

October 2022 Focus

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National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2022!

Millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating everything 4-H during National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2022! This year's national theme is Opportunity 4 All. Through the events, we hope to encourage, celebrate, and create opportunities that will enhance all young people in Bell County.

Daily Activities

We have activities for you to participate in every day of National 4-H Week!

- Role Model Monday: Write your role model a note and mail it to them.
 - Spirit Day Tuesday: Wear green and show your 4-H pride everywhere you go.
 - What's Your Why Wednesday: Spend 4 minutes in reflection of why you participate in 4-H. Share those thoughts with a friend and invite them to join 4-H!
 - Thankful Thursday: Give back to someone in your community. Do a random act of kindness, go serve at a local nursing home, take juice boxes to the local Boys and Girls Club, or just simply thank your teachers. Today is all about thankfulness!
- Find your spark Friday: Post a picture on social media of YOUR 4-H spark and tag @Texas4H!

To find resources to help celebrate National 4-H Week in your club, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/national-4-h-week/>

Hunter's Spectacular

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place **Saturday, October 22, 2022!** The live drawing will be at 11:00 am on the Bell County 4-H Facebook page.



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment began **August 15th**! All enrollment is done via the NEW 4HOnline 2.0. You can access 4HOnline 2.0 by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4HOnline icon.

A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for correct fees to be charged.

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 (excluding Clover Kids). The participant fee is \$25 if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to \$30.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

<http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/>

All volunteers who enroll will be charged \$10.00. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to re-enroll each year. Club Managers must enroll ASAP!

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

Bell County Youth Fair Eligibility

All BCYF exhibitors MUST attend **2** meetings from **August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022** to participate in the 2022 Bell County Youth Fair. Please make sure that you sign in at every club meeting you attend.

Your name must be on the sign in sheets for it to count!

All 4-H members MUST be enrolled by **December 10, 2022** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.

BCYF has a 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://agrillife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>

Academic Eligibility & Excused Absences for 4-H Competitions and Activities

To participate in any 4-H competitions, contestants must be enrolled in 4-H and academically eligible according to their school. For public/private schooled students, the Extension Office will work with those schools to obtain academic eligibility and request excused absences when appropriate. If a member is participating in a 4-H event/competition, please contact the agent advising that project area at least two week in advance of the event to communicate when the child will be missing school. All home schooled students will need to turn in an academic eligibility form by email at least one week prior to the event. Those forms can be found at <https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/eligibility/>.

Hunter Spectacular

Event Details

Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items

*Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on **Saturday, October 22nd at 11:00 am**

-Once a ticket is drawn, it will not be put back into the drawing.

*4-H members are expected to sell at least 5 tickets per member.

-\$20 tickets

*Ticket turn-in will be by Club appointment only on:

Tuesday, October 18th through Friday, October 21st

8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm -4:00pm

Clubs MUST pay with their 4-H Club check

NO MORE Silent Auction Baskets! IN PLACE OF the silent auction, we will now be having a Bonus Draw for a very nice handgun. These tickets will be \$50 per ticket and this drawing is limited to 100 tickets. The Bonus Draw will be sold only by Bell County 4-H Ambassadors.

*Each club is expected to donate \$100 to purchase the handgun for the Bonus Draw. This takes place of the \$100 basket donation or purchasing the items for your club's silent auction basket(s).

*Deadline for \$100 donation – September 30, 2022

*Bell County 4-H Ambassadors are expected to sell at least 5 tickets to the Bonus Draw before selling tickets for the main Hunter Spectacular drawing.

Each club needs to recruit at least one \$200 sponsor for this event. Feel free to get more!

4-H Club Incentives

We want to continue to incentivize member participation. In that effort, each Club that meets the 3 requirements listed below will earn a 10% kickback.

1. 100% ticket sales based on enrollment from last year based on each member selling 3 tickets.
2. Donate \$100 to the Bonus Draw side raffle.
3. Recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor

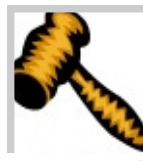
For example: if your club is given 100 tickets to sell based on last year's membership, you will receive the 10% kickback if you sell those 100 tickets, recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor, and donate \$100 to the Bonus Draw side raffle.

4-H Member Incentives

NEW this year! The 4-H member with the highest number of ticket sales, will get \$100 cash! This does not include tickets sales from the Bonus Draw (Ambassadors only). Make sure to complete the "sold by" portion on your tickets to get credit! Club Managers will have to keep track of this and share with the Extension Office on their club's highest seller and the number of tickets they sold.



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting Dates

Dates and programs have been set for the 2021-2022 Bell County Council meetings. These meetings will take place at the Bell County Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm.

Date	Meeting Program	Community Service Projects
November 14	Mock Contests	Toy Drive
January 18	Mobile Veterinary	Animal Shelter Donations
March 27	State Ambassadors	Ronald McDonald House Donations
May 10	Council Officer Elections	Canned Food Drive

NEW Toy Drive for McLane's Children Hospital

Our November community service project will be collecting new toys (with original tags and still in the packaging) for McLane's Children Hospital. . They are mainly lacking in toys for the infants/toddlers and teenager age groups. They of course will accept anything in between.

County Council Meeting

Date: November 14, 2022 **Where:** Bell CEO **Time:** 6:30 PM

The council delegate and the president of each club are the two representatives who will serve as voting delegates on the Bell County 4-H County Council. These two representatives are encouraged to attend all council meetings. All 4-H members are welcome! Council meetings are a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities.

The program for the evening will be a Mock 4-H Contests. Come learn about all the fun and interesting contests that 4-H and Bell County 4-H has to offer! This will be a quick and general overview but feel free to check out each of these contest practices to learn more!

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board FINANCE Meeting

When: November 16, 2022

Where: CEO

Time: 5:15 pm

This will be our annual finance meeting to discuss amendments to the Annual Initial Budget.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: November 16, 2022

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



Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices will take place at **6:00 pm** at the CEO on the following dates:
October 6th, 13th, 27th **November** 10th, 17th **December** 1st

Upcoming Contests:

State Fair: October 1st - registration closed

HOT: October 8th - registration closed

Milam County: October 10th - registration NOW OPEN THRU 10/3

District: December 15th - registration not yet open

Please contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293 or guajeman1@gmail.com for more information.

4-H Recordbook Workshop

In an effort to help our youth be more successful and start a little earlier on their recordbooks, we will host a record book learning series, once a month, beginning at the end of this month through December. Record books will be broken into 4 parts and each session will cover a different topic. Sessions will be recorded and posted to our website. Families can sign up at the link below. In this registration form, they also have the option to sign up for helpful tips to be sent to them through the spring. These will go only to those who are registered. I have included the graphic for you to use in your newsletters and on your social media.

Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/b3GY8dVwfm5oRDQp8>

Session 2: Gathering project, leadership, & community service experiences, **October 20, 6:30**

Session 3: What about the other sections (awards, outside 4-H, & college & career), **November 17th, 6:30**

Session 4: Let's write your story & put on the finishing touches, **December 8th, 6:30**



Upcoming Events



Tractor Supply Fall Clover Sale Campaign

Dates: October 5 - 16, 2022

Volunteers are needed to sell Clovers for the Fall Clover Sale Campaign at the Temple, Belton, and Killeen locations. Sign up for as often as you can make it during the stores' regular business hours.

This provides leadership at the county, state, and national level. The majority of the money raised comes right back to the county 4-H program.

Clover Kids

2022

October 15
November 19

2023

January 21
February 6-8—Bell County Youth Fair
February 8—Clover Kids Fair
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17—Summer Camp
July 7—Clover Kids Recordbook Deadline

For More information, contact Dawn Brown at bc4h-cloverkids@yahoo.com.

Meat Judging

Meat Judging is a competitive event where you learn to grade and evaluate carcasses and identify retail cuts of beef, pork, and lamb.

We will practice Monday nights at the Bell County Extension Office from 5:30-6:45 pm

October Practices: 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

*An extra Saturday practice on October 29th at the A&M campus. Details to come.

Please contact Leslie Brown at lescbrown@yahoo.com for more information.

Shooting Sports Coach Training

The District 8 4-H will be hosting a Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training for Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, & Western Heritage in Stephenville on **November 12-13, 2022**.

- Registration will be conducted through 4-H Online. **October 10 and run through October 28, 2022**
- Cost is \$125 per person. Registration will cover meals, snacks, and course materials.
- Look for 2022 D8 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certification (Stephenville) (Open state-wide)
- Only one discipline certification is obtainable per participant per training.

Participants MUST have completed and passed the Background Check PRIOR to registering for the event, so if they have not completed this, they should do so IMMEDIATELY! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Visit the website to view more details (including lodging information):

<https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/shooting-sports-coaches-training/>



FCH Project News



Food Challenge Practices

This year Food Challenge Practices will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays, approximately every other week. Pick the day that works best for you, and then that is the day you will continue to come for the remainder of this year. This is for 3rd grade-12th grade 4-H members. Food Challenge is a team event similar to the show Chopped.

Practices will usually be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Belton. Enter through the north side of the church. Practices will be approximately 6:00-8:00 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

October 10, 11, 24, 25

November 1, 7, 14, 15, 28, 29

December 5, 6, 12, 13

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or text 254-624-6507.

FCH Quiz Bowl

FCH Quiz Bowl is a 4-person team event that uses lock-out buzzers. Questions and strategy is practiced. Questions include a wide variety of material such as Food Terms, Food Preparation, Vitamins & Minerals, Diseases, MyPlate, E-Cigarettes, Dietary Guidelines, etc. Practices last about one hour and will be held normally on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. every other week at the County Extension Office.

This is for 3rd-12th grade 4-H members.

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

December 2

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or text 254-624-6507.

Leaders 4 Life

Leaders 4 Life is a 4-6 person team event that teaches parliamentary procedure and demonstrates mock meetings. Practices will be on Fridays every other week from 7-8 p.m. normally at the County Extension Office. Alternate Service Learning Dates will be scheduled for L4L.

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

December 2

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or text 254-624-6507.

Food Show/ Food Challenge Contest

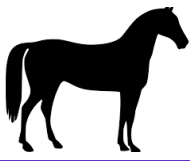
Date: November 9, 2022 **Time:** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (approximate)

Entry Forms are due on October 28, 2022 to the CEO!

Location: Bell County Extension Office

The entry form can be located on the 4-H website along with the informational websites, score sheets and required forms to be submitted (Food Show entries). It is not too late to do food related community service projects for your food and nutrition project area. Please note on the entry form that the coach for the Food Challenge Teams completes the entry section for those teams. Judging schedules will be sent to those entered.

If you have questions, contact the Bell County Extension Office.



Livestock Project News



Bell County 4-H Livestock Page

Exhibitors and their families can always find the latest Livestock Project information at:

<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

Fall Validation Dates

BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goats: October 18th and 25th; Bell County EXPO; 4:00 - 7:00 PM

BCYF/Major Show Heifers: October 24th; Bell County EXPO; 4:00 - 7:00 PM

BCYF/Major Show Swine: November 21st and 22nd; Bell County EXPO; 4:00 - 7:00 PM

**** A parent of the exhibitor must be present during major show validation.** If there is a conflict, please notify Whitney Ingram in advance so additional paperwork can be filled out prior to validation.**

Registered Breeding Sheep & Goat Exhibitors: The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration is October 1, 2022. A color PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

Registered Heifer Exhibitors: The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration for Registered Breeding Heifers is October 31, 2022. A color PDF copy of the original registration papers must be emailed to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

Registered Gilt Exhibitors: The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration for Registered Breeding Gilts is November 30, 2022. A color PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 5th-6th, 2022

This will be the 31st annual Holiday Classic! This show is completely FREE for exhibitors and their families. There will be high quality educational clinics, great food, and awesome giveaways as always!

Major Show Entry Forms Deadline

The Bell County 4-H Major Show Entry Deadline is **November 7th!**

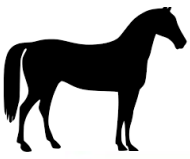
We will be open from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM on November 7th to accept entry forms. All required paperwork must be filled out completely and turned in with original signatures before the deadline. Emailed forms will not be accepted. Entries without payment will not be accepted. Exact cash or checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition. If you would like to pay by credit card, a 3% fee will be added to cover service charges.

As entry forms are released from the shows, a PDF version will be posted at <https://agrillife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>. You may fill and print the PDF versions at home. Also, paper copies of the entry forms will also be available at the Bell County Extension Office.

To ensure that all entries from Bell County 4-H are processed and checked thoroughly,
no entries will be accepted after the November 7th deadline!

Changes to 2022-2023 Texas 4-H & FFA Livestock Project Ethics Policy

Please read the **updated 2022-2023 Texas 4-H and FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy**. This policy has new and enhanced verbiage throughout the document. Please pay special attention to the NEW section of Rule #3 with changes in regards to housing and care for livestock projects.



Livestock Project News



Bell 4-H Horse Club October Events



<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Drill Team practice	10/11/22	6pm	Temple Longhorn Riding Club (Temple)
Club Meeting	10/15/22	9am	Temple Longhorn Riding Club (Temple)
Service Project	10/15/22	3pm	Armstrong Community Center (Belton)
Horse Judging practice	10/18/22	6pm	American Legion Post #55 (Belton)
Horse Quiz Bowl practice	10/18/22	7pm	American Legion Post #55 (Belton)
Record Book Training	10/20/22	6:30pm	Online - Microsoft teams
Drill Team Tryout	10/25/22	6pm	3C Cowboy Church Arena (Salado)

Bell County Youth Fair

February 3-11, 2023

Bell County Youth Fair Eligibility

Club Managers, 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.

- BCYF has a 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. Your name MUST be on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022** 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 10, 2022** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.

Other Important Information

The 2023 Fair Book will be posted soon. Visit the BCYF website at <https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/> for more information on entries, rules, judges, and more.

Make sure you are giving your Club Manager a good phone number and email to reach you. You will miss important information and deadlines if you don't check your emails!

Important Dates

Roaster Orders Due	October 14, 2022	5:00 PM
Online Entries Open	October 17, 2022	8:00 AM
Validate Lambs & Goats	October 18 & 25, 2022	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Validate Heifers	October 24, 2022	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Broiler Orders Due	November 4, 2022	5:00 PM
Turkey Pick Up (Tentatively)	November 9, 2022	
Validate Swine	November 21 & 22, 2022	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Online Entry Deadline	December 1, 2022	5:00 PM
Pick Up Roasters	December 9, 2022	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Pick Up Broilers	January 6, 2023	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Rabbits Validation	January 9, 2023	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Weigh Out Commercial Steers	January 28, 2023	8:00 AM
Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due	February 3, 2023	5:00 PM

Bell County Youth Fair

February 3-11, 2023

Save the Date: BCYF Validation Dates

County only tags for sheep, goats, and swine will be purchased on-site for \$5.00 the night of validation.

BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation: **October 18th and 25th**

BCYF/Major Show Heifer Validation: **October 24th**

BCYF/Major Show Swine Validation: **November 21st and 22nd**

BCYF Unregistered Heifer Paperwork Available

COST: \$5 per Heifer due at time of validation

VALIDATION: Monday, October 24th, 4:00-7:00 PM, Bell County EXPO

To validate heifers for the BCYF Unregistered division, please request forms from Cheri.OBraden@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation and return completed paperwork at validation. County only tags for unregistered heifers will be purchased on-site for \$5.00 the night of validation.

BCYF Poultry Orders

Roaster orders due **October 14th, 2022.**

Broiler Orders are due **October November 4th, 2022**

Order forms are posted on the BCYF website <https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>. Forms and payment are due to the Bell County Extension Office by 5:00 PM on the respective due dates.

BCYF Entries

Entries will open on **October 17th, 2022 at 8:00 AM.** All exhibitors must submit their entries online by **December 1st, 2022 at 5:00 PM.** For more information and to access the entry link, please visit the BCYF website <https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>.

Important Dates

October 2022

November 2022

October 6: Ag Product Id Practice
October 7: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
October 7: L4L Practice
October 9: Heart O' Texas Livestock Judging Contest
October 10: Food Challenge Practices
October 10: State Fair of Texas Livestock Judging Contest
October 11: Food Challenge Practices
October 13: Ag Product Id Practice
October 14: BCYF Roaster Orders Due
October 17: BCYF Entry Website Opens
October 18: BCYF & Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation
October 18-21: HS Ticket Turn -In: Club Managers Only
October 20: Recordbook Workshop, Online
October 21: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
October 21: L4L Practice
October 21: Brazos County Livestock Judging Contest
October 22: Hunter's Spectacular Live Draw
October 24: BCYF & State Heifer Validation
October 24: Food Challenge Practices
October 25: BCYF & Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation
October 25: Food Challenge Practices
October 27: Ag Product Id Practice
October 28: BC Food Show & Food Challenge Entry Due
October 31: Last to enroll in 4-H at discounted rate

November 1: Food Challenge Practices
November 4: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
November 4: L4L Practice
November 4: BCYF Broiler Orders Due
November 5 & 6: Holiday Classic Clinic & Jackpot Show
November 7: Major Show Livestock/Contest Entries Due
November 7: Food Challenge Practices
November 9: BC Food Show & Food Challenge Contest
November 10: Ag Product Id Practice
November 14: County Council Meeting
November 14: HS Wrap Up Meeting
November 14: Food Challenge Practices
November 15: Food Challenge Practices
November 16: MAB Finance Meeting, 5:15 pm
November 16: MAB Meeting, 6:00 pm
November 17: Ag Product Id Practice
November 17: Recordbook Workshop, Online
November 18: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
November 18: L4L Practice
November 21: BCYF & Major Show Swine Validation
November 22: BCYF & Major Show Swine Validation
November 28: Food Challenge Practices
November 29: Food Challenge Practices

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