

# San Saba 4-H



Welcome all 4-H'ers to the New Year! 2020 is finally over and we are ready to begin a new chapter!

We started 2021 off with our San Saba County Livestock Show and Youth Fair! We want to give a big shout out to all our members who participated Covid and snow storms may have put a damper on our new 4-H year but we are ready to bounce back and get to work!

## 4-H Contests

***Duds to Dazzle***- Do you love fashion, sewing, or just being creative? Then check out Duds to Dazzle! This contest puts your creativity and problem solving skills to the test. Teams are given a category, a start up item, and an hour to come up with something to impress the judges!

***Quiz Bowl***- Do you like game shows and competition? Does food and nutrition interest you? Consider signing up for Quiz Bowl! Compete against other teams in the district to see who knows their stuff better in a fun game show environment!



# Seeking 4-H Stories

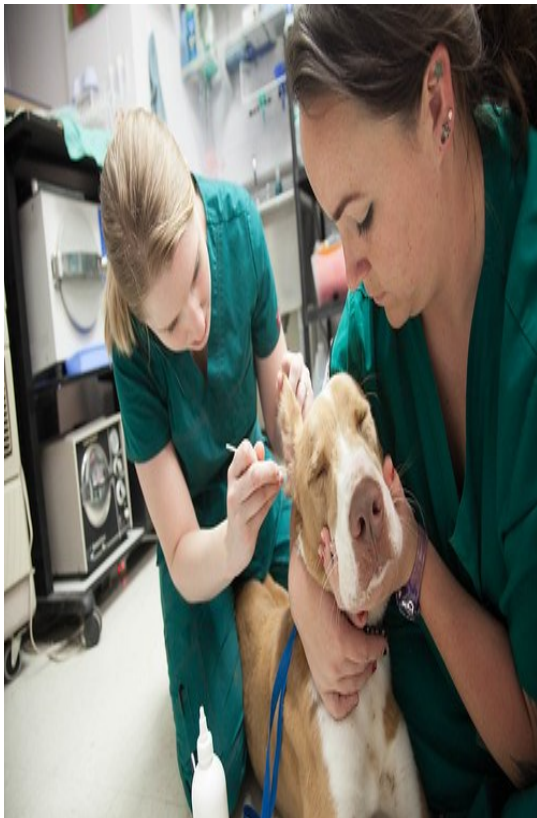
It's no secret that EVERY 4-H'er has a story; a story unique to them. We think it's time more of those stories get told! Doing this can bring our youth together, encourage each other, and invite new members into the program. Stories of participating, learning, excelling, helping, serving; the list goes on!

We are excited about the opportunity to share these stories in various avenues, one of those being RFDTV and The Cowboy Channel! ! But, before we can re-tell that story, we need to hear about it! Want your story to be featured? The first step is to submit it! These stories do **NOT** have to be agriculturally focused as we will be using these stories across various avenues and we want to feature youth in every project and opportunity within 4-H. When nominating youth to be featured, think creatively of all the ways in which their story can be interpreted and all of the project areas it extends into.

These submissions can be about a single youth who has done exceptionally well in one area or another, or about someone who's life was truly changed because of the program, or about a group who created a unique event or opportunity in your county, or a club who is doing extraordinary things...The options are truly endless!

Please submit these stories at: <https://forms.gle/v1qwPjJmhEs11yS47>

## Veterinary Science 2021 Summer Camp



The time has finally come! The link for the summer camps is live as of right now.

Just a few reminders: As of right now they are going to have all three summer camps. This year will be Texas A&M Kingsville June 7-9, 2021, Texas A&M University June 14-16, 2021 and West Texas A&M July 12-14, 2021.

The camps are going to be limited to 25 kids per camp and will be selected via application process. The application will be sent out via Qualtrics Monday February 1, 2021 and will be due back no later than Friday March 5th by 5pm.

If you would like more information about the camps, please e-mail your agent at [Kailey.Miller@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Kailey.Miller@ag.tamu.edu) .

If you have any other question please reach out to Tyler at [tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu).

Application Link: [https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ny438KzSrgH3eZ](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ny438KzSrgH3eZ)

# 2021 4-H Beekeeping Essay

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

Essay Topic:

**Immunity:  
Threats to Bee Colonies  
and Methods to Defend  
Against the Threats**

Submission online through  
4HOnline

**Deadline : Monday, March 15, 2021**



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## 2021 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced their 2021 4-H Beekeeping Essay Topic. This year's Topic is **Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats**

Honey bee colonies have developed many ways to stay healthy. Their immune responses range from behaviors such as grooming to using materials such as propolis, a plant-derived substance bees coat on the interior of a hive for antimicrobial purposes. Even the gut of the honey bee contains beneficial bacteria to help the bee stay healthy!

In your essay, name at least two threats (a parasite such as Varroa, a pathogen such as a virus, a predator such as a bear, etc.) to honey bee colonies and then discuss the methods colonies use to defend against the threats. If possible, include at least one picture you have taken from Feb. 2020-Feb. 2021 that illustrates how colonies manage to stay healthy against a variety of threats.

Contest information can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>.

You can see past winner's essays by visiting the following website and clicking on 4H Essays tab at the top of their page. <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/>

Essays will be uploaded at no fee on 4HOnline using the "2021 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is Monday, March 15. Winners will be announced the week of April 5th.