

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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BULLETIN BOARD

SAVE THE DATE: Bexar County 4-H Photography Contest – DEADLINE February 21st

The Bexar County 4-H Photography contest will be held from February 10th – February 21st. Rules, guidelines and entry link will be released soon!

SAVE THE DATE: Bexar County 4-H Project Show – DEADLINE March 14th

The Bexar County 4-H Project Show will be held April 5th, 2025, at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center. Rules and guidelines with the entry form will be released soon!

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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

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
2025 National 4-H Conference Application	
REGISTRATION: Dec. 18 – Jan. 8th, 2025	
Information	Announcement Letter
Contact:	Megan.Logan@ag.tamu.edu
2025-2026 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate	
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Mar. 27, 2025	
Important Links:	25-26 At-Large Delegate Application
	25-26 Leadership History Form
	25-26 Texas 4-H Council Contract
	Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules
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 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 16, 2025	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
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

4-H Training Request - PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE

- **Information:** Please contact us at 210-631-0400 with questions.

2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council and Adult Leader Meeting Dates
March 19th, May 21st (Office Elections)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

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

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 an Agriculture-related degree (i.e. Animal Science, Animal Nutrition, Ag Development, Ag Education, Ag Business, Veterinary Medicine, etc.)

2025 Capital Farm Credit Scholarships (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE April 1st

Capital Farm Credit awards \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across Capital Farm Credit market territories. Youth scholarships are awarded using the following eligibility requirements in the link above.

Preference will be given to applicants who reside inside Capital Farm Credit market territories. Those territories are:

- Austin Market
- Houston Market
- San Antonio Market
- Plains Market
- South Texas Market

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

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.

Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show (FLYER) (ENTRY) – DEADLINE January 27th

Join Montgomery County on February 1st, 2025 for a 4-H Dog Show. Please see the flyer for more information.

Hood County 4-H Dog Show (FLYER) – DEADLINE February 15th

Join Hood County 4-H Dog Show on March 1st, 2025 for a 4-H Dog Show. Please see the flyer for more information.

JudgingCard Calendar/Events (JUDGINGCARD)

If you are interested in participating in any judging events, please go to the JudgingCard link above and click on Event Registration and Information. If you want to participate in an event, please call the Extension Office at 210-631-0400.

HORSE UPDATES

District 10 4-H Horse Judging Contest ([INFORMATION](#)) – [DEADLINE February 4th](#)

The 4-H Horse Judging contest is designed for teams of three or four youths in the same age division to demonstrate their skills in evaluation and observation. Youth use the knowledge and skills they have about the subject matter to place the class from best to worst. Youth also develop public speaking skills through learning how to present reasons on why they placed a class as they did. The District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest will be hosted at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) again this year. ****All 4-H members must have submitted entries/fees for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo via their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging qualifier. ****

FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

2024 – 2025 Food Show and Food Challenge State Guidelines

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

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](#).

4-H Refashion Retreat Registration Open (REGISTRATION)– DEADLINE February 19th

Join us February 28–March 2 at the Texas 4-H Center for a weekend full of creativity, fun, and skill-building! Learn sewing techniques, dive into sustainable fashion, thrift materials, and transform them into one-of-a-kind.

National 4-H Cornbread Cook-Off (ENTRY FORM)– DEADLINE February 28th

It's cornbread time in Tennessee! We invite your 4-Hers in grades 4-6 to submit a recipe for the 28th Annual National Cornbread Festival 4-H Cook-Off, sponsored by Lodge Cast Iron! The competition is open to 4-H students nationwide. Texas was represented in the Top 10 last year, and we would love for a repeat in 2025! We have attached the rules and registration form, as well as a tip sheet for students interested in competing. The top ten recipes will be announced in early March. Those students selected will compete live at the National Cornbread Festival on Sunday, April 27, 2025, in South Pittsburg, TN. Please submit completed form to wbrewer9@utk.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: Fashion Show Duds to Dazzle Storyboard Contest (FLYER)

Bexar County 4-H will be hosting a Duds to Dazzle/Fashion Show Storyboard Contest on March 1st, 2025. More information to come.

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

2025 – 2026 Texas 4-H Council Information

The 2025-2026 At-Large Delegate application information has been posted at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>. Interested candidates that would like to run for At-Large Delegate positions should review the contract and agree to it before running for one of the positions that serves on the Texas 4-H Council. The **MANDATORY** July Council Training is scheduled for Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31, in Stephenville, TX. Additional details about these dates and other dates for the year can be found in the contract. Please communicate these dates early on with your potential district candidates along with anyone you know considering one of the six At-Large Positions.

- [2025-2026 At-Large Delegate Application](#) – **Deadline May 27, 2025**
- [2025-2026 At-Large Leadership History Form](#) (word document)
- [2025-2026 Texas 4-H Council Membership Contract](#) – *Required by both At-Large and District Delegates*
- [Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules](#)

4-H Day at the Capitol – DEADLINE January 29th

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for youth of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit. Because this event is held during the legislative session when other groups are also in the Capitol, attendance must be limited. Registration opens on [4HOnline](#) on January 22nd. Contact megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu with questions regarding the event.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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.

4H Sportfishing Project/Fly Fishing Leader Training ([FLYER](#)) – DEADLINE March 11th

Join Bastrop County March 28 – 29, 2025 for a Sportfishing Project/Fly Fishing Leader Training. All participants will receive Texas Angler Education basic instructor and Fly Fishing instructor certifications and associated teaching materials.

Gillespie County Photography Workshop ([FLYER](#))

Join Gillespie County for a photography workshop on March 22, 2025 at the Gillespie County Extension Office.

TAMU Entomology Camp ([FLYER](#))

Introducing the Entomology Youth Adventure Program (YAP) camp hosted by the Texas A&M Entomology Department for July 2025. YAP Camps are week-long camps with a focus on career exploration at Texas A&M University's College Station campus. Registration will open January 2025, and several scholarship opportunities will also be available.

4-H Forestry Project Training for Volunteers ([FLYER](#))

A 4-H Forestry Project Training for County Extension Agents, Program Assistants, and Volunteers in Conroe has been rescheduled for April 14-16. The training will include Project Learning Tree Curriculum Certification, Forestry Industry Education and Tours, and Woodland Clinic Training (the Forestry State Contest). Registration and other information can be accessed by emailing lhsmith@tamu.edu.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Gulf Coast Shootout ([FLYER](#))

Montgomery County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be hosting the Gulf Coast Archery Match on February 8, 2025, at Texas Archery.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl ([REGISTRATION](#))

The 2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl registration portal is now open. Quizzes this year are comprised of 50 questions for Intermediate & Seniors, and 25 questions for Juniors. Questions are a mix of General 4-H, STEM, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage. Quiz Bowl registration price is the same as last year, \$10 for individuals and \$40 for teams. Team members are automatically scored as individuals and receive individual awards/recognition as well as team awards/recognition.

4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training ([REGISTRATION](#)) – [DEADLINE February 16th](#)

The Shooting Sports Coach Training which will take place **FRIDAY- March 7th & SATURDAY- March 8th** at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX. Please note this registration takes place through the **4-H Center Registration Site**, NOT 4-H Online. All participants **MUST** have an active profile through 4-H Online to meet 4-H Volunteer requirements. For questions about registering or available lodging, please contact 325-784-5482.

4-H Hunting & Outdoor Education Projects Firearm Coach Certification Training

A 4-H Hunting and Outdoor Education Project Firearm Coach Certification Training will be held March 1-2 in Richmond (Fort Bend County). This training is designed to certify adults to coach youth in the Hunting Project and the Outdoor Education Project when firearms are used. These projects require a firearm certified 4-H Coach for this purpose. Register now on [4HOnline](#).

STEM

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

Texas 4-H Night at NASA (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE February 2nd

This is a unique overnight program held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. It is scheduled for March 1-2 and is open to all junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members along with their parent/guardian. Youth will learn about space exploration and take part in hands-on STEM activities. Please note that every youth and parent/guardian must register in two locations. The starting point to register is [4HOnline](#) starting on January 10. Registering within our system will ensure that everyone in attendance is actively enrolled. Once that registration is submitted, the family will receive an automatic email with the link to register and pay on NASA's registration portal. If they do not receive that automatic email from 4HOnline, they can contact derrick.bruton@ag.tamu.edu, and he will send it to them. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let Derrick Bruton know. As a courtesy, please do not contact the Space Center directly.

2024 – 2025 State Photography Contest (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE April 15th

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

District 10 4-H Photography Contest (GUIDE) – DEADLINE February 18th

The District 10 Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs. ***NOTE: The District 10 4-H competition does not qualify Senior 4-H members for the Texas 4-H State Photography contest. State qualifications will come from your local County Photography contest. Please contact your County Extension Agent for local County Photography contest rules and submission deadlines.**

TX Outdoor Wildlife Association Photo Contest (ENTRY) – DEADLINE March 15th

New photo contest available for all Senior age 4-Hers (9th - 12th grades). The Texas Outdoor Wildlife Association's (TOWA) photography contest has now been opened to senior age 4-Hers! The TOWA/TOMA Youth photo contest will open for submissions Jan 1- Mar 15, 2025. There are three categories: Category 1: People: Photos with an outdoor-related theme. Category 2: Indigenous Texas Wildlife: Photos with an outdoor-related theme. Category 3: Landscape: Photos with a natural outdoor landscape related theme.

GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

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! ([LINK](#))

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.



Bexar County 4-H Awards ([HANDBOOK](#)) – [DEADLINE June 13, 2025](#)

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. They will be awarded at the annual Bexar County 4-H Award Banquet.

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

2025 Summer Camp Registration is LIVE!

Link for more information- [Youth Camps & Retreats - Texas 4-H Center - Lake Brownwood](#)

Link to register- [Texas 4-H Center Registration Management](#)

Texas 4-H Center Teen Retreat

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.ideallogic.com/texas4hcenter?key=T6DM-JF52T_K9KH-5PTF_a6c5cedca76f to register now.

2025 Texas 4-H Roundup – [DEADLINE May 6th](#)

- Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook [HERE](#)
- Texas 4-H Roundup Schedule [HERE](#)
- Texas 4-H Roundup Hotel Block [HERE](#)
- Texas 4-H Roundup Buckle Blitz [HERE](#)

CLUB MANAGER REPORTS

DUE BY THE 25th OF EACH MONTH



LINK: <https://forms.gle/x188S6EJfBa6Wbpk7>

Please submit the agenda, attendance and minutes.