

# BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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**Club Manager Reports ([LINK HERE](#)) –  
DEADLINE: Due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**

If you are a club manager/assistant manager, please submit your monthly report by the date above.



## BULLETIN BOARD

### Bexar County 4-H Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, County Extension Agents Sam Womble and Angie Gutierrez will be temporarily taking on 4-H responsibilities for a limited time. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and to continuing the high-quality experience that 4-H provides for our youth and families. As we begin the new 4-H year, we will share updates with parents and members to keep you well-informed along the way. We truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and ongoing support of the Bexar County 4-H program.

### Bexar County 4-H Council Meeting Update!

The Bexar County 4-H Council Meeting originally scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed. The new date will be Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Location is to be announced soon. For any questions or additional information, please contact Kennedy Green at [kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu) or Angie Gutierrez at [angelica.gutierrez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:angelica.gutierrez@ag.tamu.edu)



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## BULLETIN BOARD

### Bexar County 4-H Club Survey (SURVEY)

We are excited to start the new 4-H year! We are working on updating club contacts, their projects and participation. **Club managers please take the survey above to help us guide new 4-H families.** If you have any questions, please contact Kennedy at 210-631-0400.

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

The new 4-H year is just around the corner, and it is time for members and families to re-enroll in 4HOnline to participate in local clubs, contests, and events. **You must reenroll each year.** 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 (AFTER NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> PRICE WILL RISE TO \$30)**

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 third 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 third grade as of September 1.

- **Adult Enrollment Fee – \$10**

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

### 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) Program will be conducted by BCJLS Rabbit Superintendent Jeff Tondre.

Come and learn everything from feeding to daily management. Please RSVP to Kennedy at

[kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu) by Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### New Livestock Project Family Orientation

Tuesday, September 9th, 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

### 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! All Bexar County 4-H families are welcome to attend!

### Save the DATE! Bexar County 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show! (SURVEY)

The Bexar County 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Location to be announced and we need YOUR HELP!** If you are planning to participate in the food challenge and food show project, please complete the survey above to give us more insight into where we should hold this year's county contest. If you have any questions, contact Kennedy at 210-631-0400.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

SEP 12

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✿ OCT 5 – 11

Major Swine Tag Order [DEADLINE \(FORM\)](#)

Major Broiler Order [DEADLINE \(FORM\)](#)

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ✿

## 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 Sam by phone, email, text, or visit the Extension Office. To schedule an appointment or suggest a livestock project meeting, contact Sam at 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 by 5:00 pm, at the Extension Office.

- Major Swine ([FORM](#)): **DUE September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- Major Broiler ([FORM](#)): **DUE September 12<sup>th</sup>**



## 2026 BCJLS Validation (INFORMATION) (WEBSITE)

To show at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS), all animals must have a BCJLS, Walter Gerlach Livestock Show (WGLS), OR State Validation Tag. If an animal is state validated, it does not need a BCJLS tag. BCJLS offers validation tags for purchase for \$5 CASH for lambs, goats, and pigs at certain validation events. BCJLS is NOT present at every validation. Please visit their website above for a list of validation sites they will be offered at. 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 and Stress Less! (GEM) (STRESS LESS)**

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 is not 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)!

## **Save the DATE! Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School (FLYER)**

Families save the date for the upcoming health & wellness event – Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking school. This event is all about encouraging our families to prioritize well-being—physically, mentally, and emotionally with the focus on nutrition. We'll have guest speakers, a fitness exercise demonstration, taste test of healthy recipes and lots of goodies to give away. We are also looking for adult & youth volunteers to assist with event. If interested, please contact 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 fifty 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 and club resource material? 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 us make this year's National 4-H Week the biggest and most inspiring yet!](#)**

