

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Due by the 25th of each month



BULLETIN BOARD

2025 Bexar County 4-H Photography Results! ([RESULTS](#))



Congratulations to our Bexar County 4-H members who submitted photos for the 2025 contest! An email will be sent out when the ribbons are ready for pickup. This year, participation was incredible, and the quality of the submitted photos was outstanding! Below, you will find links to every photo gallery for your viewing.

Please remember that highlighted 1st Place senior members must register on 4-HOnline starting April 1st for the State Photography Contest. **The registration deadline is April 15th.**

[Junior Photos](#) | [Intermediate Photos](#) | [Senior Photos](#)

Bexar County Council Officer Elections ([APPLICATION](#)) ([RESPONSIBILITIES](#)) – [DEADLINE Monday, May 12, 2025](#)

The elections for the 2025-2026 4-H Bexar County Council Officers are coming up soon! They will be held during the upcoming County Council meeting on Thursday, May 22nd. If you are interested, please refer to the application and council responsibilities above. We are excited to see what the next year has in store for us! It is crucial to have a quorum to conduct important council business; without a quorum, we will be unable to hold the elections or address other items on the agenda.



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE BEXAR COUNTY
COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

MAY 22 @ 7PM

ADDRESS:
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208
San Antonio, TX 78230


**COME
REPRESENT
YOUR CLUB!**

Light Refreshments Provided

For more information contact,
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County Council Officer
Application
[Click Here](#)

Bexar County Council Officer
Responsibilities
[Click Here](#)



We Need You! Community Service Project ([FLYER](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

On Saturday May 31st from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 4-H members are invited to respectfully remove flags from Veterans tombstones.

[Please see page 10 for any Texas 4-H Roundup Updates!](#)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

APR 1	Capital Farm Credit Scholarships <u>DEADLINE</u>
APR 1	Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors
APR 11	State Fair of Texas Swine Tag Order <u>DEADLINE</u>
APR 15	CORE Academy 2025 <u>DEADLINE</u>
APR 15	4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador <u>DEADLINE</u>
APR 15	Texas 4-H Photography Contest <u>DEADLINE</u>
MAY 1	2025 Texas 4-H Horse Validation <u>DEADLINE</u>
MAY 6	Texas 4-H Roundup <u>DEADLINE</u>
MAY 9	State Fair of Texas Broiler Order <u>DEADLINE</u>
MAY 15	4-H Outdoor Challenge <u>DEADLINE</u>
JUN 13	Bexar County 4-H Awards <u>DEADLINE</u>

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.

2024-2025 Bexar County 4-H Council and Adult Leader Meeting Dates
May 22nd (Officer Elections)

CONTEST PAGE

2024 – 2025 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL & WINTER DATES

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
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 At-Large Delegate Application – Deadline March 27, 2025 *CORRECTED 1/14/2025 • 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 <p>If you missed the Q&A session with current Council members that went through the At-Large process this past year – the session was recorded for those unable to attend HERE.</p>	

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 (Bastrop, TX)
April 10, 2025	• Livestock Skillathon NEW!
April 11, 2025	• Range ID & Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 14, 2025	• Livestock Judging
April 16, 2025	• Meat Judging CORRECTION
April 24, 2025	• Talent Showcase • Consumer Decision Making • Textiles
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	
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	

SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

Prairie View A&M SALE Scholarship ([FLYER](#)) ([APPLICATION](#)) – DEADLINE May 1st

Have you been accepted to Prairie View A&M University in the fall? Prairie View is offering five \$15,000 scholarships for academic support to incoming first year students. For more information contact, Gudalupe Castro-Ventura at gucastro@pvamu.edu.

NEW

2025 Yellow Rose Scholarship Opportunity – DEADLINE April 15th

The San Antonio Roses are excited to offer steer kids who showed in San Antonio but did not make the sale a chance at \$2000 cash scholarships! Steer kid needs to write a short letter to the San Antonio Roses which will include: Name, Email, Phone Number, Age, City of Residence, School you attend & something you learned from raising steers. Email or Mail letter to: traciwb12@gmail.com or to the "San Antonio Roses, P.O. Box 1974, Seguin, TX 78156.

NEW

Producers Cooperative Association ([APPLICATION](#)) – DEADLINE April 15th

Producers Cooperative is proud to continuously support youth in agriculture across the Brazos Valley and beyond in any way that we can. They will be offering a total of \$20,000 in scholarships this year for 2025 high school seniors! For questions email, scholarships@producerscooperative.com.

Applicant requirements include:

- The applicant must be a child, grandchild, or legal dependent of an active member of Producers Cooperative Association that is in good standing.
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior and have been accepted at an accredited Texas college, university, or technical school, enrolled in the first year of higher education.
- The applicant must have been involved in 4-H or FFA for at least the last three years. A background in agriculture will be demonstrated in application.
- Producers Cooperative Scholarship Program excludes children, grandchildren, or legal dependents of individuals on the Producers Cooperative Association Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee, and individuals recognized as Senior Executives.

Important dates to remember:

- May 31, 2025: Recipient Selection and Notification
- June 17, 2025: Scholarship Banquet
- Scholarship paid to Registrar's Office to be distributed Spring Semester of 2026

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & HORSE

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. 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 at Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu or call the office at 210-631-0400 or cell 361-649-5836.

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.

4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador – DEADLINE April 15th

The Texas 4-H Ambassador Program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12 in fall 2025) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank preferred

2025 Texas 4-H Horse Validation (INFO) (VIDEO) (WALK-THROUGH) – DEADLINE April 15th

ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted if a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc. The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.

- **From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00.** The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.
- **From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00.** The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st deadline and the payment is processed.
- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. **The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.**
- **If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded.** These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list "pending" in the registration number area. Once the updated registration papers have been received, please email me a copy of the new papers and I will add it to the validation online.
- Lease horses are eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and supervising CEA. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded in 4-H Online at the time of validation.
- Image uploads in 4-H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- **Families should validate each horse only once.** Once the horse is validated, any sibling within that family in 4-H Online is eligible to show the horse at their district show and/or the State 4-H Horse Show.
- **Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2024) and at least in 6th grade.**
- The family will receive an automated message from 4-H Online when the CEA has approved the horse at the county level. **This approval does NOT guarantee eligibility.** After it is approved at the county level, the validation will then be reviewed at the state level. The family will be notified by June 1st if there are any issues with the validation at the state level.
 - We will begin to review validations at the state level on March 1st and will be working closely with families and agents to fix errors as quickly as possible prior to the deadline.



Future Tag Order Deadlines!

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

State Fair of Texas Swine ([FORM](#)): **April 11th**

State Fair of Texas Broiler: **May 9th**

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP/FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador ([APPLICATION](#)) – [DEADLINE April 1st](#)

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-H members to apply for the program, but they must commit to enrolling for the upcoming year.

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- [2025-2026 At-Large Leadership History Form](#) (word document)
- [2025-2026 Texas 4-H Council Membership Contract](#) – *Required by 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 young people with an awareness of careers and businesses that they may have never considered.



Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational – [DEADLINE May 1st](#)

Calling all senior-level 4-H members, it's time to showcase your creativity and design skills! Registration for the Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational is open from April 15–May 1, 2025. The cost is \$15 and registration is available on 4-H Online under 4-H Digital Storyboard Invitational. After registering, participants will receive a link to Submittable to upload their storyboard and required paperwork. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to bring your ideas to life through digital design!

NATURAL RESOURCES/SHOOTING SPORTS

2025 4-H Outdoor Challenge ([INFORMATION](#)) – [DEADLINE May 15th](#)

The 4-H Outdoor Challenge contest consists of 10 events where teams compete to earn points for overall high point position. A team consists of exactly 2 members within the same age division and gender class. Teams compete in all 10 events during one weekend of competition. Participants will learn and practice various outdoor education activities from fishing and shooting to camping and biologist skills.

Helotes 3D Archery Fun Shoot ([FLYER](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

The Helotes 4-H Wildlife Project is inviting shooters of all ages and experience levels to come enjoy the 5th annual 3D Archery Shoot. Fees to participate are \$20 for youth and \$30 for adults. Registration price includes a lunch meal deal. Participants do not need to be in 4-H to shoot. The event will be held on 4/12/25 at the Helotes Ag Youth Ranch just north of Rio Medina.

Texas 4-H Landscape Design Challenge ([RSVP](#)) ([FLYER](#))

The Texas 4-H Landscape Design Challenge is hosted by the Horticulture Department at Texas A&M University during the week of Texas 4-H Roundup. This contest enhances landscape design knowledge, promotes professionalism in landscape design presentation, provides real-life interaction between customers and landscape professionals with youth, and provides exposure to A&M horticulture degrees and other opportunities. There will be an informational meeting regarding the landscape challenge for all who are interested on April 3rd at 2 PM. The contest will be held on June 2nd.

2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest ([INFORMATION](#)) – [DEADLINE April 16th](#)

It's time to submit entries for the 2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest! This year's topic, as chosen by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees, Inc., is "The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!" Submit Electronically via Texas 4HOnline: Event: State – 2025 Beekeeping Essay Contest.

NEW

Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program ([APPLICATION](#)) – [DEADLINE May 1st](#)

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. By connecting with water professionals, water ambassadors gain exposure and recognition as youth leaders, learn about scholarship and internship opportunities, and explore the diverse career paths in the water industry.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level 4-H youth (grades 9-12 in fall 2026)
- Students with a genuine interest in water and natural resources

Application Process:

- Student will complete the online application and submit two letters of recommendation
- CEA will be notified of any youth applying within their county
- Applications are reviewed and up to 30 youth are selected
- CEA will be notified of any youth selected within their county

Requirements:

- Participate in the Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (tour) – June 8-14
- Commit to completing a minimum of 40 hours of education/service by June 30, 2026
- Complete monthly assignments
- Make a good faith effort to attend Spring/Fall retreats and participate in monthly Zoom seminars
- Pay the \$300 participation fee

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

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](#)

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](#)
- Texas 4-H Roundup National Anthem Auditions [HERE](#)
- NOW HIRING: Texas 4-H Roundup Summer Interns [HERE](#)
- NOW HIRING: Texas 4-H Roundup Summer *Collegiate* Interns [HERE](#)
- Calling all 4-H Entrepreneurs to Roundup! [HERE](#)
- BUGS n' BLOOMS Camp [HERE](#)
- Say Yes to FCS! [HERE](#)