

BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

NOVEMBER 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

November 2: Broiler Order Due

November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30: Youth Leadership Mtg, 6-8pm, CEO

November 3-4 : Major Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO

November 5: Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO

November 6-8: Junior Leadership Retreat, Brownwood

November 9: Consumer Meeting, 5pm, CEO

November 10: Photo Workshop Planning Mtg, 6pm, CEO

November 12: 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm, CEO

December

December 3: Celebrate the Holidays, 6pm, CTCS Cafeteria

December 5-6: Holiday Classic, Expo

December 12: Cowboy Christmas Ball, Expo

December 21: Broilers Arrive, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

November 13: Deadline for National 4-H Conference

November 17: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

November 17: Ag Task Force, 7pm, CEO

November 18: Roaster Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

November 18: Dog Project Planning Mtg, 7pm, CEO

November 19: Back to Basics Sewing, 6-7:30pm, CEO

November 21: Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Center

November 23, 24 & 30: Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo



Major Show Sign UP!!!!

The 2010 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. This year there will be only 2 days for sign-up; **Tuesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 4, 2009**, both nights sign-up time will be from **5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

These are the only two nights or times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up November 2nd from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above.

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Celebrate the Holidays with 4-H Program

On **December 3, 2009**, at the Central Texas Christian School Cafeteria, 4-H members will show off their talents in arts and crafts and food and nutrition in an event call Celebrate the Holidays with 4-H. The 4-H members will make an arts and craft item whether it is sewing, jewelry, or a wreath as well as bake or cook a food item. The 4-H members will bake or cook a food item which can feed 100 people so the public and others can taste their item. These food items are generally appetizers, dips, or small pieces of candy or cookies. Make sure it is easy to make for a lot of people and serve a lot. These items follow a special occasion theme whether it be Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Summer, July 4th, Thanksgiving, etc. We also encourage the 4-H members to decorate their table to go with their craft and food item.

The youth can do the project with one other 4-H member to make both a craft item and food item or may make both items by themselves. They will be required to put the craft and food item directions on a paper to make as a handout for the audience. Some of the 4-H members will then share how they either made their food or craft to the audience.

The program will be a great practice for those entering the Youth Fair and a fun community service project for the 4-H members.

The Celebrate 4-H program will be open for the public to come and learn about what the 4-H members are learning in the foods project, clothing project, arts and crafts project area, and even public speaking project.

Entry forms will be available on the Bell County 4-H Website under Celebrate the Holidays with 4-H. **The entry forms will be due November 24th to the Extension Office.** This includes your instruction handout and your entry form. 4-H members participating will need to arrive at 5pm to setup and the doors will open at 6pm. The event will conclude at 8pm.

National 4-H Conference

Information and application process is provided for the 2010 National 4-H Conference scheduled to take place at the **National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, March 20 - 25, 2010.**

Texas is striving to send a delegation of at least 10 youth and 2 adults. 4-H members between the ages of **15 and 18** should apply before the **deadline of November 15, 2009.** Applicants may register in the County Extension Office beginning **September 15, 2009.**



Photo Workshop Planning Meeting

If you would like to help plan or help with the photo workshop for next June, please come to the meeting. It will be held on **November 10th at 6pm at the County Extension Office.**

Junior Leadership Retreat

WHEN: Friday November 6 through Sunday November 8

WHO: 4-H members ages 9-14 (and Adult Chaperones)

WHAT: State level leadership development program

WHERE: Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood

COST: \$120 for youth, \$80 for Adult Chaperones (includes two nights lodging, four meals, two evening snacks and program fees)

To register, please come by the CEO. (Must have an adult chaperone)

Join the fun and bring a costume!

Junior Leadership Retreat features Texas 4-H Council members conducting hands-on educational workshops with younger 4-H members.

This year, the program will focus on two new 4-H project opportunities — Food Challenge and Outdoor Challenge. Science, Engineering and Technology, Team Building and Recreation round out the five educational workshops.



A lot of the clubs already collect coke tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The county will be having a contest on how many coke tabs the clubs can collect during the 4-H year! The winning club will win a pizza party for your club and 50 club bucks to your club's total as well as each member will receive 5 4-H bucks. Each month at the county council meetings, you will bring your coke tabs to the meeting and the total count. We will give an update at the club meeting and in the newsletter to let you know what club is leading and how many they have collected.

Make sure and bring your coke tabs to the next meeting!

The Helping Hands Ministry is still in real need of boxes of jello, boxes of cornbread mix, and cake mixes as well as 25 lb bags of Sugar and Flour. If you would like to donate these items we will be collecting them until the end of November right before Thanksgiving. You can bring them to the Helping Hands Ministry on 2210 Holland Rd in Belton or bring them to the Extension Office or to the County Council meeting. Please help feed over 1000 people during Thanksgiving and Christmas.



4-H Bucks



The new 4-H Bucks catalog is now on the Bell County 4-H Website! Make sure and look over it to set your goals for this year! All 4-H bucks will need to be redeemed at the end of May!

No rollover bucks after this year!

Consumer Project

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better!!! What is better than learning how to shop! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held **November 9, 2009 at 5pm at the Extension Office Meeting Room!** Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will be setting dates and times of other meetings. It will be a lot of fun!



RECORDBOOKS

Have you ever thought about doing a recordbook? A recordbook is good for those who want to keep records of their 4-H career, win awards for resumes, or help you with filling out your scholarship applications. All seniors who complete a recordbook say that it helped them with filling out their scholarship applications a lot. We have even helped create a format that ties directly to the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form. How easy is that!!!

Recordbooks are getting easier to fill out and complete these days! If you would like to learn about how to complete a recordbook, the Bell County 4-H will be hosting 2 workshops this year to help you do a recordbook. The first workshop will help with how to start a recordbook and how to record effective information for recordbooks and will be in November and the second workshop will be in April and will be the second part which is how to fill out the forms and do tables and what to actually do to fill out the recordbook.

If you are interested, please attend the first recordbook training on:

November 12, 2009 at 6-8pm in the CEO

Bell County Extension Recruits Volunteers for Master Wellness Volunteer Program

The Master Wellness Volunteer initiative is a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program that will provide volunteers with 40 hours of training in health and nutrition education. The training will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety, food demonstrations, child health, and various Extension nutrition, health and wellness programs. Who Volunteers?

4-H Adult Volunteers High School Students (age 16 or above) Health and Wellness Coordinators Workplace and Church Volunteers

Human Resource Managers Organizational and Civic Leaders Anyone interested in promoting Health and Wellness in their community.

Master Wellness Volunteer Classes will be held on January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5, 2010. All of the training will be at the Bell County Extension Office. After becoming certified, volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are diverse - giving presentations for local community groups, assisting with periodic cooking schools, passing out information at health fairs, and much more. Previous health or wellness training is not required, but an interest in living healthfully and helping others do the same is. Those interested in participating may call the Bell County Extension Office at 254/ 933- 5305 or email l-fuchs@tamu.edu or slcrawford@ag.tamu.edu for more information and an application. Applications are due on or before December 11, 2009. There is a \$50 fee to participate.

Graduating Seniors

If you are interested in learning about scholarships available through 4-H or how to apply for a scholarship, you can attend the scholarship training, which will be held at the County Extension Office Board Room on **November 5th at 6pm**. This training will be invaluable to learn about what scholarship donors look for in scholarships, how to write an effective essay, or how to fill out effective information on your scholarship application.



It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So apply NOW for school!!!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

New scholarships available on Bell County 4-H web:

- BIG- Due December 1, 2009
- Hildebrand- February 19, 2010

County Council

The Council meeting will be held on: **November 17, 2009 at 6:30pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room.**

The Presidents and Council Delegates duty/responsibility is to attend and get to know others in the county as well as help plan and hear what is going on in the county and bring back that information to their club. All 4-H members are welcome to attend the 4-H County Council Meetings.

County Council has planned some really fun and exciting activities for the year! Be prepared to have some fun!!! Below are the monthly themes:

- **November- "Camo out"- everyone wears camo to the meeting**
- January- "Winter Wonderland"
- February- "Are you a Superhero?"- wear your superhero outfits. Contest prizes for dressing up
- March- "Green Out the County Council"- Wear as much green as you can. Contest prizes for dressing up
- April- "Travel through Generations"- Everyone wears different decades- Contest prizes for dressing up

Clothing and Textiles

The Clothing and Textiles will be having their first workshop on **November 19th from 6-7:30pm at the Extension Office. RSVP by November 16th.**

- Project: Headband and bandana apron
- Skills learned: straight stitch, using elastic, cutting, etc
- Cost: \$1-kid to pay for elastic and thread

T-shirt designs are due by this meeting and will be voted on this date.
Must include " 4-H Clothing and Textiles " & 4-H Clover.



“Parliamentary Procedure in Action”

Presented by “Big T” Toastmasters

Join us in a learning experience to improve your understanding and application of parliamentary skills! At the conclusion of this program, you will be able to effectively lead and participate in parliamentary discussions!

DATE: Tuesday, November 3, 2009

TIME: 6 TO 8 PM

PLACE: Business Incubator, Room 2771 (Third Floor) 19 N. Main Street in Downtown Temple

COST: \$5

RSVP TO: (254) 931-7782 or

Light refreshments will be served

Dog Project Planning

Do you want to help plan the dog project? There will be a meeting

Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in the Bell County Extension Office to
plan the project meetings and locations.



2009-2010 Deer Hunting Contest

Nov. 7th – Jan. 17th

Central Texas Christian School 4-H Club

Fundraiser for Club Operations

Entry fee \$25.00 per person

1st – 2nd – 3rd Place Winners w/prizes

For info and forms go to www.ctcs4hclub.com

Swine Validation

All pigs for the Bell County Youth Fair and major livestock shows must be validated on one of the nights below. We need all parents to be there to sign forms and to draw a map where animals are being kept. If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

NOV. 23th— ACADEMY 4H/FFA, BARTLETT

4H/FFA, HOLLAND 4H/FFA, 4-HIS GLORY,
SALADO 4H/FFA, CTCS 4H, STAMPEDE CREEK

NOV. 24th — BELTON FFA, TIGERTOWN 4H,
TEMPLE FFA, TROY FFA, OENAVILLE 4H.

NOV. 30th — ROGERS 4H/FFA, KILLEEN 4H/

FFA, MAXDALE 4H, TRIMMIER 4H, ELLISON FFA, HARKER HEIGHTS FFA, SHOE-
MAKER FFA



ROASTERS ARRIVE SOON

Please note that the roasters for the Bell County Youth Fair will arrive **November 18, 2009** and need to be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

Big Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Hunter's Spectacular and volunteered to help! It was a huge success and we appreciate your involvement! Also, thanks to everyone who helped make it a success by selling tickets, sponsoring the event, and coming to the event to support it!

We are looking forward to next year's Spectacular to be even bigger and better!

Holiday Classic Free Livestock Show

The 18th annual Holiday Classic will be held **December 5th & 6th at the Bell County Expo Center.** This is a free clinic and livestock show for all 4-H and FFA members with sheep, goats, cattle, or swine. On Saturday, December 5th participants should have their animals in the barn and unloaded no later than 12:00 noon. We will begin with clinics in each species (lamb/goat/swine/cattle) at 1:30 pm. Come learn about feeding, health, facilities, and selection for your projects! Also on Saturday afternoon, cattle and goat exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in showmanship contests. Saturday evening will feature a meal for everyone, parents, leaders, and exhibitors for FREE! On Sunday, December 6th, swine and sheep participants will be able to participate in showmanship contests and a prospect show. This is 100% sponsored and costs our exhibitors nothing, totally FREE! We have some well-respected speakers coming to help you this year in each species, so come out, have fun, and win some cool prizes! Scales will be available so you can weigh your animals! Oh yeah, every exhibitor wins a prize no matter what! We'll see you there! For questions, contact Randall at the Extension Office.

Broiler Orders

Payment and orders for Broilers for the 2010 BCYF are due no later than **November 2, 2009**. Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 or 50 birds and 50 is the maximum allowable order per exhibitor. Cost of the birds is \$33 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these **birds will arrive on December 21, 2009** and need to be picked up between **3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office.

4-H AG PROJECT TASK FORCE

The 4-H Ag project task force is a group of volunteers who helps guide and direct the 4-H Ag projects in Bell County. This group helps plan clinics, workshops, and field trips. The volunteers also help with major livestock show planning, the Holiday Classic, and implement new and exciting programs related to 4-H Ag projects such as Beef Quiz Bowl, Swine Skill-A-Thon, and Public Speaking. The next meeting of the 4-H Ag Project Task Force will be held **November 17, 2009 at 7 pm at the Extension Office**. Plan to attend if you have an interest in the 4-H Ag projects.

Ready to come in out of the

RAIN?

Need a good place to train?

Please come to our:

2 Day Barrel / Show Clinic

Hosted By: Bell 4-H Horse Club &
Texas A&M Horsemanship Clinicians:

Brittanie Wells & Ari Sear

When: Nov. 7th & 8th

8:00 am Sign-in

9:00 am Start time

Where: Bell Co Expo Center

Arena eA & eK indoor/covered arenas

Cost: \$25 per day, per rider

RSVP: Karla Hedrick 773-7346

Please Call to reserve your spot!



Negative
Coggins
REQUIRED!



**Bell 4-H Horse Club
S.E.A.R.C.H**

4-H Horse Club Clinic

We are hosting a speed and show events clinic on November 7th and 8th, at the Expo Center. The clinic will be conducted by Brittanie Wells and Ari Sear, who are both former Texas A&M Horse Program students. Brittanie specializes in Barrel Racing and Speed events, competing in High School Rodeo as a teen, and continues to compete today. Ari has a background in the show events, with her primary interest being in Hunt Seat and pattern classes. Both young ladies are instructors with the Texas A&M Horsemanship schools, and have extensive equine knowledge and training.

The clinic will be free of charge to all Horse Club members, with a small charge of \$25 per day to non-members. We plan to give away door prizes, such as tee shirts and small tack items, throughout the two-day event. Negative Coggins proof is required. Please mark your calendars, and plan to join us for a fun and very educational weekend. Hope to see you there!!

For more information, and to reserve your spot in the clinic, please call Karla Hedrick at (254) 773-7346, or email to khstablemom@aol.com.

State Fair of Texas Congratulations!!!

Several 4-H members recently participated in the State Fair of Texas. Congratulations to the following exhibitors!

Jessica Walker—3rd place Hampshire barrow

Ashley Land--- 8th place Crossbred Barrow

Stephanie Lastovica—2nd Place British Steer

Mitchell Hill--- 7th and 18th place Broilers

Jarrett Mackie—Ch. Bred and Owned Beefmaster Heifer, Division Champion Beefmaster Heifer

Braylee Mackie—Res. Division Beefmaster Heifer

The Bell County Extension office attempts to recognize 4-H members for their accomplishments. If you or your child was inadvertently omitted, please contact us and we will be sure that you are recognized in a future issue.

Cowboy Christmas Ball

We are happy to announce our First Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey to be held **Saturday December 12th, 2009 at the Bell County EXPO Center.**

The history of the Cowboys' Christmas Ball started in Anson, Texas in 1885. The dance was held annually at the Star Hotel in appreciation of the patronage of ranchers and cowboys.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with Texas wine and a cash bar. Guests are encouraged to dress in formal western wear to keep in tradition and keep with the atmosphere. A silent auction will also be held during the evening and will include western art, hunt trips and western heritage-based items

All proceeds will benefit the Bell County Youth Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Fund. This is given out every year to high achieving Bell County 4-H youth as they attend and maintain the high standards of education at their college/university of choice.



This event is hosted by the Bell County Youth Fair Board of Directors, Bell County Expo Center, and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Bell County

Ticket sales will only be available until Friday December 1st and will not be sold on the day of. If interested, please call the AgriLife Extension Office at (254) 933-5305, or stop by the office to buy tickets - 1605 N Main, Rm 102, Belton, TX 76513.



4-H Family Handbook

The 4-H family handbook is now available on the Bell County 4-H Website. You may also pick up a copy in the Extension Office.

CLUB REPORTS

We want to say a big thanks to the reporters who have done newsletter reports for the clubs!! Clubs who submitted reports: Trimmier 4-H and CTCs. All newsletter reports can be read on the Bell County 4-H Website under Clubs Forms and Reports.



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