

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



November 13, 2024

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BULLETIN BOARD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 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

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2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates
November 21st, 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.

Lone Star Auctioneer Champion Scholarship (APPLY) – DEADLINE January 15th

The Lone Star Open Auctioneer Championship is offering a scholarship to help you start your journey in the auction industry! Must be a graduation high school senior, an undergraduate, or a graduate student enrolled at an accredited college or university, or attending a technical school.

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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):

Swine Validation

November 26th 2:00 – 5:00pm [East Central](#)

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 Stirm Shelter. Registration will open in 4HOnline on December 4th.

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)

Burnet 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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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)

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.

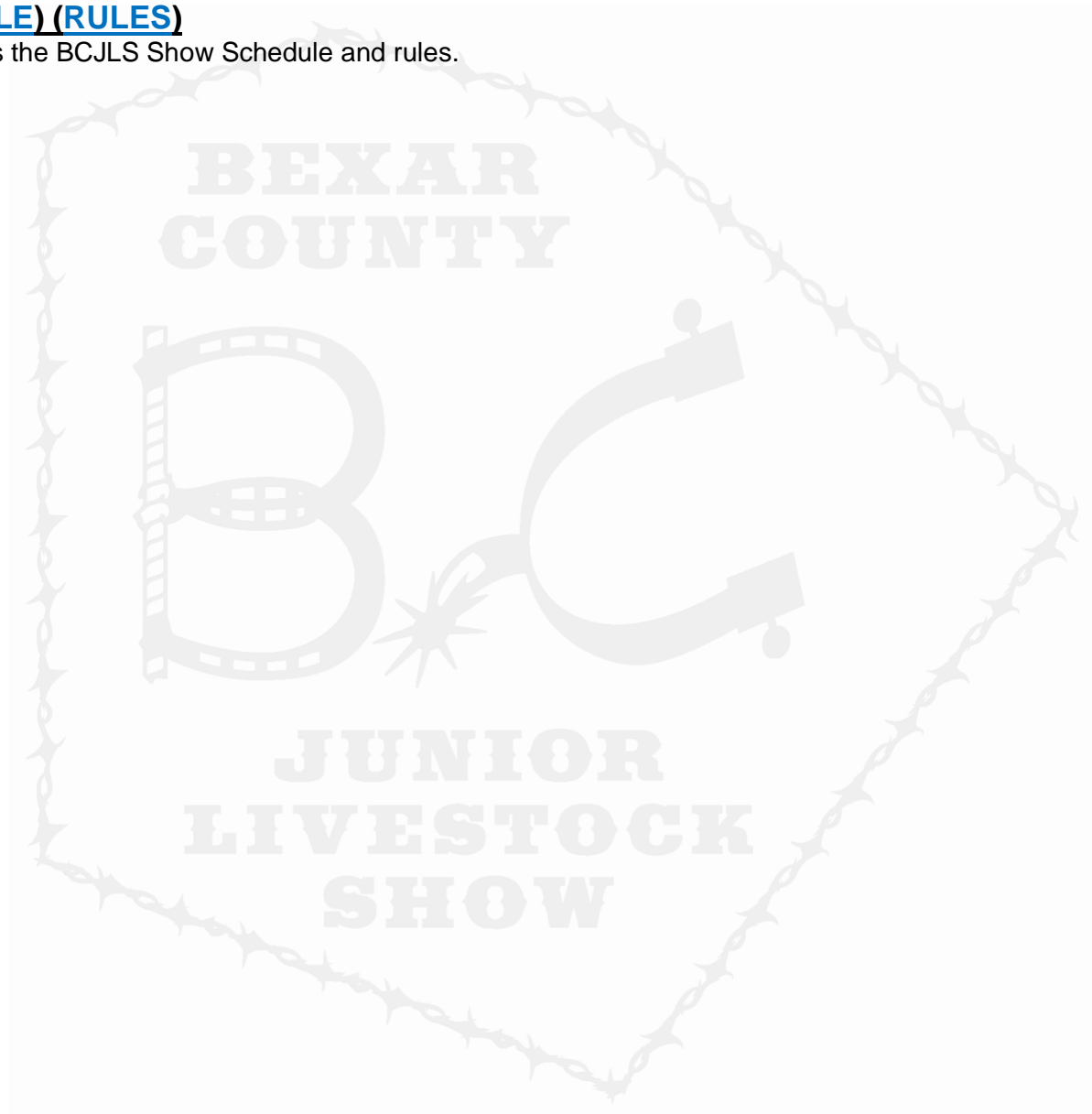
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BCJLS UPDATES

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.



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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

Join us for the next "Wellness Wednesday" on December 11th, 2024.
Details coming soon!

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.

Civics Bee Competition (INFORMATION)

Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders! The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is hosting a nonpartisan National Civics Bee that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Participating youth will flex their knowledge through an essay for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes.

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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.

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.

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

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.

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

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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.

Buc Days Canstruction 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.

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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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 PASSED

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.

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/x188S6EJfBa6Wbpk7>