

July 2023 Focus

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser
will take place **Saturday, October
28, 2023!** More information
inside the newsletter!

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for
Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the
Bell County Expo Special Events
Room. We will need pictures for
the 4-H slideshow. Please send any
pictures from your club activities
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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Officer Training

The Mandatory County Council Officer Training will take place **Tuesday, July 18th!** This will be at the Bell CEO from 9:00 am—11:00 am. Bring your calendar and community service ideas. There is not a good date that works for everyone so if you are unable to attend, email Shery Long with Community Service ideas and speaker ideas.

Bell County Ambassador Training

The Mandatory Bell County 4-H Ambassador Training will take place **Tuesday, July 18th!** This will be at the Bell CEO from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. There is not a good date that works for everyone so if you are unable to attend, email Shery Long with any new ideas or changes for the Ambassador Handbook.

Sheryl will provide lunch for the ambassador training and those that are involved in both County Council and Ambassadors.

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: August 24, 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.

Upcoming Events

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

When: August 12, 2023

Where: Bell County Expo Center, Special Events Room

Theme: Vegas

Time: 10:00 am

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Saturday, August 12, 2023** at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the General 4-H slideshow. Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.



Please RSVP to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu NO LATER THAN July 22nd!

Clover Kids Recordbooks

Due to the County Extension Office by: **July 14, 2023**, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Recordbook information is on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website:

Guidelines

Journal Pages

Meeting Information Pages

For questions, please contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com

4-H Open House

SAVE THE DATE! The Bell County 4-H Open House is set for **Wednesday, September 13th** at the Bell County Expo Center, Assembly Hall. I will establish a planning meeting to get the ball rolling on this event. Please send me your ideas if you have any!

Ag Product Id

It's time to mark your calendar for the fall contests:

State Fair (Dallas): September 29th

Heart of Texas (Waco): October 7th

Practices will resume sometime in August so watch for dates and times in the newsletter.

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



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/>

2023 State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair Entry Deadline

Entry forms for both shows are due to the CEO in **August! Specific date TBD.**

Entry forms for the above shows will be available at the CEO and posted online starting August 1st. Please submit appropriate paperwork with payment for all entries. Exact cash or checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition. If you would like to pay by Credit Card, Whitney can send you an invoice. Please note that all Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee.

When filling out your entry forms for statewide shows, please use **Bell County 4-H** rather than your specific club name. If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu.

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Central Texas State Fair: September 2nd - 3rd, 2023

On Saturday, we will host our lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows. On Sunday, we will host a swine jackpot show. A flyer with more information is coming soon!

Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 4th - 5th, 2023

This will be the 32nd annual Holiday Classic! Remember, 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 let us know!

4-H Horse Club Events

7/1-7/3—Drill Team PRCA Rodeo Performance, Belton

7/4—Belton 4th of July Parade, Belton

7/4—Drill Team Raffle Drawing

7/11—Drill Team Practice (ALL), TLRC

7/13-7/15—Drill Team Competition (ALL), Belton

7/18—Drill Team Practice (ALL), 3C

7/23-7/28—State 4-H Horse Show, College Station



Summer Fun Activities



Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps @ Brownwood

Horizons Camp I	July 2-6	\$300/Y, \$160/A
County Camp II	July 9-13	\$300/Y, \$160/A
Prime Time I	July 16-19	\$250/Y, \$135/A
Prime Time II	July 19-22	\$250/Y, \$135/A

To register, go to 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
- 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.**

Summer Sewing Series

Embroidery Workshop

When: July 10-11

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Limited to 10 participants. 8-19 year olds welcome. Email your RSVP by June 29th to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu.

Shorts 4 Boys & Skirts 4 Girls

When: July 14

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 1:00 —5:00 pm

Limited to 12 participants. 8-10 year olds welcome if a parent is present. Bring 2 yards (45" wide) of cotton fabric to make a craft. \$5 supply fee collected at the door. Email your RSVP by July 7th to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu.

Summer Clothing Blast

When: July 7

Where: Bell CEO Meeting Room

This event has been CANCELED!



Summer Fun Activities



Cake & Cookie Workshops

Cupcake Decorating

When: July 13

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30—7:30 pm

Now you can have your cake and eat it, too! Learn to decorate cakes professionally from our local expert, Sue Butler. And you can take 6 or more cupcakes home with you!

Email your RSVP by July 10th to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu.

Cookie Decorating

When: July 20

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30—7:30 pm

Come learn how to decorate cookies professionally! And you will get some to take home and share!

Email your RSVP by July 13th to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu.

Specialty Decorating

When: August 3

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30—7:30 pm

Email your RSVP by July 31st to Janice.Runyon@ag.tamu.edu.

Hunter Spectacular

Event Details

Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items

*Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on **Saturday, October 28th starting 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 24th through Friday, October 27

8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm -4:00pm

Clubs MUST pay with their 4-H Club check

Handgun Bonus Draw

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.

*Deadline for \$100 donation – September 29, 2023

*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

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.

Important Dates

July 2023

August 2023

July 4: CEO Closed, County Holiday

July 10: Embroidery Workshop

July 11: Embroidery Workshop

July 13: Cupcake Decorating Workshop

July 14: Shorts & Skirts Sewing Workshop

July 14: Clover Kids Recordbook Deadlines

July 18: 4-H County Council Officer Training

July 18: BC 4-H Ambassador Training

July 20: Cookie Decorating Workshop

July 22: 4-H Banquet RSVP Deadline

July 26: Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour

July 27: Cookie Decorating Workshop

July 29: TX Stream Team Training

August 3: Specialty Decorating Workshop

August 12: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

August 24: MAB Meeting

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