



Helotes Ag Booster Club And Helotes 4-H

BUILDING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

4-H Motto:

"To Make The Best Better"

" THE BIG GIVE "

A "Big Thank You" for all who supported "The Big Give" on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3rd and 4th. Your support helps us help our kids. Thanks to Anna Kersch and her committee, this event was very successful.

The 4-H Pledge

*I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.*

MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW

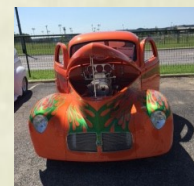


On May 30th the Annual Memorial Day Car Show was hosted by the Dominion Rotary Club along with the Helotes AG Booster Club and South Texas Car Club. If you were able to attend, you saw many classic cars and the children from the Helotes 4-H Clubs. The children were supporting those who have worn the Boots of War by assisting the club managers sell food and drinks.

The table and empty chair were set in honor to recognize our missing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 6, 2016—32nd Annual "Fun Nite" Fundraiser
- August 9, 2016—4-H Registration Night, 5:30pm-8:30pm
- August 14, 2016—County Awards Program @6:00pm
Join the county 4-Hers as we pass out awards, earn year pins and honor scholarship recipients



" FUN NITE "

August 6, 2016, the Helotes AG Booster Club will hold its 32nd Annual Fun Nite. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please respond to this email. Watch your emails and mailboxes for upcoming information. For 31 years, the community has supported this annual event that supports our 4-H members.

Helotes 4-H Registration will be held on Tuesday, August 9 from 5:30pm—8:30pm at the Helotes Activity Center at 12132 Leslie Road across from O'Connor High School. You will have the opportunity to visit with all of the project leaders and see which projects you are interested in participating in!

Registration fees are \$25, \$5 payable to the your chosen club and a \$20 building use fee payable to the Helotes Ag Booster Club. Projects do not have a fee to join, but will have



costs associated with the project.

New and returning Members and Adult volunteers also need to register with 4-H on 4-H con-

nect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>. This is the state registration and you must be entered in order to participate at any county or state project shows. There is a \$20 registration fee for members and a \$5 fee for adult volunteers to complete the background check. Online registration begins in late August.

If you miss registration, you can register at the first club meeting.

Bring a friend and come join in the fun!

"4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults."

4-Hers learn leadership, communication and life skills through hands-on learning and projects. Helotes 4-H offers many projects led by adult volunteers; Arts & Crafts, Beef, Clothing & Textile, Companion Animal, Food & Nutrition, Goat, Horse, Leadership, Natural Resources, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbit, Sheep, Shooting Sports (archery, rifles, shotgun), Sportsfishing, Swine, Veterinary Science, and Wildlife & Fisheries.

We are looking for more adult volunteers to become project leaders. Entomology, Dairy, Plant & Soil Science and a wide range of projects in Science, Engineering and Technology are some areas where we would like to offer more to our kids. If you would like to volunteer, or want more information about becoming a project leader, please contact Jackie Wanke, jackiewanke@gmail.com, or Tammy Carpenter, Tcarp1967@gmail.com.

MEETINGS

- Helotes 4-H Livestock Plus*
1st Monday of the month
(except Labor Day) at 7:00pm

Amie Olivarez
amieolivarez@yahoo.com, 210-445-9102

Nikki Brown
nsbmeb@sbcglobal.net, 210-394-1499
- Helotes 4-H Livestock Only*
2nd Monday of the month at
7:00pm

Jackie Wanke
helotes4hso@gmail.com, 210-861-1361

Tina Phipps
210-317-0625
- Helotes 4-H Unlimited*
2nd Thursday of the month at
6:30pm

Tammy Carpenter
Tcarp1967@gmail.com, 210-215-6744

Jennifer Moore
litlangece@yahoo.com, 210-428-8593
- Helotes Ag Booster Club*
3rd Monday of the month at
7:00pm

President: Brian Loessberg
brianloessberg@yahoo.com, 210/364-6212

Secretary: JoAnn Sosa
joann@valla-inc.com, 210/416-0281



Bo Schott
Best of Show, Regional 4-H Project Show



Stock Show season may be over, but kids are still busy!
Photography, public speaking
contests and more keep our members involved.



Emaleen Cain
Bexar County Roundup

Self-Initiative:

To be empowered is to have confidence and to act and to have a sense of control. Youth gain empowerment through learning experiences that develop their confidence, control and capabilities. Empowered youth can make a difference.

-University of Maryland Extension

A six-year longitudinal study from Tufts University looking at children that participated in 4-H versus other out-of-school-activities found that children who participated in 4-H programs were more likely to contribute to their communities as adults, 1.6 times more likely to have grades of "B" or better in school, 1.2 times more active in physical activity, generally 2.6 times more likely to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and, for young girls, were 1.9 times more likely to pursue STEM education futures.

An additional 2014 study from the University of Minnesota found that 4-H children outperformed their non-4-H peers in math, reading, school attendance, and graduation rates. The study summarized its findings that, "Youth who participate in...4-H programs are on a better course for academic learning starting early in their academic careers than youth who do not participate in 4-H."

While we have never conducted our own research for our clubs, we have witnessed similar outcomes for over 30 years and know that the more opportunities we offer to area youth, the better adults we will produce for our community. We are especially proud that our programs offer equal opportunity for all children, empowering both young boys and girls to achieve success.