

# May 2023 Focus

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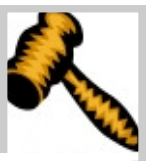
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# County Council & Ambassadors



## County Council Meeting Dates

Dates and programs have been set for the 2022- 2023 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
May 10	Council Officer Elections	Canned Food Drive

## County Council Meeting

**Date:** May 10, 2023

**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!

The program for the evening will be 2023-2024 Officer Elections!  
The community service project will be a canned food drive.

## 2023-2024 County Council Elections

Council Officer Election process will consist of 3 parts:

1. 2 minute speech in front of voting delegates
2. Vote by voting delegates
3. 5 minute interview in front of panel of judges

## 2023-2024 Bell County 4-H Ambassadors Applications

The 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H Program. They help older youth develop leadership and communication skills, help the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program, and recruit new members from diverse backgrounds. Bell County 4-H Members must meet the following requirements to be considered for selection as a Bell County 4-H Ambassador: Be at least 14 years of age as of August 31st on the year of application. **Submit a complete application, due on June 2, 2023.** A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.

### RENEWAL OF AMBASSADORS:

Meet all activity requirements and minimum points by the **application deadline, June 2, 2023**, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal. (Recordbook is also a requirement and is due **June 2, 2023**)

Please turn in point sheets with renewal application!

For applications go to: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/ambassadors/>

# *4-H Club Managers & Volunteers*

## **Membership Advisory Board FINANCE Meeting**

**When:** May 11, 2023

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 5:15 pm

We will discuss any needed amendments to the budget and red line items.

## **Membership Advisory Board Meeting**

**When:** May 11, 2023

**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.

## **Hunter's Spectacular Planning Meeting**

We will have our next Hunter's Spectacular planning meeting on **Thursday, June 1st** starting at 6:00 pm at the Bell County CEO. Please come help us get the ball rolling on this event!

For more information, contact Sheryl Long at [Sheryl.long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.long@ag.tamu.edu)



# *Leadership Opportunities*



## **District 8 4-H Council**

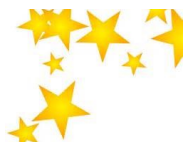
The District 8 4-H Youth Development Program provides District 8 4-H Council officers many opportunities to be ambassadors for the 4-H program, practice and share their leadership skills, and assist in making District 8 4-H events run smoothly. District 8 4-H Council members are held to a high standard of excellence which should be demonstrated by participation in the scheduled events and activities.

To be eligible to run for a District 8 4-H Council Office, 4-H members must meet the following requirements:

- Must have attended a prior District 4-H SURGE (Leadership Lab).
  - Must attend 2023 District 8 4-H SURGE.
  - Must have completed at least the 9th grade.
- Review the D8 4-H Council Standing Rules at <http://agrillife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council>.

Applications can be found on 4-H online and are due by **Friday, May 19, 2023** (Opens on Monday, May 1, 2023)

For all the details, dates, and deadlines, visit: <https://agrillife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/>



# Awards



## ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Bell County 4-H volunteer leaders and Bell County 4-H County Council will solicit nominations and vote to select two individuals to be recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for “Distinguished Service.” One will be chosen by the MAB and one chosen by 4-H members. 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

**OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD-** The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE June 2, 2023!** The essay should include the following:

Name of Person Making Nomination

Leader Nominated

Date

Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?

What does this leader do that is outstanding?

How has this leader helped you?

How has this leader helped others?

Nominations should be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

## Bell County 4-H Awards

All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications by **June 2, 2023**. Record books for county competition will be due on **June 2, 2023**.

### Awards age based on 4-H Grade as of August 31, 2022

Graduating seniors for the 2022 year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application.

Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/>

## 4-H Award Interviews

**When:** TBD in June **Where:** CEO

We will schedule interview times for those members that applied to receive an award. Interviews will take place before 5:00 pm.



# Upcoming Events



## Bell County Record Books

**Due:** June 2, 2023 to the CEO

**Where:** CEO by 5pm

If you would like Sheryl to review your recordbook BEFORE the June 2nd FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP. We will trade record books with Williamson counties on **June 14th** for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging Williamson County books in Bell County while they judge our books in Williamson County.

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 6th** in Hill County.

## 2023 Scholarships Available!

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—**May 18**

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

## Texas 4-H Round Up

Monday, June 5 – Thursday, June 8, 2023, College Station, TX

SENIOR aged 4-H members! We need you to enter the Texas 4-H Round Up ASAP! You must register your child and yourself by **May 10, 2023**. **We will not register for you!** Registration takes place on 4-H Connect at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Make sure you communicate with any of your team members and myself on whether or not your qualified team wants to participate at state.

### May 10: Bell County 4-H Deadline to register!

- \* **Contestant All-Inclusive:** \$120.00 (Monday – Thursday)
- \* **Contestant Day Pass:** \$50 (SINGLE DAY ONLY)
- \* **Adult Volunteer:** \$75 (Monday – Thursday)
- \* **Adult Volunteer:** \$30 (SINGLE DAY ONLY)
- \* **Scholars Day Pass:** \$15 (access to workshops, Trade Show plus any pre-post Assembly events for a SINGLE DAY ONLY) \*Deadline for Scholar Day Pass will be announced once we know when the Scholars will be notified.
- \* Scholarship recipients will be recognized on stage each evening as a collective group by Districts. Each scholars name will be announced within their District groups. Certificate recognition and photos will be done through the respective scholarship banquet.
- \* Commemorative t-shirts will be on sale through a separate online system. T-shirts are not able to be purchased with registration on 4HOnline. Cost is \$15.00
- \* Parking passes must be purchased online direct from transportation services. <https://transport.tamu.edu/Parking/Events/annual.aspx>
- \* **THANK YOU NOTES** All Texas 4-H Roundup contestants are encouraged to bring thank you notes with them for their contest and general Roundup sponsors. All thank you notes will be turned in prior to their competition. All thank you notes should be thanking the donor(s) for their continued support of the respective contest or Texas 4-H Roundup event.

Call or e-mail Sheryl Long with any questions.

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# Upcoming Events



## Clover Kids

**2023**

May 20

June 17—Summer Camp

July 7—Clover Kids Recordbook Deadline

For More information, contact Dawn Brown at  
bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com.

Check out the Clover Kid page for more information on upcoming events!

<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/clover-kids/>

## Ag Product ID

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

**May 4th, 11th, 25th, and 31st**

Registration for Texas 4-H Round-Up is open through 4-H Online. You will need to register by **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. As before the contest is only open to senior level participants - 9th through 12th grade.

More information is posted here: [Texas 4-H Roundup \(texas4hroundup.blogspot.com\)](https://texas4hroundup.blogspot.com).



# FCH Project News



## 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

**Date:** May 22, 2023

**Where:** Bell CEO

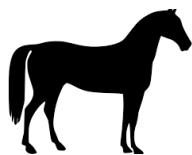
**Time:** 6:00 PM

We will be planning our FCH summer programs! Come with ideas and dates!

## Quilting Workshop

Mary Ann Everett and the Wildflower Quilt Guild will be presenting a Quilting Workshop on **June 26 & 27** from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There will be no charge for this workshop. Participants will learn how to consistently sew a 1/4" seam, how to press, how to match seams to seams and how to apply binding.

RSVP to the CEO by June 19th.



# Livestock Project News



## Bell County 4-H Livestock Page

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

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

## 2024 Bell County Youth Fair & Major Livestock Show Turkeys

**Order Deadline: June 1st, 2023**

**Cost:** \$4.75 per bird; min order of 5, max of 75 birds per family unit/exhibitor

Turkeys will be straight-run (toms and hens randomly mixed).

Each exhibitor may order an individual set of birds OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. Major show birds may also be used for the county show.

Estimated pick up is November 7-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Ingram at (254) 933-5305.

## June Livestock Validation Tag Order Information & Changes for 2023

**Steer & Heifer Validation: Monday, June 19 from 7:00–10:00 AM & 4:00–6:00 PM at the Bell County EXPO**

**REGISTERED HEIFERS:** The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration for Registered Breeding Heifers is June 30, 2023. A color, PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher by June 30, 2023.

**\*\*NEW\*\* FOR 2023** All state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. This will bring our heifer validation program in line with breeding sheep, breeding goats, and breeding gilts.

1. Heifers already validated do NOT have to be revalidated or have a tag. Heifers ONLY need to be revalidated if they change breed or ownership.
2. If your heifer has a previously existing 840 premise ID tag, there will be retag form/process, in coordination with TAHC, to remove the tag and replace with an official Texas Validation 840 tag. More information will be forthcoming on the official process and form for doing so.

**State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair Swine Validation: By appointment at the exhibitor or school barn**

All Registered and Commercial Gilts must be validated for the State Fair of Texas and Heart O' Texas Fair.

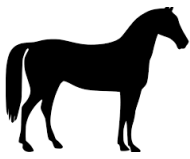
**REGISTERED GILTS:** The date of ownership, transfer, and registration must all be on or before June 30, 2023. A color, PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher by June 30, 2023.

**State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Validation: Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM–5:00 PM at the Extension Office**

**\*\*NEW\*\* FOR 2023** Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period will be eligible for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project must stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor must revalidate the project within the next validation period. Please see the Validation Guidelines for more details.

**BREEDING SHEEP & GOATS:** All Registered and Commercial Breeding Sheep and Goats must be validated to be eligible to show at the State Fair of Texas. Once validated, Breeding Sheep and Goat projects will be eligible for 3 years unless a change in ownership occurs. The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration is June 30, 2023. A color, PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to [Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu) by June 30, 2023.

If you are still in need of validation tags, please contact [Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu) prior to validation.



# *Livestock Project News*



## **4-H Horse Club Events**

- May 1** —D8 Horse Show registration opens online  
**May 2**— Drill Team practice (guads) — TLRC, 6:00 pm  
**May 9**—Drill Team practice (freestyle/precision) — 3C, 6:00 pm  
**May 16**—Drill Team practice (ALL) — 3C, 6:00 pm  
**May 19**—D8 Horse Show registration DEADLINE  
**May 23**—Club Meeting— TLRC, 6:00 pm  
**May 26-28**—SHTX Fundraiser (signup genius) - Expo  
**May 30**—Drill Team practice (ALL) — TLRC, 6:00 pm

## **District 8 4-H Horse Show**

**Date:** June 12-13, 2023      **Location:** Bell County Expo  
**Entry Deadline:** May 19, 2023 on 4-H Online      **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.

Stalls are available at an estimated \$20.00 per night on a first-come first-serve basis. **Stall fees will be paid to the Expo Center staff at time of arrival. Stalls will not be available on Sunday. Stalls will be available starting at 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023.**

Contact Sheryl or Whitney if you have any questions.  
<http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/horse-show/>





# Summer Fun Activities



## District 8 Leadership Lab (Surge)

### **SURGE:**

**What it is?** SURGE is our Leadership Lab camp. This camp is designed for our Senior aged youth. 4-H members who have completed at least the 8th grade at the time of SURGE may participate. The registration fee covers 3 nights of lodging, all meals, program activities, insurance, curriculum, and T-shirts. The attire is school appropriate (casual). Each evening there is a dance and many kids want to dress up. However, there are kids who wear summer clothes and each night is a theme dance so costumes are permitted. This camp is hosted by the District 8 Council Officer team. We will also elect our new slate of officers at this camp.

### **Other Details:**

**When:** June 21-23, 2023

**Where:** Camp Buckner, Burnet, TX

**Registration Deadline:** May 19, 2023

**Cost per student:** \$250 (all participants must have completed the 8th grade to attend)

**Cost per adult:** \$200

**Service Project:** We will again collect new socks and shoes for the families that Buckner International works with. These items will be left at the camp for the missionaries to take as needed. Items needed: kids socks, kids shoes, kids underwear (all sizes in all things)

## Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps @ Brownwood

County Camp I	June 25-29	\$300/Y, \$160/A
Horizons Camp I	July 2-6	\$300/Y, \$160/A
Horizons Camp II	June 26-29	\$300/Y, \$160/A
County Camp II	July 9-13	\$300/Y, \$160/A
Prime Time I	July 16-19	\$250/Y, \$135/A
High Adventure Camp	June 18-20	\$200/Y, \$115/A
Prime Time II	July 19-22	\$250/Y, \$135/A

To register, go to [Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu](https://Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu) website "Camps" page and click on REGISTER NOW button.

- 3rd Grade and up
  - All camp enrollment based on grade in 2022-2023 school year
  - 4-H membership is NOT required
  - Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount
  - Late fee \$50
  - All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.
- . The Bell County 4-H program WILL NOT be providing chaperones for any of the camps listed above. If your child wants to attend camp, either the parent or another approved 4-H volunteer must attend with the child.**

# Important Dates

May 2023

June 2023

**May 1:** 4-H Horse Validation deadline

**May 1:** TX 4-H Water Ambassador Deadline

**May 4:** Ag Product Id Practice

**May 10:** TX 4-H Round Up Entry Deadline s

**May 10:** County Council Meeting/Officer Elections

**May 11:** MAB Finance Meeting

**May 11:** MAB Meeting

**May 11:** Ag Product Id Practice

**May 18:** D8 TAE4-HA Scholarship Due

**May 19:** D8 Council Officer Application Due

**May 19:** D8 Surge Deadline

**May 19:** D8 Horse Show Entry Deadline

**May 20:** Clover Kid Meeting

**May 22:** 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

**May 25:** Ag Product Id Practice

**May 31:** Ag Product Id Practice

**June 1:** Hunter's Spectacular Planning Meeting

**June 1:** BCYF & Major Show Turkey Order Deadline

**June 2:** BC 4-H Recordbooks Due

**June 2:** Adult Leader Awards Due

**June 2:** BC 4-H Award Applications Due

**June 3:** BC 4-H Ambassador Applications Due

**June 12-13:** D8 Horse Show, Belton

**June 15:** State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation

**June 17:** Clover Kids Summer Camp

**June 19:** BCYF & Major Show Steer/Heifer Validation

**June 21-23:** D8 Leadership Lab (Surge), Burnet

**June 26:** Quilting Workshop

**June 27:** Quilting Workshop

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