

# Bell County 4-H Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### May

- May 2.** All awards applications and Outstanding Volunteer Award Essays Due, CEO
- May 2.** Ambassador Applications Due, CEO
- May 2.** District 8 4-H Scholarship Due, Ellis CEO
- May 6.** Last day to register for County Camp, online
- May 7.** Clover Kid Fair, 10am-1pm, CTCS Gym
- May 11.** Last day to signup for TX 4-H Roundup
- May 11-12.** Bell County 4-H Award Interviews/Ambassador Interviews
- May 15.** Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting, 3-5pm, CEO
- May 15.** Shooting Sports Scholarship Due, National 4-H Council
- May 18.** Required MAB meeting/Club Manager Training, 6pm, CEO
- May 20.** Last day to register for TX 4-H Dog Show
- May 22.** Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting, 3-5pm, CEO
- May 24.** Open House Committee Meeting, 5pm, CEO
- May 27.** State Fair Broilers Order Due
- May 30.** CEO Closed
- May 31.** Last day to signup for Leadership Lab & mail officer form

### June

- June 3.** Turkey Orders Due
- June 4.** Market Poultry Production & Selection Workshop, 8am-3pm, A&M University
- June 5.** Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting, 3-5pm, CEO
- June 6.** Statewide Photo Workshop Entries Due, CEO
- June 12.** Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting, 3-5pm, CEO
- June 15.** Poultry Institute for Youth, A&M College Station
- June 13-17.** Texas 4-H Roundup, College Station
- June 17-18.** Statewide Photo Workshop, Bell County Expo and Tractor Fairgrounds, 8am
- June 20-21.** District Horse Show, Expo
- June 20.** Recordbooks Due, CEO
- June 19-24.** Youth Range Workshop
- June 22-24.** District Leadership Lab, Brownwood
- June 27.** Clover Kid Fun Day Camp
- June 28.** Steer Validation, 4-7pm, Expo
- June 28.** State Fair Validation, 8-8:30pm, Expo

### July

- July 2-9.** Bell County 4-H Exchange Trip
- July 4.** July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
- July 7.** District Recordbook Judging
- July 8-10.** State Dog Show, Belton
- July 11-13.** County Camp, Brownwood
- July 14.** Rec Day Camp, CEO
- July 15-17.** Lamb Camp, College Station
- July 18-22.** SpecTra Camp, Brownwood
- July 22-24.** Goat Camp, College Station
- July 29-31.** State Volunteer Conference, San Antonio



## Healthy Lifestyles State Contest

Texas 4-H Roundup is inviting all Intermediates and Seniors to be part of a new contest for Texas 4-H Roundup.

The Healthy Lifestyles contest is set up like the Consumer contest but involves everything to do with food and nutrition and health.

This contest will be fun and Bell County 4-H won last year so we need to keep the momentum going. If you are interested in being part of the Healthy Lifestyles Contest and you are ages 12-18, please come to the meetings held on:

- May- 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3-5pm, CEO
- June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> - 3-5pm, CEO

All interested members must RSVP by May 2nd to insure registration.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

All Scholarship information/requirements and applications are available by going to:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/> Please make sure and review this information. Some NEW scholarships have been added so check regularly!

Here are the scholarship deadlines coming up!

District 8 4-H Scholarship	May 2, 2011	County Extension Office
Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship	May 15, 2011	National 4-H Council

## Open House Committee Meeting

If you would like to help with the Bell County 4-H Open House, please come to the meeting on May 24, 2011 at 5pm for the committee meeting. We will be discussing the ins and outs of the event and come up with some new ideas.

## Bell County 4-H Awards

All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications. Award Interviews will be on May 11 and 12, 2011 at the Bell County Extension Office. Dress attire for award interviews will be professional/business. Record books for county competition will be due June 20, 2011.

Awards age based on age as of August 31, 2010.

Graduating seniors for the 2012 year, 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.

Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to: <http://agriflife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/>

All applications are due May 2, 2011.

## MAB Meeting/Club Manager Training

We will be having a MAB meeting on May 18, 2011 at 6pm at the CEO. We require ALL CLUB MANAGERS AND ASST CLUB MANAGERS TO ATTEND!!!! This meeting will be a major meeting because we have decided to go ahead and do the club manager training at this meeting. We also plan to vote on officers and vote on the budget for the current year and possibly the new year. We will also be discussing the new 4-H cost recovery measures/participation fee and showing you the new online enrollment for next year. This will be a HUGE and IMPORTANT meeting. We will be having a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish to share with everyone! Drinks will be provided. FYI this meeting may take longer than expected because of the training so please make time to come. Also, this meeting is NOT just for club and asst club managers, all parents and leaders are invited.

We must have over 50% of the clubs to vote from each of the clubs. If you cannot attend, you MUST find a replacement from your club to represent you at the club meeting! Each club is allowed a maximum of 3 votes.

# 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop

June 17-18, 2011

June 17th. 8:45am- 4:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:45am)

June 18th. 8:30am- 12:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:30am)

\$20 for youth and adults

Entry Deadline: June 6, 2011

Spend a couple extra days after Texas 4-H Roundup and join us for the 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop!

Learn new and basic photography techniques at the Statewide Photography Workshop! The second day will be a field trip to the antique tractor fairgrounds where we will take pictures of tractors, old buildings, people in costume, and horses.

Schedule and speakers to be posted soon.

<http://agrillife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/>



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## Youth Range Workshop

2011 Youth Range Workshop, June 19- June 24 . For more information, a brochure about the Youth Range Workshop is available on the web. The web site for the announcement,

brochure and application can also be found at

[www.rangelands.org/texas/youtheducation.htm](http://www.rangelands.org/texas/youtheducation.htm) .

You need to APPLY NOW to get a spot.

First come, first serve on applications (only 45 are accepted).

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## LONE STAR SILVERSMITH

The Texas 4-H Foundation is excited to announce a new alliance with Lone Star Silversmith.

Lone Star Silversmith has designed a 4-H jewelry collection set which includes a ring, pendant, bangle bracelet, and earrings. You can visit <http://www.lonestarsilversmith.com/>

to see samples of their current work.

## 2011 County Camp

County Camp will be held July 11-13, 2011, at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX. We will be going to and from camp in a chartered bus. 4-H Ages 9 (or 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) through ages 12 are welcome to attend. These ages are what grade you completed for the 2010-2011 year. Ages 13 and up will go to Leadership Lab.

Registration for camp will be available starting April 1st through May 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$168.00 and a late registration fee of \$25.00 will apply after May 6th. Registration this year will be done via the internet. You can register for camp by going to:

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> and clicking on "Register" in the middle of the page. You will need to make sure and sign up for **COUNTY CAMP II**.

Bell County will reimburse \$54.00 back to each 4-Her after completion of camp, and having documentation that you participated in a COUNTY fundraiser or COUNTY community service project prior to camp.

Chaperones attending...we will pay the entire amount of the county camp registration for the adequate chaperones signed up. This is a 1 to 8 youth ratio. The Texas 4-H Center will let us know the order of the chaperone registrations. Chaperones will also receive their registration fee back after they attend camp.

There is an option to buy a camp shirt from the Texas 4-H Center, this is NOT the Bell County 4-H Shirt, so please do not sign up unless you want 2 camp shirts. We will receive a list from the Center so we can contact you about T-Shirt sizes for the Bell County 4-H Camp Shirt.

If you have any questions, please email Micah at: [mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu)

Don't forget to sign up by May 6<sup>th</sup>!!!!

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## **LAQUINTA OFFERS 4-H DISCOUNT**

15% discount on rooms through direct reservations by calling the hotel direct, calling the toll free reservation line at 1-800-531-5900, or online at [www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com). Please mention the "TX4H" promotional code when making reservations

## 4-H Banquet

The 4-H Banquet is set for August 27, 2011, so please mark your calendar. The banquet cost will be FREE. We also need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to [mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mlholcombe@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 are in the slideshow!

IT'S COMING!!  
OCTOBER 15, 2011

BELL COUNTY 4-H HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR

## Turkey Orders



Any 4-H exhibitors who plan to show turkeys in 2012 at the Bell County Youth Fair, Houston, San Antonio, or Star of Texas Fair, must order birds no later than June 3, 2011. Birds must be ordered in multiples of 5 and each exhibitor or family may order no more than 75. Cost of the birds will be \$3.50 each. For more information, contact Pam in the Extension Office at 254-933-5305.

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS BROILERS

4-H members who plan to show broilers in Dallas should contact Randall or Pam no later than May 27, 2011 at 254-933-5305.





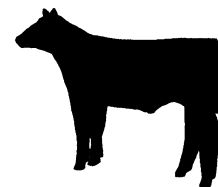
# STATE FAIR VALIDATION

This will be held June 28, 2011 at the Bell County Expo Center from 8:00-8:30 p.m. Anyone planning to show a lamb, goat, barrow, or steer at the State Fair of Texas must validate these on this day. Also, remember that exhibitors must also enter the State Fair in August through Randall Rakowitz at the County Extension Office or with your Ag Science teacher.

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## Steer Validation

Steer validation for 4-H and FFA members will be held June 28, 2011 from 4-7 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Center. All exhibitors who plan to show at the State Fair in October, the Bell County Youth Fair, or any Major Livestock Show in 2012, must validate your steers on this day. A parent or guardian must be present to complete paperwork.



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## Market Poultry Production & Selection Workshop - June 4, 2011

This workshop provides an excellent opportunity for leaders, parents and youth to “hear the experts” and work alongside Texas’ major show poultry judges. Youth interested in a career in poultry science should make a special effort to attend the workshop. Texas A&M personnel will be available to counsel potential students. Educational activities include in-depth discussion on brooding, management, sanitation and feeding programs and selection and processing methods for broilers, turkeys and roasters. Discussion on selection procedures and bird quality characteristics will be followed by “hands on” practice in early culling and selecting and “putting together” show pens. Don’t miss the best poultry clinic in Texas! Cost is only \$45 per family. Register online at <https://agriflifevents.tamu.edu/>

## Applying for Bell County 4-H Ambassador?

The Bell County 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H & Youth Development Program. They help older youth develop leadership and communication skills, help the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program, and recruit new members from diverse backgrounds.

Bell County 4-H Members must meet the following requirements to be considered for selection as an Bell County 4-H Ambassador:

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, 2011, to be eligible to be a 4-H Ambassador for the 2011-2012 4-H year. If a 4-H youth is 13 at the time of the application deadline in May, 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.

(Exception: May apply if less than 2 years but acceptance will be based on their involvement the previous year and the number applying for ambassador positions the current 2011-2012 year.. A recordbook submission from the previous year 2010-2011 year may also be asked of if applying).

Acceptance will be depending on Advisors and/or County Extension Agents.

**Submit a complete application, due on May 2, 2011.**

A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.

**RENEWAL OF AMBASSADORS:**

Meet all activity requirements and minimum points by the application deadline, May 2, 2011, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal. (Recordbook is also a requirement and is due in June).

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## Texas 4-H Dog Show

Those that have certified dogs for the 2011 Texas 4-H Dog Show, registration is currently open until May 20, 2011. To register please visit 4-H CONNECT and select the Texas 4-H Dog Show as their event (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> then click on 4-H Connect.). If you do not know your password, please put your email in that the office has on file then press forgot password. It will send it to the email. If you do not know which email you have on file, please call Tennille at the Extension Office.





# 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](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/conference/volunteer_conference.php)

Registration is now open on 4-H connect.

# FACEBOOK/TWITTER

Do you have a facebook or twitter account? Become a fan of the Bell County 4-H facebook page! Once you become a fan you can receive status updates about Bell County 4-H. Also, start following twitter for the latest information on Bell County 4-H. Contest updates and scores, fundraising reminders, and important 4-H information. Become a fan of Bell County 4-H on facebook and a follower on Twitter! \*\*To become a fan on both, go the Bell County 4-H Website (main page) and say you like it on the front page or click on our Twitter link.\*\*



## Links to 2011 4-H Aggieland Camps

Texas A&M Show Cattle Camp (June 10-12, 2011 & June 17-19, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or email [beefcenter@tamu.edu](mailto:beefcenter@tamu.edu) or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm> .

Texas A&M Livestock Judging Camp (May 27-29, 2011 & June 24-26, 2011) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or visit [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock\\_judging\\_camp.htm](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm) .

Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp (June 22-24, 2011 & July 6-8, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or email [cac@tamu.edu](mailto:cac@tamu.edu) or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm> .

## ~ Bell County 4-H Horse ~

**Dates to Remember:** Horse Activity dates to put on your calendar now!!!!

**TBA (Late May)**- Deadline to submit entries for the District 8 Horse Show to the County Extension Office (forms available after Validation is complete)

**June 20 & 21, 2011**- District 8 Horse Show at the Bell County Expo Center

**July 23 - 30, 2011**- State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene (entries due at the District Horse Show June 20 - 21)

## 4-H PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!!!

The National Wild Turkey Federation organizes a special day just for women to learn about the outdoors and experience many outdoor activities. They are looking for 4-H helpers to photograph the event. Photos will be used in NWTf advertising and for their publications. It will be a GREAT experience and a wonderful recordbook item in community service, promote 4-H and in the photography project as well!

You do NOT have to be an experienced photographer or have fancy equipment. You can volunteer for a couple of hours or for the entire day. The attached flier has a full listing of the classes available, but some of the most popular are ATV, handgun, hawking, kayaking, and wagon driving. Many of the stations will allow the kids to try the event, however 4-Hers should NOT expect this, as there are limitations on supplies and time.

Elizabeth Coffman will be giving the photography class again this year, so if there are any volunteers to help (speaking or non-speaking role), just give her a shout! You will get credit for doing a photography presentation for your recordbook at the county level.

**Who.** All 4-Hers MALE and FEMALE!!!! 8 years old and up, however ages 8-10 please have a parent along (I won't be able to supervise due to the class I'm teaching)

**What.** Women in the Outdoors Event

**When.** 11 June, 7:30 - 5:30 (can volunteer for shorter time)

**Where.** Hilliard Ranch (see attached flier)

**Why.** Because it is a MAJORLY FUN day!!!

**CONTACT.** Elizabeth Coffman, (254) 718-1332 if you'd like to volunteer!

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## Leadership Lab

**When.** June 22-24

**Where.** Texas 4-H Center

**Who.** All participants must be at least 13 years of age by the start of Leadership Lab and cannot exceed the age of 19

**How much.** \$200 (1/2 will be reimbursed after Leadership Lab if they attend the event and can show proof of participation in a county community service activity or county fundraiser.)

**Registration Information.** Registration will be held on 4-H Connect (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> then click on 4-H Connect.) If you do not know your password, please put your email in that the office has on file then press forgot password. It will send it to the email. If you do not know which email you have on file, please call Tennille at the Extension Office. **Registration will be held from May 1 - May 31, 2011 at midnight.** Do not wait until the last minute!!

**OFFICER ELECTIONS.** One of the major events of Leadership Lab will be the election of officers for the District 8 4-H Council. Refer to the standing rules for eligibility. **Council Officer applications are due to the District Office by May 31, 2011 (postmarked).** Refer to the officer election letter for further details.

For more information about Leadership Lab, please see the camp page on the Bell County 4-H Webpage.

<http://agriflife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

# YOUR INVITED!!

Please join us for a retirement reception honoring Dirk Aaron on May 26, 2011 from 6-8pm at the Bell County Expo Center Special Events Room. Dirk is retiring after 30 years with Texas AgriLife Extension Service effective May31, 2011. We look forward to seeing you there!



## BELL COUNTY 4-H FOCUS

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1605 N. Main, Room 102  
Belton, TX 76513  
Phone: 254.933.5305  
FAX: 254.933.5312  
<http://bell-co.tamu.edu>

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4-H and Youth Development

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*Improving Lives. Improving Texas.*



# May 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Healthy Lifestyles Meeting, 3-5pm, CEO		Open House Committee Meeting, 5pm, CEO		Dirk's Retirement Party, 6-8pm, Expo	State Fair Broiler Orders Due	
29	30	31				
	CEO Closed	Last day to signup for Leadership Lab & mail officer form				



# ATM AGGIELAND

## Lamb & Goat Camps

A 3-day program dedicated to teaching parents and students the fundamentals of feeding, nutrition, health, facilities, selection & showmanship.

### When:

Lamb Camp - July 15 - 17, 2011  
Goat Camp - July 22 - 24, 2011

### Where:

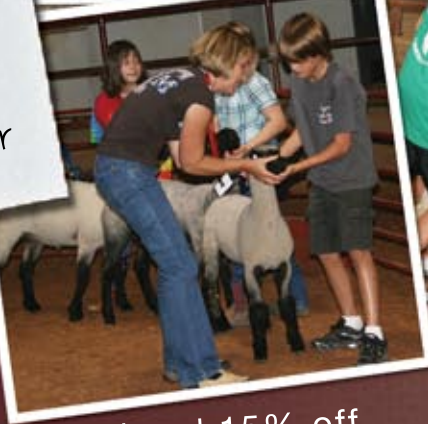
College Station, TX - Pearce Pavilion

### Cost:

\$120 per camper + \$60 per adult

### Who:

Anyone ages eight years old + older



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
College Station, TX | 866-527-1498  
Ask for the Texas 4-H/FFA discount for additional 15% off

## FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Sheep & Goat Camp Program Coordinator  
Phone: 979-845-7616 Fax: 979-458-3294  
Katie Fritz or Kelsey Willberg at [aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com](mailto:aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com)  
Phone: 979-845-7616 Fax: 979-458-3294







# 2011 Poultry Institute for Youth

Sponsored by U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



## When?

The 2011 Poultry Institute for Youth will be held **Sunday, June 12 through Wednesday, June 15, 2011** at Texas A&M University in College Station TX.

## What is the Institute?

The Institute is a 4 day enrichment camp for students with an interest in the poultry industry. Students will attend mini-lectures taught by Texas A&M University staff on topics such as anatomy, embryology, immunology, nutrition and processing. Students will also take field trips to a commercial layer facility and a local processing facility.



## Who Is Eligible?

The Institute is open to students who will be enrolled in the Fall 2011 semester as a high school junior or senior, college freshmen.

## How Do I Apply?

Interested students must complete an application that can be found on at the following link :

[http://posc.tamu.edu/extensionprograms/youth\\_programs/index.htm](http://posc.tamu.edu/extensionprograms/youth_programs/index.htm)

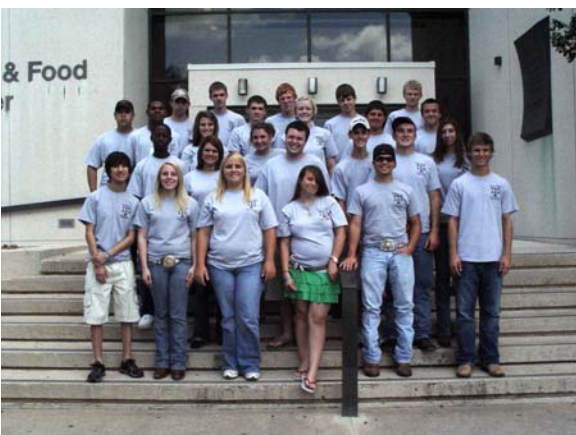
or you may contact Jennifer Allen at 979-845-1654 to have an application mailed to you.

Students must submit their application by **Tuesday, May 10, 2011**. Eligible participants will be selected on the basis of their applications and resumes. Notification will be mailed to selected students by **Monday, May 16, 2011**.

## How Much Does It Cost?

A registration fee of \$50 will be required for each participant that is selected for the Institute. This fee is to be paid upon acceptance to the program and will go towards a commemorative camp t-shirt and evening activities..

(Please send check only, no cash or money orders). Do not send with application. All other expenses (lodging and meals), except transportation to and from College Station, will be covered by the sponsorship of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association.



For any questions about the Poultry Institute for Youth, please contact Jennifer Allen or Jason Lee at 979-845-1654.