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Raise Your Hand for Texas 4-H!

How You Can Help: Raise your hand to support 4-H in your community and give kids the hands-on learning experiences they need to succeed in life.

The Texas 4-H program could win \$5,000, \$10,000, or even \$20,000 to reach more kids and help them grow the skills they need to take on life's challenges.

VOTE! If you have not, go to <https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/> and complete the form. NOW...do not wait any longer!

Congratulations to 2018-2019 State 4-H Junior Master Photographers!

Christian Coffman

MacKenzie Nowell

Josie Schmidt

Margaret Wood

Congratulations Newly Elected Bell County Council Officers!

President— Clara Steglich

1st Vice— Lexy Ide

2nd Vice— Bryce Fisher

Secretary—Margaret Wood

Treasurer—Emma Salazar-Canales

Parliamentarian— Luke Read

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County Council & Ambassadors



Ambassadors Applications for 2018-2019

Members will be notified for their interview times. Interviews will be formal attire. Renewing Ambassadors will not have to interview this year since everyone met minimum hour requirements.

Interviews have been set for **July 10, 2018**. If you have a conflict, you must contact Sheryl Long to schedule your interview **BEFORE July 10, 2018**.

Ambassador Hours *UPDATE*

For the 2017-2018 Bell County 4-H Ambassadors, the number of service hour requirements have been updated for the 2018 District 8 Leadership Lab. Requirements is as follows:

- 50-99 hours—1/2 of your camp fee will be covered
- 100 hours and up—All of your camp fee will be covered

4-H Club Managers

NEW! Club Manager Training Series

I am excited to announce that we will be conducting online workshops targeted toward 4-H Club Managers in District 8 this spring and summer! This will be a casual training atmosphere where 4-H volunteers can ask questions, get questions answered, share ideas, and hopefully learn something new!

Topics will vary by month and volunteers are welcomed to submit suggestions online. Trainings are set from 12 noon until 1 pm on WebEx on the following Tuesdays:

***May 15, 2018** ***July 31, 2018**

More information can be found online at: <https://agrillife.org/d84h/club-managers/>

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: May 22, 2018 **Where:** CEO **Time:** 6:00 pm

This meeting will elect new officers for Vice President and Secretary, vote on the MAB by-laws changes, and vote on the Finance Guideline changes. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend. Each club is allowed a maximum of 3 votes.

We will hopefully have the 2018-2019 charter packets available from the state office to give to each club. Let Sheryl know if you have a schedule conflict or any questions.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.

Texas 4-H Congress

Submission of Legislative Bills

4-H members attending Texas 4-H Congress will be required to submit at least one bill prior to their registration to the event being accepted. To learn more on how to write and submit a bill download the "[Preparing a Legislative Bill for Texas 4-H Congress](#)".

Pay close attention to deadlines!

May 15, 2018—Bill submission closes—You MUST submit a bill to participate!

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/>

Texas 4-H Congress—July 22-25, 2018

For more information, go to <https://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/texas-4-h-congress/>

District 8 Council Officer Elections

How to Apply

There are 12 officer positions as described in the bylaws and related materials.

By Friday, May 25 – Sign up for SURGE on 4-H Connect and complete the application materials in hard copy and on 4-H Connect

- o Includes a pdf of the signed D8 4-H Council Agreement (Member and parent signature)
- o Photo
- o Texas 4-H Council Signature pages (*if running for Texas 4-H Council qualifying position*) (Youth, parent agent signature)
- o Application questions to be answered.
- o **NEW!** Digital Poster email
- o Please also note the **new procedures** related to an impromptu question, interview, election process, and a few other details!

Monday, June 11 – Participate in a face-to-face interview in Waco area.

All of this information can also be found on the D8 4-H website on the Council page:

<http://agrillife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/>

Awards

4-H Award Interviews

All 4-H members who already applied for an award (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards, Outstanding Community Service) must complete an award interview on **Thursday, June 6th**. You will be receiving an email to schedule your interview time on this date. If this date does not work for you, you must notify Sheryl Long ASAP!



Summer Camps



***NEW* Camping Incentives!**

Interested in attending County Camp or Leadership Lab but didn't want to spend the money? This year, we have decided to cover part of the cost of one of these camps for 4-H members who have met certain requirements:

- Must be a Bell County 4-H member
- Youth member attends 2 meetings BEFORE December 31, 2017.
 - Must complete 1 Community Service with your 4-H Club.
- Submit a COMPLETED Camp Partial Cost Coverage application to Sheryl Long by the set camp deadline.

4-H members must register themselves for the camp that they wish to attend online.

Contact Sheryl Long for more information or visit
<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

County Camp II @ Brownwood

Bell County 4-H will be attending County Camp I at the Texas 4-H Center! This camp takes place **July 9-11, 2018**. This camp is perfect for a first time or returning camper, someone that wants to try it all, or someone that wants to spend time with people their age and make new friends. Programs are age-based and include traditional camp activities such as:

*Archery *Rifle *Challenge Course *Swimming *Arts & Crafts
*Fishing *Kayaking *Dances *Teams Challenges

And MORE!

Registration Deadline: June 13 on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

Contact Sheryl if you have any questions.

District 8 Leadership Lab

Date: June 24-27

Location: T Bar M, New Braunfels

Cost: \$275

Deadline: Friday, May 25, 2018

The completed, signed release forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Connect during the registration process. The forms require a copy of the participant's **insurance card**.

These forms will be posted on <https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any more questions.



Summer Fun Activities



~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
- Please adhere to RSVP deadlines and registration fees

One Day Sewing Camp

Save the date for a one-day sewing camp hosted by Jammie Payne! This camp will take place at the County Extension Office **Tuesday, June 19th**. More information to come.

Summer Clothing Blast

Save the Date! The annual Summer Clothing Blast will take place on **July 30 & 31** at the Bell County Extension Office. More details to come!



Outdoor Project News

2018 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge

When: June 22-24, 2018

Where: Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Cost: \$35 per person

Registration: on 4-H Connect by May 30, 2018, limited to first 50 teams

The 10 events for 2018 are: *Shotgun *Off-road Biking *Archery *Fishing *Climbing
*Kayaking *Rifle *Biologist Skills *Gear Judging *Outdoor Safety

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. By connecting with water professionals, Water Ambassadors will gain exposure and recognition as youth leaders, learn about internship opportunities, and explore the diverse career paths in the water industry. The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program is led by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and supported in part by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.

Applications open to youth entering 9th-11th grades for '18-'19 school year.

Deadline to apply is May 20, 2018.

Photography Project



4-H Photography Project Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 10th—Texas 4-H Photography Community Service—NWTF Women in the Outdoors Event in Davilla, TX

Contact Elizabeth Coffman at familycoffman@aol.com if you have any questions.

Bell County 4-H Photography Community Service Opportunity:

Photographing "NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS" - Banquet for Temple High School Special Education Students

May 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Western Hills Church of Christ

Open to all age 4-Hers. Help make this a night to remember for these very special students!

Contact Christian or Elizabeth Coffman for more details: 254-718-1332 or familycoffman@aol.com

Texas 4-H Photography Community Service Opportunity:

Photographing "WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS" - June 9, 2018

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Stay for as much of the day as you want)

Hilliard Ranch near Davila, TX (contact Christian or Elizabeth Coffman for more details including map)

Day of fun events such as: fly fishing, archery, pistol, rifle, drones, kayaking and more! Once done photographing, instructors let photographers try the activities. Several BCYF Grand Champions have been shot at this event - it is a great opportunity to practice photography while serving others! Open to all age 4-Hers

On the horizon:

Date TBD: On Location: San Antonio/Fredericksburg Photography Field Trip

Date TBD: On Location: Galveston Photography Field Trip

July 13-15 (Fri-Sun): Animal Photography @ State 4-H Dog Show, Bell County Expo Center, Belton

July 21 (Saturday): On Location: Austin Field Trip (State 4-H Photography Ambassadors may have the option to remain in Austin and shoot 4-H Congress - TBD)

September 1 (Saturday): People/Action Photography @ West Fest, West, TX

September (TBD): Photography 101 and project interest meeting, CEO

October (TBD): Architecture/Landscape Photography @ Worldwide Photowalk Photography Event - Salado or Austin

October (TBD): Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer Workshop I (This is the first workshop for 4-Hers age 12 and up desiring to become a certified Junior Master)



Upcoming Events



Texas 4-H Round Up Entries

We need you to enter the Texas 4-H Round Up ASAP! You must register your child and yourself by **May 17, 2018**. We will not register for you! Registration takes place on 4-H Connect at www.4honline.com. We do not want to miss anyone that qualified or interested in competing in an invitational contest! Make sure you communicate with any of your team members and myself on whether or not your qualified team wants to participate at state. Adults that will be attending must register too! Call or e-mail Sheryl with any questions.

NEW this Year!

Parking Passes—will be purchased direct from Transportation Services using the link below. Select 2018 Texas 4-H Roundup in the drop down menu. You will print and bring your pass with you to the event. **NO PASSES WILL BE SOLD ONSITE.**

<https://transport2.tamu.edu/account/conference/parkingpermits.aspx>

T-Shirts— Order t-shirts here!

https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=10283

For fun this year, we are offering some incentives to encourage participants to register sooner rather than later. Beginning with the 1st person registered and then every 100th person after that, they will win a 30 oz

4-H RTIC Mug. Each of those winners will then be entered into a chance to win a \$250 Gift Card.

Graduating Seniors

Scholarship applications are becoming available. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for scholarship application deadlines. The website is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—**May 15, 2018**

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Ag Product ID Practices

Ag Product ID practices are over for this year. Congratulations all team members for performing so well! The next contest, if any intermediate or senior is interested, is during the State 4-H Roundup in College Station on Tuesday, June 11th. The invitational Ag Product ID contest is on Tuesday, June 12th. State 4-H Round Up contest registration will be done through 4H Connect.

If an intermediate or senior is interested in participating at Roundup, please contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293 or email at: mcanales1@aol.com.

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

May 19th

2-4 p.m. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

Contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com for more information.



Upcoming Events



Bell County Record Books



Due: June 8, 2018 to the CEO

Where: CEO by 5pm

If you would like Sheryl to review your recordbook BEFORE the June 8th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP.

County & District Recordbook Judging

We will trade record books with McLennan and Williamson counties on **June 21st** for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging in Bell County this year. This is a great way to get new ideas for your child's recordbooks!

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 12th** in Williamson County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event this as well. Email Sheryl if you are interested.

Texas 4-H Community Service Project

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District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 12th** in Williamson County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event this as well. Email Sheryl if you are interested.

Read, Lead, Succeed Community Service

This year the 2017-2018 Texas 4-H Council is encouraging local 4-H Clubs to collect new or gently used children and young adult book. The books will be donated to your local community schools, libraries, hospitals, etc.

Either use a "Donated by:" sticker, or write your own message to let the reader know that their book was donated by Texas 4-H.

Luke Read has started a collection at the County Extension Office for those wanting to contribute.

Deadline to submit is **Friday, June 1, 2018**



FCH Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, August 21st at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the agenda.

NEW Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program!

In this project youth can learn to design, construct, and be a smart consumer when purchasing clothing and household items. Participants will have fun creating environmentally friendly projects while exploring careers in the fashion and interior design industries. The 4-H members can choose to work on their own or with a group.

The previous Clothing & Textiles and Interior Design & Green Living 4-H projects have been combined into one! This exciting venture brings with it an updated webpage, <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>, the addition of the Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program, and more innovative opportunities to be integrated in the future. The current Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board will convert to the youth ambassador program beginning in July.

Guidelines and application link for the Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassadors can be found at, <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>. Applicants will be notified in April regarding results

Register by May 31st through 4-H Connect

Baby Shower for Sheryl & Cory Long

When: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

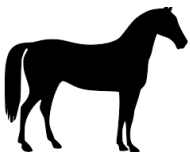
Where: Home of Jill Read

3233 S. Rea Ridge Road

Temple, TX 76502

Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Jammie Payne or Jill Read



Livestock Project News



Major Show Steer Validation & Heifer Validation

State Fair Lamb, Goat & Swine Validation

Major Show Steer Validation and Major Show Heifer Validation will take place on **Monday, June 25th** at the Bell County Expo. We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers before validation as well. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival as well. Please the registration papers with you to validation. All State Fair Validations will take place this day as well. The schedule is as follows:

Market Steer/Breeding Heifer Validations: Monday, June 25, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

State Fair of Texas Swine Validations: Monday, June 25, 2018

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Validations: Schedule a time on **Wednesday, June 20th** between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Bell County Extension Office. If the family has more than 8 sheep and goats, we will validate at their barn. Schedule your time with Whitney Grantham at whitney.granthman@ag.tamu.edu.

Contact Whitney Grantham if you have any questions.



Texas 4-H Dog Show

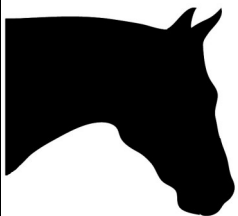
Entry Deadline: May 10, 2018

Cost: *\$5 registration fee per exhibitor *\$10 per entry per dog per class

*\$10 per Drill Team Member *\$3 per entry/per photo *\$5 Exhibition Classes

When & Where: The Texas 4-H Dog show will take place July 13-15, 2018 at the Bell County Expo.

Find out more information at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/dogshow/>



District 8 4-H Horse Show

Date: June 18-19, 2018

Location: Bell County Expo

Entry Deadline: May 25, 2018 on 4-H Connect

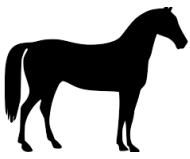
Cost: \$15 per class

Only properly validated horses can enter.

Waiver forms will not be mailed. The form will be signed, scanned as a pdf, and uploaded online. Coggins papers must be scanned and uploaded to 4-H Connect during the entry process.

Contact Sheryl or Whitney if you have any questions.

<http://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/horse-show/>



Livestock Project News



Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.



Objectives:

- Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in junior livestock programs across Texas.
- Prepare youth for the experience of the University setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.
- Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs.
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process

- Applicants go to: http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_309MuXE8KeGj1sh
 - Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
 - CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 participants per university. Applications are due **June 1, 2018**. Applicants will be notified by June 15, 2018 regarding application result

State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders

Order Deadline: June 15, 2018

Cost: \$37.50 per 25 chicks.



The minimum order per exhibitor/family is 25 birds, with a maximum of 75 birds, in increments of 25.

Contact Whitney for more information.

Vet Science Camp

Save the date! July 30-August 1 at the Bell County Expo. Registration will start June 1, 2018.



Important Dates

May 2018

June 2018

May 1: Horse Project Validation Deadline
May 2: Ag Product ID Practice
May 3: County Council Meeting
May 5: D8 Round Up and STF Contest, Riesel
May 10: Texas 4-H Dog Show Entry Deadline
May 14: Photography Community Service
May 15: D8 TAE4-HA Scholarship Due
May 15: Texas 4-H Congress Bill submission deadline
May 15: Club Manager Training, Online
May 17: Texas 4-H Round Up Entry Deadline
May 19: Clover Kid Meeting
May 20: TX Water Ambassador Application Due
May 22: MAB Meeting
May 25: Deadline for D8 Leadership Lab
May 25: Deadline for D8 Council Officer
May 25: D8 Horse Show Entry Deadline
May 25: D8 Leadership Lab registration deadline
May 30: Outdoor Challenge deadline
May 31: TX Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Application Due
May 31: Texas 4-H Congress last day to register

June 1: Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Application Due
June 1: Book Donation deadline
June 5: Sheryl Long's Baby Shower
June 6: 4-H Award Interviews, CEO
June 8: 4-H Recordbooks Due to CEO
June 10: Photography Community Service
June 13: County Camp II registration deadline
June 15: State Fair Broiler Orders Due
June 18-19: D8 Horse Show
June 19: One Day Sewing Camp, CEO
June 20: State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation
June 21: County Recordbook Judging, Bell
June: 22-24: Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge
June 24-27: D8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels
June 25: Steer & Heifer Validation
June 25: State Fair Swine Validation
June 26-28: County Camp II, Brownwood
June 24-27: District 8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels

July 2018

July 9-11: County Camp II, Brownwood
July 10: New Ambassador Interviews, CEO
July 12: D8 Recordbook Judging, Williamson
July 13-15: Texas 4-H Dog Show
July 22-25: Texas 4-H Congress
July 30-31: Summer Clothing Blast
July 31: Club Manager Training, Online



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheryl Long".

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>