

Bell County 4-H News



May 2009



4-H Calendar of Events

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May

May 1– Ambassadors deadline for Teen Leader for County Camp

May 1– Clover Kid Fair Entries Due

May 1– Deadline for Award Applications

May 2– District Roundup–9:00am–TSTC, Waco

May 5– Killeen Safety Day

May 13–14– Award Interviews

May 15– Deadline for Ambassador Applications

May 16– Clover Kid Fair–10am–1pm,–Garden Estates, Temple

May 20– Club Manager Meeting & MAB–6pm–CEO Center

May 20– Float Meeting–5:30pm

May 21– Sheep Project Workshop–6:30pm–Expo

May 25– CEO–Closed

June

June 1– County Camp Due

June 9–12– Texas 4-H Roundup–College Station

June 11–13– Horsemanship Clinic– Youth & Adult–Expo

June 15–16–District Horse Show–Expo

June 22– County 4-H Recordbook

June 22– Shutter Sharp Shutter Happy Photography Workshop–Expo–8am–4pm

June 24–26– District Leadership Lab/District Council Officer Elections–4-H Conference Center

June 25– District Council Officer Election Date

Bell County 4-H Webpage

Bell County 4-H has its own webpage now!!! To go to the Bell County Extension website, <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu> and click on Bell County 4-H Website on the Home Page. It has a lot of forms and information about Bell County 4-H! We will be phasing out the Bell County Extension Website and not putting stuff in the publications part anymore so make sure and check out the 4-H website.

We also have a Bell County 4-H Facebook group for those who have facebook and want to join!



Recordbook Update

The recordbook is a great way to keep records for your 4-H career and to be ready for scholarship forms. It also is great because you can apply for awards.

Great NEWS! If you are a new member doing a recordbook, there are forms to use when plugging in your information. There are also suggestions and tips for each section to help you fill it out. To get these forms, please go to the Bell County 4-H Website, (Go to Bell County Extension Website: <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu> and click on Bell County 4-H Website), and then click on Recordbook Forms under the forms and publications Section.

If you are feeling confused or lost, you can make an appointment to meet with Micah, just call the CEO or email her at: mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu

Here are a few dates to remember with your recordbooks:

May 1st: Awards Applications Deadline (If you are planning on doing a recordbook and want to apply for the award, this is the deadline for awards not for recordbooks)

May 22nd: First Draft of Recordbooks Due by email: mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu – If you would like Micah to look at your recordbook to make corrections or give feedback, you can email her a copy of your book. It does not have to be complete.

June 22nd: Recordbooks Due into Extension Office

July 1st-2nd: County Recordbook Judging: County Extension Office

July 9th: District Recordbook Judging- Belton, if you are a parent interested in judging District Recordbooks, please let Micah know!

2009 Bell County 4-H Youth

Photography Workshop

When: June 22, 8AM to 4PM

Deadline for registration: June 8, 2009

Where: Bell County Expo-Assembly Hall

Registration starts at 8AM to 9:20 AM

Fee: \$10.00 each person

Lunch will be provided.

Bring a camera and film to practice taking pictures. Any questions call the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 or 800-460-2355 ext.5305



4-H Sheep Project Workshop

If you show lambs or plan to show lambs in the future and need a few tips, don't miss this workshop. We will cover selection of lambs, age, breed differences, and health and management. You will have the



opportunity to work "hands on" with live lambs so that when it is time to start buying those lambs for 2010 shows, you are ready. The clinic will be held May 21, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Bell County Expo Center. Please call the Extension Office at 254-933-5305 no later than May 18 to sign up.

Veterinary Science Day Camp

Mark your calendars! The Vet Science Day Camp will be held August 3-5, 2009. This day camp will encompass many facets of the 4-H veterinary science project and will be a great way to learn about opportunities in the project. More details will be forthcoming in the June Newsletter and on the Bell County 4-H website. Contact Randall Rakowitz with any questions you may have.



Texas 4-H Days at the Texas Rangers Baseball Games

Saturday, May 2, 2009

White Sox vs. Rangers - 7:05 p.m.

Nolan Ryan Replica Statue (First 20,000)

Saturday, May 30, 2009

A's vs. Rangers - 7:05 p.m.

Casting Crowns pre-game concert

Friday, June 26, 2009

Padres vs. Rangers - 7:05 p.m.

Post-game fireworks show

Friday, July 17, 2009

Twins vs. Rangers - 7:05 p.m.

Post-game fireworks show

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Angels vs. Rangers - 7:05 p.m.

Mercy Me pre-game concert

More information on the Bell County 4-H Website under other opportunities for youth.



4-H Game Nights

Minute Maid Park

VS



Saturday, June 6th & Saturday, September 12th

Texas 4H Special Fundraiser Pricing

Game Time 6:05pm

Log on to www.astros.com/4h Password:4h

A portion of the proceeds benefit Texas 4H

CLOVER KID FAIR

Clover Kids are “budding” 4-H members ages 5-8 years old who are enrolled with a community 4-H Club. The Clover Kid Fair is a chance for them to participate in a fair just for Clover Kids and show what they have been learning! This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with what to expect as a real 4-H member down the road.

The event will be on **May 16th** and at the Garden Estates assisted living community in Temple again this year. The residents and guests will come out to see the exhibits.

Youth can enter Food, Textiles, Creative Arts, Photography, etc. (See entry forms for all entries.) At the end of the event, residents and guests are able to sample the baked goodies.

Entry forms are due at the County Extension Office by **May 1, 2009**. Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H Website. (Go to Bell County Extension Website and click on Bell County 4-H Website on the front page).

For more information or if you would like to help, contact Barbara Wood at 939-0226.

This is not a competitive event. Each clover kid will receive a participation ribbon for each entry. There are no entry fees.



4-H Club Manager Survivor 101



AUGUST 1, 2009
8:02am-3:33pm

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Have you ever felt like you do not have the right survivor tips and tricks to make it through a club meeting!? This Club Manager Survivor 101 Camp will help you learn the tricks of the trade of club managing! Make sure and wear your camouflage and be ready to learn true survival tips for club meetings! It is going to be a fun and an interactive day!



**MANDATORY
FOR ALL CLUB MANAGERS
&
ASST. CLUB MANAGERS**



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 4-H 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.

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-Hers on tours, leads club, etc.

How has this leader helped you?

How has this leader helped others?

 **Reminder: The 4-H Bucks Catalog is on the Bell County Website, so be**
 **sure to check it out to redeem your 4-H Bucks you earned throughout**
 **the year. <http://bell-co.tamu.edu>**



4-H BUCKS CATALOG

Leadership Lab & Spectra

Leadership Lab.....Registration: May 1-May 31, 2009 at the CEO.....Cost: \$150 per participant.....Cost: \$100 per adult Event: June 24-26, 2009 (Wed-Fri).....Place: Texas 4-H Conference Center

Spectra.....Registration: First come first serve basis until camp is filled at the CEO.....Cost: \$300.00.....Event: July 27-31, 2009 (Mon-Fri).....Place: Texas 4-H Conference Center

If you are interested in running for a district officer position, please contact Micah by email at mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu and she will help you with your application and registration.

Bell County 4-H Ambassadors

Applications for the Bell County 4-H Ambassadors program are being accepted at the CEO. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, the requirements are:

- Be at least 14 years of age as of August 31 on the year of application.
- Example: the 4-H youth must be 14 on August 31, 2006, to be eligible to be a 4-H Ambassador for the 2006-2007 4-H years. If a 4-H youth is 13 at the time of the application deadline in June, they may still apply if they will reach their 14th birthday before August 31st.
- Must have been a member of 4-H for a minimum of two years at the time of submitting the application.
- Submit a complete application, due on May 15, 2009.
- A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.
- Meet all activity requirements by the application deadline (June 22, 2009) of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal
- Applications are available on the bell county 4-H website under Ambassadors.



4-H July 4th Float

No, I am not talking about an ice cream float! The 4-H would like to have a float this year at the 4th of July Parade in Belton. We are asking for volunteers and 4-H members to step up and help with the float this year. We will be having a meeting on **May 20th at 5:30pm before the MAB meeting at 6pm in the CEO**. If you are interested in any part of the 4-H float, please come to the meeting or let me know you are interested. (This even includes if we would like to have horses!) If no one shows, 4-H will NOT have a float this year!



4-H Banquet and Slideshow

The 4-H Banquet is set for August 22, 2009, so please mark your calendar. The banquet cost will be FREE. We also need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu or 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 your club and your family is in the slideshow!

Club Manager Meeting

We will be having a club manager meeting on May 20th at 6pm at the CEO. This meeting will be a round table discussion on how to improve the clubs in the county. There will also be a 4-H update to help club managers notify the members. We ask ALL CLUB MANAGERS AND ASST CLUB MANAGERS TO ATTEND!!!!



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4-H and Youth Development

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



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MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ambassadors Dead- line for Teen Leader for County Camp Deadline for Award Applications	2 District Roundup- 9am-TSTC-Waco
				Clover Kid Entries Due →		
3	4	5 Killeen Safety Day	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15 Deadline for Ambassador Applications	16 Clover Kid Fair-10am -1pm-Garden Estates -Temple
			← Award Interviews →			
17	18 Deadline to sign up for Sheep Project Workshop	19	20 4th of July Float Meeting-5:30pm-CEO Club Manager Meet- ing & MAB-6pm-CEO	21 Sheep Project Work- shop-6:30pm-EXPO	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day CEO-Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 District Council Officer Elections- Applications Due						