. While there are a few minor changes, the HUGE change is in location and time frame. After an overwhelming response to our survey, we will be moving to the Hill Country Youth Activity Center in Kerrville, Texas. The traditional dates of the Dog Show are not available at this location, so this will require us to move to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 8-10, 2025.

Dimmit County Classic Prospect Show (FLYER)

Dimmit County will be hosting a Non-Sanction Prospect Show on December 7th – 8th at the Dimmit County Rodeo Arena and Conference Center (539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834)

Brunet and Travis County 4-H Livestock Clinics (SIGN UP)

Travis County and Burnet County 4-H are teaming up to host livestock clinics in November.

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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 BCLJS Show Schedule and Rules (SCH EDULE) (RULES)

This is the BCJLS Show Schedule and rules.

62nd BCLJS Entries are OPEN! – DEADLINE November 1st

New This Year

Each exhibitor is now responsible for entering their own entries into ShoWorks online and paying for them directly. Clubs/Chapters are no longer required to collect and pay for the entire group. However, if a club chooses to do so, they still can, but they will be responsible to manage the check-in and auction account. Clubs can view entries and will need to approve entries made under their name.

Why the Change?

1. The majority of Clubs/Chapters requested this change, particularly regarding the handling of funds.
2. More importantly, ShoWorks now offers new features that require exhibitors to log into their accounts.

These features include:

- Online check-in at the show, including submitting weight cards
- Uploading photos for the auction
- Managing auction add-ons

We must emphasize the importance of exhibitors remembering their passwords to complete these tasks above.

Entry Process

Exhibitors familiar with ShoWorks can begin submitting entries today (October 1st). A training video will be available this weekend for those unfamiliar with ShoWorks. If you are new to the platform, we highly recommend watching the video before submitting your entry.

We suggest creating entries using "Passport" instead of "Exhibitor."

Online entries can be submitted at: <https://bexar.fairwire.com>.

Important Deadlines and Assistance

- **Entry Deadline: November 1, 2024 at 11:59 pm**
- If technical issues arise, reasonable accommodations will be provided for exhibitors who contact us before the deadline.
- Submit any questions via email to: techsuper@bcjls.com. Please note, that we all have full-time jobs, so responses will not be immediate.

Entry Training Video

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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.

Wellness Wednesday ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([FLYER](#))

Join us for the next "Wellness Wednesday" on November 13th, 2024.

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Cody Library

Address: 11441 Vance Jackson Rd, San Antonio TX 78230

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! *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](#)

2024 – 2025 State Talent Showcase Contest Guidelines UPDATE ([GUIDELINES](#))

The 2024-2025 Talent Showcase State contest has been updated! Please keep in mind that these changes apply only to the Texas 4-H STATE contests. Questions? Join the Virtual Q&A Session on October 21, 2024 at 11AM. [Join the meeting now](#)

2024 – 2025 State Fashion and Interior Design Contest Guidelines UPDATE

The 2024-2025 Fashion & Interior Design State contests have been updated! Please keep in mind that these changes apply only to the Texas 4-H STATE contests. The official rules and guidelines for state contests can be found on the [Texas 4-H Fashion and Interior Design webpage](#).

Duds to Dazzle & Fashion Show Workshop ([RSVP](#)) ([FLYER](#))

Come join us for a 4-H Duds to Dazzle & Fashion Show Contest Workshop! This workshop would benefit youth interested in fashion, sewing skills, and the 4-H contest rules. It will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Bexar County Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Suite 208, San Antonio, TX 78230) RSVP is required.

Tom Green 4-H Invitational Food Challenge ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([GUIDELINES](#))

TGC 4-H will once again be hosting an invitational food challenge contest open to ANY 4-H teams. Don't miss your chance to compete—limited to the first 50 paid teams!

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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

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.](#)



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.](#)

American Farm Bureau Convention for Youth (FLYER)

Save the date for the 4-H, FFA, and Jr. MANRRS Youth Leadership Program to take place Sunday, January 26, 2025, from 8:00-5:00 p.m. at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. This program offers learning opportunities designed for youth leaders and FREE registration for 4-H, FFA and Jr. MANRRS members (and their chaperones) to attend the AFBF Convention in San Antonio, Texas. A formal invitation will be sent once registration opens.

Virtual 4-H Public Speaking Project Group (FLYER) (RSVP)

Are you interested in developing your public speaking skills? Then the Virtual 4-H Public Speaking Project Group is for you! Youth will gain experience and enhance their public speaking project. Youth will need to be an enrolled 4-H member in their local County program. To receive the initial meeting link (TEAMS), the youth will need to register below: The meeting link will be sent by noon on October 17th. **First Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th 6:30 pm via TEAMS** Questions? Contact Cory.Hundl@ag.tamu.edu

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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 to 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!

Texas Arbor Day (PROMOTION) (T-SHIRTS)

Celebrate Texas Arbor Day on Nov. 1 by exploring how you can *treet* trees well. Their theme this year is *Treet Texas Well*. They have celebration ideas, activities, and more for communities and classrooms available here: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/arborday/>. They are also selling t-shirts this year. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will benefit future Texas Arbor Day celebrations and the [TreeCovery fund](#).

4-H Sportfishing Project/Fly Fishing Leader Training (FLYER)

Registration is currently open for the **4-H Sportfishing Project/Fly Fishing Leader Training** to be held **October 18-19, 2024** in Bastrop. This training is open to any adult or Senior Division 4-H member who wants to learn to be a leader in this project and learn how to teach fly fishing. This training will cover the basics of fishing in general and all attendees will receive the **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Angler Education Instructor Certification**. **TPWD Fly Fishing Instructor certification and curriculum** will also be available to each participant to use in their county program.

2024 – 2025 Natural Resources Photography Contest (RULES) (FLYER)

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest. It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties
- Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state contest
- Entry timeline is December 1-15
- No late entries accepted

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2024 – 2025 State Photography Contest (INFORMATION)

The rules for the 2024-2025 state contest are also attached. For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. We have added 3 new categories this year, as such each county may now submit a maximum of 18 total photos (1 photo per category). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 18 categories (includes a new “Patriotic” theme for this year)
- Entry timeline is April 1-15
- No late entries accepted

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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 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Sequin, TX) – DEADLINE PASSED

- When: October 19 – 20, 2024
- Registration Period: September 16 – 29 (\$75)
- Late Registration: September 30 – October 6 (\$200)
- Where: Permian Basin Young Guns (3802 ECR 160, Midland, TX 79706)
- Cost: \$75 **LATE \$200**
- Disciplines: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol
- [Release Letter](#) and [Flyer](#)

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Sequin, TX) – DEADLINE PASSED

- 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](#)

District 8 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Stephenville, TX) – DEADLINE October 26th

- When: November 9 – 10, 2024
- Registration Period: October 26, 2024 (\$130)
- Where: [Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center](#) (1229 US-281, Stephenville, TX 76401)
- Cost: \$130 (Includes meals and materials)
- Disciplines: Archery, Hunting & Wildlife, Shotgun, Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloading and Western Heritage
- [Release Letter](#) and [Flyer](#)

District 1 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Amarillo, TX) – DEADLINE October 18th

- When: November 9 – 10, 2024
- Registration Period: October 18, 2024 (\$130)
- Where: [District 1 AgriLife Extension Office](#) (6500 W Amarillo Blvd, Amarillo, TX 79106)
- Cost: \$130 (Includes meals and materials)
- Disciplines: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol
- [Release Letter](#) and [Flyer](#)

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SHOOTING SPORTS

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

2024 – 2025 Central Region Shooting Sports Coach Training (Archer City, TX)

DEADLINE November 6th

- When: November 16 – 17, 2024
- Registration Period: November 6, 2024 (\$130)
- Cost: \$130 (Includes meals and materials)
- Disciplines: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzle Loading and Western Heritage
- [Flyer](#)

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

Bexar 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports is hosting the 12th Annual Bexar Junior Shoot-Out, a SALE Junior Shoot-Out qualifier event. It will be held at the San Antonio Gun Club, 928 Contour Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212 on Saturday, November 16th, with a mandatory Safety Orientation at 8am. Registration is open on iclays.com. For questions, please see the attached flyer, or contact: info@bexar4hpaperpunchers.org.

Wilson County Archery Project 10th Annual Clout Tournament (REGISTRATION)

Wilson County 4-H invites 4-H members to their annual Clout Tournament on November 9, 2024 at the Helton Sports Fields (2785 County Rd 128, Floresville, TX). Pre-registration via mailed entries is due by November 5, 2024. Onsite registration is available on the day of the event. Please see event flyer/registration form [HERE](#). Questions? Contact Cindi Luna at calsgh@msn.com or call/text 512-914-1212.

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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! 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:

- 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

Guadalupe County 4-H Sumobots! ([FLYER](#))

Guadalupe County 4-H invites you to the 2024 Robotics sumo bot contest on Saturday, December 7 at the Big Red Barn in Seguin. We will send the registration form asap.

Erath County 4-H Robotics Showdown ([FLYER](#))

Erath County will be hosting their annual Robotics Competition on November 15th, 2024. Registration is \$100 per team, and the top teams in each age category will be awarded belt buckles.

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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 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.

New Photography Judging Practice Sets Available ([RESOURCES](#))

New practice sets have been added to the Texas 4-H website that you can use in coaching your teams or putting on your own practice contest. As a reminder, youth DO give oral reasons at the state contest.

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New 4-H Year Resources

The Texas 4-H office has some 4HOnline information to help new members get registered.

- [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](#)

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!

Introducing the Official Texas 4-H Podcast! (Episode 3)

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.

Bexar County 4-H Awards Handbook – DEADLINE June 13, 2025 (HANDBOOK)

We are excited to release the Bexar County 4-H awards handbook for 2025. This handbook is being released early in the year to allow 4-H members who wish to apply for awards the entire year to work towards achieving the requirements.

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Bexar County Kids Kows and More Volunteers – November 14th

Bexar County will be hosting our annual Kids Kows and More Ag Literacy fair on November 14th at the cattle barn on the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo grounds. We need 4-H members to serve as group leaders, station volunteers, and general help on November 13th for setup and the event on the 14th. The main fair will last from approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Excused Absence Policy and Procedures – [UIL Side-By-Side Guidelines Link](#)

• Process steps

1. The Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service Office will use registrations to send excused absence requests and academic eligibility checks directly to the school for all contests.
 - Should you register for a contest as a 4-H member through judgingcard or other third-party registration system, it is your responsibility to notify the county extension office in a timely manner.
2. Schools will complete the eligibility check and determine if excused absences will be granted
 - Bexar County 4-H staff works hard yearly to maintain adjunct faculty agreements with all 19 school districts in Bexar County to facilitate these requests.
 - Excused absence requests will include all days you might be at a contest, show, or trip under the supervision of a Bexar County Extension employee or a 4-H volunteer.
3. If there is an issue with the academic eligibility check, Kevin will call you directly.
 - If you wish to confirm the academic check, you are welcome to contact the Bexar County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office.

• Items of Note

1. The request for an excused absence from our office is simply a request. Schools have the right to decline the request at their discretion.
 - If the request is denied, the family must work out the issue with the school directly
2. 4-H excused absences are governed by UIL side-by-side guidelines and adhere to the same rules used for school athletic, academic, or extracurricular activities.
3. Excused absences are limited to 10 district absences/5 post-district absences/2 additional max.
 - Distribution of these days is up to the schools and is not controlled by the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service Office
 - We recommend that for competitions that might require multiple days (e.g., major stock shows), a parent or other family member handles the arrival and early care of the animal, if possible, and the exhibitor participates in the final show prep and active showing of the animal to minimize days needed for excused absences.
 - **The Bexar County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service does not condone the care or preparation of show animals at a show by third-party individuals who are not members of the exhibitor's immediate family without a member of the exhibitor's family present at all times.**

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District 10 4-H Fall Roundup (GUIDE) – DEADLINE October 29th

Late Registration: Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st - \$40.00 Fee per contest

The District 10 4-H Roundup event is held twice a year to allow 4-H members to showcase their knowledge and talents. District 10 4-H members of all age divisions are welcome to compete in any of the contests offered (granted they meet the criteria of the event). The rules apply to all Fall Roundup District contests unless otherwise stated in the contest's specific rules. Schedule below:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- Food Challenge
- 9:00AM – Check-in Opens
- 10:00AM – Contest Begins, awards immediately follows.

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- Food Show
- 8:00AM – Check-in Opens
- 9:00AM – Contest Begins
- FCH Quiz Bowl
- 12:30PM – Check-in Opens
- 1:00PM - Orientation Begins, contest immediately follows.
- Entomology Judging
- 1:30PM – Check-in Opens
- 2:00PM – Contest Begins (Youth competing in FCH Quiz Bowl will be able to start after official start time.)

Friday, December 6, 2024

- Educational Presentation/Public Speaking
- 8:00AM – Check-in Opens
- 8:30AM – Orientation Begins, contest immediately follows.
- Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
- 1:00PM – Check-in Opens
- 1:30PM – Orientation Begins, contest immediately follows.

NEW

District 10 4-H Fall Roundup: Volunteers Needed! (SIGN-UP)

We need judges & youth/adult volunteers for the following events:

- **Dec. 4th – Food Challenge: Need Judges, Group Leaders, Runners & Awards Program – (Adults & Youth)**
 - Volunteers arrive at 9:30AM (Kerrville – Hill Country Youth Event Center). Contest concludes approximately ~4 PM (Judging will likely conclude around Noon-1pm) - Lunch provided.
- **Dec. 5th – Food Show: Need Judges, Group Leaders, Runners & Awards Program – (Adults & Youth)**
 - Volunteers arrive at 8:00AM (Kerrville – Hill Country Youth Event Center).
 - Contest concludes approximately ~12 Noon - Lunch provided.
- **Dec. 6th – Educational Presentation/Public Speaking: Judges – (Adults only)**
 - Judges arrive at 8:30AM (Kerrville – Our Lady of the Hills School). Contest concludes approx. ~12 Noon - Lunch provided.

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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.

DUE BY THE 25th OF EACH MONTH



LINK: <https://forms.gle/MMzKsUZ95BJChTiM9>