# Bandera Newsletter

January 2024

## Deadlines at a Glance



#### Click the links for more information:

- JAN 1 Souper Bowl of Caring Community Service BEGINS
- JAN 2 Council Meeting
- JAN 5-7 Texas 4-H Center Teen Retreat in Brownwood, TX
- JAN 6 Nixon Steer & Heifer Prospect Show (Nixon, TX)
- JAN 7 Kendall Co. Invitational Livestock Judging Contest
- JAN 10 Texas 4-H State 4-H Dog Validation **DEADLINE**
- Jan 10-13 Bandera County Stock Show
- JAN 12 S.A.L.E. School Tour Guide & Youth Day DEADLINE
- JAN 15 District 10 4-H Horse Judging Registration OPENS
- JAN 16 Central Texas 4-H Invitational CDM DEADLINE
- JAN 19 Meatra D. Harrison Endowment Grant **DEADLINE**
- JAN 23 NASA Solar Eclipse Informational Webinar (11am CST)
- FEB 1 District 10 4-H Photography Contest OPENS on 4HOnline
- FEB 1 Big Tex Scholarship Program DEADLINE
- FEB 6 D10 4-H Horse Judging Contest **DEADLINE** on 4HOnline
- FEB 6 Bell Co. Invitational Judging Contests **DEADLINE**
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- FEB 15 TX 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt Design Contest **DEADLINE**
- FEB 20 D10 4-H Photography Contest **DEADLINE** on 4HOnline
- FEB 23 D10 4-H Photography Contest LATE DEADLINE





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### 2023-2024 District 10 4-H Calendar

\*Tentative dates are subject to change.

**FALL & WINTER DATES** 

#### District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR \*\*All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show. **DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 15, 2024 DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE Feb. 6, 2024 DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 7-9, 2024** Mar. 4, 2024 • Horse Judging @ HLSR **District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest REGISTRATION OPENS: Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 20, 2024** LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. Feb 21-23, 2024 Feb. 23, 2024 | 4HOnline Registration CLOSES Mar. 29, 2024 | Photography Results Released **Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship APPLICATIONS OPEN: November 1, 2023** APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Feb. 15, 2024 @11:59PM Nov. 1, 2023 Scholarship Guidelines Released Feb. 15, 2024 **Scholarship Applications Close** Information **Texas 4-H Foundation Website Other Scholarship Opportunities** Big Tex Scholarship Program (State Fair of TX) Feb. 1, 2024 Scholarship Applications Close Information Big Tex Scholarship Website **Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships** Mar. 1, 2024 Scholarship Applications Close Information **TFB Scholarship Website**

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

	NG Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.—Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 9, 2024	• Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	<ul> <li>Consumer Decision Making</li> <li>Range/Pasture ID &amp;         Range Evaluation     </li> <li>Wool &amp; Mohair Judging</li> </ul>
April 17, 2024	<ul><li>Share the Fun</li><li>Soil Judging</li></ul>
April 18, 2024	<ul><li>Duds 2 Dazzle</li><li>Fashion Show &amp; Natural Fibers</li></ul>
April 20, 2024	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	• 4-H Storyboard Results Released
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE Tues. May 14, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg  REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024  REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.—Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024	
2021 DATE: 3019 11, 2027	

#### 2023 District 10 4-H Fall Roundup - RESULTS

To our 4-H members who participated and adult volunteers who helped get our kids ready... **THANK YOU!** We had a wonderful event and enjoyed seeing you all! Results are now posted on our website <u>HERE</u>. We also have links below to each contest. Please also checkout our <u>District 10 4-H Facebook</u> page for pictures!

- Educational Presentation & Public Speaking Results
- Livestock Quiz Bowl Results
- Horse Quiz Bowl Results
- Food Show Results
- FCH Quiz Bowl Results
- Entomology Results
- Food Challenge Results

# District 10 4-H H.L.S.R. Horse Judging

Early Registration: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - \$15.00 Fee per contestant Late Registration: Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - \$40.00 Fee per contestant

#### **UPDATES FOR DISTRICT 10 4-H HORSE JUDGING:**

**NEW for 2024!** The District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest will be hosted at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR) this year. In order to correctly register for this contest, all 4-H members must:

- Submit entries/fees for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo via JudgingCard.com. <u>Please contact the</u> <u>local County Office to correctly submit</u> <u>entries by the specified County</u> <u>deadline.</u>
- Register all contestants/teams on 4HOnline by the District February 6<sup>th</sup> deadline in order compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging qualifier.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & AGE DIVISIONS**

Participants must be 4-H members currently <u>enrolled</u> on 4HOnline and belong to a Texas 4-H Youth Development County program.

There are three age divisions for competition as outlined below. 4-H members' division is determined by their grade level by Aug. 31, 2023.

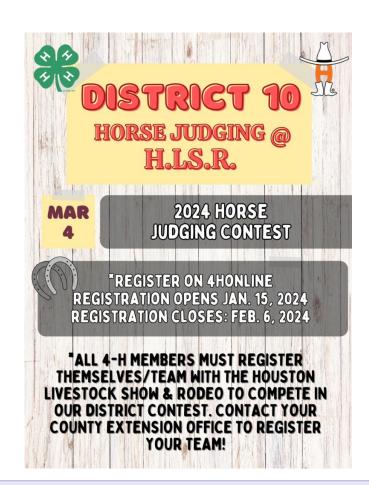
- Junior: 3rd (and 8 yrs. old) 5th
- Intermediate: Grades 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior: Grades 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> (and passed 18 yrs. old)

**Note:** Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on an intermediate team. Intermediates/Seniors may NOT move up or down to a different age division. Additionally, H.L.S.R. Teams are designated by age. Therefore, their team designations may differ from 4-H. However, District 10 4-H Awards will be based on grade level like any other 4-H contest.

#### **CONTEST GUIDE & SCHEDULE**

The **2024 District 10 Horse Judging Guide** is coming soon!





### San Antonio Stock Show School Tour Guides & Youth Day



About School Tours: (Choice of Dates: Feb. 13-16th & 20-23rd, 2024)

For more than 30 years, 4-Her's from around the state have volunteered to lead San Antonio-area K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade youth around the San Antonio Stock Show Grounds. It doesn't matter what county you are from; you can still volunteer to be a tour guide! The website to register your 4-H members to be a tour guide is <a href="https://www.sarodeo.com/f/124">https://www.sarodeo.com/f/124</a>
<a href="https://www.sarodeo.com/f/124">About Youth Day:</a> (Date: Saturday, Feb.10<sup>th</sup> 2024)

4-H members from across South Central Texas gather at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo to showcase their talents, organization activities & project work. Members set up exhibits and hands-on activity booths for visitors and guests attending the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. An additional activity related to this event is the Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade. The link to register for youth day is <a href="https://www.sarodeo.com/f/75">https://www.sarodeo.com/f/75</a>



## 23-24 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

Submission Period: Nov. 1st, 2023 – Feb. 15th, 2024 by 11:59pm (GUIDELINES)

<u>Information:</u> The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship information is now available! You can find all the scholarship information, guidelines and application portal on this website: <u>Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation (texas4hfoundation.org)</u>

#### A few things to note....

- Collegiate Scholarships will NOT be given out in 2024.
- This year, FAFSA will not open until December 31, 2023. Seniors are encouraged to immediately complete their FAFSA when it opens. The delayed opening should not affect applicants' ability to receive their SAR report in time to submit with their scholarship application. However, if an applicant does not receive their SAR report in time before the deadline, they will get a "preliminary EFC number" before they get their official Report. We encourage all applicants to take a screenshot of your preliminary EFC page and upload the screenshot until your official FAFSA SAR Report is returned. Please contact your county agent and Kelly Gideon with the Foundation office to assist. Kelly can help anyone that reaches out BEFORE the deadline.

# Other Scholarship Opportunities for 4-H Members:

<u>Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships:</u> Applications for all TFB scholarships are open for submission. TFB awards over \$240,000 each year to graduating high school seniors and enrolled college students. Applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2024**. Winners will be accounted by May 2024. Information on how to apply for the scholarship is available by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

**Big Tex Scholarship Program:** Applications for all Big Tex scholarships are open for submission. The Big Tex Scholarship Program has awarded college scholarships to more than 3,000 students for a total of more than \$17.4 million. Eligible recipients include graduating high school seniors around the state of Texas who have participated in competitive youth livestock events held at the State Fair. The application will close on **February 1, 2024**. Information on how to apply for the scholarship is available by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

# 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation CLOSING

Validation Deadline: January 10, 2024

How to Validate: PDF Instructions OR YouTube Instructional Video

<u>Information:</u> The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. **To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024 on 4HOnline.** Please see the following the 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book <u>HERE</u> for mor information about this Statewide event. We strongly encourage members to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Completing the *FREE* validation process before January 10th will give members the opportunity in May to submit entries if they decide to participate. As 4-H members complete their validation, here are some things to keep in mind:

- For purebred dogs (do not have to be registered) you will select the correct Group & list the breed.
- For mixed breed dogs you will select the Weight Group of the dog and list the dominant breed along with the word "Mix" or list the two breeds if known. (Ex: Border Collie Mix/Mastiff/Great Dane)
- Photos of the left/right side of the dog should be a side view of the entire dog. Pictures must be clear & well-lit to see all markings/color of the dog. The dog should only be wearing a collar only.

Dogs MUST be validated each year. If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2023-2024 year.

### 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt Design Contest

Deadline for Entries: February 15, 2024

NEW

Information: The 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show is looking for creative 4-H members to create a shirt design for the annual Texas 4-H Dog Show T-Shirt! <u>ALL</u> age divisions are welcome to participate (Clovers, Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors). An overall design will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners per each age division. Please share with you 4-H membership. See attached flyer for more details and shirt guidelines!



# 2024 District 10 4-H Photography Contest

Entry Deadline: February 20, 2024 (@11:59PM) LATE Entry Deadline: February 23, 2024 (@11:59PM)



<u>Information:</u> 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 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. Please contact your County Extension Agent for local County Photography contest rules and submission deadlines.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & AGE DIVISIONS**

Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled on 4HOnline and belong to a Texas 4-H Youth Development County program.

There are three age divisions for competition as outlined below. 4-H members' division is determined by their grade level by Aug. 31, 2023.

Junior: 3<sup>rd</sup> (and 8 yrs. old) - 5<sup>th</sup>

• Intermediate: Grades 6th - 8th

Senior: Grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> (not passed 18 yrs. old)

#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Registration on 4HOnline (<u>v2.4honline.com</u>). Please reference the Event Registration instructions here: **DOWNLOAD** 

**Regular Registration Period:** \$15 per contestant entered – Feb. 1 - Feb. 20, 2024 (**DEADLINE**)

**Late Registration:** \$40 per contestant entered – Feb. 21 - 23, 2024 **FINAL LATE DEADLINE** 

**IMPORTANT! INCOMPLETE ENTRIES** will be deleted after the late deadline. No late submissions will be accepted. No refunds will be given for any District Contest Registrations once they are approved.

#### **CONTEST RULES**

- Each 4-H Member may enter up to (3) photos MAXIMUM.
- There are 15 different categories available for submission. Please click the State Photography Rules HERE for category descriptions.
- A 4-H member <u>cannot</u> enter all (3) photos in the same category. The (3) photos must be entered in three different categories.
- If a 4-Her submits more than 3 photos, the registration will be returned and must be corrected by Tuesday - February 27, 2024 in order to be eligible for judging.
- Photos must be taken by the 4-H member between March 1st, 2023 – February 20th, 2024.

#### **CONTEST GUIDE & SUBMISSION DETAILS**

The **2024 District 10 Photography Contest Guide** has been released! Click below!



#### 2023-2024 State Level Photography Contest

#### STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - DOWNLOAD GUIDE

The rules for the 2023-2024 State Photography Contest have been released (Download above). For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. The timeline for entry is April 1-15. If you have questions about this contest, please contact Derrick Bruton. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 15 categories (includes a new "Abandoned" theme for this year)

Entry Period: April 1 – 15, 2024 @ 11:59PM on 4HOnline & Submittable. No late entries accepted.

# 2024 Texas 4-H State Roundup Updates

#### Texas 4-H Roundup Room Blocks

<u>Information:</u> Hotel room block information for Texas 4-H Roundup 2024 is now available! Don't wait to book your rooms, contact the hotels now. Roundup will be held in Bryan/College Station June 3-6, 2024.

Click here to find room block information.

#### Texas 4-H Roundup Sponsorship Opportunities

<u>Information:</u> Roundup provides life changing opportunities to senior level 4-H youth each year! Do you know of a business, group, or individual who might be interested in supporting Texas 4-H Roundup financially? <u>Click here to find our sponsorship options</u>, or contact <u>jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu</u> with any questions.



# **Texas 4-H Center Updates**

Website: <a href="https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/">https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/</a>

Texas 4-H Center Summer Calendar RELEASED!

<u>Information:</u> The Texas 4-H Center will host a series of camps for 4-H members of all ages during the months of June, July & August. Space is limited in each camp, so mark your calendar! Full camp listing with dates can be downloaded <u>HERE</u>.

#### 4-H Center Teen Retreat - UPCOMING SOON!

Information: The Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood is the place to be for teens in grades 9-12 January 5-7, 2024! Participants will have three sessions that include team building, leadership, and citizenship learning opportunities, in addition to the loads of fun over the weekend. Registration is open HERE, and the cost is \$100 per youth.

# Souper Bowl of Caring 2024 – BEGINS!

Event Period: Jan. 1st - Feb. 11th, 2024

Information: It's time to start thinking about the SOUPER BOWL! (No, not the football game!) The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers young people — and often the adults who support them — to lead the way in combating hunger. Youth decide what local food charity will receive the donations and give 100% of everything they collect. Learn how you can start planning now for a great event in 2024. To get your 'playbook' started, visit the <a href="Souper Bowl of Caring Website">Souper Bowl of Caring Website</a> to get started today, or click the image to the right for more info!



# 2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off

Information: 4-H Teams are invited to compete in the 2024 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Vaquero Cook-Off on Saturday, **February 3, 2024**. Entries for the 2024 Junior Vaquero Cook-Off are now open & will close when the capacity of 40 teams has been reached. Visit <a href="mailto:sarodeo.com/vaquero">sarodeo.com/vaquero</a> and click on the Youth Vaquero Cook-Off Contest link for more information, guidelines, eligibility, scholarship qualifications, rules and regulations and to get your team registered.





# What's Happening in Texas 4-H...

### NEW

#### 4-H STEM - Solar Eclipses NASA Webinar

NASA is conducting a webinar covering the upcoming solar eclipse. The webinar is scheduled for January 23 and will cover:

- The science behind solar eclipses
- Connections to NASA's study of the Sun
- How to view eclipses safely
- NASA's latest plan for public and student engagement

\*\*Please note the time on the **FLYER HERE** is Eastern Time – Please be sure to logon at 11AM Central Time. Please use the link on the flyer to register. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this event and how to prepare for safe and engaging viewing with your 4-H members!



#### 2024 Rodeo Austin Leadership Opportunity



Please see the attached PDF file HERE to view all opportunities for youth to sing the National Anthem and recite the American, Texas Pledges, the FFA Motto and the 4-H Pledge at the market shows for Rodeo Austin. For those interested, please sign up HERE. You will need to plan to arrive at least 30 mins prior to the start of the species show in which you are volunteering.

Youth interested in singing the National
Anthem, submit a video at the link below:
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Yw/viewform

# Kendall County Livestock Judging Contest Event: January 7, 2024

Kendall County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Livestock Judging contest on January 7, 2023 at the Kendall County Youth Ag & Equestrian Center. Individuals & Teams must register on <a href="JudgingCard.com">JudgingCard.com</a>.

See entry details/flyer below:



#### Gonzales Co.–Nixon Steer/Heifer Prospect Show Event: January 6, 2024

Gonzales County invites all 4-H members to participate in their invitational Steer/Heifer Prospect show on January 6, 2023 at the Nixon Livestock Show Barn. Please click on the flyer below for full details and QR code to register!





#### CEA ONLY: Volunteer Virtual Office Hours 2024

Volunteer Virtual Office Hours are back for 2024! These sessions host a practical, conversational style panel discussion to develop your skills in working with volunteers. There are five dates set for 2024 on Fridays @10 am through TEAMS. They will last ~90 mins.

SAVE THE DATES: (PNG FLYER)

#### January 26

- January 20
- March 1
- May 17
- July 12
- October 18

Get Plugged in to Youth FCH: Session Four Consumer Decision Making:
Creating Lifelong Learning

SAVE THE DATE! You're invited to attend the foruth session of "Plugged In....Youth FCH Learning Series" which be held Thursday, February 8 at 11:00 AM via TEAMS. The 4th session will focus on Consumer Decision Making!

A calendar invite will soon follow! Questions? Email Julie.Gardner@ag.tamu.edu



# What's Happening in Texas 4-H...

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# Wilson County 4-H Small-Bore Rifle Invitational Shoot

Deadline: February 12, 2024

When: February 16th -17th, 2024

**Location**: Wilson County Show Barn (Expo Center),

435 Tx-97, Floresville TX, 78114

<u>Times</u>: Saturday relays: On the hour beginning at 8:00 A.M until 12:00 P.M. <u>Relays will be added</u>

once ALL above relays are full.

Eligibility: Must be a member of Texas 4-H and

registered on 4HOnline.

<u>Cost</u>: \$10.00 per competitor, <u>MUST PREPAY to</u> <u>secure a spot</u> (there are no refunds) <u>by Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.</u> <u>Registration</u>: Please mail email your "4-H Liability

Waivers".

# Junior Master Gardener Virtual National Leader Training Conference: Feb 20-21, 2024

Registration closes February 12, 2024 @ 11:59PM

#### Who can attend:

Teachers, Volunteers, Youth educators, Extension employees and anyone interested in working with youth gardening.

What will be covered: Information will prepare you to utilize JMG programs/curricula, best practices for implementation, build sustainable youth garden programs and connect with others!

Conference Website & Registration: HERE
Cost for the 1.5-day conference is: \$65
Special Rate for AgriLife employees = \$25

Includes access to all sessions/talks for up to four (4) months following conference conclusion, CPE certificates provided, Q/A opportunities, hands-on lessons, and door prizes.



#### Bell County Youth Fair Invitational Judging Contests

We invite you to join us for these invitational contests, open to any 4-H or FFA member.

Registration via Judging Card closes on Tuesday,

February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Contest info below:

Contest Day: Friday, February 9th, 2024

**Location:** Cadence Bank Center, 301 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas 76513 (The Bell County EXPO just has a new name!)

#### **Registration HERE**

- Livestock Judging Rules & Info
- Ag Product ID Rules & Info
- Vet Science Skillathon Rules & Info
- Wool Judging Rules & Info
- Rabbit Judging Rules & Info

#### **EXTENSION AGENTS ONLY**

#### Call for Applications: Meatra D. Harrison Endowment Grant Application

The Meatra D. Harrison Endowment Fund is used to provide Extension Agents with small grants to assist them in participating in selected educational experiences to enhance their skills in facilitating committees, leadership, teaching or interpersonal relations. All Extension faculty are eligible to apply for the grant with preference given to Extension Agents that work within the program areas of family and community health, 4-H youth development, and agriculture and natural resources.

**DOWNLOAD APPLICATION** 

Completed applications should be submitted via the online form linked in the application by 5:00 pm on

Friday, January 19, 2024





# 2024 Central Texas 4-H Invitational CDM Contest

Early Registration Deadline: January 16, 2024

4-H members are invited to compete at the 2024 Central Texas 4-H Invitational CDM Contest on on **January 27<sup>th</sup> in Gatesville, TX!** Scholarships will be awarded to senior high point individuals. Please download the flyer (RIGHT) for details ->

