BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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BULLETIN BOARD

Bexar County 4-H Photography Contest

(GUIDELINES) (REGISTRATION) (JUDGES SIGN UP) - DEADLINE February 21st

The Bexar County 4-H Photography contest will be held from February 10th – February 21st. Judges needed!

Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Storyboard Contest – DEADLINE February 25th

We will be hosting our 2025 County Fashion Show Contests on Saturday, March 1, 2025, here at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. STE. 208, San Antonio, TX 78230) We invite 4-H Competitors to participate in the following contests.

Duds to Dazzle **GUIDELINES**Fashion Show **GUIDELINES**Storyboard **GUIDELINES**

Bexar County 4-H Project Show (GUIDELINES) - DEADLINE March 14th

It's that time of year again for the annual Bexar County Project Show! The Bexar County 4-H Project Show will be held April 5th, 2025, at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center. All youths residing in Bexar or Guadalupe County are eligible to participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kennedy Green at kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu or call the Extension Office at 210-631-0400.

<u>District 10 4-H Spring Roundup (INFORMATION) – DEADLINE March 18th</u>

District 10 will hold the 4-H Spring Round-Up from April 8th – April 26th.

SAVE THE DATE: Future Tag Order Deadlines!

All tag orders are due on their due date at 5:00 pm, at the Extension Office. Forms will be released soon.

Market Steer: <u>March 21st</u> Spring Heifer: <u>March 21st</u>

State Fair of Texas Lamb/Goat: <u>March 21st</u> State Fair of Texas Swine: <u>April 11th</u> State Fair of Texas Broiler: <u>May 9th</u>

UPCOMING DEADLINES

FEB 15	2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship DEADLINE
FEB 15	Hood County 4-H Dog Show DEADLINE
FEB 16	4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training DEADLINE
FEB 18	District 10 4-H Photography Contest DEADLINE
FEB 19	4-H Refashion Registration DEADLINE
FEB 21	Bexar County 4-H Photography Contest DEADLINE
FEB 25	Bexar County Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, & Story Board DEADLINE
MAR 14	Bexar County 4-H Project Show DEADLINE
MAR 15	Bexar Ag/Nr Committee Scholarship DEADLINE
MAR 18	District 10 Spring Round-Up DEADLINE
APR 1	Capital Farm Credit Scholarships DEADLINE
MAY 6	Texas 4-H Roundup <u>DEADLINE</u>
JUN 13	Bexar County 4-H Awards DEADLINE

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.

<u>2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council and Adult Leader Meeting Dates</u>

March 19th, May 21st (Officer Elections)

CONTEST PAGE

<u>2024 – 2025 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR</u>

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR					
**All 4-H me	mb	ers 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					
		STRATION DEADLINE Feb. 4, 2025			
		E REGISTRATION: Feb. 5-7, 2025			
Mar. 10, 202	25	Horse Judging @ HLSR			
District 10	0 4	-H Virtual Photography Contest			
REGISTRA	lΤΙ	ON OPENS: Tues., Jan. 21, 2025			
REGISTRA	TIC	N DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 18, 2025			
LATE REGIST	TR	ATION: WedFri. Feb 19-21, 2025			
Feb. 21, 202	5	4HOnline Registration CLOSES			
Mar. 31, 202	25	Photography Results Released			
2025 Nat	ioi	nal 4-H Conference Application			
REGISTI	RA	TION: Dec. 18 – Jan. 8th, 2025			
Information		Announcement Letter			
Contact:		Megan.Logan@ag.tamu.edu			
2025-2026 T	2025-2026 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate				
APPLICA	ΑTI	ON DEADLINE: Mar. 27, 2025			
	2.	5-26 At-Large Delegate Application			
Important	2	5-26 Leadership History Form			
Links:	2.	5-26 Texas 4-H Council Contract			
	Te	exas 4-H Council Standing Rules			
Texas	5 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			

Texas 4-H Foundation Website

Information

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRII	NG Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX				
REGISTRATIC	ON 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 MakingTalent Showcase				
April 25, 2025	Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)Fashion Show & Natural Fibers4-H Storyboard				
April 26, 2025	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)				

District 10 Horse Show

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.

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

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SCHOL&RSHIPS

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

- 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.

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.

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & HORSE

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.

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.

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.

2024 – 2025 State Fashion and Interior Design Contest (GUIDELINES)

Please keep in mind that these changes apply only to the Texas 4-H STATE contests.

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.

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador (APPLICATION)

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors are local, high-school aged youth recruited by agents and trained to serve as community health and wellness leaders. Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors assist county extension agents in providing leadership to the youth components of health programs and projects within Healthy Texas, Texas 4-H, and/or other Texas A&M AgriLife health programs. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. Healthy Texas Youth ambassadors do not have to be Texas 4-Hmembers to apply for the program, but they must commit to enrolling for the upcoming year.

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

CORE Academy 2025 (INFORMATION) - DEADLINE April 15th

CORE Academy is a career exploration program that is designed to expose high school aged youth to a variety of careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, STEM, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture& natural resources, or marketing & promotion. The primary goal is to provide youth an awareness of careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

NATURAL RESOURCES/SHOOTING SPORTS

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 instrucutor and Fly Fishing instructor certifications and associated teaching materials.

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 lhysmith@tamu.edu.

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

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

<u>District 10 4-H Photography Contest (GUIDE) – DEADLINE February 18th</u>

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.

<u>Texas 4-H Photography Program Contest (REGISTRATION) – DEADLINE February 28th</u>

The Texas 4-H Photography Ambassadors are hosting an Amateur Photography Contest Fundraiser for the International 4-H Photography Trip. This contest is open to everyone (both 4-H AND non-4-H)

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.

<u>Texas 4-H Center Updates and 2025 Summer Camps (SCHEDULE)</u> 2025 Summer Camp Registration is LIVE!

<u>Link for more information- Youth Camps & Retreats - Texas 4-H Center - Lake Brownwood</u> Link to register- Texas 4-H Center Registration Management

2025 Texas 4-H Roundup - DEADLINE May 6th

- Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook HERE
- Texas 4-H Roundup Schedule <u>HERE</u>
- Texas 4-H Roundup Hotel Block HERE
- Texas 4-H Roundup Buckle Blitz <u>HERE</u>
- Texas 4-H Roundup National Anthem Auditions HERE