Bell County 4-H
April 2014 Newsletter

April

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April 1: RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Night
April 1: 4-H Talent Entry Deadline
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April 4: District Fashion Show, Granbury
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April 7: Youth Advisory Board, 6pm, CEO
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April 26: Clover Kids Meeting, 2pm, CTCS
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May 20: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO
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National Volunteer Week is:
April 6-12, 2014!!!
4-H Clothing and Textiles Project

Dates to Remember:

**April 4:** District Fashion Show, Granbury

**May 15:** Clothing Advisory Board Meeting/Zipper Workshop, 6pm, CEO

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State Fair Tag Orders Due

4-H members who plan to show a lamb, goat, or barrow at the State Fair of Texas in 2013 must order validation tags for the number of animals they plan to validate no later than **April 14, 2014**. Call Heidi or Pam at the Extension Office to order your tags at 254-933-5305.

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Food Challenge Workshop

A Food Challenge Workshop will be held on Sunday, **April 13** in the Kuhlman Civic Center in Holland from 4:30 to 6pm. Please come join us to learn about the Food Challenge competition and observe a demonstration by participants of previous years. This workshop is directed to beginners. Participants will be introduced to the Food Challenge competition, the basics of kitchen safety and food handling. Kuhlman Civic Center is located W Travis St, Holland, TX. Preregister for this workshop by contacting Jordan Kurtz at jordankurtz@embarqmail.com. Preregistration is appreciated in order to prepare appropriately for the number of participants but not necessary to attend.

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Youth Advisory Board Meeting

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

The Youth Advisory Board is meeting on **April 7, 2014**, at 6pm, at the CEO. Anyone who wants to help with creating a teen safe driving program for local high schools, they are invited. These are great for recordbooks, resumes, and those who want to make a true difference!!!
4-H Clover Kids Club will be focused on the 5-8 years old (Kindergarten to 2nd grade) and preparing them for their adventure as a 4-H'er. See the programs and dates for each meeting below. Cost to be in the Clover Kids Club will be $20 but will cover all the materials for the year which include many take home projects! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children to each of the meetings but are not required to stay with them. Club Manager will be Dawn Brown and the Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and County Council Officers will be assisting each meeting to help with activities! The time of each meeting will be 2-4pm except for the Clover Kid Fair, Clover Kid Camp, and Summer Meetings which may change in times. The location is at the Central Texas Christian School located at: 4141 W FM 93 Temple, TX.

To be a Clover Kid for the new year, you must still enroll on 4-H Connect. The cost is free to enroll. Clover Kids can be in more than just Clover Kid Club. They are welcome to be in another club as well and participate with them.

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Tractor Supply Company Fundraiser

The Spring 2014 TSC Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled April 23-May 4. The clovers are only $1 and we received over $1,978 this year from the last clover campaign. We really need clubs to help participate and pick a day to stand outside and sell the paper clovers. If your club is interested, please email Barbara Wood woodbtwice@gmail.com and sign up for a day to help! We have 2 stores in Bell County, Killeen and Temple. Please sign up and help! Funds help the county pay for workshops, camps & many other great opportunities for you as a member!
Bell County 4-H Council
2013-2014 Information

Council Meetings

**Purpose of County Council** - The purpose of County Council is for 4-H members from each club to come and share what they are doing in their club and get ideas from other clubs on activities and help plan county wide activities.

**TIME:** 6:30 PM
**LOCATION:** CEO

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4-H Livestock and Equine Leadership Programs

Announcing the most advanced 4-H livestock and equine leadership programs in the nation. Thank you to those who have in past years recommended your best and brightest students attend. These programs are only successful because of the exceptional foundations you are building in young people at the county level. Both programs were developed by County Extension Agents...are coordinated by County Extension Agents...for the benefit of County Extension Agents.

For those not familiar with the programs:

The Texas 4-H Livestock/Equine Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

Objectives:

• Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in youth livestock/equine programs across Texas.

• Prepare youth for the experience of the University setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.

• Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and youth livestock/equine programs.

• Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy.

Program locations, dates and applications:

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course at Texas A&M University: **July 7-10, 2014**

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course at Texas Tech University: **July 21-23, 2014**


Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Training in Gainesville, Texas: **June 29-July 3, 2014**


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Recordbook Workshop

Do you want to apply for 4-H awards or a scholarship and cannot because you have not completed a recordbook!? Well, you are in luck! Bell County 4-H will be holding a Recordbook Workshop on how to complete a recordbook! Recordbooks are not always boring, so tips will be given on how to make it more fun and meaningful to you! **The recordbook training will be held on April 15th** at the Bell County Extension Office Meeting Room at 6pm.
**Photography Project Meetings**

All locations are at the CEO

**Thurs Apr 10** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

**Tues Apr 29** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

**Thurs May 8** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8

Please email all questions to:

familycoffman@aol.com

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**BELL COUNTY 4-H HUNTER’S SPECTACULAR**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hunter Spectacular is scheduled
September 27, 2014

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Need to have more family meals together?? Want to help 4-H make some money? Bring your family to Fuddruckers this Spring!

All you have to do is pay for your meal and drop your receipt in the basket labeled “4-H” and 4-H will receive money!!

Fuddruckers locations are:

Temple in the Mall (Proceeds go to Bell County 4-H)

Killeen on 190 (Proceeds go to Military 4-H)

Remaining dates for this spring/summer are:

**April 22, May 20, July 22, August 19**

Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!
The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational provides youth in the intermediate and senior age divisions the opportunity to participate in a competitive event and utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in 4-H healthy lifestyles programs. With a set-up similar to the Consumer Decision Making Contest, the healthy lifestyles invitational consists of two parts: (1) Judging - participants are presented with a scenario and must individually rank the four products/choices based upon the situation at-hand; (2) Presentation - teams are presented with a scenario and must work together within a given amount of time to analyze the situation, develop a solution and make a team presentation to a panel of judges. More information and resources are available online at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles

Bell County 4-H will be having meetings to prepare for the Healthy Lifestyles Contest. This contest is again open for all intermediates and seniors and you get to go automatically to Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station on June 12, 2014.

Date for meeting is: June 2nd, 4pm-7pm, CEO

We have a new 4-H Livestock page on the Bell County 4-H Website:

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/

We will be posting jackpots on the website for your information!

During the month of April, visitors to the State Capitol can view stunning photographs of the diversity of Texas agriculture in the exhibit Picturing Texas Agriculture. One hundred students in 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) from throughout the state submitted images to a photography contest. The prize-winning images in eight different categories will be displayed in the Capitol ground floor rotunda. Picturing Texas Agriculture opens on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, and will remain on display through Sunday, April 27, 2014.

The free exhibit in the Capitol ground floor rotunda is open daily to the public. Please call 512.305.8400 for more details. Hours: Weekdays 7:00 am - 10:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

The State Preservation Board preserves and maintains the Texas Capitol, the Capitol Extension, Capitol Grounds and the 1857 General Land Office Building (now the Capitol Visitors Center) for the benefit of the citizens of Texas. The State Preservation Board also operates the Bullock Texas State History Museum and preserves and maintains the Governor’s Mansion. In addition to its preservation and long-term care for these important Texas landmarks, this state agency further fulfills its mission by educating the public about Texas history through tours, public programs and exhibits.

MEDIA CONTACT

Kyle Schlafer, Program Supervisor, Texas Capitol Visitors Center
Phone: (512) 305-8413  Fax: (512) 305-8401
Texas 4-H Congress

Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere citizenship and leadership experience for Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18. Held on the even numbers years in the Texas State Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted over the four day event.

QUOTA ALERT!!!!
A select number of 4-H delegates will be allotted to each district. SO DON’T DELAY APPLYING!!!!!!
Costs: Bell County 4-H will pay for those who are accepted! See flyer in newsletter about the roles of Texas 4-H Congress!

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National 4-H Congress

The 2014 National 4-H Congress will be November 27– December 2 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H Program.

Applications are available on 4-H Connect from February 11-April 16
Camps for 2014

All 4-H Camps for this year have been updated on the Bell County 4-H Website! Please go to: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/ for all the information about camps!

For this month, here are the new Camps on the website:
2014 Texas A&M University Horse Judging Camp- June 25-27 and July 8-10

2014 Howard College Goat Showmanship Camp- June 15, 16, & 17, 2014
2014 Howard College Lamb Showmanship Camp- June 8, 9, & 10, 2014
Outdoor Challenge—June 27-29, 2014
A&M Livestock Judging Camp
Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps
Horizons (Grades 4-8)- June 29-July 3, 2014
Mission Possible- July 7-9, 2014
Camp Corral- July 13-18, 2014
Prime Time (Grades 5-8)- July 20-23, 2014
Prime Time (Grades 2-5)- July 23-26, 2014
Brigades- Application deadline is March 15, 2014
Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade - Centennial Lodge, Coleman, TX June 14-18, 2014
South Texas Buckskin Brigade - Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde, TX—June 15-19, 2014
South Texas Bobwhite Brigade - Buck Horn Creek Ranch, Pleasanton, TX—June 27-July 1, 2014
Bass Brigade - Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, TX—July 8-12, 2014
North Texas Buckskin Brigade - El Escondrijo, San Angelo, TX—July 13-17, 2014
Ranch Brigade - Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, TX—July 15-19, 2014
Waterfowl Brigade - BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony, TX—July 20-24, 2014

Scholarship Deadlines

Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship Deadline: April 11, 2014
2014 4-H Horse Certification/Validation

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2014-April 15, 2014 for $10.00 per horse OR April 16, 2014-May 1, 2014 for $20.00 per horse

For 2014, the horse validation process will be completed electronically using the 4-H Connect online management system. All 4-H Members who wish to show at their District Show or the State 4-H Horse Show will be **REQUIRED** to validate their horse(s) on the 4-H Connect system. Horse validation is completed for EACH HORSE and will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile. When validating your horse(s) on 4-H Connect, you will select ONLY ONE 4-H youth member to conduct the validation under. Once a horse is validated, validation paid, and you begin registering for the District Horse Show, the validated horse(s) can be moved to the appropriate 4-H member(s) that will be exhibiting the horse in that show. Validation will open from **March 1, 2014-April 15, 2014 for $10.00 per horse OR April 16, 2014-May 1, 2014 for $20.00 per horse.** Any horse validated before or after this date will **NOT** be accepted. An illustrated step-by-step instruction guide for families is available for download and reference on the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science – Equine Science website: (http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/).

Validation is required for showing at district or state horse shows, and its purpose is to certify that ownership requirements have been met. The horse **MUST** be owned solely by the 4-H member, his/her parents (biological or stepparents), brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian.

Much **MORE** information can be found on the Bell County 4-H Horse Project Website: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/horseproject/

**Dates to remember:** Horse Activity dates to put on your calendar now!!!!

- **May 1, 2014**—Deadline to Validate ownership for District 8 and State Competition
- **TBA (MAY)**—Deadline to submit entries for the District 8 Horse Show to the County Extension Office (forms available after Validation is complete)
- **June 16-17, 2014**—District 8 Horse Show at the Bell County Expo Center
- **July 19-26, 2014**—State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene (entries due at the District Horse Show June 18)

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**Bell County 4-H Council Officer Elections**

The Bell County 4-H Council will be electing officers for the 2014-2015 4-H year at the May meeting. **To run for an officer position an "Intent To Run" form must be filled out and be turned into the 4-H office ON OR BEFORE MAY 13, 2014...NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The "Intent To Run" forms are available on the Bell County 4-H website.

OUTSTANDING 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 May 2, 2014! 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?
Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Her’s on tours, leads club, etc.
How has this leader helped you?
How has this leader helped others?
Nominations should be emailed to mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

Thank you for all you do!

National Volunteer Week is April 6-12, 2014.

Recognize your volunteers this month in your club or organizations! Sometimes we take our volunteers for granted! April is National Volunteer Month and we want to say thank you to all of our volunteers that make 4-H possible! Thanks for being great volunteers and helping teach 4-H members value skills they can use for the rest of their lives! You are valuable to us! THANK YOU!
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 **May 2, 2014**. Award Interviews will be on **May 22, 2014** at the Bell County Extension Office. Record books for county competition will be due **June 16, 2014**. Awards age based on age as of August 31, 2013.

Graduating seniors for the 2014 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/](http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/)

MAB Meeting/Club Manager Training

We will be having a MAB meeting on **May 22, 2014** at **6:30pm** at the CEO. **ALL CLUB MANAGERS AND ASST CLUB MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND!!!!** This meeting will be a major meeting because we will do the club manager training at this meeting. We also plan to vote on officers. This will be a HUGE and IMPORTANT meeting. We will be having a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish to share with everyone! Drinks will be provided. FYI this meeting may take longer than expected because of the training so please make time to come. **Also, this meeting is NOT just for club and asst. club managers, all parents and leaders are invited.**

We must have over 50% of the clubs to vote from each of the clubs. If you cannot attend, you **MUST** find a replacement from your club to represent you at the club meeting! Each club is allowed a maximum of **3 votes**.

Wednesday Morning Community Service Opportunity

Come serve at Love of Christ Food Pantry Wednesday, **April 9th**. We will start at 8:00am and should be done by 10:00am. We will be bagging groceries that will be distributed the next day. This is a very organized system; Clover Kids through High School can be a great help. Love of Christ is located by Western Hills Church of Christ. See you there.
**Applying for Bell County 4-H Ambassador?**

The Bell County 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H & Youth Development 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 31 on the year of application.

Example: the 4-H youth must be 14 on August 31, 2014, to be eligible to be a 4-H Ambassador for the 2014-2015 4-H year. If a 4-H youth is 13 at the time of the application deadline in May, they may still apply if they will reach their 14th birthday before August 31st.

*Submit a complete application, due on May 2, 2014.*

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, May 2, 2014**, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal.

(Recordbook is also a requirement and is due **June 16, 2014**).

Please turn in point sheets with renewal application!

For applications go to:


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**2014 Texas 4-H Roundup**

Get ready for the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup. It will be held in College Station, on the Texas A&M Campus from **June 9-13, 2014**. Like this page for updates and news!

4H - Where Change makes Cents

Spare change drive
Empty your pockets and look between your couch cushions for any spare change to help raise money for the Texas 4-H Conference Center! We’re raising money to install two Gaga Pits and a 9-hole disc golf course!

A jar will be setting out in our County Extension Office for anyone that wants to donate!
We encourage clubs to do the same!
The youth collecting the most funds in each district will be recognized with a ceramic tile (with their photo) on the Texas 4-H Center Wall of Fame

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Duds to Dazzle Training!

The contest is reflective of the current Texas 4-H Food Challenge contest:

- Team of 3-5 members
- 4 categories: garment, accessory, jewelry, non-wearable
- Have 60 minutes to develop a product
- Includes a “sewing kit” and “sewing closet”
- Includes resources and a worksheet
- Team presentation and questioning from judging panel
- Final Challenge between the four 1st place teams

We will be holding a workshop on April 13th at 2pm at the CEO to teach you about this wonderful and fun competition! If you are interested in learning about the competition and project please join us! Please RSVP by April 7th so we can put you on a team for practice!
Clover Kids Fair
May 31, 2014
Bell County Extension Office
1605 North Main, Belton

Starting time and length of this event will depend on the number of Clover Kids that participate.

Clover Kids are “budding” 4-H members ages 5 to 8 years old who have not yet entered the 3rd grade. The Clover Kid Fair is a chance for them to participate in a fair just for Clover Kids and show what they have been learning! This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with what to expect as a real 4-H member down the road.

For more information please contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com.

This is not a competitive event. Each Clover Kid will receive a participation ribbon for each entry. There are no entry fees.

4-H Has Talent...it's a hoot!

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Have you always pictured yourself performing on the Big Stage? Then the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup 4-H Has Talent Competition is for you! So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual! Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 4,000 fellow 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers, and 4-H faculty.

How To Enter
• Submissions must be uploaded to YouTube (all links made public).
• Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth.
• A 4-H member may only participate on one team/entry.
• Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this activity.
• Teams maybe one age category or a combination of both intermediates and seniors.
• An individual and/or team (max 7 members) may only submit one video.
• 5 finalists will be selected by an expert panel of judges.
• Those 5 finalists will then have the opportunity to perform on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Tuesday night assembly at Reed Arena at Texas A&M University.
• After all finalists are finished performing, the audience will have the opportunity to vote via text message to select their winner.
• Top two entries selected at Roundup will win cash awards.

Submission Guidelines
• Videos must be uploaded to YouTube
• Maximum length: 5 minutes
• Links must be submitted via e-mail to Kyle Martin at kyle.martin@tamu.edu

Please include in your email the following:
• Name of group/act
• Names of each participant and age
• County representing
• Contact person
• Following information for contact:
  • City/State/Zip
  • Phone
  • E-mail

Deadline for Submission:
April 1, 2014
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza

The 30th Annual Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza will take place at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood (http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/). This is an event for beginner shooters to learn the processes of shooting competitively. Basic knowledge of firearm safety, range safety, event rules, and event format is required. No previous competitive participation is required. The emphasis is on exploring new shooting activities and having fun. Participants are encouraged to register for events that they have never shot competitively. Space and time limit the event to a maximum of 400 participants. Because this is a teaching event, no awards will be given. Scores will be kept and tabulated, and posted for review and recognition of placing.

Shooting Sports Extravaganza
April 26, 2014—Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood
Regular Registration via 4-H Connect-$20/participant, March 6-April 3, 2014

4-H Fuel Up To Play 60/Healthy Living Ambassador Program

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the establishment of the 4-H Fuel Up To Play 60/Healthy Living Ambassador Program. Applications to serve as an ambassador are currently being accepted and will be accepted until April 15th. This ambassador group is replacing the current healthy lifestyles advisory board.

The purpose of the 4-H Fuel Up To Play 60/Healthy Living Ambassador Program is to:
- Promote the purpose and goals of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program through Fuel Up To Play 60;
- Empower youth by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership to the 4-H healthy lifestyles program as it relates to Fuel Up To Play 60; and
- Equip youth to serve as a leader to implement the Fuel Up To Play 60 Program in local schools.

Requirements for ambassadors include:
- 4-H members must be at least 15 years old at the beginning of the 2014-15 4-H year.
- Ambassadors will serve a two-year term.
- All youth accepted as ambassadors will be required to participate in a training and planning session June 30 – July 1st in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and pay any associated travel and registration costs.

The ambassador application is attached and available online, with additional information, at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles. Please share this information with youth that may be interested in this leadership opportunity.
Volunteers Are a Cut Above the Rest!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Bell County Staff would like to invite you and your family to join us at this year's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night!

Thursday, April 10th
6pm
Bell County Expo Center Special Events Room

Please RSVP to guarantee a seat and meal by April 1st to: 254-933-5305

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April Month of the Military Child

Purple Up!
For Military Kids

Wear Purple on April 15th, 2014 to Support Military Kids.
Purple represents all branches of the military. Wearing purple will show your appreciation for all military family members and personnel.

Get involved to make a difference by wearing purple.
Ask stores and restaurants to put flags in their windows. Involve schools, sports teams, clubs, and 4-H clubs or organizations.
Ask local, national, state, and federal representatives to wear purple on April 15.

Please contact Janae’ in our office if you are interested in participating or need more information.

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TEXAS A&M AGRI-LIFE EXTENSION
Photography Contest

The Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents (TAE4-HA), a professional Extension organization for County Extension Agents, Specialists, and Extension Administrators for the purpose of professionalism, collaboration, and youth development. The members from District IV delegation are hosting a photography contest for youth and adults to provide scholarship funds for district level 4-H leadership events, such as Fall Focus, District Lockin and Leadership Lab.

ALL photos must be received by the District IV Photography Committee Chair by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2014. Late entries will not be accepted.

Addressed to:
ATTN: D4TAE4-HA Photography Contest
C/O Dr. Tamra McGaughy
10056 Marsh Ln, Suite B-101
Dallas Texas, 75229

Contest participation will cost $10.00 for the first photo and $1.00 for each additional photo per individual. Payment can be check or money orders only and should be mailed with photo submissions. Payment should be made out to D4AE4-HA Photography Contest. Photos will not be consider as an entry until payment is received.

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

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