

# BEXAR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation – DEADLINE January 10th (Validation Instructions)

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## SA Stock Show Horse Discovery Center Volunteers –

## **DEADLINE January 6th**

The Horse Discovery Center is an interactive area with horses, we do demonstrations, and teach about the different horses that are there. We are seeking volunteers to spend a day with us and help in our area. Grounds and Parking Passes would be provided. Shifts would be on Saturday and/or Sunday for about 6 hours. The dates are February 11th, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in helping on any day please email Kevin Knapick at kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu.



## Robo Showdown Volunteer Sign-up - January 28th

#### (Timeslots and Sign-Up)

The Robolegends Robotics of South Texas 4-H Club is looking for volunteers to assist with their Robo Showdown contest on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The contest will be held at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center (12132 Leslie Rd. Helotes TX 78023). If you are interested, please complete the sign-up at the link above.



## **Kennedy Green**



Hello, I am Kennedy Green, and I am excited to be your new Bexar County 4-H/AG Office Assistant. I am currently attending Texas A&M University-San Antonio, graduating this year with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Business Administration.





• JAN 6-8 Texas 4-H Center Teen Weekend Registration – Pg. 16

JAN 8
 Kendall County Invitational Livestock Judging Contest (Judgingcard.com) – Pg. 5 & 7

JAN 10 State Dog Show Validation DEADLINE – Pg. 2 & 7
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• FEB 24 National Geographic Slingshot Challenge **DEADLINE** – Pg. 17

• FEB 28-MAR 19 Houston Livestock Show **DEADLINE NOV 4<sup>th</sup>** – Pg. 11

• MAR 10-25 Rodeo Austin **DEADLINE NOV 4**<sup>th</sup> – Pg. 11

• MAR 13 Bexar County Photography Contest **DEADLINE** (Details 1/18 Newsletter)

• MAR 18 Bexar County Duds 2 Dazzle, Fashion Show, and Share the Fun Contest (Save the Date)

• MAR 29 4-H Day at the Capital (Save the Date)



## 2022-2023 County - District - State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

\*These calendars are subject to change.

•	JAN 8	Kendall County Invitational Livestock Judging Contest
•	FEB 13	Horse Judging
•	FEB 18	Consumer Decision Making
•	FEB 24	District 10 Virtual Photography Contest
•	<b>MAR 13</b>	Bexar County Photography Contest
•	<b>MAR 18</b>	Bexar County Duds 2 Dazzle, Fashion Show, and Share the Fun
•	<b>APR 2023</b>	Meats Judging
•	<b>APR 18</b>	Leaders 4 Life
•	<b>APR 19</b>	Livestock Judging
•	<b>APR 20</b>	Range/Pasture ID and Range Evaluation
•	<b>APR 20</b>	Share the Fun
•	<b>APR 20</b>	Wool and Mohair Judging
•	<b>APR 21</b>	Soil Judging
•	<b>APR 21</b>	Duds 2 Dazzle
•	<b>APR 21</b>	Fashion Show and Natural Fibers
•	APR 22	Smallbore Rifle
•	<b>APR 28</b>	Virtual Fashion Storyboards
•	JUN 5-8	Texas 4-H Roundup
•	JUN 14-15	District 10 Horse Show
•	JUL 13	District 10 Record Book Judging

## **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 <u>Reimbursement Form</u> to <u>kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu</u>

## 2022 - 2023 DISTRICT 10 4-H CALENDAR

#### **FALL & WINTER DATES**

#### District 10 Mega Meeting - Comfort, TX **NEGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs. Sept. 1, 2022** REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Sept. 13, 2022 LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, Sept. 14-16, 2022 **EVENT DATE: October 1, 2022** District 10 FALL Roundup - Kerrville, TX REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, Oct. 7, 2022 REGISTRATION DEAD NE: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022 LATE REGISTRATION: Wed. - Fri. Nov 2-4, 2022 Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl Ed. Presentation Nov. 29, 2022 **Public Speaking** Food Show Nov. 30, 2022 FCH Quiz Bowl Entomology Judging Dec. 1, 2022 Food Challenge District 10 4-H S.A.L.E. Contests \*\*All 4-H members must submit Stock Show entry forms/fees to their County Office to compete in any District 10 4-H contest that is being held conjunction with the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo. DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: January 2, 2023 DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Jan. 17, 2023 **DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Jan. 19-20, 2023** Horse Judging See Pg. 4 & 7 Consumer Decision Making District 10 4-H VIRTUAL Photography Contest REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., Feb. 1, 2023 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon. Feb. 20, 2023 LATE REGISTRATION: Tue-Wed. Feb 21-22, 2023 Feb. 20, 2023 4HOnline Registration CLOSES Mar. 31, 2023 | Photography Results Released

#### **SPRING & SUMMER DATES**

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX						
	REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 3, 2023					
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 21, 2023						
LATE REGISTRATION: WedFri, Mar. 22-24, 2023						
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES						
TBA April 2023	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)					
April 18, 2023	• Leaders 4 Life					
April 19, 2023	Livestock Judging					
April 20, 2023	Range/Pasture ID &					
	Range Evaluation					
April 20, 2023	Share the Fun					
	Wool & Mohair Judging					
	Soil Judging					
April 21, 2023	Duds 2 Dazzle					
	• Fashion Show & Natural Fibers					
April 22, 2023	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)					
April 28, 2023	<ul> <li>Virtual Fashion Storyboard</li> </ul>					
Virtual	Results Released					
	rse Show – Dripping Springs, TX					
	N OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023					
	DEADLINE: Tues. May 16, 2023					
	LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 17-19, 2023					
	VENT DATE: June 14-15, 2023					
	adership Lab – Brownwood, TX					
	N OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023					
	RATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2023					
	GISTRATION: May 29-31, 2023					
	TENATIVE EVENT DATE: June 21-23, 2023					
District 10 Record Book Judging – Location TBA						
REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., June 1, 2023						
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 27, 2023						
LATE REGISTRATION: WedFri. June 28-30, 2023						
TENATIVE EVENT DATE: July 13, 2023						

County deadlines may differ from district deadlines
to allow county extension staff time to review
and complete submissions

## 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide Posted

The 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide has been updated and posted with most contest updates posted as well. Please review the changes that have been made to the 2023 Roundup. <u>Click here to access the guide and contest information.</u>

## District 10 4-H Photography Contest – DEADLINE February 20th (RULES/GUIDELINES)

The District 10 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and the process of photographs. \*NOTE: The District 10 4-H competition does not qualify Senior 4-H members for the Texas 4-H State Photography contest. State qualifications will come for your local County Photography contest.

# Kendall County Invitational Livestock Judging Contest – January 8<sup>th</sup> (FLYER)

Kendall County will be hosting an invitational livestock judging contest on January 8<sup>th</sup> that will be open to all 4-H members. Registration will be on Judgingcard.com.

## Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation - DEADLINE January 10th

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## District 10 4-H S.A.L.E. Contests – DEADLINE January 17th (REGISTRATION)

This will be the second component of the registration for the Horse Judging and Consumer Decision-Making Contests. To be eligible to complete this portion of the registration on 4-H Online you must've completed registration for these contests during major stock show entry in November.

## <u>San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Junior Pitmaster Challenge – DEADLINES</u>

## **BELOW!!!** (PITMASTER INFO/ENTRY) (BUCKAROO QUE INFO/ENTRY)

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo will be hosting the Junior Pitmaster Challenge again! The Junior Pitmaster Challenge is for teams of 2 to 5 members and is held about 10 days before the official opening of the SASSR. If you have kids interested in participating, please check out the attachments and/ or the website below. There is also an individual cooking competition called Buckaroo Que. This is a separate entry process from "Competitive Events" entries.

JUNIOR PITMASTER CHALLENGE DEADLINE: 50 TEAMS OR DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> BUCKAROO QUE DEADLINE: 50 KID COOKS OR JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

# LOCAL 4-H EVENTS / TRAINING

## 4-H Training Request Form- PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE

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

2022-2023 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings and Events					
County Council Meeting	1/19/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Agenda TBA		
County 4-H Ambassador Meeting	1/26/23 @7:00 pm	VIRTUAL TEAMS Link	Agenda TBA		
County Council Meeting	3/16/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	Agenda TBA		
County 4-H Ambassador Meeting	3/23/23 @ 7:00pm	VIRTUAL TEAMS Link	Agenda TBA		
County Council Meeting / County Officer Elections	5/18/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208	County Council officer elections for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be conducted.		
County 4-H Ambassador Meeting	5/25/23 @ 7:00 pm	VIRTUAL TEAMS Link	Agenda TBA		
County 4-H Ambassador and Council Officer End-of-Year Party	TBA TBA	ТВА	All ambassadors who complete their yearly requirements and County Council officers will be welcome to a party hosted by Kevin.		

<sup>\*</sup>If your club has news or events they would like to see in our newsletter please email to kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu

## **Send Us Your Pictures**

We would love to use pictures from your contests and events for flyers, brochures, and to recognize the kids' hard work in our newsletter. Email pictures to kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu

## **Academic Eligibility**

As some of you already know, we are doing academic eligibility differently this year. ANY event/contest that your child participates in representing Bexar County 4-H MUST let us know in advance to request an academic eligibility form. We will complete the form and email it to the email address you have on your 4-H Online account. It will be your responsibility to get it to the school to be signed and return to us. This can be returned electronically to <a href="mailto:kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu">kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu</a>. You will use that same form to turn in to your school attendance office for excused absences. Please call if you have any questions.



# Texas Corn Producers Student Scholarship 2023 - DEADLINE January 31st (APPLICATION)

The Texas Corn Producers will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and two to college undergraduates. Students must be student members of the Texas Corn Producers Association to apply and must plan to attend a Texas college or university full-time. They can also apply for opportunities from the National Corn Growers Association with the same application. Applications will close on January 31, 2023.

## **Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships –**

## **DEADLINE February 15th (SCHOLORSHIP PORTAL)**

The Texas 4-H Scholarship opened on November 1st. This scholarship is open to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited Texas college or university. Below are important dates to make note of: 2022 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Important Dates:

- November 1, 2022 Application will be available online
- February 15, 2023, by 11:59 PM Deadline to Apply
- April 28 April 30, 2023 Interviews in College Station
- May 2023 Award Notifications
- June 6-8, 2023 Scholarship Banquets in College Station



# Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee Scholarship- DEADLINE March 15<sup>th</sup> (FLYER) (APPLICATION)

Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee Scholarship is \$1000 for 2023-2024 Academic Year for Agriculture Studies. Qualified applicants must be:

- A resident of Bexar County or attending school in Bexar County
- A currently graduating high school senior with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Attending a Texas college on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours/semester) for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Pursuing and Agriculture-related decree (i.e. Animal Science, Animal Nutrition, Ag Development, Ag Education, Ag Business, Veterinary Medicine, etc.)
- LINK CORRECTED!



## Texas Farm Credit Scholarships –

## **DEADLINE January 15th (SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **PROGRAMS**)

Texas Farm Credit is honored to play a part in supporting future agriculture leaders by offering the following scholarships:

Ag Champs - \$1,000 per branch location and \$1,000 contribution made in their honor to their club

Marsha Martin Scholarship - \$5,000 to 10 students

Texas Farm Credit will present \$5,000 post-secondary scholarships to ten future ag leaders. Winners will be announced in May.



#### **Eligibility**

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be a high school senior scheduled to graduate in 2023 (Children of employees or directors are not eligible)
- Be a member of FFA or 4-H
- Reside in Texas Farm Credit's 100-county territory
- Submit a current high school transcript (official or unofficial)
- Submit a 2023 application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- · Submit a resume
- Submit an essay (see application for essay topic)
- Completed applications must be received by January 15, 2023



# **Livestock News & Events**

If you have questions or need help with your projects feel free to contact Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu, office # 210-631-0400 or cell # 361-649-5836

2022-2023 Livestock Project Meetings						

\*\*\* PLEASE RSVP to sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu for all Project Training Events \*\*\*

Fort Worth Stock Show – January 13th-February 4th (DEADLINE November 4th)

#### Hill District Grandstand Show – January 15th-21st (DEADLINE November 4th)

The Hill District Grandstand Show located in the Texas Hill Country is pleased to announce the addition of a statewide turkey show for those exhibitors who order major show birds. Exhibitors will be eligible for premium money and prizes. In addition to turkeys, they'll offer a statewide breeding sheep, ag mechanics and livestock judging contest. **Entries will be completed in our Bexar County Extension office with all other Major Show entries November 1-4**<sup>th</sup>.

San Angelo Stock Show – January 25<sup>th</sup>-February 19<sup>th</sup> (DEADLINE November 4<sup>th</sup>)

## Texas Elite Gilt Show – February 9th-12th (DEADLINE November 4th)

Entries will be completed in our Bexar County Extension office with all other Major Show entries November 1-4<sup>th</sup>.

San Antonio Stock Show - February 9th-26th (DEADLINE November 4th)

## <u>Houston Livestock Show – February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup> (DEADLINE November 4<sup>th</sup>)</u>

Archery Contest and Young Guns Shooting Sports Contest registration will open on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will close on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Squadding will take place after entries close on February 1<sup>st</sup>. details on registration can be found <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kevin Knapick at <u>kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

Rodeo Austin - March 10<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> (DEADLINE November 4<sup>th</sup>)

## **Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows**

## 2023 Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale – January 20th – 28th (RULEBOOK)

Eligibility Rules (see Rule 15 of the rulebook):

- Exhibitors must be an active member of an "invited" FFA Chapter or 4H Club (ASTA FFA, Helotes 4H LSO, LSP, and
  Unlimited Clubs, and Leon Springs 4H) and must reside in the Northside ISD or legally attend a NISD school
  during the entire feeding period and throughout the duration of the show. (See Rule 12 for animal eligibility).
- Exhibitor must attend an accredited private, home school, or public elementary or secondary school and has not yet graduated from high school (in the Northside school district boundaries)
- Exhibitor must personally feed and care for his/her animal for the entire duration of the feeding and fitting period.
- An exhibitor attending the NISD Alternative Center may not participate.
- An exhibitor who is a 5th year high school student may not participate.
- All exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 and 19 on August 31, 2022, or may be 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on August 31, 2022.
- Exhibitors who are ineligible under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are not allowed to participate in any WGLS activity, including the showing of a project and/or auction. Any project owned by an ineligible exhibitor is also ineligible for competition and auction. This includes Ag Mechanics entries.

For more information visit the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show Webpage at <a href="https://www.waltergerlachlivestockshow.org">www.waltergerlachlivestockshow.org</a>

# Horse News & Events



## <u>Upcoming Bexar County 4-H Open Horse Show Schedule (2022-2023)</u>

<u>Show Information:</u> Upcoming show information is available on the <u>Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page</u>. 4-H member competing for end of the year awards & prizes MUST complete an academic eligibility form to remain eligible for competitive awards! Check back soon for 2022-2023 season!



## Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here:

4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule - Google Docs

# Coach the Coach Clinics

A Clinic for coaches, parents as well as youth shooters that want to learn how to coach or shoot better Trap and Trap Doubles.

- WHAT: Learn from an accomplished coach and shooter on how to coach and shoot better trap and trap doubles.
- WHERE: San Antonio Gun Club or I can travel to you.
- WHEN: Contact PD Parker for availability.
- **BRING:** Eyes, ears, gun, ammo.
- **COST:** \$100.00 per student, plus targets based on a 5-person minimum.

PD Parker is the General Manager of the San Antonio Gun Club with over 45 years of Trap competing and coaching experience. PD was a weapons instructor in the United States Air Force for 20 years and a member of the Air Force International Olympic Trap Team for 11 years until his retirement. His coaching credentials include, USA Shooting Certified Olympic Trap Coach, American Trap and Trap Doubles Coach, Level Two Sporting Clay Coach, 4-H Certified Coach, PD has an Associate degree in Instructor Technology.

PD Parker, Gen. Mgr. San Antonio Gun Club 928 E. Contour Drive San Antonio, TX 78212 Club Phone: (210) 828-9860

Email: Manager@sagunclub.com

Cell: (210) 748-5511

# Family & Community Health Events



# 4-H Events & Training



## <u>Texas 4-H Center Teen Weekend – January 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (FLYER)</u>

If you would be interested in a fun filled weekend learning and broadening leadership skills, learn how to be a camp counselor/ ambassador, and meet other senior level teens, the Texas 4-H Center Teen Weekend is the place to be! January 6-8, 2023, dozens of teens will gather for teambuilding exercises, challenge courses, and demonstrate what it truly means to be a young leader. Registration is \$75 per person and includes all meals and activities.

For any questions or to register visit texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

#### 2023 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-shirt Contest – DEADLINE February 15th (FLYER)

See attached flyer for guidelines and entry instructions.

#### 4-H Day at the Capitol - March 29th

This year's 4-H Day at the Capitol is set for March 29, 2023! Be on the lookout for more information!

## 2023 National 4-H Conference – April 14th-19th (Flyer)

## <u>APPLICATION DEADLINE – December 22<sup>nd</sup> (4-H Online)</u>

Mark your calendar for the 2023 National 4-H Conference, which will be held April 14-19 in person at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, and online. Deemed "the Secretary's Conference," this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future-focused. The Conference brings together youth, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the



government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. More information to follow

## Summer 2023 Texas 4-H is going Abroad (FLYER)

Texas 4-H is going to Barcelona and Madrid in Summer 2023! To participate in the Global Citizenship Tour, 4-H members must be 14 years old. Join us for a virtual information session Thursday, October 20th at 6 PM on Zoom. Click the link below to register for the meeting or to receive follow-up information! Register now by clicking here.

#### **Allergen-Free Baking Recipes for Kids**

Just about everyone loves delicious baked goods, but some people are allergic to the standard gluten-based flour used in most recipes. These simple alternatives from Kristin Osika, the 2021 4-H Youth-in-Action Winner, leave out the gluten but pack all of the scrumptious taste. **Get started by clicking here.** 

# Slingshot Challenge – DEADLINE February 24th

The Slingshot Challenge is about students sharing their ideas for slingshotting our planet forward. We are challenging 13–18-year old's to create a one-minute video sharing their solutions to our current environmental problems. Prizes include five \$10,000 prizes. If you want more information about the Slingshot Challenge, visit www.slingshotchallenge.org

## 4-H Night at NASA – March 4th-5th

#### **DEADLINE January 31st**

We have been cleared for launch of the 2023 Texas 4-H Night at NASA. Our date is set for March 4-5, 2023, at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston. IMPORTANT NOTE: All youth must be accompanied by an approved 4-H adult. All adults attending must have an active enrollment before registering for this event.

- Who: This event is open to actively enrolled junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members, and adults.
- What: Participants will engage in hands-on STEM activities, have a presentation from an astronaut, visit rocket city on a guided tram tour, and visit the many space exhibits within the space center. This is an overnight camping experience in or outside (your choice) of the space center.
- When: March 4-5, 2023; Registration will be open on 4HOnline January 1-31, 2023.
- Where: Johnson Space Center, Houston
- How Much: The cost will be \$90/person (youth and adult).



#### **Success...Powered by YOU!**



## **ALLIANCE PARTNERS**

Texas 4-H Alliance members have special programs set up for Texas 4-H members, their families and supporters the program. These business organizations offer discounts for services or merchandise, and in return a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Texas 4-H Foundation and/or the local county 4-H programs where the businesses are located.

Thank you to these Texas 4-H Alliance Members!

















