

**Bell
County 4-H**

Summer Activities



Summer Calendar of Events

Camp	Age	Date	Deadline to Register	Amount
Texas Wildlife Brigade	13-17	See Texas Wildlife Brigades website for dates	April 1, 2009	\$300.00
Shooting Sports Camp	9-14	June 3-6, 2009	May 28, 2009	Youth Registration- \$195.00 Adult Chaperone- \$121.00
Summer Adventure Challenge	9-14 14-18	June 7-13, 2009 June 20-26, 2009	May 25, 2009	\$350.00
Pork Leadership Camp High School Junior & Seniors Only	16-18	June 14-19, 2009	April 17, 2009	\$350.00
Technology Camp	11-14	June 17-19, 2009	May 31, 2009	Youth Registration- \$175.00 Adult Chaperone- \$85.00
Leadership Lab	13-18	June 24-26, 2009	May 31, 2009	\$150.00
Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge	TBA	June 26-27, 2009	May 31, 2009	TBA
Junior Fed Beef Career & Leadership Program High School Junior & Seniors Only	16-18	June 29-July 1, 2009	May 1, 2009	No Cost, other than transportation to & from for students chosen to participate in this program
Mission Possible	9-18	July 1-3, 2009	April 15, 2009	\$125.00
County Camp	8-18	July 10-12, 2009	June 1, 2009	Youth Registration- \$68.00 Adult Chaperone- \$45.00
State Water Camp	High School	July 12-16, 2009	May 22, 2009	\$150.00
Prime Time	9-11 12-13	July 22-25, 2009 July 19-22, 2009	First come first serve basis until the camp is filled	Youth Registration- \$205.00 Adult Chaperone- \$100.00
SPECTRA	14-18	July 27-31, 2009	First come first serve basis until the camp is filled	\$300.00

ATTENTION!!!

- Bell County 4-H will pay half of all registrations for camps. All camps but the Leadership Lab and County Camp require a sponsorship form to be filled out to receive half off. On the sponsor form, it does require you to come and tell a club or council about your camp experience after you go. This is a requirement to receive half off. The sponsor form is located on the Bell County 4-H Website under Camps Information.
- Bell County 4-H will also pay full registration for all required chaperones needed. This is on a first come first serve basis. After required chaperones have been filled, adults will pay full price for registrations.



- The Texas Brigades is a wildlife-focused leadership development program for high school youth (ages 13-17). There are four different camps: [Bobwhite Brigade](#), [Buckskin Brigade](#), [Feathered Forces](#) and [Bass Brigade](#). You will be introduced to habitat management, hone your communication skills, and develop a land ethic. Top wildlife professionals and resource managers serve as instructors and mentors. Each camp is 4 1/2 days long.
- The camps are held on private ranches and at environmental camps in different areas of the state. In addition to learning animal anatomy and behavior, botany, nutrition, habitat management, population dynamics, etc., you will learn valuable leadership skills.

WHERE WILL THE CAMPS BE HELD?

- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, **June 14-18**.
- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, **June 20-24**.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, **June 28-July 2**.
- Bass Brigade, Mexia, **July 13-17**.
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, **July 19-23**.
- East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, **July 28- Aug 1**.

- The fee is \$300 which covers meals, lodging, and supplies. Bell County 4-H will pay 1/2 of the registration fee. We encourage you to solicit all or part of your fee from your local Soil and Water Conservation District, bank, civic group, or conservation organization. The Brigades will help you locate a sponsor if requested. [Applications](#) may be printed from this website or, contact the CEO at 254-933-5305.

Shooting Sports Camp

- Participants will have hands-on learning in several disciplines that may include Archery, Light Rifle, Air Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle Loading, and Air Pistol. Sessions also include Firearm Safety, Hunter Education certification and Introduction to Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Project (WHEP). AND lots of fun recreational activities like swimming!

- 4 days, 3 nights- **Wednesday, June 3 through Saturday, June 6**
- Participants housed in air conditioned dormitories; 4-H Center Summer Staff chaperones
- Youth Registration Fee \$195
- Adult Chaperone Fee \$121 (Parents are welcome to attend camp with their child)

(Bell County 4-H will pay 1/2 of the registration fee.)

- **Reserve your space now! Limited spaces available.**
- **Come by CEO to Register before 4pm on Registration Deadline—**
- **Payment must be made at the time of Registration—**
- **Registration Deadline: May 28**



Summer Adventure Challenge '09

June 7-13, 2009 (age 9-14) & June 20-26, 2009 (age 14-18)

Join the Texas 4-H Conference Center for an outdoor adventure! This exciting program is especially designed for **4-H and non 4-Hers** who possess an adventurous spirit, enjoy the outdoors, and are up for a challenge!

The basic thrust of the program will be built around the National Outdoor Leadership School's "Leave No Trace" Curriculum. This curriculum is designed to provide progressive learning and adventure to help participants develop a true love of and comfort in the natural environment, as well as learn and practice skills and concepts of minimum impact use of the outdoor world. It will also instill in participants a sense of responsibility for self, others, and the world around them through hands-on activities and experiences.

Total cost of the Outdoor Adventure Challenge '09 will be **\$350.00** per participant. This fee includes meals, lodging, equipment rental, camping and entrance fees, insurance, and participant items that will be useful during the program. Participants will not have to bring bed linens but will be required to bring a minimal number of items for the overnight backpacking & camping trip.

Deadline for registration: May 25—Come to the CEO to Register—Payment required at the time of registration and 1/2 of the registration cost is covered by Bell County 4-H.



TECH at the Center

Join other 4-H members from across Texas in the first of its kind technology camp at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. Learn about technology 4-H way through this interactive, hands-on experience. Meet new friends with the same interest as you, learn from other 4-H members, and grow your knowledge of technology!

JUNE 17-19, 2009
CAMP FOR YOUTH 11 TO 14 YEARS
OF AGE

Participants do not have to own or bring a computer to participate. Campers should arrive ready to have fun and learn with other 4-H members and members of the Texas 4-H Technology Team! Participants are asked to bring a digital camera if they have one - if not, one will be provided for workshop experiences.

**Registration is limited to the
 first 60 youth!**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN MARCH 1 TO MAY 31, 2009

Come to the CEO to Register—Payment required at the time of Registration and 1/2 of the registration cost is paid by the Bell County 4H.

Youth Registration Fee: \$175.00

Adult Registration Fee: \$85.00

2009 WORKSHOPS

INCLUDE:

Robotics

GIS/GPS

Digital Photography

Videography &

Movie Making

Website Design



2009 Texas Pork Leadership Camp

June 14 - 19, 2009

Sponsored by:

Texas Pork Producers Association & Texas AgriLife Extension

This is a unique opportunity for 4-H and FFA students that have an interest in swine projects and want to get to know more about the pork industry. The camp is a traveling bus tour and visits at key industry locations for sixteen students and the chaperons. This camp is not like any other camp; it starts in Amarillo and ends in College Station.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. 4-H or FFA members who will be enrolled during the 2009-10 school year as high school juniors or seniors and this year's high school graduates.
2. Have a definite interest in the pork industry and/or swine projects.
3. Are willing to speak out for the pork industry through public appearances.
4. Interested in devoting six days of long hours to meeting interesting people and gaining a wealth of knowledge pertaining to the pork industry.
5. Must be approved by a selection process that will include evaluation of the written application and interviews (in-person and/or by telephone)
6. If accepted, students must complete online Quality Counts training before arriving for camp.

A \$350 fee will be required for each participant, paid upon acceptance to participate and 1/2 of that fee will be paid by Bell County 4-H. Do not send fee with application. Applications may be picked up in the CEO or from <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/>. All other expenses, except for transportation to Amarillo and from College Station, will be assumed by the Texas Pork Producers Association and Texas AgriLIFE Extension. Participants may want some money for personal spending. If you have problems with the fee, please call your County Extension Agent or your Agricultural Science Instructor for a possible fee scholarship from the county 4-H or FFA program.



TEXAS 4H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

Forget *Survivor* - this is the way outdoors were meant to be enjoyed, where teamwork and rugged determination are lauded and only the best are rewarded with the ultimate prize - being recognized as the top outdoor team in Texas.

You and a group of friends will compete in a series of contests to find the best overall outdoors people in the state. You will be challenged physically and mentally. You may even want to give up before you are through, but in the end, you will emerge a stronger leader with the confidence to take on any challenge man, beast or nature may throw into your path.

- Rifle
- Fishing
- Archery
- Shotgun
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Orienteering
- Camping Skills
- Outdoor Safety
- Wildlife Identification

Who: Texas 4H members

What: 4member teams compete in outdoor contests

When: June 26-27, 2009

Where: Texas 4H Center Brownwood, Texas

How: Register at the CEO—Payment required at the time of registration-1/2 of registration will be paid by Bell 4-H.



Mission: Possible

July 1-3, 2009

Ages: 9-18

Mission Possible promotes the involvement of all youth. We invite youth who are physically or learning disabled, or developmentally delayed to participate in this unique summer residential camping program. The focus will be on each campers' Abilities and not their disabilities. Participants will be encouraged to recognize their individual abilities and their own limitations while participating in a safe and fun environment - the great outdoors! Campers have the chance to participate in all activities and the opportunity for personal and social growth as they interact with others in a close-knit camp community.

Enrollment is limited to 45 participants, registration fee for the three day two night camp is \$125.00. 1/2 of the registration fee will be paid by Bell 4-H. To register come by the CEO. Registration deadline is April 15.



Southeast District 8 4-H County Camp 2009



Bell, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Johnson,
Leon, Limestone,
McLennan, Milam, Navarro, and
Robertson

Medical Forms & Code of Conduct forms can be found at:

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

NO FORMS=NO CAMP!

Special Needs

Dietary or Other—Please Specify on back of the form.

Medications:

Medications must be put in a Zip-loc bag and turned in before getting on the bus.

FUN!

When: July 10 - 12, 2009

Where: Methodist Conference Center,
Palestine, TX

Who: 4-Hers ages 8 - 18

COST:

Participant cost: \$68.00 for youth and \$45.00 for adult chaperones
Fees include: Meals, Lodging, Bell County 4-H Camp T-shirt, Camp T-Shirt, and activities (Yes! 2 T-Shirts!!)

**** NOTE: Lunch will NOT be served when traveling this year!**

Plan Accordingly.

		Schedule	
Time	Date	Activity	
12:15	July 10	Load Buses and Depart County Extension Office	
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	July 10	Camp Registration	
	July 11	Camp Activities	
10:00 a.m.	July 12	Camp Departure	
1:00pm	July 12	Arrive at County Extension Office	

Registration Forms
Available in the CEO

STATE YOUTH WATER CAMP

July 12-16, 2009

Texas State Youth Water Camp teaches high school youth about the importance of water stewardship. This five day educational camp uses hands-on experiences, guest speakers, and field trips to train youth in water conservation and preservation and show them how our water resources are being used by industry, agriculture and municipalities.

Campers spend one-third of their time at the Bentley Center; the remaining camp time is spent on field trips in the area.

To ensure that the campers will learn as much as possible from field trips, the first full day of camp is spent teaching them water resource basics. The campers complete several basic chemical analysis of water and are taught vital water statistics.

Campers are also assigned group projects. During the course of the camp each group collects data and gives a final oral report. Topics include Water-shed Management, Saline

Water Use, Lawn 2-3, Home Water Use, and others.

Field trips include sites where water plays a key role, as in the production of electrical energy and in the recovery of petroleum products. The campers visit farms where state-of-the-art water conservation technology, such as surge flow and drip irrigation, is being used. The Aquaculture Projects in Ward and Pecos Counties are sites visited. Campers are also taken on a field trip to a municipal water treatment facility, where they receive overview of the system that provides safe, quality drinking water to the community.

No camp is complete without recreation, and of course Water Camp centers its recreation around water. Campers enjoy visits to the Balmorhea State Park and spring-fed, Olympic size swimming pool, as well as a municipal swimming facility in Odessa.

Tuition is \$150.00. Half of this cost is paid by Bell 4-H. Campers are housed in dormitories at the Bentley Center, but bring their own bedding.

Interested students might want to ask local water officials or soil and water conservation district personnel about sponsoring their tuition, as many campers have attended with such grants.

For more information and registration, go to <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu> and then Texas Youth Water Camp

Deadline to Register— May 22, 2009



Primetime

Session 1-July 19-22 - ages 12-13

Session 2-July 22-25- ages 9-11

COST: \$102.50

This camp is designed especially for youth ages 9-13 with opportunities to meet new friends, develop new friends. Develop new skills, and learn how to work with others. The 3 night-4 day event is sure to be just the ticket to rejuvenate and recharge you!

A well trained staff of college students under the direction of Youth Development Professionals coordinate camp activities. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, archery sport-fishing, riflery, crafts, games, climbing rappelling and much more! Special evening activities for the whole camp encourage teamwork and cooperation.

Participants are housed in modern, air-conditioned dorms, staffed by one counselor and another extension agent and/or adult-volunteer leader.

Health care is provided 24/7 at the Texas 4-H Center. Medications will be turned in to the nurse upon arrival and will be adminis-

tered as needed. Medical records are kept on each child and a copy is returned to the parent.

Total registration fee for participants is \$205.00. This covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees.

Come into CEO to register, payment is required at the time of registration.

Registration will begin being processed on a first come, first served basis.

Parents can be involved too! There are openings for adults who wish to attend Prime Time with their children. Adults work with the counselors to chaperone youth and support the educational programs to ensure safety and fun for all participants. The registration fee for adults is \$100.00.

Other important information:

Dorm assignments will be made in advance. County groups will be housed together; requests for special rooming assignments will be accommodated to the extent possible. Please make rooming requests when submitting registration.

Participants are to arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the first day of Prime Time. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER. Participants must check out between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on the last day of camp! Parents must make arrangements to pick up campers even if they are dropping another group off for the next camp. The Texas 4-H Conference Center will not be responsible for children between sessions!!! Anyone picking up a child from camp must show a photo ID and sign them out before campers will be allowed to leave! Be sure to list all persons who can pick up campers on the release form, including each parent.





SPECTRA

July 27-31, 2009

Ages 14-18—COST: \$150.00
(Bell County Pays 1/2 of Cost)

SpecTra has much to offer 4-H'ers! The objective of SpecTra is for youth to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen their self-image.

Approximately 17 hours of intensive training in one of eight project areas is the foundation of the SpecTra program. Participants will also have opportunities for recreation and leisure during the evening to make new friends and visit with old ones. The culmination of the wee is the “Gala” which provides participants an opportunity to experience a formal event and reflect on the week’s activities.

Total cost is \$300.00, Bell County 4-H will pay 1/2 of the total cost. This includes all lodging, meals, program fees, t-shirt, snacks and limited accident insurance. Full payment must be submitted with registration.

To register, come by the CEO. Payment is required at the time of registration.

Registration information: Participants must be no younger than 14 and no older than 18 as of July 27, 2009. Participants must still be enrolled in High School. Registration information can be obtained at the Extension Office. Required release forms can be accessed on the Texas Conference Website: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

Registration will not be accepted by fax or e-mail.

Opportunities for Adult Volunteers: Adult volunteers (or parents) may also be a part of the SpecTra experience. Chaperones are an important part of the program and we need your help! Register to serve as an adult volunteer and receive a discounted registration fee of \$220.00. Interested volunteers and parents should follow the same registration procedures. A total of 8 project areas will be offered. Participants must rank their preferences, 1-2, on the registration. Workshop assignments will be made on a first come—first serve basis.

Sessions Offered

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Culinary Arts
- All Things Leadership
- Fitness, Recreation, and Health Professions.
- Photo Communications & Technology Outdoor Education and Aquatics
- Fashion Design
- Public Speaking



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- Leadership Lab is June 24-26
- COST: \$150.00
- Bell County 4-H will pay 1/2 with your cost
- Lab is for senior 4-H members. 4-H members go to Brownwood to learn more about leadership and recreation. 4-H members come back with knowledge about how to run an effective meeting and lead more effective. More information will be available soon! If you are interested, please contact your county office!
- To register, 4-H members must go to the Bell County Extension office. 4-HERS DO NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER. Also note that payment must be received at the time of registration.
- NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Leadership Lab

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

The District 8 4-H Council Officer Candidate Information Sheet is accessible in the Bell County Extension Office for 4-Hers who plan to run for a District 8 4-H Council Office for 2009-2010. The deadline for submission of this form is May 31, 2009. Candidates will be campaigning during the Leadership Lab. Please remind the 4-Hers in your county who are seeking an office that they are allowed one poster and a 3-minute speech. No other handouts or giveaways are allowed.

Each participant should bring their linens, pillows, personal toilet articles, bathing suits and comfortable camping clothes, especially shoes suitable for play. The tennis courts are available if participants bring shoes and racket. There will be adequate free time to allow participants to enjoy the recreational facilities around the Center.

Please check out our website for complete information on each individual camp available as well as calendars!

Go to: <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/>

Click on Bell County 4-H Website on the home page and then

Click on the Camp Link

2009 JUNIOR FED BEEF CAREER & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

TCFA, in conjunction with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and West Texas A&M University, will host the 2009 Junior Fed Beef Career and Leadership Program. The program is open to any incoming High School Juniors or Seniors who have an interest in pursuing a career in feedyard management and the fed beef industry.

The tour is designed to educate the participants on feedyard operations and career opportunities in the fed beef industry. Students will participate in problem solving and leadership activities. Activities will include tours of commercial cattle feeding operations and of a beef processing facility. There also will be opportunities to learn beef carcass anatomy and fabrication and to participate in a consumer beef taste panel. Students will also spend a day learning day to day operations of a feedyard and can participate in a job shadow program at a local feedyard following the conclusion of the program.

Interested Students should obtain an application from TCFA, their County Extension Agent, Ag Science Teacher or School Counselor. All completed applications must be supported by two recommendation forms. Applications should be returned to the TCFA office no later than May 1. Fifteen to twenty students will be chosen by the selection committee to participate in the program.

Each participant will be financially responsible for their transportation to and from Canyon/Amarillo. All other expenses, including meals and program fees, are being covered through sponsorships by TCFA Member Feedyards and Allied Industry Sponsor Companies.

June 29 – July 1, 2009

West Texas A&M University
Canyon, Texas