BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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BULLETIN BOARD

Bexar County 4-H Awards Banquet!

Please contact Kennedy at kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu or 210-631-0400 to RSVP.



BULLETIN BOARD

2025 - 2026 Bexar County 4-H Fundraiser Survey (SURVEY)

We're gearing up for another exciting year of Bexar County 4-H, and it's time to start planning one of our most important initiative, our 2025–2026 fundraiser! We've brainstormed three fun and creative fundraising ideas, each scheduled for a different time of the year. Now we need YOUR help to choose the one we should move forward with!

Future Tag Order Deadlines!

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

- Fall Heifer (FORM): August 8th
- UPDATED PRICING, Major Lamb/Goat (FORM): <u>August 22nd</u>
- Major Swine (FORM): September 12th
- Major Broiler (FORM): September 12th

BCJLS Workshop

BCJLS will be hositing a workshop to answer any BCJLS questions on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30PM at the BCJLS grounds (7701 FM 1346 San Antonio TX 78220)

Rabbit Project Meeting

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

UPCOMING DEADLINES

4-H Parent Reimbursement Form DEADLINE
State Fair of Texas Entries DEADLINE
Heart O' Texas Entries DEADLINE
West Texas Fair and Rodeo Livestock Show_DEADLINE
Major Lamb/Goat/Swine Tag Order_DEADLINE
Major Swine Tag Order DEADLINE
Major Broiler Order 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.

CONTEST PAGE

2025 - 2026 County - District - State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

SUMMER DATES

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, HORSE, SHOOTING SPORTS

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.

2025 Validation Dates

Fall Heifer

October 25th 9:00 - 11:00am East Central

Swine Validation

November 8th 9:00 – 11:00am <u>ASTA</u> November 25th 2:00 – 5:00pm <u>East Central</u>

Sheep and Goat

October 16th 3:00 – 6:00pm <u>ASTA</u> October 21st 4:30 – 6:30pm <u>East Central</u>

State Fair of Texas Entries (ENTRY) (PREMIUM BOOK)- DEADLINE August 8th

Youth Livestock and All Contest entries are to be made online by parents/guardians through the online parent portal. Note the parent portal will open August 1st. The exhibitor and parent/guardian will be required to electronically sign the Release and Liability Signature form. A W9 including the youth exhibitor's social security number and signature is required at the time of entry. The Bexar County deadline will be August 8th. Any entries made after 12:00am on August 8th will be subject to a \$100 late fee that must be paid to the county extension office prior to entry approval.

Heart O' Texas Entries (PREMIUM BOOK) (FORM) - DEADLINE August 8th

HOT entries are due to the office by August 8th, at 5:00 PM.

West TX Fair and Rodeo Livestock Show (PREMIUM BOOK) (ENTRY FORM) - DEADLINE August 8th

Youth Livestock and All Contest entries are to be made here in the office. The Bexar County deadline will be August 8th. Any entries made after 12:00am on August 8th will be subject to a \$100 late fee that must be paid to the county extension office prior to entry approval.

2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Archery Announcement (INFORMATION)

Tentatively, the Archery Competition is schedule for October 10 - 12, 2025 at NRG Center. Registration will open in early August for the competition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by phone at 832.667.1125 or email at livestock@rodeohouston.com.

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. There is no order form or pre-purchase. Purchase at the validation event for \$5. A BCJLS tag is valid for the BCJLS show and certain other smaller shows. Exhibitors who do not wish to show at a major show may want to purchase a BCJLS tag instead of a state validation tag. 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 18th. See flyer above for more information, please contact Danny Hudel at danny.hudel@ecisd.net or 210-634-7100.

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP/FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Summer One Time Presentations for your Clubs and Schools! (Egg to Chick) (Wellness)

If you are looking for some fun summer activities for your clubs, we are currently conducting 1x presentations and hands on activities for Explore the Chicken Life Cycle and Mental Wellness, getting experience in mindfulness. If you would like to schedule one of these presentations, please reach out to the educator on the flyer.

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.



2025 - 2026 Texas 4-H Chartering Process

The 2025-2026 chartering process for existing clubs/groups as well as guidelines for the establishment of new 4-H clubs in Texas 4-H and under the Texas 4-H, Inc. organization is officially open. Please click <u>HERE</u> for the 2025-2026 chartering information. All documents and other resources are available online at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/. June 30, 2025, is the deadline to submit 4-H club/group charter applications in order for the application to be reviewed for approval for an August 15 club activation. Items to include:

- 2025-2026 Charter Agreement: <u>DOWNLOAD</u>. As before, signatures are required, but the document must also be initialed where indicated.
- Sample Bylaws: <u>DOWNLOAD</u>. The sample bylaws are developed to serve as a guide for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in all bylaws. Club/group bylaws should not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the newly revised Charter Agreement. Please see bylaws requirements <u>HERE</u>.
- 2024-2025 Financial Review Form: <u>DOWNLOAD</u>. Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks and/or deposit slips. This is for the security of the club/group account(s). Please note that a checkbox has been added to the financial review form indicating that the Extension Agent certifies that all signers on the bank account are currently enrolled 4-H adult volunteer leaders. Also, please note that the name on a 4-H club's bank account should match the name of the 4-H club/group as well as the name on the EIN assignment letter. In order to avoid the application being sent back for corrections, please ensure that the financial review form is completed in its entirety.
- · Chartering Resources & Guides:
- Save the Date: May 15 at 3pm Chartering Training/Q&A Meeting Link
- Who To Contact With Questions
- o Chartering Step-By-Step Video Guide
- o 4HOnline Charter Application Guide
- o 4HOnline Charter Resubmit Instructions

Disbandment Form: <u>DOWNLOAD</u>. Included for any club that will be disbanding. Upon closure of the club, please provide the completed form to the Texas 4-H Office.

Texas 4-H Sock Fundraiser

This fundraiser will run from July 15th – August 15th. \$5 from every pair of socks sold will go directly to your county! On the order form, each customer will select which county they are supporting. At the end of the fundraiser, the money each county earns from their sales will be put into the respective foundation account. Here is the link to the store that will open TODAY: https://www.bloomforgoodonlinestore.com/shop/?campaignid=11307. We would love for you to promote this fundraiser to your 4-H families and communities! (general flyer attached) These socks also make excellent prizes, giveaways, and gifts for 4-H volunteers!