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**Congratulations Newly  
Appointed Bell County  
4-H Ambassadors!**

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**Hunter's Spectacular**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Sheryl know ASAP!

**Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet**

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the 4-H slideshow. Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to [Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu).



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# 4-H Club Managers

## Membership Advisory Board Meeting

**When:** August 24, 2017

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:30 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We will be having our first meeting of the year starting, at 6:30pm, at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular.

## MAB Finance Committee Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the Membership Advisory Board Finance Committee, then please come to the CEO in August. Date yet to be determined. We will be reviewing the finances starting at 6:00 p.m. We strongly encourage a representative from each club attend this meeting! This will determine how the funds raised will be distributed for the 2017-2018 4-H year.

## Hunter Spectacular

Pick Up Tickets (**club managers only**): July 24, 2017

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: BEFORE September 27 (date set by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Wednesday, September 27—Friday, September 29

**8—11 a.m. then 1-4 p.m. AGAIN THIS YEAR ~ Club managers will deposit all money sold by their members into their club account. Managers will then write a check to Bell 4-H for your total amount of tickets sold**



# County Council & Ambassadors



## County Council Officer Training

TBD in August

It is **MANDATORY** for all County Council Officers to attend!

## Ambassador Training

Thursday, July 20th starting at 9 a.m.

We will be finished before lunch.

It is **MANDATORY** for all new and returning 4-H Ambassadors to attend!



# Summer Fun Activities



## ~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
- Please adhere to RSVP deadlines and registration fees



## Summer Clothing Blast

**When:** July 13 & 14

**Where:** Bell County Extension Office

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**RSVP:** July 7th to Jammie Payne at [pljammie@yahoo.com](mailto:pljammie@yahoo.com)

Please include the child's name, age, skill level (beginning, intermediate, advanced), and a good email for the supply lists. Supply lists will be emailed on July 12.

Students will need to bring their own *refillable* water bottle and snacks if they wish to have a snack.

## 4-H Photography Workshop

**What:** Night Photography and Light Art

**When:** Saturday, July 29th

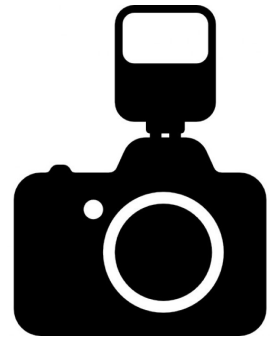
**Time:** 7:00—10:30 p.m.

**Where:** @ the County Extension Office

Earl Nottingham will be assisting with this workshop! He is known for his work with Texas Parks and Wildlife!

Come learn long exposure camera settings, city vs. rural techniques, light trails, painting with light and lots of hands on practice! Bring your camera and a tripod if you have one.

Wear all black (for painting with light) and comfortable shoes!



\*Post event CONTEST: "When the Lights Go Down in the City": Email me your best shot taken at our night photography activity (no flash). Entries due August 11 to [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com).

Contact Elizabeth Coffman if you have any questions.

## Kolache Workshop

**When:** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Location:** Ronald McDonald House

**Cost:** \$3.00 and 2 canned goods.

Come learn how to make Kolaches at the Ronald McDonald House on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign in starts at 9:00 AM, and we will begin shortly after that. We will sample our creations and leave some for the Ronald McDonald House guests. RSVP to the CEO by July 13<sup>th</sup>.



# Summer Fun Activities



## Vet Science Camp

**August 1—3, 2017**—Bell County Expo!

Visit our website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/vet-science/> to print off the registration form and bring it by the CEO. The camp is open to the first 50 youth ages entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Registration fees for the 3 day camp is \$10.00 for all 4-H members.

For more information please contact Bell County Extension Office at 254.933.5305 or Stacey Winters at 254-913-3570



## Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp on **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Wildflower County Club in Temple.

**Cost:** \$6 per person

**RSVP Deadline:** July 28, 2017 to CEO

## Cupcake Decorating Workshop

**When:** Thursday, August 10, 2017      **Where:** County Extension Office

**1st Workshop:** 10:00 a.m.—noon

**2nd Workshop:** 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 per person to cover the cost of the cakes/cupcakes provided.

RSVP to the CEO by August 7, 2017



# Upcoming Events



## Clover Kids

The next meetings for the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids are:

**July 15**—Clover Kids Fair @ First United Methodist Church in Belton, 10:00 a.m.

**July 20**—Clover Kids Recordbooks are due to CEO

## ~4-H Planning Meetings on Tuesday, July 18th~

### 4-H Awards Banquet Planning Meeting

If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H Banquet, please join us at the CEO on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. This meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Come with your ideas on how to make the banquet better!

### 4-H Hunter's Spectacular Meeting

If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H fundraiser Hunter's Spectacular, please join us at the CEO on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. This meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We want all Committee Chairman in attendance! If your committee has met, please be prepared to give us an update!



## FCS Project News



### FCS Coalition Meeting

The next FCS Coalition Meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11th at the CEO.

Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

### Community Service Project

The Clothing and Textiles Project Group is sponsoring a community service project and invites everyone to please contribute. They are collecting **new** backpacks, duffle bags or totes for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Bell County in assistance to the Child Protection Agency. Children need a backpack, tote or duffle bag to put their clothes and belongings in when they go to a new home. You can bring the donated tote, backpack or duffle bag to the CEO. Please think how important this small gesture is to the support of the self-esteem of a child.

### Become a SafeSitter!

**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Location:** Bell County Extension Office

**Fee:** \$17.50 (cost of handbook)

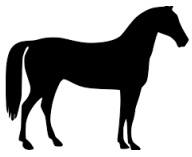
**RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your own sack lunch.

For youth ages 11 and up. Be safe when home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. This class is filled with fun games and role playing exercises while learning:

- Safety skills- how to prevent unsafe situations and what to do when faced with dangers/emergencies
  - First aid and rescue skills- responding to injuries and choking rescue
- Child care skills- prevent and manage problem behavior to stay in control of yourself and the children in your care
  - Life and business skills- the ability to screen jobs, discuss fees, and greet employers

**RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>** so that handbooks can be ordered in time. Money is due by July 17<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Sheryl Austin- Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences by email [slaustin@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:slaustin@ag.tamu.edu) or by phone 933-5305.



# Livestock Project News

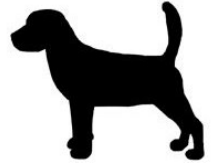


## District 8 4-H Dog Show

**Date:** July 7-9, 2017

**Location:** Bell County Expo

Good luck to our exhibitors that are participating!



## Texas 4-H Horse Show

**When:** July 22-29

**Where:** Taylor County Expo, Abilene, TX

Good luck to all the Bell County 4-H participants!

## Major Show Validation and Tag Orders

STAY TUNED! Major Show Tag orders for lambs, goats and pigs will be due in August! Tags will have to be paid for in advance at the time of ordering. Please pay attention to upcoming newsletters and emails to make sure you place an order for your families' tags! Any animal that was validated for the State Fair of Texas will have to be REVALIDATED for Spring Majors so don't forget those in your tag orders! These tag orders are for SPRING MAJORS (Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Austin).

If you have any questions, please refer them to Whitney.



## Fall 2017 Major Show Entry Deadlines!

**West Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 11, 2017

**State Fair Of Texas:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 11, 2017

**Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to the CEO by Friday, September 1, 2017

Entry forms for the above shows are available at the CEO. Please come by, fill out, and turn in the appropriate paperwork as well as payment for all entry fees. Be sure to pay attention to the date for each show and when those forms are due to the CEO.

**MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION!** If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at

Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or call 254-933-5305.

Please keep in mind, if you need help with selection, feeding, and management of livestock projects, don't hesitate to call Whitney, Lyle or Sheryl. We are here to help you with your projects!

### Beef Cattle Short Course Youth Program at Texas A&M University

The BCSC youth program is a hands-on opportunity for youth to learn more about the beef cattle industry. All attending youth will have the opportunity to participate in a live cattle evaluation, beef quality demonstration, beef carcass competition, beef fabrication hands-on demonstration, sensory and preparation hands-on demonstration. Students will be fed breakfast Monday through Wednesday, lunch and dinner on Monday and Tuesday. They will also receive the 600+ page proceedings, ticket to the Famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner, refreshments and trade show admittance. All attending youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is registered and attending the BCSC. This program is limited to 45 youth so register early! Students must be between the ages of 13 and 18 to participate.

Visit <http://beefcattleshortcourse.com/participant/youth-program/> to find the youth registration form.

### Aggie Commercial Steer Camp

The 2017 Aggie Commercial Steer Camp is quickly approaching. Make plans to join us in College Station on July 26-27, 2017. This camp is open to all students, parents, extension agents and agricultural science teachers who are wanting to learn more about the commercial steer project. Participants will learn more about nutrition, quality and yield grading, record keeping, interview skills and giving speeches. Representatives from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Exposition and Texas Cattle Feeders Association will be on site to answer any questions about their contests. Registration ends on July 15. The camp is \$175 for students and \$100 for parents, agricultural science teachers and extension agents.

Visit <http://aggiecsc.blogspot.com/> for more information.

## 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th!!!** All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (excluding Clover Kids). The participant fee is \$20 if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to \$25.

**Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled.** The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements. Enrollment dues must be paid by an electronic payment.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-enrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/>

All volunteers who enroll will be charged \$5.00 each volunteer. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to enroll each year. Club Managers must enroll ASAP!

If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 254-933-5305



# Important Dates

July 2017

**July 1:** 4-H Club Chartering Deadline  
**July 6:** D8 Recordbook Judging, Georgetown  
**July 7-9:** Texas 4-H Dog Show, Bell County Expo  
**July 11:** FCS Coalition Meeting  
**July 13-14:** Summer Clothing Blast  
**July 15:** Clover Kids Fair  
**July 18:** 4-H Banquet Planning Meeting  
**July 18:** Hunter's Spectacular Meeting  
**July 20:** Clover Kid Recordbooks Due, CEO  
**July 20:** Ambassador Meeting  
**July 20:** Kolache Workshop  
**July 21:** SafeSitter Class  
**July 24:** Club Manager's Pick Up H.S. Raffle Tickets  
**July 26-27:** Aggie Commercial Steer Camp  
**July 29:** Photography Workshop

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**August 1-3:** Vet Science Camp  
**August 4:** Chef Day Camp  
**August 8:** Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet  
**August 10:** Cupcake Decorating Workshop  
**August 11:** West Texas State Fair Entry Deadline  
**August 11:** State Fair of Texas Entry Deadline  
**August 24:** MAB Meeting





## BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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