

Bell County 4-H News

March 2009

4-H Calendar of Events

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March 2– Consumer Meeting-5:30pm-CEO

March 8– 4-H Exchange Mtg.-6pm-Salado Center-Mtg. Room

March 10– 4-H Roundup Orientation-6:30pm-CEO

March 11– Scholarship Committee-6pm-CEO

March 13– District Fashion Show & Consumer Contest-Waco

March 16– County Roundup Entries Due

March 23– Sr. Awards Applications for Jr. & Sr. Due; Bell County 4-H Scholarship Due

March 24– Ambassadors -6pm; County Council-6:30pm-CEO

March 28– TEEA Style Show-11am-Expo

March 28– County Roundup Contest-5pm-Belton Methodist Church

April 4– District Livestock Judging-Stephenville

April 7– Dog Project Training Leader-6:30-CEO

April 10– CEO-Closed

April 14– County Recordbook Workshop-6pm-Expo

April 18– Soil & Meat Judging/Wool & Mohair Contest

April 23– Volunteer Appreciation Night-6:30pm-Expo

April 25– District Shooting Sports & Range Evaluation Contest

April 25– Leadership Workshop-9am-CEO

April 28– County Council-6:30pm-CEO



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COUNTY COUNCIL



County Council will be held **March 24th** at the County Extension Office at 6:30pm. County Council is for all 4-H members!!! Presidents and Council Delegates are required to attend to represent their club. At this council meeting be ready for some March Madness, come wearing your favorite sports team shirt, jersey, caps, ect... We will have some really cool snacks and games. Dakota Fleming will be presenting her 1st place state winning educational presentation and we will also be having some Share the Fun skits!!! Please make plans to attend the county council meeting.

Ambassadors will be meeting at 6pm before the council meeting.





County Roundup Contest

County Roundup contest will be held **March 28, 2009 at 5pm** at the Belton First United Methodist Church! These contests include share the fun, public speaking, educational presentations, and some quiz bowls. There are many categories for 4-H members to compete in so work hard and get yours ready to go! Entry forms, guidelines, and descriptions of all categories and topics are available on the Bell County Website under County Roundup and Share the Fun Contest (under publications or Bell County 4-H Information link).



You can access the page by clicking here: <http://bell-co.tamu.edu/PubCat.cfm> Remember entry forms are due to the county office **March 16th!!!!** No late entries accepted! Please be aware that there is more to the entry forms this year. We must have your props and supply list as part of the entry.

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Speaking



The county roundup will start with registration at 5pm and contests start promptly at 5:30pm. Leaders: We need superintendents for each room. If you are available and would like to help, please let the County Extension Office know. Superintendents will need to be at the Church at 4:30pm for orientation. All participants and leaders report to the Family Life Center/Gym at the Church. The superintendents will meet for orientation in the Educational Building at 4:30pm. District Roundup will be May 2nd at the TSTC school in Waco.

2008-2009 Scholarships and Deadlines

Scholarship	Deadline	Due To:
Backland Income Growers (BIG) Scholarship	December 1, 2008	County Extension Agent-4-H
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) 2007 Area Go Texan Scholarship Application	January 22, 2009	HLSR
Texas 4-H Scholarships - Baccalaureate - Technical - Courageous Heart - Collegiate	January 5, 2009 January 20, 2009 February 10, 2009	1 st Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent 2 nd Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent County Ext. Office
TEEA 4-H Scholarship	February 1, 2009	County Extension Office
State Fair of Texas Scholarship	March 2, 2009	State Fair of Texas
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2009 Hildebrand Scholarship Application	March 4, 2009	HLSR (Ext Agent signature needed)
USDA/1890 National Scholars Program	TBA	USDA/1890 Program
Bell County 4-H Scholarship	March 23, 2009	County Extension Office
Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship	March 27, 2009	Hot of Texas Office
District 8 4-H Scholarship	May 1, 2009	County Extension Office
Texas Area Fund Foundation Cory Swartz Memorial Scholarship	TBA	Texas Area Fund Foundation

Texas Wildlife Brigade Leadership Camps

Applications are now open for the 2009 Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps; see <http://agnews.tamu.edu> for this week's news release, or the Brigades' website: www.texasbrigades.org for more information and dates of the respective camps.

State Water Camp

State Youth Water Camp will be held in **Monahans, Texas, from July 12-16, 2009**. State Youth Water Camp provides an wonderful opportunity and environment for high-school aged youth to participate in field trips, tours and hands-on group project work that relates to water-related issues and needs. It is a unique and memorable experience for all who participate! For more information, please contact the County Extension Office.

Youth Range Workshop

2009 Youth Range Workshop, June 21- June 26. For more information, contact the County Extension Office. You need to APPLY NOW to get a spot. First come first serve on applications.

4-H Awards News and Updates!

NOTICE: All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth or Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications on May 1, 2009!!! Award Interviews will be on **May 13-14, 2009** at the Bell County Extension Office. Record books for county competition will be due **June 22, 2009**. Awards age based on age as of August 31, 2008.

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BELL COUNTY EXTENSION WEBSITE:

<http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/Publications.cfm>

CHANGES TO AWARDS:

Gold Star:

The Gold Star will now be called the District Gold Star.

A County Gold Star will also be given. The County Gold Star Award has the same qualifications as the District Gold Star. 4-H members are unable to apply for this award because it is determined by the award committee.

Senior Plaque Application:

Now called a Senior Award. Graduating seniors, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application. Seniors will now have a variety of awards to choose from. Applications are due March 23, 2009. This also includes juniors who will be seniors for 2010.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. The **ESSAYS ARE DUE AUGUST 1st** but may be turned in at any time during the 4-H year! The essay should include the following:

Name of Person Making Nomination

Leader Nominated

Date

Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?

What does this leader do that is outstanding? Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Her's on tours, leads club, etc.

How has this leader helped you?



Leadership Workshop

April 25 will be the leadership workshop for Bell County. This includes all kids who want to be a leader, a club or county officer, or an Ambassador. We want ALL kids to come and learn more about 4-H and leadership. Sessions include teamwork and leadership games, learn about your personality, public speaking presented by the Toast Masters, and table and social etiquette. The workshop will be held at the County Extension Office and will be held from 9am-4pm. Cost for workshop is \$5 or 10 4-H Bucks and RSVP must be made by April 24th. Lunch will be included! The leadership workshop is open for 4-H members from ages 9-18.

Bell County Extension Education Association's

Fourth Annual

"LUNCHEON WITH STYLE"

Style Show & Baked Potato/Salad Lunch

Fashions by Bealls

Entertainment by Russell Hoelscher

Saturday, March 28, 2009

11:00 -12:00 Luncheon

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.

Bell County Expo Center, Belton TX

Special Events Room-2nd Floor

\$10.00 for Adults—\$7.00 under 12 years

Deadline for reservations Thursday, March 19, 2009

(Advance Tickets Only)

National 4-H Calendar Photo Contest

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2004-2009) to create the 2011 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on our web site.

VERY IMPORTANT - Submissions will only be considered if they meet these criteria:

Full NAME and AGE of person submitting photograph.

Affiliation with 4-H.

Complete return address (include UPS delivery and USPS First Class Mail).

Telephone number.

List of awards that each submitted photographs have received (county, state, 4-H or other) - If it has not received some prior award or recognition, it will not be considered.

The photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less (include title of photograph).

Photo submissions should be 8"x10", in color, and in a horizontal (landscape) format. Vertical shots will not be accepted.

Digital photos must be high resolution files (900 x 1200). Black and white photos will not be considered for this full color calendar.

Please do not submit photos printed on a home printer, color photo copies, or low resolution digital prints. Have the print developed at a photo processing store or furnish a CD with a high resolution digital file (900 x 1200).

Email address (if applicable).

We will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2009. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2009. After final selection we will notify the winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2011 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Conference Center.

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2009. Entry form can be retrieved via this website: <http://www.4-hmall.org/Calendar/PhotoContest2011.asp> Bell County 4-H actually has had a lot of 4-H members submit photos for the calendar.

It is a great opportunity for your photography project. All photos are to be directly sent to

Please submit photos to:
2011 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
6931 Arlington Road
Suite T-400
Bethesda, Maryland, 20814

Please go by and check out the Photography Display at the Temple Mall. The display will be up March 9, 2009!

YOUTH BOARD

Would you like to make a difference in the community?? The Bell County Youth Board is for senior level teens from 14-18 years of age. The Youth Board helps identify issues for teens in the community and helps teach emergency preparedness at the local Safety Days in Killeen and Belton. If you are interested, please call the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 or email Micah Holcombe at mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu.
Deadline to notify interest will be March 20th.

Bell County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Team Wins Nationals

Bell County 4-H members participated in the consumer decision making project this year and participated at the Western Nationals Roundup January 7-11, 2009. Dorothy Wood, Elizabeth Wood, David Fasolino, and Victoria Eller competing at the district contest in March 2008 where they placed 1st out of 10 teams. The team then competed at the Texas 4-H Roundup state competition on June 11, 2008 in College Station where they placed 1st place team out of 29 teams and Victoria won 1st high individual out of 110 competitors.

The first place team at Texas 4-H Roundup qualifies for Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado which occurs in January. The team placed 1st as a team overall and David Fasolino placed 1st as an individual and Victoria Eller placed 3rd individually overall. The team is also placed in each part of the contest at the national level. The Bell County 4-H team placed 1st in placings and David Fasolino placed 1st individually. In reasons, the team placed 4th place and Victoria Eller placed 5th individually, and the team placed 2nd in group think which was a new part of the contest for the team. The team competed against 11 teams and approximately 44 participants at the national level.

In the consumer decision project at the national level, members judge and place classes such as light bulbs, MP3 players, toys, savings accounts, backpacks, trail foods, and digital photos. They were given a scenario and based on the scenario; they had to place the 4 items in order from the best buy to the worst buy. This part is called placings. The contestants had to learn how to use their public speaking knowledge to give reasons why they placed the digital photos and toys in the order they did according to the best to worst buy. This part is called reasons. At nationals, the team also competed in a brand new part of the contest called group think. In group think, the team has to work together to place a class, which was savings accounts, and then give a presentation on why they placed the class. The team was judged not just on their presentation but on the process of working as a team to find the best placing.

The team has practiced weekly from March to June and weekly from August to December. They have put in approximately 250-300 hours into their consumer project. They have lead the junior and intermediate level 4-H members and taught them the consumer skills they have learned. The senior team has also visited the Extra Co Bank to learn about Roth IRAs for working kids and visited the Wal-Mart to learn about all the classes. Coaches for the team were Debbie Fasolino and Micah Holcombe.

We want to thank the Bell County 4-H and the Belton 4-H/FFA Booster Club for helping support the team to go to Nationals. We would also like to thank all the other sponsors who helped provide support for the team!!!

Congratulations!!!



Bell County 4-H competed at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Consumer Contest in San Antonio February 2, 2008. Members judged classes such as light bulbs, pedometers, gold jewelry, gift cards, emergency radios, and hand soap. They were given a scenario and based on the scenario; they had to place the 4 items in order from the best buy to the worst buy and give reasons on why they placed it the way they thought was the best buy.

Junior participants included Seth Brown, John Fasolino, and Nathaniel Fasolino. Nathaniel Fasolino placed 3rd individually out of 100 contestants. The Intermediate participants included Selena Drake, Zachary Eller, Peter Fasolino, Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, Paige Wilson, and Katherine Wood. The Intermediate team of Selena Drake, Zachary Eller, Lacy Ide, and Peter Fasolino placed 7 at the contest out of 35 teams. Selena Drake placed 7th out of 120 contestants. The senior participants consisted of David Fasolino and Victoria Eller, Dorothy Wood, and Elizabeth Wood. Victoria Eller placed 2nd high individual out of 130 contestants. First and second place individuals received a \$10,000 scholarship. Victoria was rewarded with a \$10,000 scholarship.



The Bell County 4-H members will be representing the county at the District Consumer Decision Making on March 13, 2009 in Waco.



Attention 4-H Club members!

Remember! Clubs are still meeting for the 4-H year. You will also receive 3 bucks for each club meeting you attend! Make sure you are attending the 4-H club meetings! Club managers: Do not forget to turn in your club reports as well. You need to turn in the club report and the newsletter report to get your news in the newsletter!



National 4-H Congress

The 2009 National 4-H Congress will be Thursday, November 26 through Tuesday, December 1 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. This is for seniors ages 14-18 as of 8/31/08.

For more information please go to:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/natcongress/index.html>

Important Dates:

Online Application Deadline: April 15, 2009



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Consumer Mtg- 5:30pm-CEO	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> Daylight Saving Time Begins 4-H Exchange Mtg- 6pm-Salado Civic Center	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 4-H Roundup Orientation-6:30pm -CEO	<u>11</u> Scholarship Com- mittee Mtg-6pm- CEO	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> District Fashion Show & Consumer Contest-Waco	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> County Roundup Entries Due	<u>17</u>  St. Patrick's Day	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>  The First Day Of Spring	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Bell County Schol- arship Due Juniors & Seniors turn in Sr. Awards App.	<u>24</u> Ambassadors-6pm County Council- 6:30pm-CEO	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> TEEA Style Show- 11am-Expo County Roundup Contest-5pm- Belton Methodist Church
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				