

# BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

August 15th, 2025



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**Due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**

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## **2024 – 2025 Bexar County Awards**

As we reflect on the incredible 2024–2025 4-H year, we are filled with appreciation and pride for everything you've accomplished. From the classroom to the show ring, your dedication, leadership, creativity, and camaraderie have made this year truly exceptional!

### **San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship Recipients**

Alya Trimble   Caroline Terrill   Krystal Tondre   Jasmin Medina   Naomi Brander   Ty Schott

### **Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship**

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Texas 4-H Foundation – Alya Trimble | McLean Estate – Caroline Terrill   |
| Texas Farm Bureau – Krystal Tondre  | SALE School Tours – Jaden Miller   |
| SALE School Tours – Jasmin Medina   | SALE School Tours – Johnnie Miller |
| SALE School Tours – Naomi Brander   |                                    |

### **Method Demonstration Proficiency Award**

#### **Junior Division**

Abigail Belzung   Kaloyan Damianov   Clara Hamilton   Spencer Hamilton

#### **Intermediate Division**

Caroline Belzung   Courtney Conrad   Mikinley Gaenzel

#### **Senior Division**

Audrey Belzung   Klaire Belzung   Aaron Flanigan   Mikaela Gaenzel   Lynae McClain   Agnes Trimble

### **Honor Club Awards**

|            |                                       |              |               |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A-Team 4-H | Bexar 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports | Helotes Plus | Helotes LSO   |
|            | Helotes Unlimited                     | St. Hedwig   | Veritas Co-Op |

### **Rookie of the Year Award**

St. Hedwig, Abigail Belzung  
Helotes Unlimited, Spencer Hamilton  
Helotes LSO, Harper King  
2Excel, Roger Reyes

### **Bronze Star**

Abigail Belzung   Kaloyan Damianov   Adrian Trimble

### **Silver Star**

Caroline Belzung   Luis Castaneda   Mikinley Gaenzel   William McClain

### **I Dare You Award**

Klaire Belzung   Krystal Tondre

### **Gold Star Award**

Aaron Flanigan   Agnes Trimble   Alya Trimble   Lynae McClain

### **2024 – 2025 Bexar County 4-H Council**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| President: Agnes Trimble                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Klaire Belzung |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Audrey Belzung | Treasurer: Mikaela Gaenzel                     |
| Reporter: Lynae McClain                        | Health and Safety Officer: Eli Thompson        |
| Social Delegate: Nicodemus Lange               | Parliamentarian: Joseph Johnson                |
| District Council Delegate: Heather Pye         |  |

## BULLETIN BOARD

### **2025 – 2026 Texas 4-H Enrollment Guides and Instructions ([GUIDES](#))**

The new 4-H year is just around the corner, and it's time for members and families to re-enroll in 4HOnline to participate in local clubs, contests, and events. If you have any questions, contact Kennedy at 210-631-0400.

**Access 4HOnline here:** <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

**Note:** 4-H members entering the 3rd grade should wait until September 1, 2025, to enroll to ensure they are assessed the correct fees.

- **Youth Enrollment Fee – \$25**

Youth may participate in 4-H from **September 1 of 3rd grade** through **August 31 after completing 12th grade**, with these age requirements:

- **Minimum Age:** 8 years old as of September 1, 2025, **and** entering 3rd grade.

- **Maximum Age:** 18 years old as of September 1, 2025

- **Clover Enrollment Fee – \$10**

For youth at least 5 years old who are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year **and** have **not** started 3rd grade as of September 1.

- **Adult Enrollment Fee – \$10**

For adults age 18 or older who are no longer enrolled in school as of September 1.

### **Bexar County Officer Training**

Bexar County 4-H will be hosting an Officer Training with District 10 Specialist Natalie Cervantes on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the BiblioTech EDU (626 N Flores St, San Antonio, TX 78205) Please contact Kennedy at 210-631-0400 or [kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu) to RSVP!



### **New Livestock Project Family Orientation**

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, join us for an informal discussion and to get your questions answered regarding the county livestock show. The address is 7701 FM 1346, San Antonio, TX 78220



### **Rabbit Project Meeting**

We will be hosting a Rabbit Project Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the BCJLS grounds (7701 FM 1346 San Antonio TX 78220)

### **Helotes Youth Day ([FLYER](#))**

Helotes Ag Booster Club will be hosting their annual youth day on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer for schedule and how to RSVP!

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

AUG 22

SEP 12

SEP 12

✿ OCT 5 – 11

Major Lamb/Goat Tag Order DEADLINE

Major Swine Tag Order DEADLINE

Major Broiler Order DEADLINE

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ✿

### **4-H Reimbursement Form – Reimbursement Submission DEADLINE August 1, 2026**

**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](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu)

## CONTEST PAGE

### 2025 – 2026 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

As the current Texas 4-H year comes to a close, we are now working on solidifying all major District event dates for the 2025-2026 4-H Year! All calendar dates with registration deadlines will be updated in the Bulletin no later than **September 1, 2025**. Please be patient as we work closely with our committees and venues to ensure we release the most accurate calendar.

**COMING SOON**

# AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK AND NATURAL RESOURCES

If you have questions or need assistance with your livestock project, please contact me by phone, email, text, or visit the Extension Office. I'd love to check in on your project during the feeding period and can arrange a visit when you and your parents are available. To schedule an appointment or suggest a livestock project meeting, contact Sam Womble at [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu) or 210-631-0400.

## 2025 Validation Dates

### Fall Heifer

October 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00am [East Central](#)

### Swine Validation

November 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00am [ASTA](#)

November 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00pm [East Central](#)

### Sheep and Goat

October 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 6:00pm [ASTA](#)

October 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:30pm [East Central](#)



## Quality Counts Update! (INSTRUCTIONS) (ENROLLMENT)

As we kick off another school year, we're excited to see youth back in action, at events, and in the barn. Quality Counts are open and ready for any youth who need to take the course for the first time or renew their verification. Quick Reminder: Exhibitors only need to complete the course once per grade division:

- **Junior:** Grades 3–5, **Intermediate:** Grades 6–8, **Senior:** Grades 9–12
- Each individual exhibitor **MUST** register with their own unique email address to receive their Quality Counts Number.
- The email and name you log in to AgriLife Learn with will be the contact information used to assign the number.
- Quality Counts are required for all major livestock show entries.
- Exhibitors must complete the course **before entry deadlines**.

## Future Tag Order Deadlines!

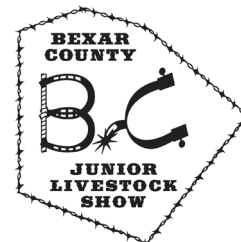
All tag orders are due on their due date at 5:00 pm, at the Extension Office.

- **UPDATED PRICING**, Major Lamb/Goat ([FORM](#)): **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **UPDATED PRICING**, Major Swine ([FORM](#)): **September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- Major Broiler ([FORM](#)): **September 12<sup>th</sup>**



## 2026 BCJLS Validation (INFORMATION) (WEBSITE)

To show at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS), all animals must be validated with the BCJLS, the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show (WGLS), OR by the State of Texas. If an animal is state validated, it does not need a BCJLS tag. BCJLS offers validation ear tags for purchase for \$5 CASH for lambs, goats, and pigs at certain validation events. BCJLS is NOT present at every validation. A BCJLS ear tag by itself is **NOT** valid for major shows.



## BCJLS Update! (BCJLS LATEST UPDATES)

Please see the above attachment to check all new updates, such as rules, judges, schedule and more!

## East Central Stinger Showdown (FLYER)

East Central FFA will be hosting a Lamb and Goat Show on October 18<sup>th</sup>. See flyer above for more information, please contact Danny Hudel at [danny.hudel@ecisd.net](mailto:danny.hudel@ecisd.net) or 210-634-7100.

## Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza (INFORMATION)

The Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza is a statewide educational event and competition hosted by the Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board. Open to all enrolled Texas 4-H members within the official 4-H age range, this exciting weekend will feature a single Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skill Contests, Arts & Crafts, and hands-on Educational Workshops focusing on the 4-H Rabbit Project. Mark your calendars for September 12–13 in Belton! Registration starts in late August!



## **Get Experience in Mindfulness (FLYER)**

It's cool to care—about yourself, your mind, your future. To schedule classes, contact Health & Wellness Educator-Kathleen Cavazos, [kathleen.cavazos@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kathleen.cavazos@ag.tamu.edu)!

## **Food Handlers Classes (FLYER)**

Food safety isn't just for grown-ups. If you are interested in scheduling a Food Handlers class for your club, contact Family & Community Health agent- Angie Gutierrez, [aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu)!

## **Junior Master Photographer Workshops (BECOMING A JMP) (ABOUT THE PROGRAMS)**

Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) program is designed to develop youth in 7th through 12th grade as leaders in the 4-H photography project through a series of in-depth workshops and hands-on practice events. The Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer program provides advanced instruction to photography enthusiasts. Becoming a certified JMP is a prerequisite to becoming a Photography Ambassador. There are two upcoming JMP Workshops:

### **JMP Workshop I:**

- Saturday, September 27 | 8 AM to 4:30 PM | \$50
- Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX
- Intermediate and Senior youth; limited to the first 50 youth to register.
- Opens on 4HOnline August 30 and closes September 21
- DSLR Camera Required (a limited supply will be available for loan on the day of the workshop)

### **JMP Workshop II**

- Saturday, December 9 | 8 AM to 4:30 PM | \$50
- Dallas Research and Extension Center; 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX
- Intermediate and Senior; limited to those who have attended Workshop I
- Opens on 4HOnline November 10 and closes November 30
- DSLR Camera Required (a limited supply will be available for loan on the day of the workshop)



## **Presidential AI Challenge (INFORMATION)**

Students and educators nationwide are invited to join the Presidential AI Challenge—a year-long initiative to spark K-12 interest in Artificial Intelligence. Participants will explore creative, responsible uses of AI to solve community problems or enhance teaching. The challenge offers training, resources, and the chance to compete for a showcase at the White House next summer. Registration opens in late August 2025.





## 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.



### **4-H and FFA Weekend in Aggieland ([REGISTRATION](#))**

4-H & FFA Weekend in Aggieland will kick off on Friday, September 5th with an educational day with the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Youth and their families will have the opportunity to hear from the College's leadership, receive an admissions presentation, take a tour of West Campus, and interact with various departments. On Saturday, September 6th, attendees will enjoy a free Fightin' Texas Aggie tailgate.

### **National 4-H Volunteer Conference ([INFORMATION](#)) ([FACEBOOK](#))**

Texas 4-H volunteers and County Extension Agents are invited to the National 4-H Volunteer Conference, October 2–5, 2025, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. This event offers educational sessions, networking, and fresh ideas to enhance local programs. Registration includes three nights of lodging and all meals, from Thursday dinner to Sunday breakfast. Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and have fun while making "the best better" for Texas 4-H youth. For details, contact [laura.huebinger@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:laura.huebinger@ag.tamu.edu).



### **National 4-H Week! ([TOOLKIT](#)) ([WEBINAR](#))**

**National 4-H Week** is coming up **Sunday, October 5 – Saturday, October 11, 2025!**

To help you get ready to celebrate, the **National 4-H Council** is offering the following resources:

- **National 4-H Week Marketing Toolkit** – Available now! This comprehensive guide includes social media messaging, press materials, a proclamation guide, and more.
- **National 4-H Week Webinar** – Join us on **Wednesday, August 6, 3:00–4:00 PM EST** for an informational session. Learn how to use the resources and hear details on our two collective celebration days. *[Click here to register.]*

#### **Top 3 Things to Know About National 4-H Week**

1. **Theme: *Beyond Ready!*** — Download the [Beyond Ready assets](#) in addition to the main toolkit to use all week long.
2. **Two Collective Celebration Days:**
  - **Monday, October 6 – Beyond Ready: Go Green** — Show your 4-H state spirit!
  - **Thursday, October 9 – Beyond Ready: 4-H for Good** — Celebrate the positive impact of 4-H in your community and inspire others to do good.
3. **Amplify the Celebration:** Share your activities on social media, tag **National 4-H**, and use the hashtags **#4HBeyondReady** and **#National4HWeek**.

**[Let's make this year's National 4-H Week the biggest and most inspiring yet!](#)**

