

October 2023 Focus

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

**The new 4-H Year starts on
September 1st! This means you
can start re-enrolling your
family on 4-H Connect.**

**More details inside this
newsletter on enrollment.**

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Hunter's Spectacular

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

TSC Fall Clover Sale Campaign

10/4/23 — 10/15/23

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.



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment started on **August 15th**! All enrollments are done via 4HOnline. You can access 4HOnline by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4HOnline icon. V2.4honline.com.

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. The participant fee is **\$25** if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to **\$30**. **NEW THIS YEAR**, Clover Kids will now be charged a \$10 annual participation fee.

Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled. The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements. Enrollment dues must be paid by an electronic payment.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

<http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-enrollment-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

4-H Age /Grade Requirements

Texas 4-H membership eligibility will be based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2023 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2023)

4-H Member Categories

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

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

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.



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting Dates

Dates and programs have been set for the 2023-2024 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 13	Bell County Youth Fair	Stuffed Animal Drive
January 18	Honey Bees	Animal Shelter Donations
March 26	Fire Department	Community Garden Donation
May 9	Council Officer Elections	Non-Perishable Food Drive

Stuffed Animal Toy Drive

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 13, 2023

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 over the Bell County Youth Fair. BCYF Coordinator Cheri O'Braden will present over all things Bell County Youth Fair!

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board FINANCE Meeting

When: November 15, 2023

Where: CEO

Time: 5:00 pm

The finance meeting will wrap up Hunter's Spectacular dollars and establish a budget for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: November 15, 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

Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices are continuing. Practices will be on the following dates at 6:00 pm. at the CEO:

October: 5, 12, 19, 26

Upcoming contests::

Heart of Texas (Waco): October 7th

Milam County (Cameron): October 9th

District 8 (Belton): November 9th

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

Shooting Sports Coach's Trainings

November 11 & 12 — Conroe

November 11 & 12—Stephenville

- Registration will be conducted through 4-H Online.
- Cost is \$125 per person. Registration will cover meals, snacks, and course materials.
- 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/>

4-H Fall Contest Entry Deadline

If you are wanting to compete in the District 8 Ag Product Id Contest, Horse Quiz Bowl, FCH Quiz Bowl, or the NEW Livestock Skillathon, you must email your coach no later than **Friday, October 6th**. Livestock Skillathon does not have a coach, so email Sheryl Long if you want to enter that contest! Sheryl.long@ag.tamu.edu

4-H Scholarship Chat

When: December 5th

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

Cost: FREE

Who: All seniors applying for scholarships.

Let's chat about scholarships! Where to find different ones, how to apply for the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship, and how to use the Texas 4-H scholarship for other scholarships! You can join the chat 2 different times -1 in-person and 1 online. All details are below. Be sure to RSVP! Those RSVP's will close the Friday before each workshop [will close on Nov. 3rd for the in person one and on Dec. 1st for the online one].

Link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/aDtfCP8KeKTFHCQNA>

Texas 4-H Congress

We are excited to be making some changes to Texas 4-H Congress! Texas 4-H Congress will be held in Austin, TX on July 14-17, 2024.

At Texas 4-H Congress we have a Youth Leadership Team who serves in the various Legislative Roles at Congress, including but not limited to: Governor, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and Floor Leaders. This year, the opportunity to serve in one of these leadership roles is being opened to Texas 4-H members who have or are currently serving on one (or more) of the following groups:

- Texas 4-H Council
- District Council
- Equine Ambassadors
- Fashion & Interior Design Ambassadors
- Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors
- Livestock Ambassadors
- Poultry Ambassadors
- Photography Ambassadors
- Shooting Sports Ambassadors
- STEM Ambassadors
- Water Ambassadors

Applications will open on 4HOnline on November 1, 2023, and will close on December 5, 2023. There will be no late applications accepted.

Applicants will need to be able to provide additional information on past leadership roles, select the top four roles they would like to serve in, and provide a YouTube video for the committee to review. The Leadership Team will be announced in January 2024. When announced youth will only be informed of being selected to serve on the team, they will not know their final role until after Texas 4-H Roundup in June.

Please see the attached document for additional details about the application process, expectations, mandatory dates/deadlines (leadership team will be required to arrive early), and details about the various Legislative roles.



FCH Project News



Bell County 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge

When: Monday, October 30

Where: Bell CEO

Time: Check your email!

Entry Forms are due for Jr/Int/Sr on **Friday, October 20, 2023**

Entry Forms are due for Clover Kids on **Monday, October 22, 2023**

Entry forms must be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

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.



FCH Project News



Food Challenge Practices

Food Challenge practices will begin September 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Belton. Please RSVP to Barbara Wood so there can be enough supplies.

Practices are as follows:

October 21 and 28

November 4 and 18

December 2

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

FCH Quiz Bowl

Family Consumer Health Quiz Bowl will begin September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. Please RSVP to Barbara Wood if you are interested in participating.

Practices are as follows:

October 5, 19, and 26

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

Leaders 4 Life

Leaders 4 Life practices (parliamentary procedure) will begin September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. Please RSVP to Barbara Wood so there can be enough supplies.

Practices are as follows:

October 3, 24, and 31

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

4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

When: January 8, 2024

Where: Bell CEO
Save the date!.

Time: 6:00 pm

Sewing Saturday

Complete a BCYF sewing craft!

October 21—Pillow Making

November 4—Recycled Garment

December 2—Tied Fleece Throw or Pillow

December 16—Sewn Accessories

January 6—Doll Clothes

9:00 am—5:00 pm, lunch will be provided. All interested 4Hers email or call the Bell CEO ASAP with dates that you want to participate. Limited space available. \$5 per person.

Photography

Attention BCYF Photographers

The Bell County Master Gardeners are offering photography workshops for Juniors age 8-13 and Seniors age 14-19 who are eligible to submit photos in the 2024 Bell County Youth Fair. Must be a 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA member to participate.

Session 2: October 14—Plant Fora, Macro and Nature

Session 3: November 4—Landscape and Leading Line

Location: Bell CEO, Master Gardener Learning Center

Limit: 25 per class

Junior Classes: 8:30-10:00 am

Senior Classes: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com. Provide session number, age division, name and group.

PHOTOGRAPHY Trip to Dallas, October 13-15, 2023

Who: Open to all 4-H ages and skill levels!

What: Light trails, Photo walk in art district, State Fair of Texas Photography Exhibit, Arboretum

When: Night photography with light trails Oct 13 with full schedule Saturday and ½ day on Sunday

Cost: No 4-H fees, but entrance fees/meals/transportation/lodging is paid by participants. State Fair: \$18-25 (depending on discount you qualify for)

Ambassador Leader: Coen Hefley, Youth presenter night photography: Abigail Kailukaitis

ADULT LEADER: Liz Schlak, liz.schlak@gmail.com, 254-718-1332

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA5A729ABF8CF8-2day>

Bell County 4-H Exchange Club

The Bell County 4-H Exchange Club has been in existence since the 90's. Our County has a long tradition of Exchanging with other states and the opportunity to learn about other cultures. Some of your family/friends' members were involved and can share their stories... each having their own unique experiences.

What is 4-H Exchange and Why I would want to join?

It is an opportunity of a lifetime... you learn about different cultures, share new ideas, make new friends, make lasting memories, and have a great time!!!

Exchange Objectives

- To enrich our individual lives.
- To expand 4-H understanding beyond the local county to help meet the needs of our club, community, country, and world.
- To encourage further participation in the 4-H program with regards to project work, activities, and leadership responsibilities.
- To develop personally as an individual by learning to think and speak on your feet and to learn to live, work, and interact with people regardless of their customs, and beliefs.

Educational but Fun

Exchanges are mixed with educational programs and entertainment. The week is packed with many activities (early mornings and long evenings) to get maximum experience. Previous states visited include Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Washington, Canada, and others.

Sites visited during visits to others states

Jay Good's Dairy Farms, Hershey Park, Appalachian Trails, White Water Rafting, Pike Place Market, Mall of America, Niagara Falls, Mt Rainier, Swiss Valley Farms, Space Needle, Headwaters of the Mississippi River, Nature Bridge, Port of Poulsbo, USS Turner Joy, Safeco Field, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Pride of Susquehanna, The Amish Farm & House, Prairie du Chien, National Eagle Center, Fishing, Rad Hawks Baseball, Frostfire Mountain, U.S. Customs & Border Protection Tour, & more...

Sites Visited in Texas

44 Farms, Alamo/Riverwalk, The State Capitol, Six Flags, Texas A&M University, Mustang Island, Dr. Pepper Museum, NASA, Magnolia, PRCA Rodeo, Blue Bell Factory, Tower of Americas, Meadows Center, Bullock Museum, Capitol Land & Livestock, Washington-on-the-Brazos, Naval Museum, Sea Star Base, Tenroc Ranch, Moody Gardens, Elissa Liverpool, Wonder World, Seeding Galveston, Waco Mammoth National Monument, Bell County Museum, Austin Bat Tour, & more....

Commitments

Volunteering of your time is the major commitment for Exchange due to the nature of fundraising for activities during the two-year cycle. Guaranteed leadership opportunities and community service hours!

Membership

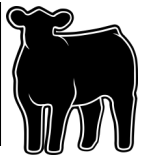
Membership in this organization is based on a two-year cycle, with required participation at beginning of cycle. Membership shall be open to all youth who are in 7th grade – 11th grade and who reside in Bell County. Must be a currently enrolled 4-H member. All parent(s) must also be enrolled through 4-H Connect and will undergo background screening. Member or family member are required to participate in all fundraising activities during the two-year cycle. Host Exchange members for a week. Parent participation is also required during this week.

New Exchange cycle begins November 5th at 5:00p.m. at Rogers High School-Carol A Bonds Bldg. This is last opportunity to sign up for this term. If interested, please contact us ASAP! *Bell County 4-H Exchange Club only meets once a month.*

For information contact bellcounty4hexchange@gmail.com or 254-493-2548.



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/>

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!

Livestock Judging

Join the Livestock Judging email list for practice and contest information by contacting Whitney Ingram at whitney.ingram@ag.tamu.edu. Major Show Contest information will be available in late October.

Upcoming Livestock Judging Contests

October 8th – Heart O' Texas Fair

October 9th – State Fair of Texas

October 14th – Austin County Fair

October 20th – Brazos Valley Fair

October 21st – AggieFest

Major Show Entry Forms Deadline

The Bell County 4-H Major Show Entry Deadline is **November 6th!** We will be open from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM on November 6th 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://agrilife.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 6th deadline!**

Fall Validation Dates

BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goats: October 17th and 24th; Cadence Bank Center; 4:00 - 7:00 PM

BCYF/Major Show Heifers: October 23th; Cadence Bank Center; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

BCYF/Major Show Swine: November 20th and 27th; Cadence Bank Center; 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.**



Livestock Project News



2024 Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation Notes

October 17th and 24th; Cadence Bank Center - Exposition Building; 4:00 - 7:00 PM

- When exhibitors arrive to the Cadence Bank Center, two lines will form for validation. The line going into the barn on the left will be for county only validations. The line on the right will be for both major show and county show validations. If you have any major show animals on your trailer, you will need to be in the line on the right.
 - A parent of the exhibitor must be present during validation to complete required paperwork. If your livestock are not housed at a school barn and the physical address of your livestock is different than your home address, please email Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu to let her know in advance.
 - ***NEW FOR 2023*** All lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation period including market animals WILL BE ELIGIBLE 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.
 - Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers MUST be in the animal's ear to be recorded on the validation form at validation. All lambs and goats planning to go to San Angelo MUST have TLBA/TGBA tags in their ear and the number recorded on their validation form.
 - If a TLBA/TGBA tag is added to the animal's ear after the State Fair show season, then the animal must be re-validated during the Major Show Validation season in order for the TLBA/TGBA tag number to be properly recorded on the Validation Form and eligible for TLBA/TGBA premiums during the spring show season.
 - In 2021, Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas announced the introduction of the Roll-over Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat program. For example, any BREEDING animal validated during the State Fair 2021 validation period is eligible to be exhibited by that exhibitor through the State Fair 2024 show season. If ownership changes, then the animal must be re-validated.
 - All sheep and goats are eligible for family validation. Registered sheep and goats can family validate if the registration papers have all exhibitors full names listed as owners. Registration paper ownership will determine the exhibitors eligible to show that project.
- All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does will use the same RFID validation tag.
- **Registered Breeding Sheep & Goat Exhibitors:** The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration is October 1, 2023. A color PDF copy of the original registration papers should be emailed to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

2024 Major Show Heifer Validation Notes

October 23th; Cadence Bank Center - Exposition Building Pavilion; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

- 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. If you have leftover tags from June validation, you may use them this fall.
- Heifers that have existing 840 tags (bangs/premise ID/etc.), tags will not have to be removed. However, these will NOT take the place of a validation 840 tag. In other words, a heifer can have more than one 840 tag in their ear or you can remove previous tags; but regardless, the animal has to have a validation 840 tag. We will have a specific form for you to complete at the time of validation for any previously existing 840 tags that are removed to remain in compliance with TAHC/USDA.
- **Registered Heifer Exhibitors:** The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration for Registered Breeding Heifers is November 1, 2023. A color PDF copy of the original registration papers must be emailed to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

Bell County Youth Fair

February 2-10, 2024

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, 2023 to December 31, 2023** 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, 2023** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st, so do it quickly.

Other Important Information

The 2024 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 13, 2023	5:00 PM
Online Entries Open	October 16, 2023	8:00 AM
Validate Lambs & Goats	October 17 & 24, 2023	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Validate Heifers	October 23, 2023	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Broiler Orders Due	November 3, 2023	5:00 PM
Turkey Pick Up (Tentatively)	November 8, 2023	
Commercial Heifer Palpate & Judge	November 18, 2023	
Validate Swine	November 20 & 27, 2023	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Online Entry Deadline	December 1, 2023	5:00 PM
Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball	December 2, 2023	
Pick Up Roasters	December 8, 2023	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Commercial Heifer Sale	December 15, 2023	Milam County Auction
Photography Upload	January 1-12, 2024	
Pick Up Broilers	January 5, 2024	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Rabbits Validation	January 7, 2024	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Weigh Out Commercial Steers	January 27, 2024	8:00 AM
Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due	February 2, 2024	5:00 PM

Bell County Youth Fair

February 2-10, 2024

BCYF Unregistered Heifer Paperwork Available

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

VALIDATION: Monday, October 23, 4:00-7:00 PM, Cadence Bank Center

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 13, 2023**.

Broiler Orders are due **November 3, 2023**

Order forms are posted on the BCYF website <https://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/>. 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 16, 2023 at 8:00 AM**. All exhibitors must submit their entries online by **December 1st, 2023 at 5:00 PM**. For more information and to access the entry link, please visit the BCYF website <https://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/>.

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 17 and 24**

BCYF/Major Show Heifer Validation: **October 23**

BCYF/Major Show Swine Validation: **November 20 and 27**

Important Dates

October 2023

October 3: Leaders 4 Life Practice
October 5: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
October 5: Ag Product Id Practice
October 12: D8 Fall Contest Deadline
October 5: Ag Product Id Practice
October 13: BCYF Roaster Order Due.
October 14: BCYF Photography Workshop
October 16: BCYF Online Entries OPEN
October 17: Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation
October 19: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice .
October 19: Ag Product Id Practice
October 20: BC 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Entry Deadline
October 21: Food Challenge Practice
October 21: Sewing Saturday
October 23: Major Show & BCYF Heifer Validation
October 24: Leaders 4 Life Practice
October 24: Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation
October 24-27: HS Ticket Turn-In for Club Managers ONLY
October 26: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice
October 26: Ag Product Id Practice
October 28: Hunter's Spectacular FB Live Draw
October 28: Food Challenge Practice
October 30: Bell County 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Contest
October 31: Leaders 4 Life Practice

November 2023

November 3: BCYF Broiler Orders Due
November 4: Food Challenge Practice
November 4: Sewing Saturday
November 4: BCYF Photography Workshop
November 4 & 5: Holiday Classic
November 6: Major Show Entry Deadline
November 8: BCYF Turkey Pick Up
November 11-12: Shooting Sports Coaches Training
November 13: County Council Meeting
November 15: MAB Meeting & Finance Meeting
November 18: BCYF Commercial Heifer Palpate & Judge
November 18: Food Challenge Practice
November 20: Major Show & BCYF Swine Validation
November 27: Major Show & BCYF Swine Validation

December 2023

December 1: BCYF Entry Deadline, Online
December 2: Sewing Saturday
December 2: BCYF Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball
December 5: 4-H Scholarship Chat, Online
December 5: Texas 4-H Congress Application Deadline
December 8: BCYF Roaster Pick Up
December 15: BCYF Commercial Heifer Sale
December 16: Sewing Saturday

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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