

July 2024 Focus

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser
will take place **Saturday, October
19, 2024!** More information
inside the newsletter!



Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for
Saturday, August 10, 2024 at the
Cadence Bank Special Events
Room. We will need pictures for
the 4-H slideshow. Please send
any pictures from your club activi-
ties or 4-H contests to
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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Officer Training

The Mandatory County Council Officer Training will take place **Wednesday, July 17th!** 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 **Wednesday, July 17th!** 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 FINANCE Meeting

When: August 21, 2024 **Where:** CEO **Time:** 5:15 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.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: August 21, 2024 **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.

Club Manager Connection

We will once again host a series of workshops designed specifically for our outstanding club managers! These workshops are designed to provide you an opportunity to learn more about the in's and out's of being a club manager, but also allow you time to connect with others in the same role from across our district. These connection events will be held on the dates below. Each program will start at 7:00 and end around 8:15pm. They will all be held via Microsoft Teams.

The dates for these workshops are below:
September 12th—Keeping kids engaged + a little risk management
November 19th—Working with your officer team and your agent

Check out the Club Manager Connection Newsletter here: [LINK](#)

Upcoming Events

College Prep Workshop

Extension Intern Lexy Ide will be hosting a College Prep Workshop on **July 25th from 5:30-6:30pm** at the CEO. This program is open to all 4-H members but targeted towards senior aged members (grades 9-12). The workshop will cover college explorations, majors/minors, TSI, Apply Texas Portal, 4-H scholarships and more.

Please RSVP to Lexy.Ide@ag.tamu.edu by **July 23rd** to secure your spot! Snacks will be provided.



4-H Open House

SAVE THE DATE! The Bell County 4-H Open House is **TBD in September** 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!

Bell County 4-H Exchange

Bell County 4-H Exchange will be hosting 4-H members and adult leaders from York County, Pennsylvania June 30th – July 6th. The purpose of the 4-H Exchange program is to give 4-H members the opportunity to experience new and different cultures, 4-H programs in different states, and to learn about agriculture and history from other areas of the United States of America. While hosting York County 4-H members we will be traveling to farms, ranches, museums, and so much more.

Clover Kids 2024

July 12 Clover Kids Recordbook Deadline
TBD Clover Kids Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Check out the Clover Kids website for more information on upcoming events:

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

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

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

When: August 10, 2024

Where: Cadence Bank Center, Special Events Room

Theme: Growing Tomorrow's Leaders

Time: 11:00 am

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Saturday, August 10, 2024** at the Cadence Bank Center, Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the General 4-H slides show.

Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.



Please RSVP to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu NO LATER THAN July 31st!



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/>

Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour

Save the date Wednesday, July 24th for the 2024 Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour! This will be the 7th year of our annual tour sponsored by Capital Farm Credit! Stops include:

- Strausburger Farms, Beef Cattle Reproduction Technologies.
(AI Demonstration, Embryo Flush Demo, Uterine Tract Necropsy)
- 3 Texans Vineyards, Viticulture Tour **(Pending)**
- Blackland Research Center, Ag Drone Demonstration.
(Spraying, Fertilizing, Field Mapping, and Lidar Tech)
- Lunch at Blackland
- Clearwater Water UGWCD
(Ground Water Conservation and Aquifer Research)
- Datamars Livestock.
(Livestock Management Tools and Technologies)

To sign up for the tour, participants must be a member of Bell or Milam County 4-H and in 6th - 12th grade. The first ten applicants from each county will be accepted. Youth must have an interest in agriculture. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/GeLLj6VZvUip2eYv5>

Email Floyd.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.

4-H Horse Club

The Bell 4-H Horse Club is in PLANNING MODE for the upcoming year! We have TONS of horse events in the works so if you are a HORSE LOVING kiddo, get ready to sign up with our CLUB so that you can participate in our events! Trainings, ride days & nights, educational classes, and so much more! We'd love to have you!

The Bell 4H Horse Club Drill team is headed to FINALS! They will be traveling to Athens, Texas, in late June to compete at the Equestrian Drill Teams of Texas Finals. Please wish them luck and safe travels! For travel expenses, they are currently doing a fundraiser for your chance to win a SUMMERTIME YETI COOLER! It's all the summer items you and your family could need to stay cool this summer! If you are interested in purchasing tickets to support this great team, please reach out to Bell4HHorseClub@gmail.com or text to 254-931-1635 for ticket information! We appreciate any support!

SUMMERTIME COOLER RAFFLE BELL 4-H HORSE CLUB EQUESTRIAN DRILL TEAM

HELP US RAISE MONEY TO HELP COVER SOME OF OUR EXPENSES FOR OUR TRAVELS TO STATE & DRILL TEAM FINALS! WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Win! RED YETI ROADIE 24 FILLED WITH THE BEST SUMMERTIME ITEMS! WAGON, POOL, YETI CUPS, VISA GIFT CARD, CANOPY, GAMES, LOTTO TICKETS, TYPHOON WATERPARK TICKETS & SO MUCH MORE!

Enter to win

DRAWING WILL BE ON JULY 4TH

1 TICKET-\$10
3 TICKETS-\$25
6 TICKETS-\$50
12 TICKETS-\$100
CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO

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Livestock Project News



2024 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, Sheryl 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 Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Central Texas State Fair: August 31-September 1

On Saturday, we will host our lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows.

A flyer with more information is coming soon!

Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 2-3

This will be the 33rd 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!

Belton/Temple Feed "Feed Your Passion Show Feed & Grooming 101" Event

There are A LOT of new feeds, supplements & grooming products coming out on the market this year - and there are plenty of others that our showmen may just not know about. The goal is to help educate these families so that they can put their best 'hoof' forward! This event will have feed and supplement vendors on site to discuss products and answer questions. They will also have a live ShowCoat Solutions sheep and goat grooming demonstration!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

Saturday, July 27th from 9-11am

Schoepf's BBQ - Backyard

Please, no outside food or drinks!

There are picnic tables to utilize for seating, but feel free to bring your own chair.

Please call the Belton location, 254-939-3636, to RSVP - we would love to make sure we have enough goodie bags for each showman that participates. (If you prefer to text you may RSVP to Ashley - 254-217-1421)



Summer Fun Activities



~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Registration open to 4-H members
- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
 - Please adhere to RSVP deadlines
- Cell phones will be prohibited, participants will be able to check their phones on breaks and at the conclusion of the program.

Food Workshops

4-H Food Challenge Camp

When: July 22 & 29

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 1:00—4:00 pm

Learn about cooking safety, knife safety, kinds of cuts, food nutrients, preparing dishes, how to read nutrition labels, and more!

Email your RSVP by July 15th to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu

CLOVER KID Cupcake Storytelling Workshop

When: July 27

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Using cupcake decorating, the students will learn about elements of writing!

Email your RSVP by July 19th to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu

Cupcake Storytelling Workshop

When: August 12

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 1:00—3:00 pm

Using cupcake decorating, the students will learn about elements of writing!

Email your RSVP by August 5th to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu

Cooking with Herbs Workshop

When: July 24

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 1:30—3:00 pm

Learn to incorporate fresh and dried herbs into your recipes and garnishes!

Email your RSVP by July 17th to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu



Summer Fun Activities



Summer Sewing Series

Apron Workshop

When: July 19

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

What to Bring: 1 yard of fabric AND coordinating thread

Bring your own lunch.

A parent **MUST** be present for all 8-10 year old participants.

Email your RSVP by July 12th to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu.

Decoupage Box Workshop

When: August 3

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 10:00 am—4:00 pm

What to Bring: Appropriate themed items (wrapping paper, decorated napkins, newspaper, tissue paper, and lightweight paper)

Open to SENIORS ONLY. Lunch will be provided.

Email your RSVP by July 26th to Jennifer.Thompson@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 19th 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 15th through Friday, October 18th

8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm – 4:00pm

NEW This Year Sign up times available via a Google Sheet emailed out by Laila Romero

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 27, 2024

*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 2024

August 2024

July 12: Clover Kids Recordbooks Due to CEO
July 17: County Council Officer Training
July 17: Bell Co 4-H Ambassador Training
July 19: Apron Workshop
July 22: 4-H Food Challenge Camp
July 24: Cooking with Herbs Workshop
July 24: Bell-Milam Youth Ag Tour
July 25: College Prep Workshop
July 27: Clover Kid Cupcake Storytelling Workshop
July 29: 4-H Food Challenge Camp
July 31: 4-H Awards Banquet RSVP Deadline

August 3: Decoupage Box Workshop
August 10: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet
August 12: Cupcake Storytelling Workshop
August 21: MAB Finance Meeting
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Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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