

February 2019 Focus

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BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR IS HERE!

FEBRUARY 2–9, 2019

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER

PRCA Rodeo will be Feb. 9—10

The BCYF Catalog is available here:

<https://agrilife.org/bellctyouthfair/fair-catalog/>

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS

Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who has been involved in planning and preparing for the upcoming Bell County Youth Fair. This event could not happen without the support of our 4-H Club Managers, volunteers and parents. Please remember that this event is designed to benefit the youth in Bell County and to develop our future leaders. Let's not lose focus of our goal and show that 4-H is the best youth organization in the state!

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BCYF Events

BCYF Eligibility

Only Academic Eligibility is checked for those who entered the Bell County Youth Fair. It is YOUR responsibility to notify your child's campus on what days they will be participating in the Bell County Youth Fair. If your child is academically ineligible, you will be contacted by the BCYF Coordinator. Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

BCYF Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights

Performance Events: February 1—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Ride night events are only for the contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show and only the contestant horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the events in 2019. We will be checking for Coggins so have copies of current negative Coggins test results on all the horses you bring. Contestants must register each night and present Coggins paperwork to ride in the arenas.

PeeWee Showmanship

- Ages: 2nd grades and below will be allowed to show in PeeWee Showmanship.
- A parent / legal guardian must be ring side the entire time during PeeWee Showmanship.
- PeeWees may only show lambs, goats and swine.

Swine, Monday, February 4th (after the Market Swine Showmanship)

Goats, Wednesday, February 6th (after the Market Goat Showmanship)

Lambs, Wednesday, February 6th (after the Market Lamb Showmanship)

- See BCYF book Pages 3-5 for more details.



BCYF Schedule

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 2019

8:00 a.m.....Judge Breeding Goats followed by a ten-minute break and then judge the Market Goats. After conclusion of show release all non-placing/non-floored meat goats until 11:00 p.m.

(Pee wee goat showmanship will be at the Conclusion of the market goat showmanship) (See rules on page 5).

8:00 a.m.Judge Fryer Rabbits, after conclusion of the show remove all non-placing Fryer Rabbit pens.

9:00 a.m.....Assembly Hall Opens- FCS Exhibits

1:00 pm or 1 hour following...Judge Breeding Sheep and release, conclusion of the Market followed by a ten minute break and Goat Show then judge the Market Lambs. After conclusion of show release all non-placing/non-floored lambs until 11:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Pee wee lamb showmanship will be at the conclusion of the market lamb showmanship. (See rules on page 5).

6:00 p.m.....FCS Winners Circle, Presentation of Photography Awards, the "Polly-Esther" Clothing Awards, and the Outstanding Jr & Sr Highpoint FCS Awards Assembly Hall

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Food exhibitors who qualify for the Auction Sale, MUST take photographs with official show photographer.

7:00-8:00 p.m.....Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall immediately following the FCS winners circle presentation.

8:00 p.m.....Assembly Hall Closes – FCS Exhibits

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.....Judge Farm Shop. Farm Shop Awards Presentation 2 hours after completion of judging. After conclusion of show release all Farm Shop items until 11:00 p.m.

8:00 -- 9:30 a.m.....Move in Commercial Broilers

9:30 --10:30 a.m..... Move in Turkeys

10:30 --11:00 a.m.....Move in Roasters

12:30 p.m.....Judge Poultry in this order (Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys.)

9:00 a.m.....Assembly Hall Opens – FCS Exhibits

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m..... Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall.

9:30 a.m..... Mini Rodeo in the Dome

3:00 p.m..... Assembly Hall Closes

5:00-6:30 p.m..... Check out/Release all Family & Consumer Sciences Divisions

SALE SLOT DESIGNATION DUE BY 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8, 2019

7:00 -10:00 a.m.....Release remaining Farm Shop Projects

7:00-8:30 a.m.....Livestock & Rabbit Judging Registration

7:30-8:30 a.m.....Vet Science Skillathon & Ag Products ID Registration

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.....Livestock & Rabbit Judging Contest

9:00 a.m..... Vet Science Skillathon & Ag Products ID Contest

12:00 noon –6:00 p.m.....Release all livestock not in Auction immediately following contest completion to 6:00 p.m.

Auction Exhibitor Photos required, Immediately following Contest completion to 7:00 p.m. with ALL livestock projects that are confirmed in the Auction Sale, at official show backdrop.

7:30 p.m..... PRCA Rodeo - Parade of Champions

SATURDAY, FEB. 9, 2019

8:00 a.m.....Livestock exhibitors pre-auction mandatory meeting.

9:00 a.m.....FCS exhibitors pre-auction mandatory meeting.

9:00 a.m.....Buyers Brunch

10:00 am.....Auction Sale, Awards, Plaza of Honor Dedication and Commercial Steer Awards Presentation.

30 minutes after the conclusion of the Auction Sale, release all remaining animals and exhibits.

7:30 p.m.PRCA Rodeo

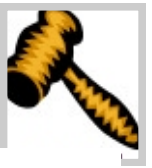
8:00 p.m.....All exhibits must be removed from barn.

ANY ANIMAL REMOVED FROM BARN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AUCTION SALE OR FLOOR PRICE.

ALL ANIMALS NOT REMOVED FROM THE BARN BY 8:00 P.M., FEB. 9, 2019 WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW.



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27th **WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO)

START TIME: 6:30 p.m.

Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who come to the meeting and are voting delegates for the club. All 4-H members are welcome though! It will be a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities.

The community service project will be the collection of items for the Ronald McDonald House. Specifically: paper towels, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, furniture wipes, travel size hygiene products.

The program for the evening is over Honey Bees.

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Committee Meeting

(By-Laws, Finance Guidelines, and Nominations)

When: April 9, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting will not only nominate new officers for President and Treasurer, but we will also review the MAB by-laws and review the Finance Guideline. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events



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.

Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

State Fair of Texas—**February 1, 2019**

Texas Extension Education Association—**February 15, 2019** to the Bell CEO, must be accompanied by 4-H Recordbook

Bell County 4-H Scholarship—to CEO by **March 1, 2019**

Bell County Youth Fair—**April 13, 2018**

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship— **May 24, 2019**

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

Ag Product ID Practices

Practice will be at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 702 House. Ag Product ID practices will be held on the following dates:

February 11th and 25th **March** 4th, 18th, and 25th

Our next contest will be at the Bell County Youth Fair on Friday, February 8, 2019 in the Special Events Room. This will be the first time this contest will be held at our county fair. Registration is open through February 7th. Teams are forming now! The entry fee is \$10 per participant. Fee must be paid in order to register. Please check out the 2019 Fair Book for more information on the contest format.

Up coming contests:

Bell County Youth Fair - Friday, February 8, 2019

HLSR - Wednesday, March 13, 2019

District Contest (Stephenville) - Friday, April 5, 2019

Leon County - Monday, April 15, 2019

Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293, or mcanales1@aol.com, if you are interested in participating at the BCYF contest, or if you have any questions.

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

February 16th, March 16th, May 18th

2-4 pm. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

Clover Kid Fair—June 15th at 10 am at First United Methodist Church

Clover Kid Summer Camp—July 20th from 1-4 pm. at Temple Public Library

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

Wildlife Challenge Practice

Practices will take place on the following February dates:

22nd starting at 7:00 pm. at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton.

Please contact De Castillo if you have questions. joendecastillo@hotmail.com



FCH Project News



4-H FCS Coalition Meeting

The next 4-H FCS Coalition meeting will take place at the CEO on **Tuesday, February 26th** starting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be limited to 1 hour!

Consumer Decision Making Practice

Consumer Decision Making practices will start promptly at 6:00 pm at the FBC 702 House in Belton on **February 12 & 19**. Please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practices

Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a quiz game that tests teams of 3-4 on their knowledge of food and nutrition, diseases, laws/regulations, etc.. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn or lose points accordingly. Competitions are held in a tournament-system bracket. Practices will take place starting at 6:00 pm at the FBC 702 House, Belton

February 1, 15 and 22

Contact Barbara Wood for more information at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507

Bell County CDM & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Entry Forms

The entry deadline to enter teams for the District 8 Consumer Decision Making contest and the District 8 Nutrition Quizbowl contest will be **Friday, February 1, 2019**. The entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website. Please email those completed forms to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.

Bell County Fashion Show Contest

& Storyboard & Duds to Dazzle Contest & Trashion Show

The Bell County 4-H contest for all 4-H fashion competitions (Fashion Show, Trashion Show, Storyboard & Duds to Dazzle) will take place on **Monday, March 4th**. Start working on your projects now! Entry deadline will be **Friday, February 22nd**. Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website. Please email the forms to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.

Leaders 4 Life Practices

Leaders 4 Life practices will start promptly at 7:00 pm at the FBC 702 House in Belton on **February 15**. Please contact Gage Bass at cchsgabass@gmail.com for more information.



Photography Project



Bell County Photography Contest

The Bell County Photography Contest is right around the corner so start preparations now! The Bell County entry deadline will be **Friday, March 1st**. Entries must be EMAILED to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu. The winner of each category in each of the age divisions in the Bell County Contest will advance to the District 8 Contest. Senior aged 4-H members that win their category in the county contest, will also advance to the State contest. Please make sure and follow the instruction on the 2019 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules & Guidelines.

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17-18 Texas4H Photo Rules.pdf>

Categories:

Animals—Domestic

Animal—Wildlife

Catch All

Details & Macro

Dominant Color

Elements of Design

Enhanced

Food

Landscape & Nature (non-animal)

Motion/Action

People

Plant/Flora

Sports

Theme—"Promote 4-H"

Travel & Place

PORTRAIT WORKSHOP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sat-Sun Feb 23-24, 2019

Learn how to create formal portraits using a professional lighting system. Practice photographing real people/families, giving them photos you created! Limited numbers of participants accepted due to role play. Priority given to JMP candidates and Photography Ambassadors.

RSVP to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com

Open to Texas 4-H Photo Ambassadors, JMP candidates. If spaces not filled, I will open this opportunity up to 4-Hers age 14 and up

Location: Bell County 4-H Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St, Belton, TX 76513.

Workshop Instruction with portrait sessions and reviews thereafter. Roles will be: **Reception, Photographer, Assistant Photographer, Marketing Specialist**. Each person will play each role once.

Saturday: 8:30-4:30 **Sunday:** Space is full **Cost:** None. **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!**

RSVP: To Elizabeth Coffman, familycoffman@aol.com, 254-718-1332 **Now until Jan 31** for Photo Ambassadors and JMP Candidates. **Feb 1-21, 2019** for 4-Hers 14 and up IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

4-H SINGLES/FAMILIES NEEDED

Will serve as "clients" for the portrait workshop. Photos from the photo session will be provided to you at no cost. 30 min time slots available both Saturday and Sunday. Help our 4-H Photographers practice and walk away with a family portrait. Family size: 1-10. Contact Elizabeth Coffman, familycoffman@aol.com, 254-718-1332 to sign up for a slot. First come, first served.



Photography Project

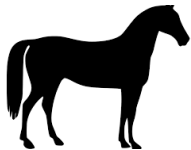


NATIONAL 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMIT @ Washington DC: Feb 28-Mar 3, 2019

Join the Texas 4-H Delegation on a photography adventure to our nation's capital. This event is the first annual photography summit and is the premier event for senior age 4-H photographers nationwide. You will stay at the 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD and your registration fee covers all instruction, hands-on activities, tours, accommodations, meals, and transportation in DC. Delegates will learn about photography careers, manual camera settings, composition, lighting, and more. There will be plenty of hands-on activities and two photographic tours around DC. Update: Several Texas 4-H Ambassadors have been selected to be youth leaders for the event! Registration: Through National 4-H Website. **Deadline: Feb 8, 2019**

PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP in DALLAS: Sat-Sun, Mar 23-24, 2019

Join us in exploring Dallas through your camera lens. Dallas has so much to offer! We will be using the free trolley to photograph parks, sculptures, architecture, and reflective water. We will shoot the Dallas skyline and photograph light trails from a bridge then head to Reunion tower to get a different perspective of the city. Sunday we will head to Fair Park for more great photo opportunities including a butterfly garden. Book your hotel now. Some of us are staying at the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown/Reunion District at 310 S. Houston St. Rooms on Expedia were \$125 a night. Put this field trip on your calendar!



Livestock Project News



Homeschool Eligibilities for Major Stock Shows

Bell County 4-H members that are homeschooled and entered in any Major Livestock Show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin) must fill out and submit your form to Scarlot Barreras **at least one week prior** to your beginning show date. One form per child per show.

Vet Science Meeting

The next Vet Science Meeting will take place at the County Extension Office on the following dates.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

February 20th

March 6th & 20th

April 3rd & 17th

Contact Casey and Travis Swanson at tswanson01@hotmail.com for more information.

BCYF Contests

The Bell County Youth Fair will have numerous judging contests on **Friday, February 8th!** Below is the contest and who to contact if you have any questions.

Ag Product ID—contact Michael Canales

Vet Science—contact Casey Swanson

Livestock Judging—contact Whitney Grantham

Rabbit Judging—contact Don Mersiovsky

Make sure you have read the fair catalog for more information!

Important Dates

February 2019

March 2019

February 1: BCYF Commercial Steer Recordbooks

February 1: BCYF Ride Night—Performance

February 1: CDM & NQB Entry Forms Due

February 1: NQB Practice

February 2-9: Bell County Youth Fair

February 11: Ag Product ID Practice

February 12: CDM Practice

February 15: TEEA Scholarship Deadline

February 15: NQB Practice

February 15: Leaders 4 Life Practice

February 16: Clover Kid Meeting

February 19: CDM Practice

February 20: Vet Science Meeting

February 22: Entry deadline for Bell County

Fashion Show Contests

February 22: Wildlife Challenge Practice

February 22: NQB Practice

February 23-24: Portrait Workshop

February 25: Ag Product ID Practice

February 26: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

February 28-March 3: National Photography Summit

**March 1: Bell County Photography Contest Entry
Deadline**

March 1: Bell 4-H Scholarship Application Due

March 4: Bell County Fashion Show

March 4: Ag Product ID Practice

March 6: Vet Science Meeting

March 13: HLSR Ag Product ID Contest

March 16: Clover Kid Meeting

March 18: Ag Product ID Practice

March 20: Vet Science Meeting

March 23-24: Photography Field Trip

March 25: Ag Product ID Practice

March 27: County Council Meeting

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