Bexar County 4-H Rocks!

4-H Office CLOSED until 5/19

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

- MAY 11 – PVAMU 4-H Operation College Access Virtual Training
- MAY 12 – PVAMU 4-H Operation College Access Virtual Training
- MAY 12 – Invitational Storyboard Contest Deadline via 4-H Connect
- MAY 13 – Virtual Catfish Skillathon Begins
- MAY 14 – County Council Meeting @ 7PM WebEx Click HERE to Join
- MAY 14 – Space Rocks Free Planetary Seminar @ 2PM Click HERE to Join
- MAY 15 – Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship Interviews
- MAY 15 – Bexar County Game Changer Teen Leader Applications DUE
- MAY 15 – Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board Applications DUE
- MAY 15 – Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration DUE on 4-H Connect
- MAY 15 – Water Ambassador Applications DUE
- MAY 15 – 2020 Livestock Skillathon Virtual Showdown Registration DUE
- MAY 18 – PVAMU 4-H Operation College Access Virtual Training
- MAY 18 – Jump in Junk Drawer Robotics Virtual Camp Begins!
- MAY 21 – Livestock Coalition Meeting @ 6:30 PM via Microsoft Teams
- MAY 22 – Texas 4-H State Dog Show Entry DUE on 4-H Connect Extended
- MAY 22 – Heroes 4-Health Ambassador Applications DUE
- MAY 28 – Texas 4-H Entomology Collection Virtual Contest Deadline
- MAY 29 – District 10 Horse Show Registration & Paperwork DUE
- MAY 29 – Leadership Lab Registration DUE on 4-H Connect
- MAY 29 – PVAMU S.A.L.E. Scholarship Deadline
- MAY 30 – Top Tomato Contest hosted by Fanick’s
- MAY 31 – District 10 Officer Elections Sign Up DUE
- JUN 1 – Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications DUE Extended
- JUN 1 – 20/20 Kitchen Vision Cookbook Entries DUE
- JUN 2 – Club Manager Training Session 1 (10am or 6:30pm) Location TBA
- JUN 11 – Steer Validation @ James Madison HS – 8 –11 AM
- JUN 15 – County Record Books DUE by 8 AM
- JUN 15 – County Awards & Gold Star Applications DUE by 8AM
- JUN 15 – County Ambassador Applications DUE by 8AM
- JUN 17 – District Community Service Project Donations due to Office
- JUN 19-20 – County Record Book Judging @ Extension Office *Tentative*
- JUN 23 – State Fair Validation (L/G & Barrows) @ East Central HS – 8-10 AM
- JUN 23 – Steer Validation @ East Central HS – 3 – 6 PM
- JUL 1 – Club Charters due in order to become active Sept. 1, 2020
- JUL 7 – Club Manager Training Session 2 (10am or 6:30pm) Location TBA
- JUL 9 – District 10 Record Book Judging, Location TBA
- JUL 17 – Gold Star & County Ambassador Applicant Interviews
- JUL 31 – 2020 Sheep Capital Lamb Camp (Space Limited to first 80)

May 11, 2020

As a reminder, 4-H programming (Club meetings, project meetings, events or contests) will be cancelled/postponed until May 19, 2020
DISTRICT HORSE SHOW INFO RELEASED!

Sign up for the District 10 Horse Show held **July 17-18, 2020 @ Dripping Springs Ranch Park** will be open **May 1 – 29, 2020 on 4-H Connect.** NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please download the following Horse Show **LETTER** with schedule and show information. All exhibitors will need to submit the following to our Bexar County office by May 29, 2020 in order to show: **Copy of current negative Coggins certificate for each horse entered** (must be valid through District/State Horse Show dates) & a **Participant Medical Release Waiver** located **HERE** for each child participant.

Questions? Email Natalie ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu or Sam Womble Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu

**LEADERSHIP LAB & DISTRICT COUNCIL INFORMATION RELEASED!**

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**2020 ANIMAL VALIDATION DATES**

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Tag Order Price: $17 per State Tag, $30 per Late State Tag
Howdy 4-H Family,

As I'm sure you're all aware, our nation and state are currently navigating difficult waters regarding the spread of COVID-19 or ubiquitously dubbed the "Coronavirus" (https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/). No doubt you have felt the effects of this event in more ways than one. We are taking guidance at this time from our agency, local government, and federal government on how best to advise our groups to mitigate the probabilities of infection and further spread of the virus. Please read the following recommendations regarding public gatherings/social distancing, and best hygiene practices. We know you all have been made aware of this information, but we’d like to emphasize the importance of these practices so we can hopefully return to a normal state of operation in the near future.

1. The following actions are being taken regarding educational programs and face to face meetings:
   a. All AgriLife face-to-face meetings will be cancelled through May 4th at the earliest. This status will be reviewed based on the statewide public health disaster declaration made by the Governor. All 4-H Programming will be suspended until May 19, 2020.
   b. Starting Monday March 23, 2020, our physical office will be closed, and we will implement a telecommuting solution to minimize as much person to person contact as possible for a two week period. After this two week period, we will revisit the telecommuting solution. We can be reached during normal office hours at 210-631-0400. *As of May 11, 2020 we are awaiting the County’s response and plan to re-open after May 19th. We will inform you via 4-H Connect of our Office’s status.

2. The following CDC information relates to how COVID-19 is spread:

   - The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
     - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
     - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

   Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

   - Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects:

     It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

3. The following CDC information relates to how to mitigate infection of COVID-19:

   CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

   - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
   - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
   - Stay home when you are sick.
   - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
   - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
   - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
   - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
AgriLife & 4-H Opportunities related to COVID-19

1. Follow our YouTube Channel for fun videos and activity ideas:

2. **Operation Face Mask:** There is a National shortage of **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**, including face masks. AgriLife Extension is entrusting Texas 4-H members to help with this issue! Click the links below for instructions on how to create masks with both elastic and with ties. To best comply with social distancing, families should work independently on this project.

   a. Sewing a Mask with Elastic: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGMFYzhpUnQ421gUtSueggeG65-5/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGMFYzhpUnQ421gUtSueggeG65-5/view)

   b. Sewing a Mask with Ties: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdIoJhfh6VID7kpHbIMxSlWgVeql/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdIoJhfh6VID7kpHbIMxSlWgVeql/view)

   c. Bexar County 4-H Ambassador, Alya Trimble, has already been hard at work and created masks! She has graciously offered herself as a point of contact for members who may have sewing questions. She can be reached via email at phtrimble@yahoo.com

3. **VIRTUAL Opportunities:**

   - **4-H at Home – Activities and Curriculum**

   - **Space Rocks Hosted by Harris County Extension** – May 14th @ 2PM Via WebEx: [CLICK HERE](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HwQkdIoJhfh6VID7kpHbIMxSlWgVeql/view)

     The Lunar and Planetary Institute is pleased to conduct this free, 30 minute virtual program, connecting participants with a planetary scientist and a meteorite demonstration, all from home. Dr. Mane will discuss meteorites and how we find them on Earth. As part of the demonstration, participants will compare the characteristics of meteorites and Earth rocks. **Password:** 4hinspace

   - **FCH Kid’s Activities:**

     | JMG Facebook Live Schedule | Cards for Seniors | Sidewalk Paint | Marble Run | Hot Rocks |
     |----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
     | Making Butter              | Homemade Peanut Butter | Bubblicious Fun | Pendulum Painting | Fizzy Foam |
CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN, Bexar Volunteer Jennie Dietrich!

2020 Salute to Excellence Award Recipients

Salute to Excellence

District 1
Tara Ogletree, Carson County
Clifford Oldham, Wheeler County

District 4
Larry Brown, Cass County
LaRena Phillips, Hunt County

District 7
Teri Hollis, Callahan County
Kay Stewart, San Saba County

District 10
Jennifer Dietrich, Bexar County
Tina Warwick, Travis County

District 2
Marla Cook, Lynn County

District 5
Amy Jones, Anderson County
Rick & Jennifer Poorman, Upshur County

District 8
Barbara Wood, Bell County
Cara Ellison, Johnson County

District 11
Jackie Parsons, Victoria County
Shalane Pinkerton, Nueces County

District 3
Nancy Crude, Knox County

District 6
Benjamin Hada, Andrews County
Casey & Jody Upham, Crockett County

District 9
Justin Lyon, Lee County
Patrick McAshlan, Galveston County

District 12
Jody Bullard, Dimmit County
Karen Harris, Atascosa County

Leader Legacy

District 11
Rene Chapman, Nueces County

District 2
Larry & Skip Simons, Swisher County

Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

District 7
Lawson Equipment, Mills County

District 4
Pat Carter, Lamar County

Texas 4-H Alumni

District 4
Tommy Calvert, Denton County

District 1
Jacy Hammer, Carson

Meritorious Service

District 8
Mark Arnold, Ellis County Extension Agent

District 2
Wendy Scott, District 2 4-H Specialist

Commendable Service

District 7
Heather Edgar, Brown County

District 9
Sue Ferguson, Brazos County

District 9
Tammy Goodwin, Hardin County
**4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS**

**2020-2021 VALIDATION DATES**

4-H Members planning to show a state validated animal at the Major shows should mark your calendar with the validation dates for the upcoming 4-H Year. County validation will also occur during these events. If you have any questions please contact Sam Womble at Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu or Chris Lambert at Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu

- **Cattle**
  - June 11 – 8-11 am James Madison
  - June 23 – 3-6 pm East Central
  - Note: Also State Fair Lambs, Goats and Barrows – June 23, 8-10 am East Central
  - Fall Heifer Validation – October 24th 9-11 am East Central

- **Sheep/Goats**
  - October 8 – 3:30-6 pm O’Connor
  - October 15 – 3-6 pm James Madison
  - October 21 – 5-7 pm East Central

- **Swine**
  - November 10 – 4-7 pm Judson
  - November 14 – 1-3 pm O’Connor
  - November 17 – 4-7 pm Southwest
  - November 23 – 4-7 pm James Madison
  - November 24 – 2-5:30 pm East Central

- **Tag orders:**
  - State tags will be $17/tag
  - Late state tags will be $30/tag

**Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board Applications OPEN- Due May 15th**

It is time again for the Texas 4-H Rabbit Advisory Board to accept applications for membership! Please see this DOCUMENT that outlines the state-level advisory board. **Applications are open starting today and will close Friday, May 15, 2020 at midnight.** Applications are open to any teen 4-H member, or adult volunteer. All applicants will be required to have a reference for the committee, the reference form will be sent to the reference listed on the application once it is received. Committee meeting dates will determined once members have been selected.

**Teen Application** – [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctfUXZPOMsqosG-GrggM_6LF9Pl0YHtqvKHvRwHgk6XybWeg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctfUXZPOMsqosG-GrggM_6LF9Pl0YHtqvKHvRwHgk6XybWeg/viewform)

**Adult Volunteer & Agent Application**
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMVxFMwL3sv7usFiGqCxB7nHAK8Ieq_f4J0ppgBAAvZwnpUQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMVxFMwL3sv7usFiGqCxB7nHAK8Ieq_f4J0ppgBAAvZwnpUQ/viewform)

Applications and Advisory Board Description can also be found at: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/project_rabbit_advisory_board_description_2020.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/project_rabbit_advisory_board_description_2020.pdf)
Livestock Project Coalition Meeting Hosted on May 21, 2020 @ 6:30 PM via Teams

Information: Sam Womble would like to invite 4-H adult leaders and volunteers to assist with Livestock Projects to a Coalition Meeting on Microsoft Teams May 21, 2020 @ 6:30 PM. Tentative Agenda includes: Update on Lamb Classification Guidelines, Virtual Livestock Judging Camp, Validation Updates, BCJLS, State Fair of Texas and the 4-H Explore Guides.

To Join: Click LINK BELOW

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Learn more about Teams | Meeting options

Texas A&M AgriLife

2020 Texas Livestock Skillathon Virtual Showdown – Register by May 15, 2020

Information: Please see the flyer and information for the 2020 Texas Livestock Skillathon Showdown being hosted by Baylor and Runnels County 4-H. This invitational contest is open to all Texas 4-H and FFA members. This contest will be completed in an online format through Judgingcard.com.

Here are a few contest details:

1. Contest will follow format presented in the 2020 Texas 4-H Livestock Skillathon Guide (attached)
2. County Extension Agents and Ag Science Teachers will need to register their teams by May 15th on https://www.judgingcard.com/
3. Int (6-8 grades) and Senior (9-12) grade divisions.
4. Teams consist of 3 to 4 members.
5. Contestants will have 1.5 hours to complete the contest.
6. Contestants will have to complete the contest once they begin.
7. Results will be announced on Facebook Live at 7pm on Baylor County 4-H Club page

For questions or more information contact Josh Kouns 940-889-5581 or Marty Vahlenkamp 325-365-2219.

2020 Sheep Capital Lamb Camp – July 31 – August 2, 2020 San Angelo, TX

Information: The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County are proud to present the 4th Sheep Capital Lamb Camp to be held in San Angelo, Texas on the fairgrounds of the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo. See flyer HERE.

The camp will be open to incoming 3rd Graders through seniors in high school, and exhibitors of all levels of experience are welcome to participate. Registration is limited to the first 80 paid campers. The cost of the camp is $175 per camper and $75 for adults/sponsor. The registration fee will include breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday, t-shirt, camp packet, educational seminars and lots of hands on learning. Camp will be a three day program, kicking off on Friday, July 31st at 1:00 pm and conclude Sunday, August 2nd following lunch.

For more information contact Brittni Kaczyk at 325-653-7785 or Josh Blanek at 325-659-6522.

Registration is available beginning May 1 and can be found at: https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/events/2020/sheep-capital-lamb-camp
Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Meetings

- **Information:** The Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders will be meeting once a month to help plan and execute fun Horse activities and events for members across the County. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for both adults and youth! Please see the meeting dates below and attend if you’d like to join. **Please contact Melanie Wilcox-Faulkner at MelanieDVM@satx.rr.com** with questions regarding the Horse Leaders. In-person meetings are currently suspended.
  - May 18, 2020
  - June 15, 2020
  - July 20, 2020
  - August 17, 2020

Other Horse Related 4-H Programs:

- **TAMU Virtual Horse Judging Academy**
- **Summer Horsemanship School Program CANCELLED**
- **Texas 4-H Roping School CANCELLED**

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**Note from Texas 4-H on Horse Events:**

- Please note that at this time, we are planning on moving forward with Horse Show, however, that is dependent on what the COVID-19 regulations are at the time. Therefore, no registrations will be approved until we are approved to proceed by the state.
- The following Horse events have been **CANCELLED:**
  - Texas 4-H Roping School
  - Summer Horsemanship School Program

**DISTRICT 10 HORSE SHOW INFO RELEASED!** – **Due May 29th**

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*More information about show schedules and registration is available on the Bexar County 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page.*
District 10 Leadership Lab Registration Information Released! Due – May 29, 2020

- **Information:** Leadership Lab is a Summer Leadership Camp for 4-H members age 13 and up. This year Leadership Lab will take place on **June 24 – 26, 2020 @ Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX.** This Summer Leadership Camp is designed to give older 4-H youth the skills and activity ideas to take back their county. This year’s theme is “Survivor” and will include many hands-on activities and events. Don’t miss this fun leadership opportunity for your 4-Her!
- **How to Sign Up:** Registration is conducted via 4-H Connect. Registration will open May 1 and close May 29, 2020. Please review the Leadership Lab letter located [HERE](#) to register your child correctly. Additionally [Medical Waivers](#) will need to be filled out and returned to the Bexar 4-H office on May 29, 2020.

District 10 Officer Elections and Sign Up Information Released! Due May 31, 2020

- **Information:** District 4-H Council officers are elected during District Leadership Lab on June 24-26, 2020 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX. Job descriptions for each office are attached along with the [District Bylaws](#). Any 4-H’er who has **ATTENDED LEADERSHIP LAB AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THIS YEAR** is eligible to seek an office. Qualified delegates interested in seeking Council office must apply by completing the application on the District 10 Website starting May 1, 2020 and submitting no later than **MAY 31, 2020.** Application can be found at [http://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-4-h-council/](http://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-4-h-council/). For more information on election process/guidelines, please see this [LETTER](#).

Bexar County 4-H Ambassador Applications NOW OPEN! – Due June 15, 2020

- **Information:** 4-H Ambassadors are a special group of selected youth who represent and promote the Bexar County 4-H program and Texas 4-H programs at various local/ regional events. Ambassadors are role models and teachers. They will have the opportunity to assist in educating youth and adults about the 4-H program. The Bexar County 4-H Ambassadors also volunteer their time at various Extension events to enhance their advocacy and leadership skills. Download [APPLICATION](#) and apply today!

Prairie View A&M S.A.L.E. Scholarship ($15,000) – Due May 29, 2020

- **Information:** Have you been accepted to Prairie View A&M University for this Fall 2020? Apply to receive a $15,000 scholarship! Click [HERE](#) for the application! [https://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/sale-scholarship-program/](https://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/sale-scholarship-program/)

Final County Council Meeting May 14th @ 7PM

- **Information:** 4-H Club members and delegates are encouraged and invited to attend our final Council meeting this Thursday, May 14, 2020 @ 7PM on WebEx! To join, please click on: [https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/meet/natalie.cervantes](https://agrilife-tamu.webex.com/meet/natalie.cervantes) You will need a microphone to hear the meeting. Please note: We will be [POSTPONING OFFICER ELECTIONS](#) until our 1st September meeting (Tentatively scheduled for September 17th).
**Become a 4-H Game Changer – National Leadership Opportunity – Due May 15**

**Information:** Are you interested in mentoring youth and becoming a stronger leader? Would you like to learn more about technology and Robotics? If so, you are a perfect fit for our 4-H Game Changer Program! The Bexar County 4-H Program has received an exciting opportunity to partner with Toyota and implement an exciting STEM mentorship program for Teens. 4-H Game Changers are a special group of 4-H teen youth (13+) who will mentor kids in areas of STEM; specifically Robotics, Coding, and Videography. Game Changers will serve as a role model for other youth, and assist in developing lesson plans to engage young students in areas of STEM. They will have the opportunity to assist in educating youth (under the mentorship of Extension staff) and help kids (primarily in underserved audiences) explore STEM for the first time. Game Changers will be recognized as National Leaders and will receive special recognition/certification of completion of this program as well as a celebratory field trip.

**GAME CHANGERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:**

- Attend a (1) Day training on STEM Curriculum, Robotics, Coding, Videography, public speaking, team building and teaching techniques.
- Engage in (2) educational sessions and assist in teaching youth about STEM.
- Develop (1) recorded personal testimonial about their experience as a 4-H Game Changer and its positive impacts for Toyota.
- Be on time to all scheduled commitments and serve as a positive role model to all youth.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Deadline for application is Friday May 15, 2020. Application can be found [HERE](#).
- Possible Training dates for selected Game Changers will be May 30, June 6, June 13 or June 27th. *Virtual training will be held in case face-to-face meetings are still suspended.*

**Heroes 4-Health Ambassador Program NOW OPEN! – DUE May 22, 2020**

- **Information:** Heroes 4-Health is a healthy living program targeting 3rd-12th graders from underserved areas of Bexar county. The students will explore unique, fully hands-on health and wellness activities with the help of the Heroes 4-Health Teen Ambassadors.

As a teen ambassador, you will teach your peers various topics including nutrition, cooking, physical exercise, and gardening. Feel like you don’t know much about these topics? No worries! If selected, ambassadors will undergo a training session to explore the curriculums, practice public speaking, work on team building, learn proper food safety, and much more! Please contact Sayako Seymour (sayako.seymour@ag.tamu.edu) for more information! Application can be downloaded [HERE](#).
**2020 YALL Tour Applications OPEN**

- **Information:** The YALL Tour be held **July 19-24, 2020**, departing from Kerr County. The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth to experience South Texas agricultural production. During the South Texas Y.A.L.L. Experience youth will get to see many unique agriculture operations. While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve on their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Registration is now open at [yall.ticketleap.com/20yall/](http://yall.ticketleap.com/20yall/) If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu

**2020 Kitchen Vision**

- **Information:** Grab your whisks and turn your ovens on because 20/20 Kitchen Vision is the opportunity for you! We are seeking Texas 4-H member developed recipes to build an official Texas 4-H Cookbook! Recipes MUST be created by a current Texas 4-H member or Clover Kid. Submit recipes and a photo of the completed dish to callie.henly@ag.tamu.edu by June 1st. The recipes will then be voted on by the public on our Texas 4-H social media platforms to determine our cookbook dishes. The cookbook will be published and available for purchase in fall 2020! Please make note of the guidelines in the graphics. Please check out the website!

**2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering**

**Information – Charters due July 1, 2020**

**Information:** I know it’s crazy to think about... but the 2020-2021 4-H year is right on our heels! Therefore, the chartering information is now released so clubs can get ready for new year. Please view and download the Chartering Packet which includes various support pieces. The documents are also located online at: [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/). Items to note include:

- **2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions** – Contains all instructions and resources. *Please note the timeline! In order for your club to be ACTIVE by September 1, 2020, you must turn your packet in by July 1, 2020*

- **2020-2021 Charter Agreement.**

- **Download:** Sample Bylaws: 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 the all bylaws. When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice **LESS bolded/required items**. This does not mean you have to change your bylaws, as long as they meet the minimum requirements, which they should if they were in compliance last year. Club/group bylaws may also not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the charter agreement.
**2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering Information Continued...**

- 2019-2020 Financial Review Form: Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks. This is for security of the club/group account(s).
- Charter Worksheet for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4-H CONNECT - This form is simply a worksheet and **should not be uploaded**.
- If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

Below are highlights for the 2020-2021 Chartering Process:

- All 4-H clubs/groups must be chartered by February 26, 2021 for the 2020-2021 4-H year. This ensures that all community 4-H clubs will be active for at least six months in order to provide a quality 4-H experience. For SPIN clubs or other special situations related to the formation of a club/group after February 26th, a request for late submission can be made to the Texas 4-H Office.
- 4-H Clubs/Groups which are not going to be active for the 2020-2021 4-H year due to lack of leadership or membership, but would like to retain their EIN are required to charter and request an “INACTIVE” status. This will allow the club/group to remain under Texas 4-H Inc. for one 4-H year. If the club does not become active after one year of inactive status, the club will permanently be removed from Texas 4-H Inc’s IRS list.

**Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program -** Due June 1, 2020 **EXTENDED!**

- **Information:** Are you looking for ways to improve your leadership? Do you want to make a difference in your health and the health of others? If so, the **HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM** is the perfect opportunity for YOU to become trained in health, wellness, and safety while helping your community! For more information please review the [2020-21 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Handbook](#).

- **Who’s Eligible?** Youth do not have to be current 4-H members, but must be willing to join 4-H.
  - Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2020-2021 school year
  - Submit completed application to the local county extension office by May 1, 2020
  - Have an interest and passion to serve others in the area of health education.

- **What does the program entail?** After youth are accepted to the local program, they must fulfill the following obligations:
  - Complete and report 40* hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.
  - Attend a Regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit, face-to-face and online trainings
  - Must agree to the obligations and requirements outlined in the HT Youth Ambassador Handbook.
  - Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2020. Ambassadors who fulfill the minimum (40) hours can reapply for the following year. New/returning ambassadors MUST complete a new application annually.

- **What is the cost?** Currently, there is no application fee for this program; however, selected ambassadors will be required to pay the estimated registration fee of $75-$100 for the regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit. They will also be responsible for any travel costs related to this or other trainings. Interested youth will apply to the Bexar County Office no later than June 1.

- Also, the HTYA Summer Summit will be very different! The plan is to provide a one-day event on **July 22**. This event will feature both a face-to-face and virtual component. Local sites will be identified for youth to gather (if allowed) and participate in hands-on experiences while speakers will be delivering messages virtually across the state at the same time! Stay tuned for more details on the changes in the event, but know that the **cost will also decrease** to cover shirts and nametags for our youth.
Apply to be a Water Ambassador – Due May 15, 2020
Do you have interest in learning more about water, an increasingly important resource? 4-H Water Ambassadors gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering and management of water in Texas. 4-H members 14 years old and up, don’t miss your chance to apply for your spot in this award winning program! Applications due May 15, 2020! Click HERE for more!

Selection Criteria: Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that exhibit a genuine interest in water/natural resources and a commitment to leadership. Student has demonstrated leadership qualities and a willingness to help others. Student resides in a county/district currently not represented or under-represented by existing 4-H Water Ambassadors.

How to Apply: Applicant goes to www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com to download application instructions.

- Student will complete the online application at https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html
- Applications reviewed and up to (30) students are selected; applications due May 15, 2020

Please contact David Smith: davidsmith@tamu.edu if you have any questions regarding the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program.
Summer Camps 2020! Texas 4-H Center

- **Information:** Registration for Summer Programs at Lake Brownwood starts **February 1, 2020** information available at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

**2020 4-H Outdoor Challenge! Texas 4-H Center**

**When:** June 21-22, 2020 - Click **HERE** for more information!

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**2020 DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Hey, District 10 4-H!

This year for our annual community service project we are asking each county to collect as many socks and coats as they can. These items will be donated and given to those in need.

Each county is responsible for keeping track of the number of items collected and distributing them to their local shelters. Each county will need to report the total number of items they collect to the District 10 Council.

- **Please report your numbers to:** mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu
- **Deadline to report:** **June 17, 2020**

- **We ask that socks be purchased new.**
- **Coats can be new or gently used.**
4-H Project Trainings

4-H Speaker Request Form

- **Information:** If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this form and submit to nt cervantes@ag.tamu.edu at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210-631-0400.

Mark your Calendars for upcoming County Trainings:

*Due to COVID-19, our trainings will be held virtually via WebEx! WebEx is suitable with most devices, however in order to hear the presentation your laptop must be set up with a microphone. If you have questions, contact: nt cervantes@ag.tamu.edu*

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**PVAMU 4-H Operation College Access**

- **Information:** Calling all 4-H Agents & Volunteers! Are you interested in providing a College & Career Success program for your group of youth? Join us in an adult training to get familiar with the program, hosted by Prairie View A&M University and Transition University. We will provide training to equip students and families with the tools to maximize the first-year college experience and beyond.

Register here [PVAMU 4-H Operation College Access](#).

Join us on May 11th, 12th or 18th @ 12-1:30PM CST.

Link to join: [https://pvamu.webex.com/pvamu/j.php?MTID=mc3c22707751d9b044a195c43218c65ac](https://pvamu.webex.com/pvamu/j.php?MTID=mc3c22707751d9b044a195c43218c65ac)

Contact: Sayako Seymour ([sayako.seymour@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sayako.seymour@ag.tamu.edu)) for any questions.

**District 10 4-H Virtual Project Groups on Facebook!**

- **Information:** The District 10 4-H Facebook page is hosting several different Virtual 4-H project groups where youth can continue to explore project opportunities and learning experiences from the comfort of their own home! You can join these groups by simply going to the Group page and asking to join! Projects offered:

Space Rocks! Free Virtual Exploration Experiences with Planetary Scientists

**Information:** The Lunar and Planetary Institute is pleased to conduct this free, 30 minute virtual program, connecting participants with a planetary scientist and a meteorite demonstration, all from home. Dr. Mane will discuss meteorites and how we find them on Earth. As part of the demonstration, participants will compare the characteristics of meteorites and Earth rocks.

- **Session will occur on May 14, 2020 @ 2PM!** Click [HERE](#) to join via WebEx!
- **Password:** 4hinspace

Virtual 4-H Camp: Jump into Junk Drawer Robotics – Camp Begins May 18th!

**Information:** We are looking for camp cadets that are interested in engineering and robotics!

This registration form is for Jumping into Junk Drawer Robotics Camp offered by Henderson and Grayson County 4-H. JUMP camp is designed for youth in the 3rd to 8th grade. Complete the required information below to receive access to camp educational videos and resources. [https://grayson.agrilife.org/jump](https://grayson.agrilife.org/jump)

This is a three week virtual camp, starting on May 18th and ending on June 5th. Cadets will learn and use engineering concepts to design and build marshmallow catapults and hydraulic arms which will turn and pick up items.

- Camp cost for current 4-H members is $25. / Camp cost for non 4-H members is $50.
- Complete registration by May 8th to order your Junk Drawer Kit in advance, to receive all the supplies cadets will for camp! ($25 value)
- At the completion of the program all registered cadets will be send a link to complete a camp evaluation. Cadets submitting their evaluation by June 10th, will receive a 4-H Robotics Project pin!

Contact Tamra McGaughy at tdmcgaughy@ag.tamu.edu or Angela Hemphill at achemphill@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

Take a Stand Virtual Learning Series

**Information:** The Take A Stand Anti-Bullying Curriculum (Grades K-5) keeps with the 4-H mission of preparing youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The Take a Stand curriculum focuses on five main areas: conflict management, communication, etiquette, teamwork and cultural awareness. You can utilize our NEW video series during your club meetings, classroom time and more!

- Lesson 1: Keep Your Cool
- Lesson 2: Walk In My Shoes
- Lesson 3: A Manner of Speaking
- Lesson 4: Get In the Game
- Lesson 5: You + Me = Harmony

Egg to Chick Curriculum and Resources

**Information:** The Virtual Egg to Chick program posts will be on our AgriLife Bexar County Facebook page every Tuesday and Thursday until April 30th. Each post will have a fun fact included and a link to our Egg to Chick Google Drive where you can find the activities. This program is open to all ages. Anyone can participate! Please send us pictures of your youth participating in the activities! Google Drive Link: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sv2NQ0cYo5EDVVVo0GnuQGVr3KOVSeSlk](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sv2NQ0cYo5EDVVVo0GnuQGVr3KOVSeSlk)
4-H Photography Project Learning Opportunity

- **Information:** With the distance learning that all the schools are putting in place, many other organizations are offering free or reduced priced courses online. To that end, Nikon is offering courses in their training library FOR FREE! [https://online.nikonschool.com/](https://online.nikonschool.com/)

Sometimes with great challenges come great opportunities, and this is an opportunity to get some professional-level instruction at a price all parents love ($0). So, if you decide to take a break from that ELA homework, or the math problems are just a bit frustrating, consider this learning activity as a break (with parents permission, of course).

NEW Explore Guide Released! Food & Nutrition Safety in the Kitchen

- **Information:** Introducing the latest Food and Nutrition Explore Guide: Safety Around the Kitchen! This is a great tool to use with project leaders, 4-H members, and schools both face-to-face or virtual if necessary.

2020 Science & Math Summer Academy – Sponsored by St. Phillip’s College

- **Information:** Youth ages 11-15 years old are invited to experience the Science & Math Summer Academy sponsored by St. Phillips College taking place: July 6 – July 23, 2020 from 9am – 4pm at the St. Phillip’s campus. See [flyer](https://example.com) & [promo video](https://example.com) for more details. Program highlights include:
  - Encourages kids to experiment in our “real” laboratories, Field trip every week, Free lunches– never boring!
  - July 6-23 (Mondays – Thursdays)

4-H For Health Online Learning Series

- **Information:** 4-H members, and leaders who have a passion for healthy living are welcome to join us for the 4-H for Health Online Learning Series. This learning series will explore various youth health issues which have been identified by our Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors. Each online seminar will take place at 6:30 PM online at [https://zoom.us/j/431035937](https://zoom.us/j/431035937) Dates and topics listed below! Please share our [flyer](https://example.com) with your members!

  - [The Harmful Effects of Alcohol](#) April 14th
  - [Social Media: Friend or Foe: HERE](#) // [Physical Activity for Life: HERE](#) // [Sun Smart: HERE](#) // [Bullying Prevention: HERE](#) // [Fast Food and Healthy Eating: HERE](#)

Missed a training? Here are the recordings of past online learning seminars:
The Texas 4-H Program has decided there will be no Texas 4-H Roundup this year. This was an incredibly difficult decision for the Texas 4-H program to make and we want to ensure families that every alternative was explored. However, given the uncertainties we currently face, there was no safe way to host the event on our current time frame. If you have questions, please read this FAQ here. Please feel free to reach out to our County office at any time: ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu OR 210.857.9285

District/State Contest Reimbursement Form

- **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; no longer automatically mailed. See details below:
- **How:** Please fill out and return the Reimbursement Form to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

**2019-2020 County – District – State Dates**

*Dates marked as TENATIVE are subject to change. Be prepared!*

- County Photography Entries DUE – March 16, 2020
- County Project Show – **POSTPONED FALL 2020**
- County Share-the-Fun Contest – CANCELLED
- District Meat Judging – April 15, 2020
- District Livestock Judging (Fredericksburg) — April 22, 2020
- District Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture ID (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Share-the-Fun (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Woel & Mohr - Judging (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Leaders 4 Life (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Wool & Mohair Judging (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture ID (Fredericksburg) — April 23, 2020
- District Fashion Show & Storyboards (Fredericksburg) — April 24, 2020
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- District Smallbore-Rifle Contest (Floresville) — April 25, 2020
- Texas State Roundup (College Station, TX) – June 8-11, 2020 **CANCELLED**
- County Recordbooks & Awards DUE – June 15, 2020
- County Recordbook Judging – June 19-20, 2020
- District Horse Show (Dripping Springs) – June 17 – 18, 2020
- District 10 Leadership Lab (Brownwood) – June 24 – 26, 2020
- District 10 Recordbook Judging (Helotes) – July 9, 2020
- State 4-H Dog Show (Huntsville, TX Walker Co. Fairgrounds) – July 10-11, 2020
- Texas 4-H Congress (Austin, TX) – July 12-15, 2020
- State 4-H Horse Show – TBA July, 2020

**CANCELLED**
***2020 RECORDBOOK UPDATES***

County Recordbooks & Awards DUE: June 15, 2020 @ 8AM

✓ 2019-2020 Family Guide to Recordbooks
✓ 2019-2020 Recordbook Categories
✓ 2019-2020 Recordbook Forms
✓ *NEW* Recorded Online Record Book Training Session using 4h.zsuite

***2020 TEXAS STATE ROUNDUP UPDATES*** - CANCELLED

✓ Texas 4-H Roundup Cancellation FAQ
✓ *NEW* Senior Storyboard Invitational Contest open April 15-May 12 via 4-H Connect

***2020 TEXAS STATE DOG SHOW UPDATES*** or Pg. 20***

✓ 2020 State Dog Show Rules
✓ 2020 State Dog Show Photography Contest – Pg. 28 of State Dog Show Rules

***2019-2020 SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS***

Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events

- Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_/edit)

2020 Top Tomato Contest

The 2020 ‘Top Tomato’ Contest will be hosted at Fanick’s Nursery and run by the Bexar County Master Gardeners on Saturday, May 30th! Click HERE for more information!

Texas 4-H Entomology Collection Virtual Contest – Due May 28, 2020 on 4-H Connect

- Information: The Texas 4-H Entomology Collection Contest is now open on 4-H CONNECT. It will be a virtual contest this year. With the cancellation of the physical event, Molly Keck along with others were able to come up with a way to continue the contest through photo submissions of the completed collections. 4-H members will not only be learning about entomology, but also learning more about photography through this contest experience.

- The contest is open to Junior, Intermediate and Senior level 4-H members. We have attached the updated guidelines along with the photo submission form information. The information will also be posted to our Texas 4-H website soon at [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/).

Virtual Catfish Skillathon – Registration Ends May 13, 2020

Who is ready for some Catfishing? Its spring in Texas, and time to dust off those rods and reels for a three-week catfish skill-a-thon and learning experience. Prizes will be given to the longest catfish caught as an individual and a team! This is a great opportunity to challenge your 4-H friends while practicing social distancing. Fish caught are posted on Facebook to the 2020 4-H Fishing group. Participants can post their fish pics under their parent/adult Facebook account. See the complete skill-a-thon rules of play by clicking HERE. Registration opens on April 28th on 4-H Connect for all Texas 4-H members and Clover Kids!

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge – June 21 – 22, 2020

- Information: Get outdoors this summer and put your knowledge to the test! Register today to ensure a spot in this one of a kind event! Registration will be held on 4-H Connect from Apr. 15 – May 15. For schedule, full list of resources for this contest and more, please see promotion flyer HERE.
Texas 4-H State Dog Show – Entry Deadline EXTENDED to May 22, 2020

- **Information:** The Texas 4-H Dog Show is scheduled to be held on July 10-11, 2020 in Huntsville, Texas at the Walker County Fairgrounds. The entry system on 4-H CONNECT will close on May 22, 2020. There are two separate events depending on whether you have validated a dog and intend to show or a never validated dog you intend to enter in the Foster/Family Dog program, Photography Contest or are a 4-H Dog Project Leader volunteering to assist. They are the following:

Validated dogs look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 State 4-H Dog Show** - You can enter the dog you are going to show, photographs for the Photo Contest and your parent can sign up to help.

**WHAT CLASS TO ENTER:**
- First year exhibitors, you will enter the lowest skill level class, unless you show outside of 4-H.
- If you showed in Obedience, Rally or Showmanship at State last year, refer to your score sheets from last year or go to the State Dog Show web page and look at last year’s results at [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/)
- Using your score or the results, read the progression rules for that event to determine which skill level you should enter. I have attached a Quick Reference Guide.
- Obedience and Rally results have an “*” next to qualified scores which means you should move up.
- Showmanship, you will need to know what you placed and how many were in your class, then refer to the chart on page 39 of the rule book or the Quick Reference guide.
- Any titles received **up to the time of entry** will determine the class entered. It is not necessary to advance based on titles received between entry and the show.
- It is best to make a list of the events and classes you want to enter for each dog before you log-in to register.

Foster/Family Dog Program look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - If your dog has never been validated, you can enter the Foster/Family Dog program (page 10 of the Rule Book has a detailed explanation), photographs for the Photo Contest and your parent can sign up to help.

Photo Contest look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - You can enter your photographs here. You do not have to own a dog or be a member of the Dog Care and Training project to enter dog related photos in this contest.

4-H Dog Project Leaders look for **2020: State: TX: 2020 Auxiliary Texas 4-H Dog Show** - you can sign up to assist with the dog show here if you do not currently have a youth enrolled in 4-H entering the 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show.

T-Shirts - Once late entries close in May, we will send detailed information about how to order the 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt.

Payment - 4-H CONNECT does not process your fees until the entry has been approved at the highest level. As this point with the uncertainty regarding any programming, we will not be approving entries at the state level until programming has resumed.

Having the [Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training) handy will be helpful completing the entries. It has information about which classes you should enter for each event. You can download a copy from [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training)

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