

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Club Manager Reports ([LINK HERE](#)) –

DEADLINE: Due by the 25th of each month

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

Project Leader Reports ([LINK HERE](#)) –

DEADLINE: Due by the 25th of each month

If you are a project leader, please submit your monthly report by the date above.



BULLETIN BOARD

2026 Major Show Entry: November 3rd – November 7th – DEADLINE November 7th

Entries will be accepted at the Bexar County EFNEP Office (8844 Tradeway San Antonio, TX 78217) from November 3rd to November 7th from 8:30 am – 11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Appointments with Sam will be available on November 3rd from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM and November 5th from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. **This year we will also be hosting Major Show Entry Nights at the Helotes Youth Activity Center on November 4th at 6:30 PM and the BCJLS Grounds on November 5th at 6:30 PM.**

- **ALL entries (Fort Worth Stock Show, San Angelo Stock Show, Texas Elite, Rodeo Austin, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show, Hill District Grandstand and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo) will be due November 7th. Any entries submitted AFTER November 7th will incur a \$100 fee.**
- **As of right now, you are responsible for doing your own entries for Hill District Grandstand, Fort Worth Stock Show and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo online.**
- **If you are needing a San Antonio Premium Pass, please notify Kennedy Green by October 27th. They are \$500 each.**
- **Major Show Entry appointments, please click [HERE](#).**

We will need

- **MUST BE** an enrolled 4-H Member for the 2025 – 2026 year
- **Valid Quality Counts** number that is up to date for age division. ([QUALITY COUNTS INFORMATION](#))
- Child Social Security Number
- Entry forms can be printed in advance and brought with you or picked up at the Bexar County EFNEP Office.
- **Breeding animals:** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring registration papers.
- **Cash or check ONLY** to cover entry fee. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund

INDIVIDUAL/TEAM COMPETITIONS (INCLUDING SAN ANTONIO) – DEADLINE November 7th

- Please reference shows premium book on rules.
- 1 Team coach/parent will bring all money and forms for registration.
- **ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE LISTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**
- The person completing team registration will need all the required information for each team member at the time of registration.
- All competitions with team limits will be determined by county qualifying contests if necessary.

Bexar County 4-H Council Meeting!

The first Bexar County 4-H Council Meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM at the Bexar County EFNEP Office, 8844 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217. If you are interested in any of the vacant council positions please contact Angie Gutierrez at angie.gutierrez@ag.tamu.edu.

Bexar County ALA Meeting!

The first Bexar County 4-H Council Meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:30 PM at the Bexar County EFNEP Office, 8844 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Sam Womble at sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu.

Tag Order DEADLINES! (SWINE FORM) (BROILER FORM)

All Major Swine Tag Orders and Major Broiler orders are due **Monday, September 15th by 5:00 PM.**



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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.

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) 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 by Tuesday, September 23rd.

Helotes Youth Day (FLYER)

Helotes Ag Booster Club will be hosting their annual youth day on September 13th. Please see flyer for schedule and how to RSVP! All Bexar County 4-H families are welcome to attend!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

SEP 12	District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
SEP 15	Major Swine Tag Order <u>DEADLINE (FORM)</u>
SEP 15	Major Broiler Order <u>DEADLINE (FORM)</u>
SEP 18	District 5 Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
SEP 21	MyPlate Ambassador Program <u>DEADLINE</u>
SEP 26	District 8 Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
SEP 30	District 10 (SEGUIN) Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
SEP 30	BCJLS Broiler Show Order Form <u>DEADLINE</u>
✿ OCT 5 – 11	<u>NATIONAL 4-H WEEK</u> ✿
OCT 20	Guadalupe County Livestock Judging Contest <u>DEADLINE</u>
OCT 28	District 10 (LA VERNIA) Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
NOV 7	Major Show Entry <u>DEADLINE</u>

CONTEST PAGE

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

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Oct. 1, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: W–F, Oct. 29 - 31, 2025	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Dec. 3, 2025	• Food Challenge
Dec. 4, 2025	• Food Show • FCH Quiz Bowl • Entomology Judging
Dec. 5, 2025	• Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking (PM) • Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl (AM)
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
<i>**All 4-H members 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.</i>	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 20, 2026	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 17, 2026	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 18-20, 2026	
Mar. 9, 2026	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 20, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 17, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 18-20, 2026	
Feb. 17, 2026	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 31, 2026	Photography Results Released

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 14, 2026	• Leaders 4 Life (TBD)
April 15, 2026	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 20, 2026	• Livestock Judging
April 21, 2026	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 22, 2026	• Livestock Skillathon • 4-H Storyboard & Textiles
April 23, 2026	• Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo) • Fashion Show Contests
April 24, 2026	• Talent Showcase • Consumer Decision Making
April 25, 2026	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026	
EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 24-26, 2026	
EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026	

SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship! ([UPDATES](#))

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship guidelines and all updates will be posted October 1st!

Outside Scholarship List ([LIST](#))

Additional scholarships offered outside of 4-H are offered and can be found in the list link above!

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

If you have a conflict with the dates below, you will need to get to Sam as soon as possible.

Fall Heifer

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

Swine Validation

November 8th 9:00 – 11:00am [ASTA](#)

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

Sheep and Goat

October 16th 3:00 – 6:00pm [ASTA](#)

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



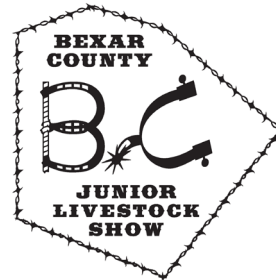
Quality Counts Update! (INSTRUCTIONS) (ENROLLMENT)

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**.

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 Updates! (BCJLS LATEST UPDATES)

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

BCJLS Broiler Show Order Form (FORM) – DEADLINE September 30th

Broiler orders for the 63rd show are now live. Orders are due with full payment by the deadline above.

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.

Rabbit Project Meeting

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Guadalupe County Livestock Judging Contest (GUIDE) – DEADLINE October 20th

Guadalupe County is hosting an invitational Livestock Judging contest on Friday, October, 24, 2025 at the County Church in Marion, TX (1005 W. FM 78, Marion, TX, 78124). Cost is \$40 per team & \$10 per individual. Please see the contest guidelines above for registration & payment info!

Fall Prospect Shows (Sonny Domsch Memorial Annual Show) (South TX Double Trouble Show)

The Atascosa County Fair Association invites all 4-H members to exhibit at their Fall prospect shows! Details, deadlines and flyers are linked below!

Upcoming Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings

District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Encino, TX)

- **When:** September 20-21, 2025 ([Website](#))
- **Registration Period:** August 15 – September 12, 2025 (\$150) via 4HOnline
- **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Pistol, Rifle, Hunting & Wildlife, and Muzzleloading

District 5 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Marshall, TX)

- **When:** September 27-28, 2025 ([Event Letter](#))
- **Registration Period:** August 15 – September 18, 2025 (\$135) via 4HOnline
- **Late Registration:** September 19-23, 2025 (\$185) via 4HOnline
- **Disciplines:** Shotgun, Pistol, Rifle & (Archery-Tentative)

District 8 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Stephenville, TX)

- **When:** October 12-13, 2024 ([Website](#))
- **Registration Period:** September 1 – 26, 2025 via 4HOnline
- **Cost:** \$140 (Includes meals, snacks, curriculum & all training materials)
- **Disciplines:** Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Archery

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Sequin, TX)

- **When:** October 18-19, 2025 (**Release Letter - COMING SOON!**)
- **Registration Period:** September 15 – 30, 2025 (\$130) via 4HOnline
- **Late Registration:** October 1– 13, 2025 (\$150) via 4HOnline
- **Cost:** \$130 (Includes meals & materials)
- **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol & Muzzleloading

District 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training (La Vernia, TX)

- **When:** November 15-16, 2025 (**Release Letter - COMING SOON!**)
- **Registration Period:** October 6 – 28, 2025 (\$130) via 4HOnline
- **Late Registration:** October 29– 31, 2025 (\$150) via 4HOnline
- **Cost:** \$130 (Includes meals & materials)
- **Disciplines:** Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol (*Additional Specialty may be offered*)

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports National Team ([APPLICATION](#)) – DEADLINE September 15th

This team of 36 4-H'ers travels to Grand Island Nebraska in June of 2026 to compete against 4-H shooting sports programs in all other states. Any senior Texas 4-H member that is shooting under a 4-H certified coach and has participated in a state level shooting sports event is eligible to apply for this team. Applications are available through 4HOnline!

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!

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!

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 18th, 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.

Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School (REGISTRATION) (FLYER)

Families save the date for the upcoming health & wellness event – Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking school. 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

MyPlate Ambassador Program (INFORMATION) (APPLY) – DEADLINE September 21st

In partnership with AgriLife Extension, the Advancing Health Through Agriculture Institute, and the Texas Department of Agriculture, this program is open to high school students (grades 9–12) who apply and are selected. Ambassadors will partner with Extension agents, schools, and community leaders to deliver nutrition education, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage school and community changes that make healthy choices easier. Participants can choose one of two tracks:

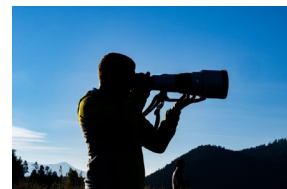
- MyPlate Educator – Teach younger students and peers about healthy eating using MyPlate and building healthy habits.
- MyPlate Influencer – Lead a school or community project to encourage healthy eating, including system or policy changes when possible.

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 II0020

- 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)

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!

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.



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!



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 1st 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.

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