Bell County 4-H September Newsletter

Calendar of Events

September

September 1: State Tech Team App Due

September 1: Central Texas State Fair, Expo

September 3: Office Closed– Holiday

September 4: TWEETUP with Dr. Boleman

September 4: Deadline RSVP FCS Training

September 5: Hunter Spectacular Auction Committee Meeting, 6pm, CEO

September 6: Major Show Broiler Orders Due and Calf Scramble interest

September 10: HOT Fair Entries Due

September 10: Clothing Board Meeting, Time– 6pm, CEO

September 11: 4-H Open House, 5:30-8pm, Expo

September 12: Photography Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

September 14: Tomato Recipes due, email

September 15: FCS Project Leader Training, 10am-3pm, CEO/TBD–

September 15: Texas Rangers 4-H Night at the Ballpark , 7pm

September 15: Commercial Steer Weigh In, 8am, W.C.Evans Ranch Little River Academy

September 17: Deadline for Photo Entries

September 18: Fuddruckers Day, Temple/Killeen

September 18: Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board meeting, 6pm, Fuddruckers

September 19-30: Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion

September 21: Roundup Logo & Theme Submission Deadline

September 23: Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications Due Online

September 24: County Council/Club Officer Training, 6:30pm, CEO

September 25: Barrow Tag Orders Due

October

October 1: New Member Orientation, 6pm, CEO

October 3: Deadline for ordering Roasters

October 7-13: National 4-H Week

October 4: Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm

October 5-13: Photography Display H.O.T., Creative Arts Bldg.

October 8: Office Closed—Holiday

October 9: Tomato Club Celebration, 10am, Cameron Courthouse

October 13: One Day 4-H, 6pm, Expo

October 13: Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo

October 15: MAB officer meeting, 6:15pm, CEO

October 15: Photography Contest Deadline– State Board

October 16,23, 30: Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

October 16 & 29: Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo

October 18: 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO

October 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO

October 22: County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO

October 22: District Gold Star Banquet, 6pm, Baylor

October 22 : County Food Show Entries Due to CEO

October 23: Fuddruckers Day, Temple/ Killeen

October 26: Club Charter Packet Due to CEO

October 29: MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

October 31: All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay the $20 (This does not include being approved just enrollment submitted)

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Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is NOW!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect this year. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at http://agrilife.org/bell4h/ and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (Clover Kids & Adult Volunteers excluded) starting this 2012-2013 4-H year. The participant fee is $20 if enrolled from **August to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to $25. This will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world.

Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled. The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/

If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 254-933-5305

4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 11th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and the Open House Committee will be hosting a 4-H Open House to recruit new 4-H members. 4-H members and children from the public can come to the Open House and learn about all the projects and activities in 4-H. Current 4-H members are welcome to come and learn about new projects offered in the county. There will be Bell County 4-H members stationed at booths and you will have the opportunity to talk to them about their project and all types of activities (i.e. 4-H Camp; Leadership Lab; Congress…).

We will also be having sessions in the middle of the room again to learn more about projects such as: Livestock 101, Dog, Parliamentary Procedure, Fashion Show, Food Challenge

We look forward to seeing you on September 11th and feel free to contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 with any questions you may have!

New Member Orientation!

Are you a new member this year!!??? We would like to invite all new members and those members who would like to come and learn more about the 4-H program to come to the new member orientation on **October 1, 2012, at 6pm, at the County Extension Office**. We will be introducing our staff as well as going over the family handbook, and answering any questions you might have about the 4-H program. We also plan to have some 4-H members talk about their 4-H career! Come and learn more about 4-H!

NEW BCYF RULES

Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. Please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

· The BCYF has a NEW website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/

- You MUST attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August to December** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members MUST be enrolled by December 10th to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.
- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: January 18, 2013. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline.

Welcome to our new Ag Agent!

On September 4th, our new Ag Agent will start! His name is Lyle Zoeller. He has been the Ag Agent in Coryell County. Make sure and make him feel welcome! We are glad to have him as our new Ag Agent!

- A Clover Kid is a child who is in Kindergarten (5 years old) through 2nd grade (8 years old).
- Clover kids will sign up on-line like the rest of the family, but there is no charge from the state for their enrollment.
- Clover Kids will attend regular 4-H club meetings just like other 4-H members. They are a part of your 4-H club in all club aspects, however, when it comes to county contests, they do not advance past the county level and they do not show animals.
- Clover Kids are also not eligible to show at the Bell County Youth Fair. For this reason, we offer the Clover Kid Fair which is in May. At the Clover Kid Fair they will be able to show off any of their FCS type projects that they have done throughout the year. Judges (recruits from the ranks of the older 4-H members) will ask the children about the projects that they have brought and there will be games, refreshments, and awards given out. Length of this event will depend on the number of Clover Kids that participate as well as the quantity of projects they bring to show off. Although we encourage parents and participants to stay for the entire event, some do drop the projects off for judging anonymously.

Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Starting in May, youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline on November 1st. A passing score has been determined to be 80%. Once you move from Junior to Senior, you must retake the test. Those who are not moving up, Randall and Pam have your numbers if you have lost them.

To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit: http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/.

Bell County 4-H members will not be allowed to enter major shows unless they have completed this by November 1st.

County Council Meeting Themes and Programs

Purpose of County Council - The purpose of County Council is for 4-H members from each club to come and share what they are doing in their club and get ideas from other clubs on activities and help plan county wide activities.

TIME and PLACE: 6:30pm, CEO

Month	Theme	Program	Discussion Topic
September 24	Crazy Hats	Club Officer Training	Community Service
October 22	Black Lights	Recreation	Bylaws/Election Process
November 26	Camo	Shooting Sports	Fundraisers/Grants
January 28	Movie Characters	Mission Possible	4-H Retention and Promotion
February 25	Western	Goats	BCYF Changes
March 25	Superheroes	Parliamentary Procedure	Ways to make 4-H more fun
April 22	70's/Tye Dye	Elections	2013 One Day 4-H

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING/COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The CLUB OFFICER TRAINING FOR SEPTEMBER 18th is NOW DURING COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24th (ALL CLUB OFFICERS ARE WELCOME TO ATEND)

The Bell County 4-H Council will have their first meeting of the year on **Monday, September 24th at 6:30pm at the County Extension Office Meeting Room**. *(Please note that the meeting has been changed to Monday.)* The Council Officers have an exciting year planned. We will begin the year, this September, with the theme ***Crazy Hats***. So find or create your craziest hat and wear it to the meeting ~ a prize will go to the winner. The Council Officers have come up with interactive programs this year. The program for this month will be ***Club Officers Training***. All Club Officers are encouraged to attend this meeting. Come join in the fun that your Council Officers have created. All 4-H members, parents and leaders are welcome to attend all meetings. Also, come learn about what other clubs are doing and about the upcoming county 4-H programs. Also, we will have a prize money bucket at the meeting. Tickets will cost $1 and at the end of the meeting we will draw for 1/2 the money put in from tickets. The other 1/2 of the money will go toward our community service projects!

NEW for council meetings this year are discussion topics. At each local club meeting a topic, or topics, will be discussed. The Council Delegates will present their clubs ideas about the topic(s) at the council meetings. The Council will discuss all ideas and decide which is the best solution for the county. Then the Council Delegates will report back to their club the decision(s) made by the Council and have a new discussion topic(s) for their clubs next month meeting. The first topic(s) to be discussed is ***County Community Service***. We will be discussing the 2012 One Day 4-H Community Service event: the Homeless "I Care" Kits (a collection of hygiene products) that was voted on at the May 2012 council meeting. Also, added on to the event, the Council Officers have decided to do Operation Christmas Child Boxes (http://www.samaritanspurse.org). For the County Community Service Yearly Contest, the council asks for each club to come up with ideas for this years contest. The prize has changed for this years contest. Instead of choosing between having a pizza or ice cream party, the prize will be $50.00 for the club that wins the contest. The council awaits to hear the ideas your club presents. Remember that each club will need to be represented by two delegates, they are the voting delegates for your club.

Family and Consumer Sciences Projects!

Dates for Family and Consumer Sciences Projects:

September 4: Deadline for FCS Project Training

September 15: FCS Project Training, 10am, CEO/TBD– based on space

Healthy Lifestyles/Food and Nutrition:

September 18: Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Meeting/Applications Due, 6pm, Fuddruckers-Temple

October 22: County Food Show Entries Due, CEO

November 3: County Food Show, 9am-1pm, Location: Tentatively CTCS

December 3: District Food Show, 8am, Location: Expo

March 3: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest, Waco

Consumer Decision Making:

October 16,23,30, November 20, December 18, Feb. 19, 26: Consumer Project Meetings, 6pm, CEO

January 15: County Consumer Contest

February 16: Consumer– San Antonio

March 3: District Consumer– Waco

Clothing and Textiles:

September 10: Clothing Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

October 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO

November 27: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO

December 3: Clothing Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

January 22: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO

January 14: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO

March 11: Clothing Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

April 16: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO

April 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO

Summer 2013: Clothing Blast

FCS Project Training

Date: **September 15, 2012**

Time: 10am-3pm

Place: CEO/Place to TBD– Based on Space

RSVP: **September 4th.—**Please RSVP so we know how much space we need.

Cost: FREE/Take your lessons back to your club!

Bell County 4-H will be holding a FCS Project Training for all 4-H Club Leaders and Teen Leaders. This is open to ALL 4-H parents and teens ages 12 and up who would like to learn about the FCS projects and bring them back to their clubs to teach others. 10-12pm will be the Food and Nutrition/Healthy Lifestyle Portion, 12-1pm Consumer Education, and 1-3pm will be Clothing and Textiles Project. The training will be very interactive and have many ideas and projects to help you go back to your club and teach as well as learn more about the project. Lunch will be provided.

Healthy Lifestyle Advisory Board

Are you interested in all things healthy? Would you like the opportunity promote the purpose and goals of the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles program; Empower youth and volunteers by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership and oversight to the following 4-H projects: Food and Nutrition, Health, and Safety; Coordinate events that will provide learning opportunities for the development of leadership and effective citizenship related to the healthy lifestyles projects; or provide educational experiences that will enable 4-H members across the county to become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter? If you said yes to any of these then **WE WANT YOU!!!** Our first meeting will be held ***September 18th at the Fuddruckers in Temple, 6pm.***

The Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is accepting applications Now! If you would like to be part of the Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board, please come by the CEO to pick up an application or go to: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/ . ***All Applications are due at the first meeting, September 18th by 6:00PM.*** If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Stevens at 254-933-5305 or castevens@ag.tamu.edu.

We need your recipes!

In celebration of the 100 Years of 4-H History, Milam County is collecting recipes containing tomatoes. A recipe booklet will be prepared and be available during the National 4-H Week Celebration of Tomato Clubs in Texas on October 9th in Cameron. Send your recipes labeled with your name to the Milam County Extension Office at 100 E. 1st Street - Cameron, Texas 76520 or email ce-walker@tamu.edu with the subject line Tomato Recipe.

Look through your recipe boxes and submit your recipes by **September 14th.** Be a part of the 100 Year Celebration of Girls Tomato Clubs in Texas.

Paper Clover Promotion

Tractor Supply Company

The Fall 2012 TSC Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled **September 19-30, 2012**. The clovers are only $1 and we received over $1,400 this year from the last clover campaign. We really need clubs to help participate and pick a day to stand outside and sell the paper clovers. If your club is interested, please email Barbara Wood woodbtwice@gmail.com and sign up for a day to help! We have 2 stores in Bell County, Killeen and Temple. Please sign up and help!

Funds help the county pay for workshops, camps & many other great opportunities for you as a member!

BELL COUNTY 4-H HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR

Fun for the Whole Family!

We need your help! Each year, the Bell County 4-H hosts fundraisers to help with the costs of supporting our youth.

Our event is called the Hunter's Spectacular and will be held **October 13, 2012** at the Bell County Expo Center. We will have lots of fun things for the whole family at the event including a meal, silent auction, live auction, vendors, and even have games. We will also have a drawing for 20 guns, binoculars, hunting equipment, t-shirts for sale and lots of other fun prizes. For the young people, we have games and activities and even a cake walk. A live auction of outdoor items will take place that evening as well as a silent auction with the hunter in mind.

We need our 4-H members to sell tickets to the event. Your club manager will be asking each of you to participate and we want you to know that we utilize the funds raised for the total Bell County 4-H program….which includes you! We are able to help offset the costs of many events, camps, livestock supplies, workshops, contests, and leadership activities through these funds. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office and visit with Randall about the event. All your tickets should be turned in to your club manager before October 4th. **Club managers will have to turn in tickets on October 4th by 2pm.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Micah Holcombe at mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu.

The auction committee will be meeting **Wednesday, September 5, 6pm, at the CEO** to plan the silent auction and live auction for the event. All is invited to attend.

Choosing the right animal…

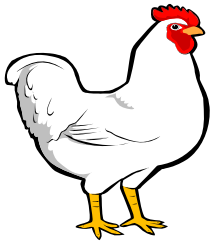
we're here to help!

Anyone who needs help finding a lamb, goat, or swine project for the Bell County Youth Fair or Major shows in 2013 should contact Randall as soon as possible. I am more than happy to look for animals for you, go along with you when you will be selecting your projects, go to a sale, or contact breeders for you. Lamb and goat selection will be winding down very soon and the selection will be getting slim, so do not hesitate. Also, pigs will begin being sold in late-September, but we need to be making plans now and contacting breeders to set-up dates. You can reach me by phone at 254-933-5305 or email trrakowitz@ag.tamu.edu

Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2012 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 10, 2012**.
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 6, 2012.** The minimum order is 25 birds per exhibitor and cost is $31.25 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.

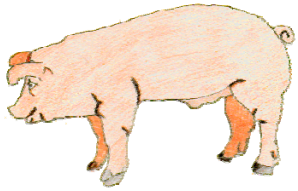


2012 CALF SCRAMBLES

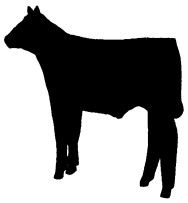
We will be receiving information within the next few weeks regarding calf scramble applications for major shows. If you are interested in scrambling at one of the major shows, please contact Randall or Pam at the Extension Office no later than **September 6th** and we will send you the appropriate forms as they arrive. Most shows require participants to be at least 14 years old and 100 lbs and to not be beyond your eleventh grade year in school.

Major Show Barrow Tags

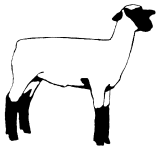
We need to know by 5:00 p.m. **Thursday, September 25, 2012** how many major show barrow tags you will need for the 2013 Major Show's. Tags will cost $10.00 per tag. We do not need you to order tags for county-only pigs. Contact Pam at the Extension office at 254-933-5309.



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 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.** at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.



Lamb, Goat,

Breeding Sheep & Goats Validation

4-H members who plan to show market lambs or market goats in 2011 must validate these animals. Lamb and goat validation for Bell County exhibitors will be held **October 16th and 29th** at the Bell County Expo Center. Exhibitors who plan to show in San Angelo in 2013 must have a Texas Bred Lamb. You must have your Texas Lamb Breeders Tag with you at validation, or the sheep will not be eligible for San Angelo.

October 16th—Academy 4-H/FFA; Bartlett 4-H/FFA; Belton FFA; CTCS 4-H; Oenaville 4-H; Temple FFA; Tigertown 4-H; Troy FFA/4-H & Stampede Creek 4-H

October 29th—Bell 4-H Horse; Ellison FFA; 4His Glory 4-H; Harker Heights FFA; Holland 4-H/FFA; Killeen 4-H/FFA; Maxdale 4-H; Rogers 4-H/FFA; Salado 4-H/FFA & Trimmier 4-H.

Validation Time for the above dates is: **5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each night**

Cost: $10.00 for each State animal and $3.00 for each County animal,

(If you validate for State it covers BCYF also)

All Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goats Must be Validated

BCYF COUNTY ROASTER ORDERS

Deadline for ordering Roasters for the Bell County Youth Fair is **Wednesday, October 3, 2012.** The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and the cost is $36.00 per order of 25 birds. The birds will arrive on **November 14, 2012** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

Major Livestock Show Sign-Up

The 2012 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 2 days for sign-up; **Thursday, November 1st & Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Extension Office in Belton**. Both nights sign-up time will be from **5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights and times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in late October from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above. Questions? Call Randall or Pam @ 254-933-5305. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

4-H ELIGIBILITY

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or **home school**, must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" – If you are in public or private school, your form will be sent automatically to your school. If you are home schooled, you will be required to come to the office to pick one up and fill it out.

OR

Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee. – This list is usually used during the youth fair instead of filling out a form for each student.

Extracurricular activities through 4-H that require a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" or List of Eligible names:

- All 4-H Competitive Events (this does include photography, Bell County Youth Fair,

Participation in ANY 4-H event or activity that would require them to be absent from school.

Consistent with the UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Program has adopted a three school week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (ie from public to private or private to home or home to public or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity. As a result of the 81st Legislation, no significant changes were made in TEA or UIL rules and procedures.

The 76th Legislature passed House Bill 3573 with 3 major changes in regard to school eligibility and extracurricular activities:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education (instead of State Board of Education) to adopt for extracurricular activities and to approve or disapprove UIL rules and procedures.
- Suspension period of "no pass, no play" changed to 3 SCHOOL weeks.
- Authorizes local boards of trustees to adopt policies that establish the number of times that students may be absent to participate in extracurricular activities. It also requires that the policies allow at least ten absences for extracurricular participation but does not cap the maximum number of days that may be missed for extracurricular participation.

Photography News!

Photography Advisory Board

Calling all photographers!! Do you want the county 4-H photography program to include new and exciting activities? Have ideas to share? Become part of the new County Photography Advisory Board to improve the photography program and have fun in the process!

The Photography Advisory Board is open to all Bell County 4-Hers and 4-H adult volunteers/parents who have a love for photography - no experience needed. Our first meeting will be at the County Extension Office on **Wednesday, September 12th from 6-7:30 p.m**. so be sure to bring your great ideas as as well as your calendars.

We will be planning several exciting photography events this year in addition to making major changes to our yearly State Photography Workshop that is held every summer. Meetings will be every other month and will include photography tips/activities and a community service. Bring 5 of your favorite 4 x 6 photos of either country scenes or animals to the September 12th meeting. We will be discussing outdoor photography tips and making notecards for the 4-H Hunter's Spectacular silent auction.

The 4-H Photography Advisory Board is a great way to improve the photography program - come to the CEO on September 12th and check it out!

TEXAS STATE PRESERVATION BOARD
AGRICULTURE PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST FOR

STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

Enter On-Line: September 1st to October 15th @ texas4-h.tamu.edu

See: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/ for entry details.

Photography Contest

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline: **Monday, September 17, 2012**

Submit the following:

Flash drive or CD with each photo labeled or renamed:

Junior_Wildlife_Bell_County_John_Smith.jpg just like in district rules.

No email submissions allowed.

Display: **October 5-13, 2012**

Heart O' Texas Fair, Waco, Texas

Creative Arts/Exhibit Building

Formatting the Photograph. Each photograph must be formatted in a jpg file to where it can be printed at a 3 inch X 5 inch size. File must not be over 1.5 MB in size to upload.

Please use the following labels for the categories:

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME		CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME
PEOPLE	People		DETAILS & MACROS	Details
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE	Wildlife		DIGITAL DARKROOM	Darkroom
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC	Domestic		THEME	Theme
MARINE/AQUATICS	Marine		NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY	Night
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Elements		FOOD	Food
NATURE/LANDSCAPE	Nature		DOMINANT COLOR	Dominant
PLANT/FLORA	Plant		CATCH ALL	All

Age Divisions:

Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31, 2012. Please note: This is NOT the qualifying contest for the state senior contest that will be held in spring 2013. This contest is in addition to the state senior contest and senior members wishing to enter the state contest should contact their County Extension Agent for details.

Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members between the dates of October 1, 2011 and time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class. This means you can also use the photos from BCYF to enter as well as your Senior contest in Spring 2012.

For more information about the photo contest, please visit the Bell County 4-H Website. Under projects and photography you will find entry forms and guidelines. These forms can also be obtained at the Extension Office.

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 October 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: **October 18, 2012 at 6-8pm in the CEO.**

We had a great year for recordbooks this year!

Congratulations on the following STATE recordbook winners!

Brittany Stone– 1st– Food and Nutrition

Emma Coffman-1st– Photography

Kyle Heisch-1st– Recreation

Tyler Ramthun-1st– Sportfishing

Brandon Stone– 2nd-Personal Development/Leadership

JoAnn Mazoch– 3rd– Rabbits

Graduating Seniors

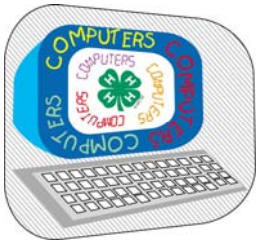
It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So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

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 13th, 2012 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.

State 4-H News!

State Tech Team Accepting Applications



The Texas 4-H Technology Team is a group of youth and adults that strive to promote the use of computers and technology in the 4-H program. Formed in 2004, the team now consist of approximately 18 youth and adults in a very unique youth-adult partnership which creates great synergy to create educational programs for the both the team members and other youth and adults in the 4-H program. Annually, the Technology Team recruits members for one/two year terms.

2012-2013 Texas 4-H Technology Team application and instructions – Word or go to: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/technology Must be postmarked no later than **September 1, 2012.**

State Shooting Sports Ambassadors Accepting Applications

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application is now available on the Texas 4-H Natural Shooting Sports Website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports#ambassador and scroll down to the "Ambassador" section. Detailed information is located in the application pdf.

Applications are due by **September 23, 2012.**

Visit with the State 4-H Program Director

On **September 4th** at 7 pm, Dr. Chris Boleman (@ctboleman) will lead the first ever TWEETUP with the Texas 4-H Program (@Texas4H). Anyone interested in the Texas 4-H Program can go to twitter and participate by tagging #TX4HCONVO (place that in the search bar).

This will be a one hour session that will start with Dr. Boleman asking some questions to YOU about the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. To end the session, you will be able to ask questions back to him regarding the program.

Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program - TWEETUP - set for 9/4/12 at 7 pm Central Time #TX4HCONVO.

JOIN US!!!

American Cancer Society Community Service

The Clothing and Textiles Board is collecting fabric to make turbans and scarves for those undergoing chemo-therapy treatment. If you would like to participate, our goal is to make 50 turbans and scarves. Each Cancer turban takes 5/8 of a yard of STRETCHY fabric (think t-shirt material). The scarves take 1/3 yard of ribbed knit and 1/3 yard of a coordinating fashion fabric. There is also a tied scarf we can make that uses a 36" square of 100% cotton or silk fabric. Donations of fabric will be collected at the CEO and also at Project Run-way. A good place to find inexpensive fabric is the bargain area to the back right of the store at Hancocks and the bargain $2/yard area at Belton Wal-Mart. Just make sure that the fabric feels very soft since it will be next to sensitive skin.

Congratulations!!

State 4-H Horse Show Winners

Carlie Block– 7th- Registered Mares 4 & Under

Liza Spurlock-3rd- Grade Mares

Carli Block– 10th– Hunter Showmanship

3rd Place– District 8– High Point

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September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Tech Team App Due Central Texas State Fair, Expo
2	3 Office Closed – Holiday	4 TWEETUP with Dr. Boleman Deadline RSVP FCS Training	5 Hunter Spectacular Auction Committee Meeting, 6pm, CEO	6 Major Show Broiler Orders Due and Calf Scramble	7	8
9	10 HOT Fair Entries Due Clothing Board Meeting, Time – 6pm, CEO	11 4-H Open House, 5:30-8pm, Expo	12 Photography Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO	13	14 Tomato Recipes due, email	15 FCS Project Leader Training, 10am-3pm, CEO/TBD– Commercial Steer Weigh In, 8am, W.C.Evans Ranch Little River Texas Rangers 4-H Night
16	17 Deadline for Photo Entries	18 Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board meeting, 6pm, Fuddruckers	19	20	21 Roundup Logo & Theme Submission Deadline	22
23	24 County Council/Club Officer Training, 6:30pm, CEO	25 Barrow Tag Orders Due	26	27	28	29
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Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion-Sept 19-30

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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Member Orientation, 6pm, CEO	2	3 Deadline for ordering Roasters	4 Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm	5 HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg. →	6
7	8 Office Closed – Holiday	9 Tomato Club Celebration, 10am, Cameron Courthouse	10 HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg.	11	12	13 Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo One Day 4-H, 6pm, Expo
14	15 MAB officer meeting, 6:15pm, CEO Photography Contest Deadline– State Board	16 Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo	17 National 4-H Week	18 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO	19	20
21	22 Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO District Gold Star Banquet, 6pm, Baylor County Food Show Entries Due to CEO	23 Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO Fuddruckers Day, Temple/ Killeen	24	25	26 Club Charter Packet Due to CEO	27
28	29 Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO	30 Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO	31 All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay the $20			

2013 TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP

THEME & LOGO CONTEST

REQUIREMENTS

- The logo submitted may be made up of no more than four colors
- Theme must have "Texas 4-H Roundup" located in it.
- Theme must have 2013 for its date
- Images may be hand drawn or computer generated
- Electronic images must be in .jpg format
- If selected, images may be modified slightly for printing purposes

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submissions must be received no later than September 21, 2012

PARTICIPANTS

- Must be a 4-H member
- May be a team (no size limit), 4-H Club, or individual submission
- Participants **must** be from same county

SUBMISSION RIGHTS & CREDIT

- All submissions become the property of the Texas A&M Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- 4-H members release all rights to submission of theme and logo
- Credit will be provided to individual or team in State 4-H Roundup documentation

WINNING ENTRY

- The wining entry will receive a $100 gift card

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Print format: mail entry to: Texas 4-H Office c/o Kyle Merten | 4180 State Hwy. 6 College Station, TX 77845
Please include the following information: name, e-mail address, county, mailing address, city/state/zip, and age

Electronic format: e-mail entry to: Mr. Kyle Merten | kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu
Please include the following information: name, e-mail address, county, mailing address, city/state/zip, and age

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Shoe Box Gifts Community Service Project

A LITTLE GIFT GOES A LONG WAY!

Shoe box

$7 donation

Gifts

What you can put in it?

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small "etch-a-sketch", Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils, etc.

Hygiene Items: tooth brush, toothpaste, mild bar of soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc..

Other: hard candy, lollipops (please double bag the candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries),etc..

A personal note to the child from you and your family in a separate envelope would be an added surprise.

4-H clubs will be collecting these items and putting them in shoe boxes. Then you'll need to bring them to the Hunters Spectacular at the Expo, October 13, 2012.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN: used or damaged items, war related items, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; liquid or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

DEADLINE: October 13, 2012

How you can get involved!

- **Use an empty shoe box (standard size please!) You can wrap the box lid separately.**
- **Boy or Girl?? Determine whether this gift will be for a boy or a girl and then choose the age category: 2-4, 5 -9, or 10–14.**
- **Fill with gifts. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift list.**
- **If you do not want to create a shoe box gift you could give a $7 donation from the club.**

Please Contact this number if you have any questions:
254-933-5305