

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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BULLETIN BOARD

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

District 10 4-H Fall Roundup Results Posted

To find all official announced placings for all District 10 Fall Roundup contests, please click the links below! You can also find all results archived [HERE](#) throughout the 4-H year. Additionally, you will notice on Senior results the top placings needed to qualify for Texas 4-H State Roundup in June are noted.

[Food Challenge](#)
[Entomology Judging](#)
[Livestock Quiz Bowl](#)

[Food Show](#)
[Educational Presentation](#)
[Horse Quiz Bowl](#)

[FCH Quiz Bowl](#)
[Public Speaking](#)



Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. School Tours Sign-up

The School Tours Program offers students a wonderful opportunity to practice the leadership skills that 4-H strives to develop in our youth. As we prepare for the upcoming San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, we are looking for enthusiastic, responsible students in grades 9 -12 (Special exceptions can be made for deserving 8th grade students) to take part in this unique leadership opportunity. Your students will grow by being tour guides to younger children and by educating them on agriculture and its' importance to our daily lives.

Requirements

- Enrolled in Bexar County 4-H
- Currently in 9th-12th grade
- Attend orientation meeting prior to tour date
- Volunteer from 7:45am-2:30pm on tour day

Registration

- Sign up via QR code or link below
- Final Dates: February 14th, 18th, and 19th.
- **DEADLINE: Friday, December 13th @ 5:00pm**

Link

<https://forms.gle/DWsCWUSvK7tvSuyu8>



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LINK: <https://forms.gle/3wZCGaa856jqH1Xh9>

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@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

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

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2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates
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.

2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship (SCHOLARSHIPS) (RESOURCES)

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion). The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Over 200 academically competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$30,000. No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than \$1,000. For most of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration.

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 1, 2024 – FAFSA OPENS
- January 31, 2025 – FAFSA DEADLINE
- **February 15, 2025– DEADLINE to Apply** *Note: *Online portal closes at 11:59 PM*
- April 25-27, 2025 – Interviews (College Station)
- May 2025 – Award Notifications
- June 4-5, 2025 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station at Texas 4-H Roundup

NEW THIS YEAR:

- A CEA Verification Form will require a CEA signature. The form will need to be signed/uploaded before submitting the application.
- The top-ranking scholars will be invited back for virtual interviews May 2-4 to interview for a \$30,000 scholarship.

Texas 4-H Foundation Grant (RULES & GUIDELINES) – DEADLINE December 31st

Texas 4-H Foundation Grant Applications are now open! The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to County and District 4-H Programming. These funds may be used to enhance (equipment purchases, education/training, events, etc.) existing 4-H programs and projects or to start new 4-H programs or projects.

- You must submit the application through the online portal.
- The application will ask for a description of how the funds will be used, what problem the funds will be used to address, about your intended audience, for a budget, and how you will evaluate the program.
- You will be notified if you did or did not receive a grant in February 2025.
- If you receive a grant, the funds must be used by August 31, 2026. You must email a one-page summary including 3 pictures to bailee.wright@ag.tamu.edu by August 31, 2026. More information regarding the summary will be sent to those who receive the grant.

Bexar Ag/NR Committee Scholarship - DEADLINE March 15th (FLYER) (APPLICATION)

Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee Scholarship is \$1000 for 2023-2024 Academic Year for Agriculture Studies. Qualified applicants must be: A resident of Bexar County or attending school in Bexar County currently graduating high school senior with at least a 3.0 GPA. Attending a Texas college on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours/semester) for the 2024-2025 academic year. Pursuing and Agriculture-related degree (i.e. Animal Science, Animal Nutrition, Ag Development, Ag Education, Ag Business, Veterinary Medicine, etc.)

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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.

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.

2025 Texas 4-H Dog Validation – [DEADLINE January 10th](#)

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 8-10, 2025 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center in Kerrville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by **January 10, 2025** in 4-H Online. Please [DOWNLOAD](#) the detailed written instructions on how to validate your dog. Video instructions are here: <https://youtu.be/3NzoljaK9Pco>. We strongly encourage members to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Completing the **FREE** validation process before January 10th. **REMEMBER! Dogs MUST be validated each year.** If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Please update the photos if the dog has changed significantly since last year.

Fort Duncan Classic ([FLYER](#))

The Fort Duncan Classic will be held on December 14th, 2024 at 2350 E Main St Bldg. C, Eagle Pass, TX. Please see flyer for more detail.

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Validation Reminders! ([Ethic Policy](#))

As we move into the holidays and then quickly into major livestock show season, we wanted to send a few very important reminders regarding validation, Ethics Policy and other rules. Please reference the 2024-2025 Ethics Policy.

I'd like to draw **special attention** to **Rule #3** which covers *continuous care* of livestock.

- ANY time livestock is out of the care of the exhibitor, parents/family, or CEA/AST for ANY amount of time, a Rule #3 Approval Form must be submitted and *approved*. This must be signed and approved by the validation committee before the livestock can be out of the care of the above listed. The form can be found here: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Rule-3-Approval-Form.pdf>
- Excessive involvement of third-party consultants, breeders, fitters not affiliated with the Texas 4-H and/or Texas FFA programs is prohibited.

Please read **Rule #4** in its entirety! Here are a few highlights that may impact exhibitors at majors AND county shows:

- If any Texas state validated animal is exhibited and SOLD at any other major livestock show officially sanctioned by Texas state validation, the animal will be ineligible to show at any subsequent major livestock show in the animal's lifetime.
- Additionally, Texas state validated livestock offered for sale during the feeding period via private treaty, private or public auction (including terminal county livestock show auctions) will be ineligible to show at any subsequent major livestock show during the feeding period.

Additional important points:

- PLEASE check all tattoos [steers (county number) and heifers (ID from registration papers)]. If you need to re-tattoo an animal, please do so at least 3 weeks prior to the show and complete this form: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/FINAL-Steer-Guidelines-2024-2025-6-3.pdf> (pg. 29).
- If an exhibitor's heifer registration papers need to be reprinted for ANY reason, we MUST receive the new copy with a letter of explanation from the Association before the show. Otherwise, the animal will be disqualified at the show for the papers not matching what was validated. Please email them to dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu.

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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.

2024 BCJLS Scholarship (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE December 13th

Eligibility - applicants must: 1. Be a Bexar County 4-H or FFA member in good standing. 2. Have exhibited at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS) the previous two (2) years and be entered in this year's show. 3. Be a current graduating senior (graduating high school in 2025). 4. Attend college or a trade school in the fall semester of 2025.



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HORSE UPDATES

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

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

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 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](#).

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!

Buc Days Food Challenge ([REGISTRATION](#))

Students from all around Texas are invited to participate in the second annual Buc Days Food Challenge presented by H-E-B. Located in the Shops at Treasure Island Exhibit Hall, this event will take place on Friday, May 10, 2025 with three rounds of competition, followed by the award ceremony on the Community Stage presented by KIII 3 News. More than 100,000 youth participate in the 4-H Food & Nutrition Project, learning how to prepare nutritious and safe meals and snacks and adopt behaviors that can help reduce their risk for chronic disease. This contest challenges teams of students to create a dish using only a predetermined set of ingredients. From these ingredients, team members must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the judges.

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

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

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.



Texas A&M Bush School Youth Leadership Summer Program

Attention youth in 10th and 11th grades looking for unique leadership opportunities! Check out the Bush School Youth Leadership Summer Program. Here are the websites for more information: [Bush School Youth Leadership Program](#) | [Office for Youth Engagement](#). This program is for current 10th and 11th graders who are 15 to 17 years old.

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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!

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

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.

Buc Days Clays 4-H Youth Shoot ([REGISTRATION](#))

Students from all around Texas are invited to participate in the first annual Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot presented by Flint Hills Resources on February 22nd – 23rd, 2025. The Buccaneer Commission will be awarding \$25,000 in cash prizes and scholarships during this event. Located at the Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC), the Qualifying Round will take place on Saturday with the Championship Round on Sunday for the top 20 contestants.

D10 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training ([FLYER](#)) – [DEADLINE December 17th](#)

Date: January 11-12, 2025 (Saturday & Sunday)

Location: Meet at La Vernia Chamber of Commerce (12201 U.S. Hwy 87 W, La Vernia, TX 78121)

**Participants will need transportation to travel off-site to other classrooms and shooting ranges.*

Lodging: Lodging is on your own. Various lodging options are available in and around the Floresville area.

Registration: Via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> **NOTE: All participants must be actively enrolled in a County 4-H program to register on 4HOnline.*

Registration Period: November 15, 2024 (Friday) – December 17, 2024 (Tuesday)

Late Registration Period: December 18-20, 2024 (W-F). Fee will increase to \$150.

**NOTE: Space in each discipline is limited. Late registrations will not be accepted if space has been exceeded.*

Disciplines Offered: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, or Pistol

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

Ag Robotics 2024 – 2025 Theme & Rules Released! ([GAME MAT](#))

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

Gonzales County AgRobotics Contest ([REGISTRATION](#)) – [DEADLINE December 20th](#)

Calling all AgRobotics Teams! Gonzales County is inviting all 4-H teams to compete in their invitational Gonzales County AgRobotics contest on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Victoria College. Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the contest begins at 1:00 p.m.

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STEM

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

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.

Buc Days Construction Junior ([REGISTRATION](#))

Students and youth groups from all around the Coastal Bend will use STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) to create innovative can art structures using unopened cans of food. Participants bring the whole community together by collecting canned goods through school can drives, community outreach events, and more. The participants can use anything from canned tuna to green beans to canned pet food! On May 3rd, 2025, each team of five will build their structures in the American Bank Center Grounds for festival goers to admire.

Lynn County 4-H Invitational Robotics Contest ([FLYER](#))

The Lynn County 4-H STEM Club would like to invite all Ag Robotics teams to join for their first annual Ag Robotics Contest on Saturday, December 14. For all information and to register, please visit the [event website](#). Deadline to register is Sunday, December 1 at 11:59 PM. If you have any questions, email kaci.scott@ag.tamu.edu.

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GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

The general information page will be the classified section of our newsletter for all general opportunities. This will also be our section to advertise for local businesses that support Bexar County 4-H.

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.

Texas 4-H Center Updates and 2025 Summer Camps ([SCHEDULE](#))

Join the Texas 4-H Center in January for Teen Retreat! Teen Retreat is a fun camping experience for teens ages 14-18 who have aged out of traditional camp (ages 8-13). During the weekend, we will explore everyone's favorite camping activities from archery/riflery, high-ropes, low ropes challenge course, songs, dances, and games, and of course a campfire! The cost is \$170 per camper. Visit https://apps.ideal-logic.com/texas4hcenter?key=T6DM-JF52T_K9KH-5PTF_a6c5cedca76f to register now or contact the Texas 4-H Center to learn more.

2025 S.A.L.E. Youth Day ([SIGN UP](#)) – [DEADLINE January 10th](#)

4-H, FFA, & FCCLA members from across South Central Texas gather at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo to showcase their talents, organization activities and project work. Members set up exhibits and hands-on activity booths for visitors and guests attending the Stock Show & Rodeo. An additional activity to this event is the Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade. Youth Day is hosted on Saturday February 8, 2024 from 8:30AM – 4:30PM. **WE NEED BOOTHS!!! We will be in the Freeman Coliseum! Crafts, activities, and free items for kids are what we are trying to provide!** The link to register for youth day is <https://www.sarodeo.com/f/75> Include the total number of youth/adults that you expect to participate in activities and your exhibit. List the address of a school or county extension office as these are the only locations passes will be mailed. You are invited to participate in as many Youth Day activities as you would like but please note that there will only be one exhibit table for each club or chapter.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

The general information page will be the classified section of our newsletter for all general opportunities. This will also be our section to advertise for local businesses that support Bexar County 4-H.

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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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/x188S6EJfBa6Wbpk7>