

Bell County 4-H

December Newsletter

December

- December 9:** Photo Judging Meeting, 6:00pm-7:30pm, CEO
- December 10:** Last day 4-H Enrollment for BCYF
- December 11:** District Food Show and Food Challenge, 8am, Expo
- December 13:** Ambassador and County Council Officer Christmas Party, 6pm, CEO
- December 13-15:** Re-Fashion Retreat, Brownwood
- December 14:** Cowboy Christmas Ball, 8pm, Expo
- December 14:** County Community Service Project, 9am, CEO
- December 15:** National Conference Application Deadline, 4-H Connect
- December 17:** Fuddruckers Fundraiser, ALL DAY, Temple and Killeen Fuddruckers
- December 17:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO
- December 18:** Bell County Youth Fair Broilers Pick-Up, 3:30pm-5:30pm, CEO
- December 21:** Ornament Making Workshop, 9am-11am, CEO
- December 21:** Clover Kids Meeting, 2pm-4pm, CTCS
- December 24:** Christmas Holiday, Office Closed
- December 25:** Christmas Holiday, Office Closed
- December 30:** Photo Advisory Board - Mini Workshop Still Life/Dominant Color 9am-12pm



January

- January 1:** Office Closed
- January 8-12:** National Consumer Contest,, Denver, CO
- January 10-12:** Teen Retreat
- January 13:** Youth Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
- January 15:** Photography Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
- January 15:** Photo Judging Practice 6:00pm-8:00pm, CEO
- January 18:** Clover Kids Club Meeting, 2pm, CTCS
- January 20:** Office Closed
- January 21:** County Council, 6:30pm, CEO
- January 23:** MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO
- January 23:** Hunter's Spectacular Committees Meeting, 6pm, CEO
- January 24:** Deadline for RSVP for Safe Sitter Spin Club
- January 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO



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Safe Sitter Spin Club

We will be doing a 4 week Safe Sitter Spin Club on becoming a safe Babysitter. Attendance in ALL classes is required. At the end of the program, all participants will be certified Safe Babysitters and great for showing their clients/customers when they babysit. We will go into First Aid and many crucial babysitting items needed to know when being a great babysitter! This session will only be open to 11-13 year olds. We will be limiting it to only 10 kids. The cost of this workshop which will include their books, refreshments and other stuff will be \$30.

Dates for the workshop will be:

February 11, 6pm, CEO

February 18, 6pm, CEO

February 25, 6pm, CEO

March 4, 6pm, CEO

Deadline to RSVP for the Spin Club will be January 24th or until class is full! RSVP MUST include the \$30. Checks can be made out to "Bell 4-H." Non 4-H members are welcome to attend if you have a friend!

GOOD LUCK!

We want to wish the Consumer Team going to Nationals good luck!!! It took many hours of practice to achieve and win and go to Nationals! The team of Nathaniel Fasolino, Peter Fasolino, Brandon Stone, and Brittany Stone won 1st out of 28 teams at State and only 1 team goes to Nationals!!! GOOD LUCK!!!!

Nationals is January 8-12, 2014!!!





4-H Clover Kids Club



Bell County 4-H is happy to announce that starting this September we will be starting a 4-H Clover Kids Club. This group will be focused on the 5-8 years old (Kindergarten to 2nd grade) and preparing them for their adventure as a 4-H'er. See the programs and dates for each meeting below. Cost to be in the Clover Kids Club will be \$20 but will cover all the materials for the year which include many take home projects! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children to each of the meetings but are not required to stay with them. Club Manager will be Dawn Brown and the Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and County Council Officers will be assisting each meeting to help with activities! The time of each meeting will be 2-4pm except for the Clover Kid Fair, Clover Kid Camp, and Summer Meetings which may change in times. The location is still being approved and we will have a definite location for you in the September newsletter and family handbook!

To be a Clover Kid for the new year, you must still enroll on 4-H Connect. The cost is free to enroll. Clover Kids can be in more than just Clover Kid Club. They are welcome to be in another club as well and participate with them.

Date	Program	Project Related to Activity
December 21 st	Christmas Party- Make fun crafts for family and play games!	Arts and Recreation
January 18 th	Let's Shop- Learn the ins and outs on how to be a better Shopper	Consumer Education
February 15 th	My Favorite Outfit/Sewing for a cause- Wear your favorite outfit and model it off as well as make/sew something to donate and/or keep	Clothing and Textiles
March 22 nd	Lights, Camera, Click!!!- learn about the basic techniques of photography	Photography
April 26 th	4-Legged Friend- learn about companion animals especially Dogs	Companion Animals/Dog
May 17 th	Clover Kid Fair	All Projects
June 21 st	Let's be Safe- Safety Fair for clover kids	Safety
July 22 nd	Clover Kid Camp	All Projects- Recreation and Recordbooks included
August 1 st	Clover Kid Recordbooks Due	All Projects



Bell County 4-H Council 2013-2014 Information



Council Meetings

Purpose of County Council - The purpose of County Council is for 4-H members from each club to come and share what they are doing in their club and get ideas from other clubs on activities and help plan county wide activities.

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: CEO

MONTH & DATE	THEME	PROGRAM	DISCUSSION TOPIC
September 23	White Out	Vet Science	County Clubs Community Service Project Selection
November 25	Disney Movie Characters	Robotics	What Do You Want To Learn?
January 21	Project Dress Up	National Booths	July 4 th Activities
March 24	Camo	Outdoor	2014 One Day 4-H Project Selection
May 20	4-H Spirit Night	Summer Workshops Fair	Council Officer Elections - Candidates Rally

Council Community Service Projects

MONTH & DATE	COMMUNITY SERVICE
October 19	2013 One Day 4-H: Teen Safety Driving Event
December 14	Wooden Toys Kits
February 25	Operation Military Kids Bags
April 5	Down Home Ranch

Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held **October 15**, at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will hopefully be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project!

Dates for consumer are as follows: (Dates set already due to full meeting room schedule and availability)

December 17, Jan. 28: Consumer Project Meetings, 6pm, CEO

January 8-14: National Consumer Contest, Denver, CO

February 13: County Consumer Contest

February 15: Consumer– San Antonio

March 1: District Consumer– Waco



Instagram

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Do you have instagram and take photos of 4-H events? Now, you can tag your 4-H photos in instagram!

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Instagram

Clothing and Textiles:

- Clover Kid Club Meeting (Program- Clothing)- **February 15**, 2pm, CTCS
- Storyboard Workshop- **February 22**- CEO
- County Fashion Show- **March 29**-in conjunction with County Roundup, Belton Methodist Church
- District Fashion Show- Either **April 4th or 11th**
- **Summer 2013**: Clothing Blast



FUDDRUCKERS FOR 4-H

Need to have more family meals together?? Want to help 4-H make some money? Bring your family to Fuddruckers in November, and December!

All you have to do is pay for your meal and drop your receipt in the basket labeled "4-H" and 4-H will receive money!!

Fuddruckers locations are:

- Temple in the Mall (Proceeds go to Bell County 4-H)
- Killeen on 190 (Proceeds go to Military 4-H)

Dates for this fall are:

December 17

Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!



T-shirt Sales!!

Set your “sights” on Bell County 4-H with the NEW Bell County 4-H T-shirt! We have the “Mossy Oak” look, Neon Orange shirt, and the black hoodies!

Order forms can be found on the website, at the CEO, or at the back of the newsletter.

SHIRTS ARE HERE AT THE COUNTY EXTENSION

OFFICE!!!! Please come get your shirt NOW! Youth Sizes and Bigger Sizes are not available unless an order is filled out and turned in to the CEO. <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/bell-county-4-h-t-shirts/> Money and Order Forms can be given to the County Extension Office or can be collected from Club Managers (if they are collecting it).



BCYF RULES

Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. Please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

· The BCYF has a NEW website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information:

<http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>

- You **MUST** attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August to December** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members **MUST** be enrolled by **December 10th** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.
- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: **January 17, 2013**. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline. Forms are not available until **January 1st**



2014 County Broilers

Deadline for ordering Broilers for the Bell County Youth Fair is **November 1, 2013**. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 50 birds and the cost is \$42.00 per order of 25 birds. The birds will arrive on **December 18, 2013** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.



4-H Livestock Projects

Anyone needing assistance in selecting or securing livestock projects please contact Lyle Zoeller by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-933-5305

Showmanship Clinic for Lambs & Goats

*****Free of Charge*****

The clinic will be on Sundays from 1pm-4pm

For more information please call Lacey Kight at :(254)-247-7911



COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL



The 5th Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 14th, 2013, at the Bell County Expo Center.** Our guest of honor, Michael Martin Murphey, the “Singing Cowboy Poet”, will be performing on stage starting at 8pm and doors open at 7:00pm. Murphey is famous for his single “Wildfire” and many more.

All proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show and PRCA Rodeo Scholarship Fund. This is given out every year to high achieving Bell County youth as they attend and maintain the high standards of education at their college/university of choice. Last year we awarded over \$38,000 in scholarships to 10 graduating seniors.

Heavy appetizers will be served and guests are encouraged to dress in formal western wear to keep in tradition and keep with the atmosphere. A silent auction will also be held during the evening and will include western art, hunting trips and western heritage-based items.

Photography Project Meetings

All locations are at the CEO

Mon Dec 9 - Photo Judging MEETING and ORIENTATION!!!! 6-7:30 ** Highly recommend anyone interested in competing in the Photo Judging Contest at 4-H Round-Up (ages 11 and up) attend this meeting.

Monday December 30- Photo Advisory Board - Mini Workshop Still Life/Dominant Color 9-12

Tuesday Jan 15- Photo Judging practice 6-8

Wednesday Feb 12- Photo Judging practice 6-8

Saturday Mar 8- Photo Advisory Board - Zoo Field trip Animal Photography 8-12

Wednesday Mar 19 - Photo Judging practice 6-8

Thurs Apr 10 - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

Tues Apr 29 - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

Thurs May 8 - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

Tues May 20 - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

Wooden Toys

Council Community Service Project

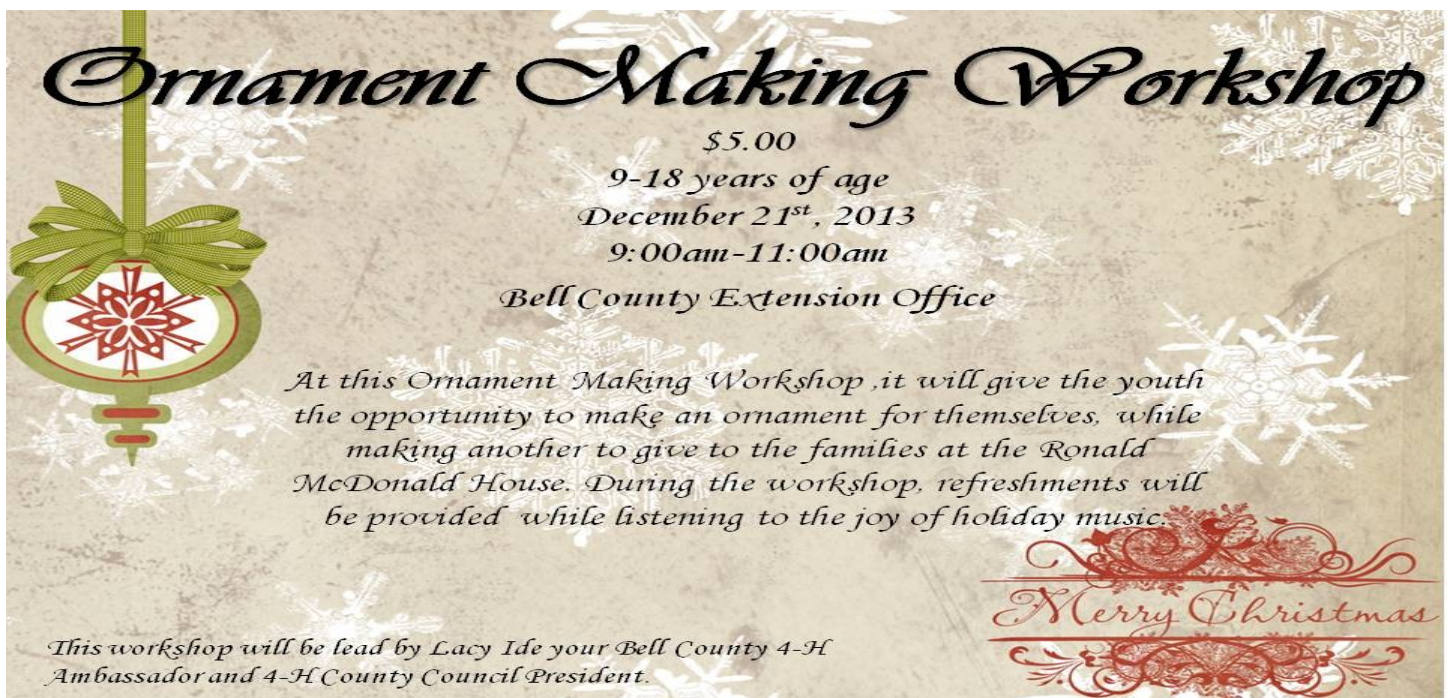
Your 4-H County Council needs your **HELP** putting together and painting over 100 wooden toy kits. The kits will be delivered to the children's hospital and new specialty center.

Date: December 14, 2013

Place: CEO Meeting Room

Time: 9am - 12pm (??estimated ending time??)

Supplies needed: Please bring hair dryers and hammers.



Ornament Making Workshop

\$5.00
9-18 years of age
December 21st, 2013
9:00am-11:00am
Bell County Extension Office

At this Ornament Making Workshop, it will give the youth the opportunity to make an ornament for themselves, while making another to give to the families at the Ronald McDonald House. During the workshop, refreshments will be provided while listening to the joy of holiday music.

This workshop will be lead by Lacy Ide your Bell County 4-H Ambassador and 4-H County Council President.

Merry Christmas

TEXAS 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



2014 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

WHAT IS NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE?

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters--located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) --is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, ensuring that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants.

LOCATION:

The 2014 National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. The National 4-H Youth Conference Center is located in a quiet, 12-acre campus-like setting in Maryland, one mile from the nation's capital, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums. The Conference Center is operated by the National 4-H Council. To read more interesting history on the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, visit http://www.4hcenter.org/center_history.html.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The Texas delegation will consist of 10 youth delegates, who need to engage in pre- and post conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2014). The maximum age for a youth delegate is 18.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4HCONNECT by December 15, 2013. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the online application. The final selection of delegates will be announced on, or before, December 20, 2013. Please refer to the Application/Nomination for 4-H Recognition Form (4-H 3-2.041) to help you complete the online application. This form is available from the Publication page of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program website (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>).

COST:

The delegate's share of registration, adult chaperone registration, lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs is \$2000.00. This registration fee will be due on January 15, 2013.

TEXAS DELEGATION MEETING LOCATION:

The Texas delegates will meet at either the Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston or the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport in Dallas (depending on the cost of airline tickets and the geographical makeup of the delegation). All travel costs to the airport to meet the group is the responsibility of the delegate.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Open Online: November 6, 2013	Payment Deadline: January 15, 2013
Application Closes Online: December 15, 2013	Travel Start Date: April 5, 2014
Delegates Announced: December 20, 2013	Travel End Date: April 10, 2014

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Teen Retreat

January 10-12, 2014

Texas 4-H Conference Center Brownwood

- Sessions include: Entomology, Dance, Consumer Decision Making, Fashion, and Wildlife Habitat Education Program & much more.
- Programs led by college professors, 4-H Specialists and other experts
- Dancing, Games & Fun, Fun, Fun!
- 4-H members ages 13-19

To register visit the 4-H Center website:

texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

Click on the "Register Now" link.

\$115 for youth & \$80 for adults

Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones.



BELL COUNTY

4-H FOCUS



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