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**DVDs 4 Vets Community Service      Project Results for RECORDBOOKS:**

425 DVDs and 3 DVD players donated so far, with more still arriving from other counties in Texas. 4-Hers presented the Veteran's Home in Temple with 110 DVDs and a DVD player after Christmas caroling at the facility. Another 100 DVDs and a player will be provided to the new Veteran's community being built in Temple sometime in January. The remaining DVDs will be distributed to other Veteran's Homes in Texas. Thank you for your generosity!



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# County Council & Ambassadors



## County Council Meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 8th

**WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO)

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who must attend the meeting and serve as 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 new opportunities.

The program will cover Bell County's Master Gardner and Master Naturalist programs.

Emma Canales (Stampede Creek 4-H) is collecting new stuffed animals to be donated to the kids at McLane Children's Hospital. The stuffed animals will be given to kids that are staying at the hospital to provide emotional support that can help speed up recovery time. New stuffed animals will be accepted through February 8, 2019. Items can be dropped off at the CEO. Please contact Emma Canales at [mcanales1@aol.com](mailto:mcanales1@aol.com) for more information.

## 4-H Ambassadors at the Bell County Youth Fair

Make sure you check your emails and respond to Sheryl/Whitney on which BCYF events you can assist with.

**Buyer's Brunch**—Saturday, February 9th (must not be an auction qualifier)

**Livestock Judging Contest**—Friday, February 8th (if not participating in the event)

**Family & Consumer Science Judging**—Monday, February 4th

## 4-H Club Managers

### BCYF Food Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up food containers on **January 3rd** at the CEO for your participants competing in the 2019 BCYF Food Division. Our business hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 & 1:00-5:00 pm. This is for Club Managers ONLY!

### Membership Advisory Board Finance Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the Membership Advisory Board Finance Committee, then please come to the CEO on **Thursday, January 10th**. We will be reviewing the finances starting at 6:00 pm. We strongly encourage a representative from each club attend this meeting!

### Membership Advisory Board Meeting

**When:** January 15, 2019

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We encourage all Club Managers to attend and give their opinions on the Bell County 4-H program.



# Upcoming Events



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.

FINAL application is due in the CEO no later than **Monday, January 21st!** Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Texas 4-H Foundation—1st Draft to Sheryl Long - **January 11, 2019**

Texas 4-H Foundation FINAL application due ONLINE—**January 25, 2019**

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

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

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

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—**TBD**

Bell County Youth Fair—**TBD**

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

## Ag Product ID

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:

**January 7th, 14th, and 28th**

**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. This will be the first time this contest will be held at our county fair. Registration is open and teams are forming now! The entry fee is \$10 per participant. 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](mailto:mcanales1@aol.com), if you are interested in participating at the BCYF contest, or if you have any questions.

## Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

**January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, May 18th**

2-4 pm. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

**Clover Kid Fair**—June 15th at 10 am.

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

Contact Dawn Brown at [bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Leaders 4 Life

A competition that allows 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure. Practice will take place on **January 18th** starting at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton. Gage Bass is the point of contact.



# 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!

## 4-H Fashion Show Workshop

Join us on **January 7th** at the CEO to learn all about the Fashion Show! You will learn the basics to get your ready to enter the county contest and have fun completing leadership and community service with your friends. All activities will count on your fashion show paperwork. Entry forms will be available at the workshop. The workshop will take place from 1:30—4:00 pm. Please RSVP by January 2nd.

## Consumer Decision Making Practice

Consumer Decision Making practices will start promptly at 6:00 pm at the FBC 702 House in Belton on **January 8, 22, & 29**. Please contact Barbara Wood at [woodbtwice@gmail.com](mailto:woodbtwice@gmail.com) or 254-624-6507 to be added to her distribution list for this project and practice schedule.

## 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

**January 11, 18, & 25**

Contact Barbara Wood for more information.

## 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 **Thursday, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu).



# 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

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Saturday, January 12**

Learn how to create several different types of photography gifts, such as photo note cards, photo magnets, and photo transfers to wood. Photo note cards will be given to a local church as a community service project.

**Open to ALL age 4-H Photographers including clover kids** (as long as the clovers have a parent present to help guide them). Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay and learn in order to help their 4-Her replicate these activities on their own.

**Location/Time:** Bell County 4-H Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St, Belton, TX 76513, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Cost:** \$3.00 for supplies. No registration fees. Lunch will be provided (pizza)

**RSVP:** By January 9, 2019 Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com)

## PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP in DALLAS

**Sat, Mar 23, 2019**

Join us in exploring Dallas through your camera lens. Dallas has so much to offer, especially amazing architecture. Put this on your calendar – you won't want to miss out on the fun! Details to follow in the coming



# Photography Project



**21 Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer** candidates including SIX from Bell County, successfully completed their second workshop and written exam in December. Wish them luck as they advance to the practical exam phase and remaining requirements towards JMP Certification!

**Galveston Photography Field Trip Results for RECORDBOOKS:** 20 attended this 2 day field trip totaling 14 hours spent learning aquatic, ice sculpture, animal, architecture, beach and nighttime photography. It was a great time of learning and fun (good food too). Join us for future field trips!

## PORTRAIT WORKSHOP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Sat-Sun Feb 23-24, 2019 (choose one day)**

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](mailto: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

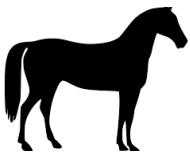
**Sunday:** 11:00-4:30

**Cost:** None. **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!**

**RSVP:** To Elizabeth Coffman, [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com), 254-718-1332 to sign up for a slot. First come, first served.



# 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.

Let Sheryl or Scarlot know if you have any questions.

## ~Poultry Exhibitors~

**San Antonio, Houston & Austin Broilers:** Pick up will be sometime in January. Look for more information from Whitney Grantham.

## Texas 4-H Dog Validation

4-H Dog projects must be validated by **January 10th** to be eligible to enter the Texas 4-H Dog Show. The Texas 4-H Dog Show takes place **July 12-14, 2019**, location TBD.

Validation instruction can be found at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17dogValidationInstructions.pdf>

## Vet Science Meeting

The next Vet Science Meeting will take place **January 9th and 23rd** at the County Extension Office. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Future meeting dates will be February 20th, March 6th, and March 20th. Contact Casey and Travis Swanson at [tswanson01@hotmail.com](mailto:tswanson01@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Wildlife Challenge Practice

Practices will take place on the following January dates:

**11 & 25** starting at 7:00 pm. at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton.

De Castillo is the point of contact.

## Project Visits

As we approach the Bell County Youth Fair and Major Stock Show season, Whitney Grantham will be available to come take a look at your projects. **Please call the Extension Office to schedule a visit.**

# BCYF Events

## BCYF Home School Eligibility

The Homeschool Eligibility deadline is January 11, 2019. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the deadline.

NO FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE OR ACCEPTED TILL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019.

Go to <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/eligibility> to fill out your form.

## BCYF Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights

Speed Events: January 21, January 28, January 31—6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Performance Events: January 22, January 29, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. & February 1—3:00 pm—9:00 pm

## BCYF Rabbit Validation

**When:** Sunday, January 6, 2019

**Where:** Bell County Expo Center

**Time:** 3:00—5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$1 per rabbit

Contact Cheri O'Braden if you have any questions.

## Commercial Steer Weigh Out

Commercial Steer Weigh Out will take place at Evans Ranch on **January 26, 2019** starting at 8 am.

Recordbooks will be due by **February 1st** to the County Extension Office by 5:00 pm.

## Carcass Swine Weigh In

Carcass Swine Weigh in for the Bell County Youth Fair will be **January 27, 2019** from 1:00—2:00 pm at the Bell County Expo Center. Swine must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 290 pounds at the time of weigh in.

## IMPORTANT BCYF Photography Dates

- All photos must be taken after March 1, 2018
- Photos will be submitted online at <http://agrilife.org/bellctyouthfair> beginning January 2, 2019 to no later than 5 p.m. on January 16, 2019.
- Make sure your photo fits the description of the category!
- READ the photography section in the catalog!
- Theme: "Promote 4-H"



# 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.

(Peewee 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.

Peewee 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.

# Important Dates

January 2019

January 3: BCYF Food Container Pick Up  
January 6: BCYF Rabbit Validation  
January 7: 4-H Fashion Show Workshop  
January 7: Ag Product ID Practice  
January 8: County Council Meeting  
January 8: Consumer Decision Making Practice  
January 9: Vet Science Meeting  
January 10: Texas 4-H Dog Show Validation  
Deadline  
January 10: MAB Finance Meeting  
January 11: BCYF Home School Eligibility Due  
January 11: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practices  
January 11: Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
Rough Draft due to Sheryl  
January 11: Wildlife Practice  
January 11: BCYF Home School Eligibilities Due  
January 14: Ag Product ID Practice  
January 15: MAB Meeting  
January 16: BCYF Photography Upload Deadline  
January 18: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practices  
January 18: Leaders 4 Life practice  
January 19: Clover Kids Meeting  
January 21: BCYF Ride Night—Speed  
January 22: BCYF Ride Night—Performance  
January 22: Consumer Decision Making Practice  
January 23: Vet Science Meeting  
January 25: Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
due on 4-H Connect  
January 25: Wildlife Practice  
January 25: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practices  
January 26: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh Out

January 27: BCYF Carcass Swine Weigh In  
January 28: BCYF Ride Night—Speed  
January 28: Ag Product ID Practice  
January 29: Consumer Decision Making Practice  
January 29: BCYF Ride Night—Performance  
January 31: BCYF Ride Night—Speed

February 2019

February 1: BCYF Commercial Steer Recordbooks  
February 1: BCYF Ride Night—Performance  
February 1: CDM & NQB Entry Forms Due  
February 8: BCYF Ag Product ID Contest  
February 11: Ag Product ID Practice  
February 20: Vet Science Meeting  
February 22: Entry deadline for Bell County  
Fashion Show Contests  
February 25: Ag Product ID Practice  
February 26: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

March 2019

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 18: Ag Product ID Practice  
March 20: Vet Science Meeting  
March 25: Ag Product ID Practice

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