



BELL COUNTY 4-H

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

July 1: RSVP for Open House, Government Day Tour, and 4th of July Parade

July 2-9: Bell County 4-H Exchange Trip

July 3: Float Decorating, 1pm, Belltec Industries

July 4: July 4th Parade, 8am, meet at Belltec (By Strike Zone)

July 4: CEO Closed

July 6: District Recordbooks Due back to CEO by 12 noon

July 7: District Recordbook Judging, Ellis County

July 8-10: State 4-H Dog Show, Expo

July 11: Government Day Tour, 8:15am-1:30pm, CEO

July 12: Open House Planning Meeting, 5pm, CEO

July 11-13: County Camp, 9am (meet at CEO), Brownwood

July 14: Recreation Day Camp, 9-11am, Heritage Park

July 15-17: Lamb Camp, College Station

July 18-22: SpecTra Camp, Brownwood

July 19: Finance Committee Meeting, 6pm, CEO

July 22-24: Goat Camp, College Station

July 24-30: State Horse Show, Abilene

July 29-31: State Volunteer Conference, San Antonio

AUGUST

August 1: All pictures for banquet slide show due to CEO & RSVP for Food Challenge Wksp

August 6: Ambassador/County Council Officer Training, 3pm, CEO

August 8: Food Challenge Workshop, 9am-12pm, CEO

August 9: MAB meeting, 6pm, CEO

August 11: State Recordbook Judging, Dallas

August 15: State Fair of Texas Entries Due

August 15: RSVP for Banquet

August 19: Deadline for State Fair Entries

August 27: 4-H Banquet, 6pm, Expo

August 31: Lamb & Goat Tag Orders Due

SEPTEMBER

September 9: HOT Fair Entries Due & Major Show Broiler Orders Due

September 13: 4-H Open House, 5pm, Expo

September 17: Commercial Steer Weigh In, 8am W.C.Evans Ranch Little River Academy

September 20: Club Officer Training, 6pm, CEO

September 27: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

4-H BANQUET

The 4-H Banquet is set for **August 27, 2011** at the Bell County Expo Center in the Special Events Room, so please mark your calendar. The banquet cost will be FREE. All 4-H Members and Leaders/Adults are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **August 15th**. If you do not RSVP, there will not be enough food for everyone so do not forget!!!!

We need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be burned on to a CD or flash drive and dropped by the Extension Office. **The last day to accept pictures will be August 1st.** Pictures are for the slideshow which is a great opportunity to show what clubs and 4-H members have been doing all year. Please make sure and give pictures so you club and your family is in the slideshow!

4-H July 4th Float



Would you like to promote 4-H at the 4th of July Parade Celebration **in Belton, on July 4, 2011!!!** This year's Parade theme is "The Greatest Tradition." Bell County 4-H will be entering a float in the parade and we would like to invite Bell County 4-H members and their families from across the county to come walk/ride in the parade. We will be meeting at the Extension Office at 8am and leave to go to the parade at that time. If we are not there we will come back and get more people to take to the area.

If you would like to participate in the parade and help with decorating. The committee will be meeting on these dates:

July 4, BellTec (next to Strike Zone in Belton), 8am

County Camp

We are so excited to be taking 30 youth and 4 adults to County Camp this year!!!

Below is the schedule! Don't be late!

When: July 11-13

Where: Texas 4-H Conference Center

Schedule

Time	Date	Activity
9:00 a.m.	July 11	Load Buses
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9:30 a.m.	July 11	Depart County Extension Office
9:30 a.m.	July 11	Depart County Extension Office
1:00 p.m.	July 11	Camp Registration
1:00 p.m.	July 11	Camp Registration
	July 12	Camp Activities
	July 12	Camp Activities
11:00 a.m.	July 13	Camp Departure
11:00 a.m.	July 13	Camp Departure
11:30 a.m.	July 13	Lunch in Brownwood
11:30 a.m.	July 13	Lunch in Brownwood
2:30 p.m.	July 13	Arrive at County Extension Office
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**** NOTE: Lunch will be served on July 11th & 13th when traveling back this year! Lunch fee was included in camp fee.**

Medications:

Medications must be put in a Ziploc bag and turned in before getting on the bus.

Paperwork:

All paperwork turned into Tennille prior to loading the bus. **NO PAPERWORK= NO CAMP!**

Also please remember all needed toiletries (including towels & bedding).

Chaperones for County Camp will be: Carrie Jones & Linda Stapp for the girls. Harold Cosper & Randall Rakowitz for the boys.

Government Day Tour

Bell County 4-H will be having a Government tour on **July 11, 2011 from 8:15am to 1:30pm.** (We will be leaving and arriving from the Extension Office) We will be learning about Bell County Government and how it works. We will be touring Government buildings including an exciting tour of the Bell County Jail from delivery to booking to release!!! Lunch will be provided and the tour will cost \$5. Please **RSVP by July 1st** to the Extension Office because only 20 spots will be open. No clover kids or younger children will be allowed. Parents who are interested in coming are asked to come and we would love your assistance in driving youth to the various locations. (Drivers must be Adult Volunteers for the 2010-2011 year). We will also be doing a community service project where we ask each of you to bring ½ dozen or more cookies in a Ziploc bag to give to the jail/police workers in appreciation for keeping our community safe! For those doing a recordbook, this would be a county community service project. Those who cannot come can still make cookies for service project and bring them by the Friday before the event or the day of. Come and enjoy an exciting tour and learn about your government!

Recreation Day Camp

Recreation Day camp is here!! And it is happening on **July 14 at Heritage Park, 9 am -11am.** We will be playing games and getting to know one another. 2011/2012 Recreation club officers are strongly advised to come as we will be teaching some fun games you can play at your club. In order to attend you will need to bring at least one canned food item as a donation to Helping Hands. Be sure to wear clothes you do not mind getting wet/sweaty. We will be having a lot of FUN! Hope to see you there.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

4-H Open House will be held September 13th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. Do you need more project experience for your recordbook or project form? Do you want to gain more members for your club? Here is your opportunity!!!! If you would like to be in charge of a project or club booth at the Open House, please email Micah Holcombe, mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu, and let her know which project you would like to demonstrate or which club you plan to have a booth. Hands on activities are encouraged at each project booth! Project booths are first come first serve. **Booths are to be reserved by JULY 1st!!** We are also asking each club to make a poster for their club to be displayed at the Open House. Posters are due to the Office September 1st.

(Those participating in project demonstrations and club booths need to be at the Expo Center by 5:00 p.m. to set up and be ready by 5:30pm) A committee meeting will be held July 12th, 5pm at the CEO to plan for Open House.

Texas 4-H Dog Show

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be **held July 8-10, 2011 at the Bell County Expo Center** from 10am-4pm. The Dog Show is *FREE* to watch so come out and see the accomplishments of our youth with their dogs.

If you would like to volunteer for the Dog Show such as giving out ribbons, registration, or setting up and taking down equipment, please email rollingstonemom@gmail.com.

State Volunteer Conference

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be sponsoring a state-wide leader **training on July 29-31, 2011 in San Antonio** to prepare the new generation of 4-H volunteers to lead and instruct our members. Highlights of the conference will include: High energy, dynamic, and engaging conference addressing the emerging issues of youth development and the Texas 4-H Program. A two and half day conference filled with quality educational workshops and general sessions. (Scheduled to start on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday) Opening session featuring a dynamic motivational speaker in the field of youth development as well as an update on the state of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Sessions on Saturday and Sunday focused on needs provided through agent and clientele surveys ensuring our program leaders are receiving the training they want! It's not a one time thing! This is on target to become a bi-annual event (off years of Texas 4-H Congress). Conference will include web-based video streaming of some sessions for those that cannot attend in person!

Workshops for Everyone!

Tentative Educational Sessions will include: (based on volunteer and agent survey)

- 4-H Livestock
- Leadership (i.e. Leaders 4 Life)
- Natural Resources (i.e. WHEP, Wildlife Contest, Outdoor Challenge)
- Photography
- Healthy Lifestyles (i.e. Sports Nutrition, Food Challenge)
- Citizenship (i.e. Keys to the Courthouse Curriculum)
- Clothing and Textiles (i.e. Fashion Storyboard)
- Science, Engineering and Technology (i.e. SET Poster Competition)
- Consumer Education (i.e. Consumer Decision Making)
- Technology
- Shooting Sports
- 4-H Golf Challenge
- Positive Youth Development
- Club Management
- Judging Teams
- Global Awareness



If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the following website and sign up for updates: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/conference/volunteer_conference.php

CALLING ALL CHEFS! CALLING ALL CHEFS!



It's that time of year again; time for Food Challenge. Food Challenge is a team competition in which teams have to work together to create a dish with secret ingredients provided by the sponsor, then present this dish to a group of judges along with a healthy overview, cost analysis, and possible food substitutions. If you are interested in doing the Food Challenge this year then you and your coach should come to the *Food Challenge Workshop* that is going to be held at the County Extension Office on **Monday, August 8, 9am-12pm.** This workshop is for kids and coaches, ages 8 and up. Cost will be \$10.00.

Reserve your spot no later than August 1

Club Officer Workshop

The club officer workshop will be on **September 20, 2011, at the County Extension Office from 6pm-8pm.** This workshop will be a great way for all club officers to learn about how to run their 4-H meetings. The county council officers and ambassadors will be leading this workshop. All club officers are highly encouraged to attend! It will be very informative and fun!

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **September 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room.** Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who come to the meeting and are voting delegates for the club. All 4-H members are welcome though! It will be a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities. Stay tuned for the THEME in the next newsletter and what to wear to the meeting!

SPECTRA

Spectra will be July 18-22, 2011. This week long camp for teens focuses around project enhancement, career exploration, and personal/professional development. Participants choose their focus area where they will receive many hours of instruction and introduction to careers in the field. Six workshops are scheduled for 2011: Creative Leadership, Meat Science, Speaking Your Way to Success, Global and Cultural Education, Entomology and Culinary Arts. Each workshop is limited to 22 youth and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Evening activities are geared towards professional development and workforce preparation, and of course, camp recreation and games! The event concludes with a professional reception and formal dinner called *The Gala*, followed by a celebration dance. Registration has already started and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration for SpecTra cost \$300.00 for 4-H members ages 14-18 years old.

To register please visit:

http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/summer_camps_&_programs/index.php#SpecTra

IT'S COMING!!
OCTOBER 15, 2011
BELL COUNTY 4-H HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR

State Fair of Texas Entries

4-H members who validated an animal and plan to show at the State Fair must complete and turn entries in to the Extension Office no later than **August 15, 2011**. Entry forms can be picked up and completed at the Extension Office.



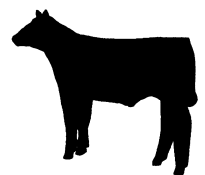
Lamb and Goat Tag Orders



4-H and FFA members who plan to show lambs or goats at the Bell County Youth Fair or Major Livestock Shows in 2011 **must order tags no later than August 31, 2011**. Contact Pam at 254-933-5309 to place your order.

BCYF COMMERCIAL STEER WEIGH IN

For those 4-H members who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the Commercial Steer Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.** at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.

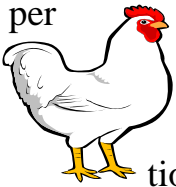


Heart of Texas Fair

Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2011 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 9, 2011**. Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

Major Show Broilers

4-H members who plan to show broilers at San Antonio, Houston or Austin or roasters at the Star of Texas Fair in Austin must order no later than **September 9, 2011.** The minimum order is 25 birds per exhibitor and cost is \$25 per 25 birds. You may order a maximum of 75 birds per exhibitor and you must order in multiples of 25. Families cannot order one set of birds (75) for multiple children. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of 3 from the birds assigned to them. Contact Pam or Randall to order or with questions you may have.



District Horse Show Results

The District 8 4-H Horse Show was held Monday and Tuesday, **June 20-21 in Belton.** Thank you to all those who worked hard in conducting the Horse Show! We really appreciate all that you do! And a ***BIG CONGRATULATIONS*** to all our Bell County participants!

Showmanship:

- 3rd- Taylor Dwyer
- 5th- Carlie Block
- 8th- Allison Walinder
- 10th- Kayte Weeks

Western Pleasure:

- 2nd- Taylor Dwyer
- 10th- Allison Walinder

Western Horsemanship:

- 1st- Taylor Dwyer
- 6th- Kayte Weeks

Western Riding:

- 1st- Taylor Dwyer

Trail:

- 2nd- Taylor Dwyer
- 8th- Emma Hicks

Registered Mares 5 & Older:

- 1st- Carlie Block

Grade Mares:

- 1st- Liza Spurlock

Registered Geldings 5 & Over:

- 3rd- Delanie McClanahan
- 4th- Taylor Dwyer
- 6th- Allison Walinder
- 8th- Elizabeth Brickhouse

Champion Mare:

- 1st- Carlie Block

Poles:

- 9th- Alexis Woods

Barrels:

- 1st- Alexis Woods
- 3rd- Liza Spurlock

Stakes:

- 7th- Alexis Woods
- 8th- Shelby Fields

Hunter Showmanship:

- 3rd- Carlie Block
- 7th- Kayte Weeks
- 10th- Allison Walinder

Hunter Under Saddle:

- 7th- Allison Walinder
- 8th- Kayte Weeks

Hunt Seat Equitation:

- 4th- Allison Walinder
- 6th- Emma Hicks

Reining:

- 4th- Taylor Dwyer



Texas 4-H Roundup

Three Bell County 4-H members were awarded scholarships totaling \$28,000.

- Dorothy Wood was a \$10,000 recipient of the Dick Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship.
- Cyril Pajestka received a \$2,000 scholarship from Wallace and Audrey McLean Endowment.
- Tyler Coufal was awarded a \$16,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl:

The team of Brandon Stone, Brittany Stone, Dorothy Wood, and Katherine Wood placed 7th at the quiz bowl. Chelsea Stevens, County Extension Agent, served as coach for this team.

Consumer Decision:

The team of Brittany Stone, Brandon Stone, Peter Fasolino, and Jeremy Dawson placed 3rd. Coaches were Debbie Fasolino and Micah Holcombe.

Educational Presentations:

Presenters included: Brandon Stone - 7th place Open Category;
Brittany Stone – 2nd place Food and Nutrition category.
Gary and Jan Stone served as coaches.



Share the Fun:

Katherine Wood competed in the poetry/prose competition & Daisy Klassy competed in the musical competition.

Fashion Storyboards:

Lauren Janke created jewelry for her storyboard. Lauren's mom, Sherry Kell, served as a coach for fashion storyboard.

State Photography:

Jared Burtchell won 1 blue and 2 red ribbons, Danielle Fasolino 2 blue ribbons, Daniel Barron 1 blue ribbon, Brooke Hoelscher 2 blue and 1 red ribbons, Daisy Klassy 2 blue ribbons and Dorothy Wood 2 blue and 1 red ribbons.

Food Challenge:

The team of Lacy Ide, Taylor Jacobs, Kyler Tormey and Katherine Wood competed in the Food Challenge. Elizabeth Wood served as coach for the team.

Healthy Lifestyles:

The team of Dorothy Wood, Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, and Taylor Jacobs competed and won 4th place and Dorothy received 9th place individual. Micah Holcombe served as coach for the team.

4-H Quilt Challenge:

The Ft. Hood 4-H program made 2 quilts, the Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board made 1 quilt, and Victoria Buckner made her own quilt for the 4-H Quilt Challenge. These quilts will be exhibited at the Houston Quilt Show this year.

Technology Team:

This year we are honored to have 2 of the members from Bell County 4-H, Dorothy and Elizabeth Wood (Collegiate 4-H member). They did an excellent job helping our 4-H members and all the members with Texas 4-H Roundup.

District Leadership Lab

The Bell County 4-H members have learned many leadership and life skills at Leadership Lab in 2011. District 8 Leadership Lab was held on June 22-24th, at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas.

Bell County 4-H teens attending included: Whitney Bushing, Emma Coffman, Tyler Coufal, Spencer Hallmark, Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, Taylor Jacobs, Bailey Kasberg, Tyler Ramthun, Brandon Stone, Brittany Stone, Katherine Wood & Billy Wood. Tyler Coufal was elected District Officer last June and served on an officer team to help organize the Leadership Lab for the 4-H teens.

During Leadership Lab, the participants also voted for District Officers for the 21 counties in District 8 4-H.



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JULY 2011



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AUGUST 2011



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