

September 2022 Focus

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser
will take place **Saturday, October
22, 2022!** More information in-
side the newsletter!



4-H is for YOU!
4-H is for FUN!

Log on to

www.v2.4honline.com

OPEN HOUSE

September 13, 2022

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Bell County EXPO!

Assembly Hall

Belton, Texas

The new 4-H year begins

September 1st!

All new and former 4-H members
must enroll online each year to
participate in 4-H!

**For more information, visit
our website:**

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



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **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
September 21	Club Officer Training	VA Blankets
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

Blanket Collection Drive for the VA Hospital

Bring any NEW and unused blanket to the next County Council Meeting. These blankets will stay local and will be donated to the local VA Hospital in Temple for their patients to utilize.

County Council Meeting

Date: September 21, 2022

Location: Extension Office **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 Club Officer Training. It is designed to help presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, reporters, historians, and any other club officers understand their role as an officer, the importance of teamwork, and how they can work to make their club more successful!

Hope to see everyone at the September meeting!



Upcoming Events



4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 13th from 5:00—8:00 pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. Spread the word!

Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices will take place at 6:00 pm at the CEO on the following dates:

September 9th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

October 6th, 13th, 27th

November 10th, 17th

December 1st

Registration is closed for both the HOT and State Fair contests. Registration information for the District contest to be held in December is forthcoming.

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

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

September Practices 12th, 19th, and 26th

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

There is an opportunity to attend an invitational contest on November 5th at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Two contest times available: 7:30 am or 1:00 pm We are leaning toward the 1:00 pm start time and staying Saturday night in Lubbock.

Registration is already open. It is \$20. This contest will not be broken by age divisions. Transportation and lodging will not be provided by 4-H. Notify Leslie Brown at lescrown@yahoo.com by SEPTEMBER 19TH to register.

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.

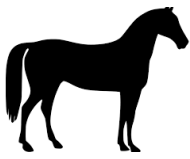
Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/b3GY8dVwfm5oRDQp8>

Session 1: Getting Started & other beginning basics-**September 22nd, 6:30**

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**



Livestock Project News



2023 Major Show Tag Order Deadlines & Fall Validation Dates

Major Show Swine Tag Orders and Heifer Barcode Orders: **Due Monday, September 26th**

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**

There are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

To order online and pay by credit card, visit: <https://bell-livestock-coalition.square.site/>

To order in person and pay with exact cash or check, an order form will be available at the CEO. Checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition.

Tag fees will increase by \$5/tag if placed after the above deadlines, if tags are available.

Bell County Lamb and Goat Clinic

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Bell County EXPO Exposition Building

FREE - Open to all 4-H/FFA families!

Please RSVP to the Bell County Extension Office
at (254) 933-5305 or

email Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu.

Tell us your name, number attending, and club/
chapter. We invite you to join us
with or without your project! Let us know
if you would like to reserve a pen.

5:30 PM: Registration & Meal

Sausage wraps, chips, cookies, and drinks
Grab handouts, resources, ask questions

6:00 PM: Show Goat Daily Care, Bryson Williams

Feeding, health, exercise, and more

Show Lamb Daily Care, Lochie Hosch

Feeding, health, exercise, and more

7:00 PM: Showmanship Practice

How to train your project for the showing

7:30 PM: Door Prize Drawings

Andis clippers, leg wraps, halters, and more

2022-2023 Stock Show Updates from all major shows have been posted on the Bell County 4-H Livestock page!

If you are ready to mark your calendars, book hotels, and take note of important rule changes, please review the 2022-2023 Major Stock Show updates. Exhibitors and their families can always find the latest livestock project information at: <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

Horse Club News

(tryouts=come try us out and see what its about)

9/5/22— 6-8pm: Drill Team tryouts - TLRC arena (Temple)

9/10/22— 9-11am: Club Meeting - TLRC arena (Temple)

9/12/22— 6-8pm: Drill Team tryouts - 3C arena (Salado)

9/13/22— 5:30-7pm: 4h Open House - Expo (Belton)

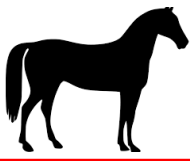
9/19/22— 6-8pm: Drill Team tryouts - TLRC arena (Temple)

9/20/22— 6-7pm: Horse Judging tryouts - Armstrong Community Center (Belton)

9/20/22— 7-8pm: Horse Quiz Bowl tryouts - Armstrong Community Center (Belton)

9/24/22— 8am-?: Club Barrel Jackpot - 3C arena (Salado)

9/26/22— 6-8pm: Drill Team tryouts - 3C arena (Salado)



BCYF Project News



BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh In
September 10, 2022
8:00 AM
Evan's Ranch, Little-River Academy

Steers will be tagged. It is recommended (not required) that steers weigh at least 650 to 700 pounds at the initial weigh-in. Steers weighing below 1000 pounds at the final weigh-in will have points discounted. This will be the only day for entering steers. Steers being fed for the Commercial Steer Show must be weaned. Nurse cows are not permitted. If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Ingram at (254) 933-5305.

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/bellctyouthfair/>. 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/bellctyouthfair/>.

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**

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!
Central Texas State Fair: September 2nd-4th, 2022
Lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows will take place on Saturday and the swine jackpot show will take place on Sunday. A flyer with more information is posted on our Bell County 4-H Livestock page and Bell County 4-H Facebook page. Please share this information with your friends!

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! If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of this event to help keep it FREE for attendees, please contact Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu for a sponsorship form!



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:

September 6, 12, 26, 27

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.

September 9, 23

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.

September 9, 23

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

December 2

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

Important Dates

September 2022

October 2022

September 1: Start enrollment online
September 2-4: Central Texas State Fair
September 6: Food Challenge Practices
September 9: Ag Product Id Practice
September 9: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
September 9: L4L Practice
September 10: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh In
September 12: Meat Judging Practice
September 12: Food Challenge Practices
September 13: Open House
September 15: Ag Product Id Practice
September 19: Meat Judging Practice
September 21: County Council Meeting
September 20: BC Lamb & Goat Clinic
September 22: Ag Product Id Practice
September 22: Recordbook Workshop, Online
September 23: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
September 23: L4L Practice
September 26: Meat Judging Practice
September 26: Food Challenge Practices
September 26: Major Show Swine Tag Order Deadline
September 27: Food Challenge Practices
September 29: Ag Product Id Practice
September 30: HS Bonus Draw Donation Deadline

October 6: Ag Product Id Practice
October 7: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
October 7: L4L Practice
October 10: Food Challenge Practices
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 Sheep & 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 22: Hunter's Spectacular Live Draw
October 24: BCYF & State Heifer Validation
October 24: Food Challenge Practices
October 25: BCYF & Major Show Heifer Validation
October 25: Food Challenge Practices
October 27: Ag Product Id Practice
October 31: Last to enroll in 4-H at discounted rate

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