

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

2025 Kids Kows and More Volunteer Sign up!

We are having our annual Kids Kows and More on Wednesday, November 12th at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cattle Barn. We are needing volunteers to help us make this program a fantastic day for our 4th graders coming from all over San Antonio! ***If you would like to volunteer to assist in the event from 9:30am – 2:00pm, please contact Kennedy Green at kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu.***

Bexar Co. Public Speaking/Educational Presentation (FORM) – DEADLINE OCTOBER 31st

The Bexar County 4-H Public Speaking and Educational Presentation contest will be November 13th at 6:00PM at the Cornerstone Christian Schools (17702 NW Military Hwy 78257). Email entries to Kennedy Green at kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu by October 31st. ***NO late entries will be accepted. If you would like to volunteer as a judge, please contact Kennedy Green at kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu.***

District 10 4-H Fall Roundup (GUIDE) (WEBSITE) – DEADLINE October 28th

District 10 4-H members of all age divisions are welcome to compete in any of the contests offered (granted they meet the criteria of the event). The following rules below apply to all Fall Roundup District contests, unless otherwise stated in the contest's specific rules. The schedule for Fall round up can be found on page 4 of the newsletter.

District 10 Record Book Training (STATE GUIDE) (MEETING)

District 10 will host a virtual record book training via Microsoft teams on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025. This training is highly encouraged for both new and experienced families! Meeting ID: 265 085 777 910 7 Passcode: VM9h4Ap3

UPCOMING DEADLINES

OCT 26	Texas 4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
OCT 28	District 10 (LA VERNIA) Shooting Sports Coach Training <u>DEADLINE</u>
OCT 28	District 10 Fall Roundup <u>DEADLINE</u>
OCT 31	Bexar County Public Speaking/Educational Presentation <u>DEADLINE</u>
NOV 1	BCJLS Entries <u>DEADLINE</u>
NOV 5	Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Application <u>DEADLINE</u>
NOV 7	Major Show Entry <u>DEADLINE</u>
DEC 15	Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest <u>DEADLINE</u>
DEC 19	IRS 990N FILING <u>DEADLINE</u>
MAY 5	Texas 4-H Roundup <u>DEADLINE</u>

CONTEST PAGE

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

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Weds., Oct. 1, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: W–F, Oct. 29 - 31, 2025	
Dec. 3, 2025	• Food Challenge
Dec. 4, 2025	• Food Show • FCH Quiz Bowl • Entomology Judging
Dec. 5, 2025	• Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking • Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
District 10 Archery Match – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Oct. 20, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Nov. 18, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: W–F, Nov. 19-21, 2025	
Dec. 13, 2025	Archery Match Guidelines
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.</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. 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](#)



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 Major Show Entry deadlines.**

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

Entries will be accepted at the Bexar County EFNEP Office (8844 Tradeway San Antonio, TX 78217). 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.**
- **You are responsible for doing your own entries for Hill District Grandstand and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo online. If something changes once the premium books are released, we will let you know.**
- **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](#).**

REMINDERS!

- **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.

BCJLS Entries are OPEN! (ENTRY) (INSTRUCTIONS) – DEADLINE November 1st

Electronic entries for the 63rd show are open! Entries will close at 11:59 PM on Saturday, November 1st, 2025. The entry process is the same as last year. Broiler exhibitors, you must create an entry in ShoWorks for each exhibitor. The Google Form you completed to order your broiler chickens IS NOT the Show Entry Form.

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.

Bexar 4-H Shoot Out (FLYER)

The **13th Annual Bexar Junior Shoot-Out** will be held at San Antonio Trap & Skeet (928 Contour Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212) on Saturday, November 15th, 2025. (FLYER) The event is hosted by the Bexar 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports Club, and is a qualifying event for the SALE Junior Shoot-Out in February. Registration will open at 7am, with a mandatory Safety Orientation at 8:15 am. Registration is open on www.iclays.com. For questions, please see the attached flyer, or contact: info@bexar4hpaparpunchers.org.

Junior Master Naturalist Class 4! (INFORMATION) (FLYER)

If you have children or grandchildren or know of youngsters who love to spend time outside and express an interest in the environment around them, then this JMN program would be ideal! Our goal is to connect children with the natural world – plants, birds, rocks and fossils, water resources, insects, mammals, natural history and more! Students will participate in educational sessions and field trips, conducted by expert educators, to help them learn how everything works together on our big, beautiful planet, and what we can all do to help take care of it. We accept students aged 8-13 years, splitting the students into two age groups if we have enough: 8 through 10 years old, and 11 through 13 years old. For any questions, contact youthactivities@alamomasternaturalist.org.

Texas 4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training (FLYER) – DEADLINE October 26th

The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program is excited to welcome interested Sportfishing project leaders to a training November 8, 2025 in Brazos County. Join for a hands-on, activity-based training to learn how to start this project in your county. Registration is open on 4HOnline September 28-October 26. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch, certification, and curriculum. The training will be Saturday 9 am - 4 pm. The registration is open to adult 4-H volunteers, senior division 4-H members. Contact lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions.

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest (FLYER) – DEADLINE December 15th

The Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest encourages observation within specific 4-H Natural Resources project areas and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography. Categories include Aquatic Science, Entomology, Shooting Sports, Forestry, Sportfishing, Range Science, Hunting, Outdoor Education, Wildlife & Fisheries, and Water Conservation & Education. Point of Contact larry.hysmith@ag.tamu.edu

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

- **When:** November 15-16, 2025 (FLYER) & (EVENT LETTER)
- **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*)

2025 – 2026 Bexar County 4-H Council and Adult Leaders Association Meeting Dates!

Bexar County 4-H Council will be meeting on the following dates at 7:00PM and the ALA at 6:30PM.

- November 20th, 2025, at Bexar County EFNEP Office (8844 Tradeway San Antonio, TX 78217)
- January 15th, 2025, Location TBD
- March 19th, 2025, Location TBD
- May 21st, 2025, Location TBD

Ag Youth of the Month Applications! (APPLICATION)

AgTexas Farm Credit is excited to announce that applications for the 2025-2026 AgTexas Ag Youth of the Month program are now open! This program was created to recognize and support outstanding high school seniors who are actively involved in FFA or 4-H, excel in leadership, and make an impact in their schools and communities. Each month, selected students will be spotlighted across AgTexas Farm Credit platforms and celebrated for their achievements in agriculture. Your support can make all the difference in inspiring students to take part in this recognition.



SPARK! (REGISTRATION)

Registration is now open for Spark! Spark! Is a camp held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood for all junior and intermediate level 4-H members. Led by Texas 4-H Council, youth will learn about 4-H, meet new friends, participate in various leadership and camp activities, and have FUN! This year's theme is Light Up Luau and will be November 7-9, 2025, for \$175/camper. Reach out to jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team Application (APPLICATION) – DEADLINE November 5th

Applications are now open to serve on the 2026 Texas 4-H Congress Leadership Team! Youth who are on State Council, District Council, or active in any state level ambassador program may apply to serve in positions like Governor, Speaker of the House, Press Coordinator, etc.

Handmade Quilts to Honor Veterans (<https://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/files/2025/10/Quilt-Donation-Flyer-1.pdf>)

Help us deliver heartfelt quilts sewn by our Bexar County 4-H youth on November 11th to those who have served our country. For more information, contact Angie Gutierrez at aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu.

2025 – 2026 Texas 4-H State Photography Contest (GUIDE)

The rules for the 2025 – 2026 state contest are now available! The state 4-H photography contest is a senior only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from County to State. Each county may submit a maximum of 18 total photos (1 photo per category)

GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

Texas 4-H Curriculum ([RESOURCES](#)) ([Texas 4-H Website](#)) ([District 4-H Website](#))

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.



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

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.

• **Youth Enrollment (8 – 18) Fee – \$25 (AFTER NOVEMBER 1st PRICE WILL RISE TO \$30)**

• **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 (5 – 7) – \$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**

4-H Paper Clover at Tractor Supply

For the 15th year in a row, 4-H and Tractor Supply are teaming up for the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign. The campaign has raised more than \$24 million to support local 4-H'ers and help them become Beyond Ready to lead, learn and serve. From November 28 – December 14, you can help support your local 4-H by visiting a local TSC store and purchasing a Paper Clover. Together, 4-H and TSC are investing in the next generation of leaders.



2025 – 2026 Texas 4-H Record Book Guide ([GUIDE](#))

The 2025-2026 Texas 4-H Record Book Family Guide is now available. Take notice of a few changes to the record book format for this coming year

2025 – 2026 Texas Photography Contest ([GUIDE](#))

The 2025 – 2026 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Guide is now available.

2026 Texas 4-H Roundup Information - [DEADLINE May 5th](#)

Handbook available [HERE](#)

Notable Contest Changes [HERE](#)

Hotel Room Block **COMING SOON**

GENERAL INFORMATION/EVENTS

CLUB MANAGERS! The Process of Filing an IRS 990 – DEADLINE December 19th

THE PROCESS OF FILING AN IRS 990 FORM IS REQUIRED OF EVERY 4-H CLUB/GROUP THAT HAS AN ACTIVE EIN, REGARDLESS IF THE CLUB/GROUP IS MANAGING MONEY.

Any club or group that does not have a successful filing by the December date could potentially be in jeopardy of having their EIN revoked by the IRS. Filing a club or group annual information return is accomplished by each club or group manager and treasurer working with County Extension Agents to complete and file an IRS Form 990.

Form 990 is the form used by tax-exempt organizations to provide the IRS with the information required on an annual basis. There are several Form 990s that a 4-H club/group can file, depending on their financial status. The Form 990 options are:

- **Form 990N (e-postcard):** Gross receipts \$50,000 or less
- **Form 990EZ:** Gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year
- **Form 990:** Gross receipts exceeding \$200,000 at the end of the year

Please follow the instructions below to successfully file your club/group 990 form. As you follow the instructions, please do so with these key points in mind:

- Filing an annual information return is not dependent upon if the club has money or income for the past year. It is the official procedure to maintain a club/group EIN number and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Every club with an EIN under Texas 4-H Inc. must file annually.
- If a 990-N (e-postcard) filing is rejected, the County Extension Office and/or club manager should follow the instructions to resolve the issue directly with the IRS. Texas 4-H, Inc. cannot accept failed attempt notices from the IRS online system.
- 4-H Clubs/Groups that use another entities' EIN, such as a school-based 4-H club that uses the school's EIN, must work with the school and follow their timeline and procedures for filing with the IRS.

HOW TO FILE

To electronically submit Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard).

- Form 990-N must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.
- Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.
- Use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User Guide while registering and filing.
- Organizations should continue efforts to file, even if late.

While there is no penalty assessment for filing a Form 990-N late, organizations that fail to file required Forms 990, 990-EZ or 990-N for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. Revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will happen on the filing due date of the third consecutively-missed year.

Information you will need when filing Form 990-N

Form 990-N is easy to complete. You'll need only eight items of basic information about your organization.

1. Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
2. Tax year (2024)
3. Legal name (Texas 4-H) and mailing address of club
4. Any other names the organization uses (**Club name listed on EIN verification**)
5. Name and address of a principal officer
6. Web site address if the organization has one
7. Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less
8. If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

RESOURCES

- YouTube Video that takes you step-by-step through the tax filing process for 4-H clubs/groups can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/SOuF20LOR2w>
- 2024-2025 IRS Filing Instructions for Texas 4-H Club/Group 990 Forms – **Attached**
- IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System User Guide – available at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5248.pdf>
- IRS website for Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations – Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and the IRS Filing Website: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>