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# BEXAR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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**Stay tuned for County and District Photography Results!**  
**Seniors who qualified for the State Photography Contest have been notified.**

**NEW**

**Water Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE May 1<sup>st</sup> (INFORMATION) (FLYER)**

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program! These youth travel across the state of Texas learning about different water resources and give back to their communities through education and service.

**NEW**

**Bexar County 4-H County Council Applications – DEADLINE May 15<sup>th</sup> (APPLICATION)**

At the May 18th meeting we will be electing new council officers for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. To be eligible for nomination you must complete and return a 4-H County Council application, must be at least 13 years old, and only 2 council members can be elected from the same 4-H Club! Nominations for officer positions at the elections on May 18<sup>th</sup> will first occur from those who submit applications, only after this process will nominations be open to anyone present at the meeting. Application DEADLINE: May 15th by 5:00pm and a virtual Q&A session will be held Wednesday, April 26th @ 7:00pm [TEAMS LINK](#).

**NEW**

**Bexar County 4-H County 4-H Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE June 2<sup>nd</sup> (APPLICATION)**

This is an Excellent opportunity for those who do not get elected to a council position and younger members to gain 4-H leadership experience. Members must be at least 11 years old to apply. Application DEADLINE: June 2nd by 5:00pm  
Virtual Q&A session: Wednesday, April 26th @ 7:00pm [TEAMS LINK](#).

**NEW**

**Y.A.L.L. TOUR APPLICATION – DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup> (FLYER)**

The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6-day exploration for youth to experience Texas Panhandle agricultural production practices. Participants will learn the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective. During the trip, participants will have the opportunity to see diversified agricultural production and various aspects of the agriculture industry. While many youths are interested in some aspects of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the primary purposes of the Youth Agriculture Lifetime Leadership tour is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the country. While each university may offer different degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing educators when it comes to agriculture education. Participants will tour local colleges. Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Participants will see how numerous agricultural-related issues are challenged daily by groups targeting our food supply system. Participants will be provided opportunities to defend agricultural-related topics based on the information they learn from the tour presenters.



- APR 14 D-10 Photography Workshop Registration **CLOSES**
- APR 14 State Fair of Texas Swine State Tag Order **DEADLINE**
- APR 15 2023 CORE Academy Registration **DEADLINE** – Pg. 17
- APR 15 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Early (\$10) **DEADLINE** – Pg. 12
- APR 15 2023 YALL Tour Registration **DEADLINE**
- APR 17 Texas 4-H WHEP Contest Registration **DEADLINE** – Pg. 18
- APR 20 Jason Kreuger Memorial Scholarship **DEADLINE** – Pg. 8
- APR 24 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Bexar County **\$20 DEADLINE** (4-HOnline) – Pg. 12
- APR 29 District 10 Photography Workshop **(Save the Date)**
- MAY 1 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation **CLOSES** (4-HOnline) – Pg. 12
- MAY 1 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School **DEADLINE** – Pg. 19
- MAY 1 Texas Water Ambassador Application **DEADLINE** – Pg. 19
- MAY 1 District 10 Horse Show registration **OPENS** (4-HOnline)
- MAY 8 Shooting Sports Coach Training (Kerrville) **DEADLINE** – Pg. 13
- MAY 15 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration **DEADLINE** – Pg. 19
- MAY 16 District 10 Horse Show registration **DEADLINE** (4-HOnline)

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



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

*\*These calendars are subject to change.*

- APR 18 Leaders 4 Life
- APR 19 Livestock Judging
- APR 20 Range/Pasture ID and Range Evaluation
- APR 20 Share the Fun
- APR 20 Wool and Mohair Judging
- APR 21 Soil Judging
- APR 21 Duds 2 Dazzle
- APR 21 Fashion Show and Natural Fibers
- APR 22 Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
- APR 28 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 [Reimbursement Form](#) to [kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu)

# 2022 – 2023 DISTRICT 10 4-H CALENDAR

## SPRING & SUMMER DATES

<b>District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 3, 2023</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 21, 2023</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 22-24, 2023</b>	
<b>Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES</b>	
April 12, 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 • Share the Fun • Wool & Mohair Judging
April 21, 2023	• Soil Judging • Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 22, 2023	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 28, 2023	• 4-H Storyboard Results Posted
<b>District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 16, 2023</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 17-19, 2023</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 14-15, 2023</b>	
<b>District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023</b>	
<b>EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2023</b>	
<b>LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2023</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 21-23, 2023</b>	
<b>District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., June 1, 2023</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 27, 2023</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 28-30, 2023</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: July 13, 2023</b> (*District 10 4-H Planning Meeting will be held July 12, 2023.)	

## IMPORTANT STATE EVENTS

<b>Texas 4-H State Roundup – College Station, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sun., May 14, 2023</b>	
<b>CONTEST INFORMATION</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: June 5-8, 2023</b>	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Roundup Website</a> <a href="#">Texas 4-H Roundup Guide</a> <a href="#">2023 Hotel Block Information</a>
<b>Texas 4-H State Dog Show – Belton, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: TBA</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 12, 2023</b>	
<b>LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 13-19, 2023</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: July 6-8, 2023</b>	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Dog Show Website</a> <a href="#">Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules</a> <a href="#">2023 Hotel Block Information</a>
<b>Texas 4-H State Games – Baird/San Antonio, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: TBA</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA</b>	
Registration will be conducted on (2) different sites: STEP ONE- Register on 4HOnline. <b>STEP ONE must be completed FIRST.</b> STEP TWO- Register on <a href="http://iclays.com">iclays.com</a>	
<b>July 9-14, 2023</b> Baird, Texas	<b>Events:</b> Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading & Hunting Skill <b>Location:</b> Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range
<b>July 17-22, 2023</b> San Antonio, Texas	<b>Events:</b> Archery & Shotgun <b>Location:</b> National Shooting Complex
<b>Texas 4-H Horse Show – Bryan, TX</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, May 1, 2023</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sat., July 1, 2023</b>	
<b>EVENT DATE: July 23-28, 2023</b>	<a href="#">Texas 4-H Horse Show website</a> <a href="#">Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules</a> <a href="#">2023 State Horse Validation</a>

## **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. [Click here to access the guide and contest information.](#)

## **2023 District 10 Spring Roundup – April 12<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – DEADLINE March 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **(CONTEST GUIDES)**

The 2023 District 10 Spring Roundup will take place April 12<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in San Angelo, Fredericksburg, and Floresville, Texas. The contests that will be included are Meat Judging, Leaders 4 Life, Livestock Judging, Range ID, Soil ID, Mohair Judging, Share the Fun, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show/Natural Fiber, Virtual Storyboard, and Smallbore Rifle. **ALL Bexar County Livestock Judges should register as individuals. On your 4-H Online registration where it asks for team members simply place an "X" in each space, team members will be filled in by Kevin Knapick during approval in consultation with Ty Chumbley and Sam Womble.**

# 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 [form](#) and submit it to [kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu) 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 / County Officer Elections	5/18/23 @ 7:00 pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	County Council officer elections for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be conducted.
Club Manager Training #1	5/23/23 @ 7:00pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	First in-person club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. <b>AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.</b>
Club Manager Training	5/25/23	VIRTUAL <a href="#">TEAMS Link</a>	Virtual club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. <b>AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.</b>
Club Manager Training #2	5/23/23 @ 7:00pm	3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Ste 208	Second in-person club manager training. Club managers, assistant managers, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to this training to learn the latest updates and processes for the upcoming 2023-2024 4-H year. <b>AS A CONDITION OF CHARTERING A CLUB LEADER WILL NEED TO ATTEND TRAINING THIS YEAR.</b>
County 4-H Ambassador and Council Officer End-of-Year Party	TBA TBA	TBA	All ambassadors who complete their yearly requirements and County Council officers will be welcome to a party.

\*If your club has news or events they would like to see in our newsletter please email to [kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu)

## Academic Eligibility

All 4-H members will have their academic eligibility checked and appropriate excused absences requested by the County Extension Office. Please call or email Kevin Knapick if you have any questions.



### **Jason Kreuger Memorial Scholarship- DEADLINE April 20<sup>th</sup> (APPLICATION)**

Active Senior 4-H/FFA members who are scheduled to graduate from High School in 2023 and have exhibited a steer in any Texas Steer Shows are welcome to apply for the Jason Kreuger Memorial Scholarship. Students must submit the following to be considered. Postmark deadline is 4/20/2023:

- Completed General Information sheet.
- Resume or Student Biography (note high school achievements, honors, awards, activities, extra-curricular, community service, and 4-H/FFA involvements)
- Applicant essay which details applicant's dreams, ambitions, and future educational goals. **Not to exceed 300 words.**
- Two letters of recommendation (not from a family member)





# Livestock News & Events

If you have questions or need help with your projects feel free to contact [Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:sam.womble@ag.tamu.edu) for all Project Training Events \*\*\*

## State Fair of Texas Swine State Validation Tag Orders – DEADLINE April 14<sup>th</sup> (FORM)

All swine to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2023 must be validated. Cost will be \$18.00 per head. If showing through Bexar County 4-H, please complete one form per family and submit paperwork & payment to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230. If showing through FFA, please submit paperwork & payment to your Supervising Ag Science Teacher.

## State Fair of Texas 2023 Broiler Order – DEADLINE May 5<sup>th</sup> (FORM)

Cost will be \$1.50 per chick. Each exhibitor must have an individual order of at least 25 chicks. Increments must be made in 25. Return this form to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230 by Friday, May 5th. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

## Turkey Poult Order – DEADLINE July 14<sup>th</sup> (FORM)

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and San Antonio, Houston and Rodeo Austin turkey poult orders are due to the Extension office by Friday, July 14, 2023. Please fill out the information below to order your poults. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 75 poults may be ordered per exhibitor/family. Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. Cost is \$4.75 per poult.

**NEW**

## 2023 Validation Dates:

### Steers and Heifers –

June 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:00 am ASTA

June 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:00 am James Madison

June 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00-6:30 pm East Central

### State Fair Lamb, Goat and Swine Validation –

June 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00-11:00 am East Central

### Sheep and Goat Validation –

October 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm James Madison

October 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm ASTA

### Fall Heifer Validation –

October 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am East Central

### Swine Validation –

November 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:00 pm Southwest

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:00 pm ASTA

November 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm Judson

November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm James Madison

November 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00-5:00 pm East Central

# Upcoming Livestock Programs, Clinics & Shows



## **2023 Sheep Capital Lamb Camp – DEADLINE June 30th (FLYER) (APPLICATION)**

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County are proud to present the 2023 Sheep Capital Lamb Camp to be held in San Angelo, Texas July 28 – July 30, 2023. 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. Camp will be a three-day program, kicking off on Friday, July 28, with registration that morning, and the clinic starting shortly after Noon. Saturday will be a full day of clinic information, and hands on experience for the showman. Sunday will wrap things up with a showmanship contest for the age divisions, and an awards program wrapping up just after lunch! The registration fee will include breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and lunch Saturday and Sunday, a T-shirt, and a camp packet. For more information contact Mikhaila Adcox at 325-653-7785, by email at [livestock@sanangelorodeo.com](mailto:livestock@sanangelorodeo.com) or Josh Blaneck at 325-659-6522.

## **Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine & Poultry Ambassador Programs - DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup> (FLYER)**

The Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Programs are gearing up for another incredible year! See information below and consider identifying potential Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassadors in your county and recruit them to the program. Details regarding the programs can be found at [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com). Applications open on February 15, 2023 and are due April 15, 2023.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects.
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production & advocacy.
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others &
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applications were released on the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture website on February 15, 2023
- Student must complete the application & input contact information of supervising County Agent.
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey.
- Selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course.
- Applications are due April 15, 2023

2023 Short Course Offerings:

- Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 19-22, 2023
- Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – June 22-25, 2023
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M -Kingsville – June 26-29, 2023
- National Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 10-13, 2023
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, Texas A&M University – July 17-20, 2023
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course, West Texas A&M/Texas Tech – July 24-27, 2023

2023 Phase II and Phase III Offering (For Current Ambassadors ONLY):

- Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy, Austin – June 12-14, 2023
- Texas 4-H Australia Agricultural Experience – August 1-11, 2023

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please feel free to contact Kelley Ranly via email at [Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu) or by phone at 979-321-5327



## Upcoming Bexar County 4-H Open Horse Show Schedule (2022-2023)

**Show Information:** Upcoming show information is available on the [Bexar 4-H Horse Leaders Facebook page](#). 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!

## Texas 4-H Horse Show Rule Changes (UPDATED RULES)

The State 4-H Horse Show Committee has voted on several rule changes for the 2023 year.

The major changes include:

1. **Ranch Cutting will be added as a class in the stock horse division.** This class will not count towards high point in the division. Exhibitors can show in both cutting and ranch cutting. (pg. 87)
2. **District qualification will be removed; however, for safety reasons, futurity exhibitors must participate in a district horse show, district educational clinic, or other equivalent event where futurity project is present.** Participation will be verified by the county extension agent on the State 4-H Horse Show entry form. (pg. 9). This change allows more flexibility for district programs to offer targeted experiences that are tailored to local needs; and allows more flexibility for 4-H families.
3. **State 4-H Horse Show entries will be open earlier beginning May 1 and will remain open until July 1.**
4. **Ownership requirement amendment: lease horses will be allowed.** Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and county extension agent. Lease period must include, at minimum, May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H Year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4HOnline at validation. (pg. 7)  
This is a significant change for horse project eligibility in Texas which the committee expects will result in an increase in participation at the State 4-H Horse Show. However, the anticipated increase in participation at the state show was not the primary goal when considering this change. In fact, the State 4-H Horse Show has seen a 10.7% increase in participation over the past 4 years. The objective in allowing lease horses is to make the show more inclusive for young horse enthusiasts who may not have the opportunity for horse ownership yet.

\*Official lease agreement is under review and will be made available on the State 4-H Horse Show webpage when finalized. Anticipated availability by Friday 2/3.

## **2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation**

***Validation Period: March 1st – May 1st, 2023***



**Information:** ALL horses that may possibly be shown at a 4-H District and/or State Horse Show must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. Youth are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted if a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

**Payment & Deadlines:** The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15<sup>th</sup>, or \$250 from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>), credit card ONLY.

- From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. **The county deadline will be April 10<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.**
- From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. **The county deadline will be April 24<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.**
- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. **The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.**
- **If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded.** These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list “pending” in the registration number area.
- **\*NEW IN 2023\*** - Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
  - Official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent.
  - The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at [HERE](#) or on <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
    - must be uploaded on 4HOnline during validation.
- Image uploads in 4H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- **Families can validate each horse only one time.**
- **Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2022) and at least in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

### **Resources for Families:**

- 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Guidelines for Families: [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)
- 4HOnline Validation walk-through guide for families: [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)
- For additional one-pagers and other resources, please visit <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
- Validation walk-through video: <https://youtu.be/OPoOmyC1kTk>

**NEW**

## **2023 Texas 4H Roping School (REGISTRATION) (INFORMATION)**

Registration is now open for the 2023 Texas 4H Roping School! On June 18 - 22, 2023, the Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held in Stephenville, Texas. The school will be held at Park Your Pony. This event has been developed to encourage young people in 4H to develop leadership skills and to exercise their abilities in working with younger members in roping activities in 4H. Participation is open to all districts of the state, with applications being accepted on a first come, first-serve basis with priority to those who are 12 years of age and older.



# 4-H Shooting Sports

*Learn by Doing*

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

[4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule - Google Docs](#)

## **HELOTES AG BOOSTERS 3D Archery Shoot – April 22<sup>nd</sup> (FLYER)**

Helotes Ag Booster Club will be hosting a 3D Archery Shoot on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Helotes Ag Booster Club Youth Ranch at 1825 CR 2615, Rio Medina, TX. All interested are encouraged to check out the flyer above. Pre-registration is \$10 for youth and \$15 for adults and registration the day of the event will be \$15 for youth and \$20 for adults.

**NEW**

## **2023 South Region Shooting Sports Training – May 20-21<sup>st</sup> (FLYER) (INFORMATION)**

District 10 will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training on May 20-21, 2023 at the Hill Country Shooting Range at 1886 Cypress Creek Rd, Kerrville, TX. All interested are encouraged to check out the flyer and information above. The registration period is open April 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW**

## **Wilson County Summer Blast Shoot (FLYER)**

Wilson County 4-H Shooting Club is hosting their 2nd Annual Summer Blast Shoot on May 27, 2023 at 12601 FM 20, Kingsbury TX, 78638. Events will include: 100 Bird Sporting, 50 Bird Whizbang Qualifier, 50 Bird FFA/Adult Whizbang and Rabbit Flurry. Register on [iclays.com](http://iclays.com)!

# Family & Community Health Events



TEXAS A&M  
**AGRI**LIFE  
EXTENSION

## Join us in a Community Service Project in making Simple Lap Quilts!

**Dates & Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm**

- Saturday, April 15th 2023
- Saturday, May 27th 2023

**Location: 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 208  
San Antonio, TX 78230**

**Please bring your sewing machine.**

**Fabric will be provided.**

**Some machines will be provided.**

**Completed projects will be delivered on  
May 27th to Nursing Home Residence**

**Any additional questions contact Alya Trimble,  
Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador at [phtrimble@yahoo.com](mailto:phtrimble@yahoo.com)**

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## **FOOD HANDLER'S COURSE**

**2yr.  
permit**

Join us for an in-person class on  
Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at our office  
3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste 208,  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
Payment must be paid in advanced  
Fee: \$20.00

Texas Department of State Health Services accredited  
food handlers program is now being offered  
in-person. The class is a basic overview of food safety  
practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe  
food at your establishment. Practices discussed  
include:

- Good Personal Hygiene
- Cross Contamination
- Time and Temperature

For questions, please contact  
Family & Community Health Agent,  
Angie Gutierrez at  
(210) 631-0400 or  
aogutierrez@ag.tamu.edu

Scan the QR Code to register.



Money Order or Check Payable to:  
AgriLife Extension 230100-60041  
Fee \$20.00/Person  
Payment can be mailed to:  
AgriLife Extension Service  
Att: Angie Gutierrez  
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San Antonio, TX 78230



# 4-H Events & Training



## **2023 National 4-H Conference – April 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**(FLYER)**

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)**

There is still time left to encourage your 4-Her's to be a part of this year’s Global Citizenship Tour in Spain. The Global Citizenship Trip is planning to take place July 5th-12th, upon approval. Final travel dates will be announced two to three months before the tour. For more information see attached flyer, contact Megan Logan ([megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu)) or visit <https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2586572TK>

## **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.](#)

## **Gettysburg & Washington D.C. Trip – July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> DEADLINE January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**(INFORMATION)**

Join Cooke, Denton, and Kaufman Counties as they travel to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. July 17<sup>th</sup> - July 21, 2023. 4-H members must be 13 years old. For more information view the flyer above or contact [steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu); [Phyllis.Griffin@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Phyllis.Griffin@ag.tamu.edu) or [cl-sharp@tamu.edu](mailto:cl-sharp@tamu.edu)

## **Texas 4-H Center Camp (INFORMATION)**

From traditional camp experiences like fishing and dancing, to specialized camps on photography and woodworking, to an inclusive camp for youth with disabilities, there's something for everyone at Texas 4-H Camp! Registration is now open for the 2023 Summer camps. Register now before early bird pricing ends on April 1st!



## **4-H Landscape Challenge (FLYER)**

New in 2023, the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department will be hosting a 4-H Landscape Challenge. The Final Challenge will take place on Monday, June 5, 2023 in College Station in conjunction with Texas 4-H Roundup week. Youth that compete in the 4-H Landscape Challenge Final are also encouraged to register for Texas 4-H Roundup and the events and activities offered that week. This challenge is meant to promote landscape design knowledge and professionalism to 4-H students by simulating a real-life interaction between customer and landscape professional.

More information visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horticulture/> or contact Jayla Fry at [jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu)

## **2023 CORE Academy Registration – DEADLINE APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> (FLYER) (REGISTRATION)**

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for 4-H members in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade! The CORE Academy Program (Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence) is a weeklong excursion that aims to expose students to various career and leadership opportunities around the state. Students will also learn and visit different post-secondary degree institutions across Texas.

**Core Academy Applications for 2023 opened February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023!** Don't forget to follow CORE Academy on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CORE4H>

## **Guadalupe County GEAR Contest – DEADLINE April 10<sup>th</sup> (FLYER)**

Guadalupe County will host their annual 4-H GEAR Robotics contest this spring. The contest will be held on April 22, 2023. Location is tentatively set at the Guadalupe County Extension Office (210 East Live Oak, Seguin TX 78155). Information for registration is located on the Flyer. Game Specific Rules at <https://tinyurl.com/yckpa9nm>

General Rules at <https://tinyurl.com/5bxn7jeb>

## **College / Career Fair & Trade Show – June 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (INFORMATION)**

Six youth will be elected from across the state to serve on Texas 4-H Council 2023-2024, representing the entire state rather than their home district. These youth will be elected the week of Roundup, but the application process begins now!

Applications must be submitted through 4HOnline by March 20th! Information and the application can be found online by clicking the button below.

## **Virtual Fishing Skill-A-Thon (FLYER)**

This is a fun, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and Clover Kids to get outside and fish with their families and friends. The fishing takes place wherever they are in Texas! Short, educational videos on fishing tips, equipment, fish ID, industry careers, and more are available on the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page and new YouTube page. Prize packages of gift cards, fishing gear, and more will be awarded as provided by our sponsors. Last year we awarded over \$13,000 in prizes! Rules of play are attached to this email via the buttons below. Registration is now open on 4HOnline and the tournament will begin March 20th!

## **2023 Inbound Programs (FLYER)**

Howdy 4-H families! Are you interested in providing an international experience for your family? Would you consider hosting an international delegate in your home to meet those goals? Texas 4-H will host 20 youth from Japan this summer, July 23 – August 16. Host Families are not expected to entertain the delegate, but rather to just treat them as a member of the family. They come to the United States to learn our ways, our customs and how we interact as families. The twenty-youth visiting Texas have an even richer experience! The delegates have some familiarity with English but often lack the opportunity to practice what they've learned. Their immersive homestay in Texas and with families provides the atmosphere to further develop their English skills. Families learn that communication goes beyond the spoken word – creativity plays a big part in the communication, especially at the start of the homestay. 4-H membership is not a requirement. If your family is unable to host this summer, please feel free to share the information with others. For more information or to speak with someone directly, please email Darlene Locke at [darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu).

## **Water Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE May 1<sup>st</sup> (INFORMATION) (FLYER)**

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program! These youth travel across the state of Texas learning about different water resources and give back to their communities through education and service.

**NEW**

## **WHEP Contest Information – DEADLINE April 17<sup>th</sup> (FLYER) (INFORMATION)**

Registration is now open on 4-H Online for the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP) State Contest to be held May 20-21 in Jeff Davis County at the Nature Conservancy Davis Mountain Preserve. Registration is now OPEN until April 17th! Visit the Texas 4-H Natural Resources webpage or contact Larry Hysmith ([lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu)) for more information. [Register now by clicking here.](#)

**NEW**

## **Texas 4-H Center Teen Weekend (REGISTRATION) (INFORMATION)**

The Texas 4-H center will be hosting its second Teen weekend May 5-7. Responsible teens who have aged out of traditional camp and are interested in taking on more of a leadership role should apply. At teen weekend, your teen will receive all the required training to be ready for success this summer as a teen counselor. At the end of this weekend your teen will have the ability to sign up for any camp they wish to help with FOR FREE, leaving the week with 50+ Hrs. of volunteer service hours. Youth must have attended the teen training to be utilized as a teen counselor.

**NEW**

## **Horticulture Career Fair (FLYER)**

This will be a great opportunity for high school students to see Texas A&M and have some hands-on experiences with horticulture including floral design, propagation, tissue culture, viticulture, and hydroponics. Students will get to meet faculty, staff, and current students to learn more about careers in horticulture and children and parents will have the opportunity to meet with academic advisors to ask questions about the admission process.

**NEW**

## **District 10 4-H Photography Workshop – DEADLINE April 14th (FLYER)**

Our District 10 4-H Photography Ambassadors will be graciously hosting a 1-day Photography Workshop to 4-H members of all age divisions! The workshop will take place on April 29th, 2023 (Saturday) from 9AM – 2PM at the Gillespie County Extension Office. Mr. Dave Richards, Professional Wildlife Photographer will be our special guest instructor!

**NEW**

## **2023 4-H Outdoor Challenge – DEADLINE May 15th (FLYER)**

Registration is now open on 4-H Online for the 4-H Outdoor Challenge to be held on June 18-19 in Richmond on the Long Acre Ranch. Open to all age divisions as an individual participant or a team of two. Limited to the first 130 registrants. A team must have both members registered in the first 130 to hold a 'team' spot. Coordinate team member registration as soon as possible. Details about the event and logistics can be found on the attached document and in the 4-H Outdoor Education webpage (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>).

## **Texas 4-H Photography Contest – DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup> (INFORMATION)**

Submissions for the State 4-H Photography Contest are open through April 15th! The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs. To enter, register on 4HOnline and submit photos to Submittable.

**NEW**

## **4-H Equine Ambassador Applications – DEADLINE April 15th (FLYER) (APPLICATION)**

Applications close April 15th for the Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program. Youth will learn, serve, and advocate within the agriculture industry, and gain career and University experience along the way. Senior aged 4-H members are encouraged to apply. Youth must attend training June 22-25, 2023, in College Station.

**NEW**

## **Roundup Registration Packet (INFORMATION)**

Roundup registration opens May 1st but start making plans now with the Roundup registration packet. A schedule of events including locations will be posted later in April. This year we will be offering a “contestant all inclusive” registration, which will include access to contests, workshops, and any pre-post assembly activities for the entire week of Roundup, Monday - Thursday. A “contestant day pass” will also be available as well, BUT that will only grant access to contest and activities on THAT DAY! We will be sending more information about the registration process later in April. As a reminder, Texas 4-H Roundup is a Senior level 4-H event only. Also, don’t forget to book your hotel. Hotel room block information can be found on our [Roundup webpage](#).



**NEW**

## **Hill Country Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest – DEADLINE April 28th (FLYER)**

4-Her’s are invited to the first annual Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest in the beautiful Hill Country on May 15, 2023, at the Kendall County Youth Ag & Equestrian Center (648 FM 289, Comfort TX 78013)! Members who are interested in learning all about livestock can test their skills in this dynamic contest. This contest will also prepare Senior youth for the invitational contest at State 4-H Roundup in June.

### **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!

