Bell County Youth Fair Entries

Bell County Youth Fair Catalogs are available through your Club Manager. The catalog is also on the Bell County website at: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/

It is your responsibility to get your entry forms and fees to your club manager by the deadline that they set for your 4-H club.

**No single entries will be accepted through the Extension Office. NO EXCEPTIONS**

**REMINDER TO ALL HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

YOU MUST FILL OUT AN ELIGIBILITY FORM TO PARTICIPATE—THIS FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE AND MUST BE TURNED IN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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**Calendar of Events**

**December**

- **December 4:** Bell 4-H Horse Club Ride Day, 3-6pm, Expo
- **December 8:** D8 4-H Food Show, Expo
- **December 9:** Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO
- **December 10:** Cowboy Christmas Ball, 7pm, Expo
- **December 12-21:** FCS Container Pickup, 8am-5pm, CEO
- **December 21:** BCYF Broiler Pickup, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO
- **December 21:** San Antonio Broiler Pickup, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO
- **December 23 & 26:** CEO Closed
- **December 29:** Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO

**January**

- **January 2:** CEO Closed
- **January 3, 11, 13, 30:** Consumer, 6pm, CEO
- **January 3 & 12:** Rabbit Clinic, 6:30pm, Expo
- **January 6-8:** Texas Teen Retreat, Brownwood, TX
- **January 10:** Dog Certification Forms due to CEO
- **January 10:** Rabbit Validation, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Expo
- **January 16:** CEO Closed
- **January 16:** Food Tour to Austin, 9am, meet at CEO
- **January 17:** Consumer Contest, 5:30pm, CEO

**February**

- **February 4-11:** Bell County Youth Fair, Expo
- **February 17-18:** San Antonio Consumer Contest, SA
- **February 20:** CEO Closed
- **February 25:** Salsa Workshop, 9-11am, CEO
- **February 27:** Clothing Workshop, 5-7pm, CEO
- **February 28:** Consumer 6-8pm, CEO

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BCYF food containers are those standardized containers used by 4-H members to put their food items in when they come to the fair. Club managers may pick up these containers for their clubs starting December 19th at the Extension Office from 8am-5pm. All club managers should pick up containers for their club no later than December 21st. As club managers, you will want to designate a time for members of your club to pick up the containers from you. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 254-933-5305. Please note: Club managers or designated leaders are the only ones able to pick up containers. Individual families are not permitted to pick up their containers.

County Council Themes and Programs

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The Bell County 4-H County Council will not be having a meeting in December. HOLIDAY BLESSINGS TO ALL. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room. The council is continuing its trip around the world. Next stop China. Dress for a Chinese New Year Celebration. All 4-H members and leaders are welcome to join in the adventure. Remember that each club needs to be represented by two delegates (the president and a council delegate), they are the voting delegates for the club. There are games, contests and special programs for each meeting. Also, learn about what other clubs are doing and about the upcoming county 4-H programs. There are opportunities at each destination. Come Join in the Fun!!

Save the date!

February 27, 2012 ~ 5:00–7:00 ~ Plastic Canvas Crafts ~
Taught by Clothing and Textiles Board
Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project’s first meeting will be held November 7, at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will hopefully be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project! Dates for consumer are as follows: (Dates set already due to full meeting room schedule and availability)

January:
Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO: January 3, January 11, January 23 & January 30:
Consumer County Contest, 6pm, CEO: January 17

February:
Consumer Project Meeting, 2-4pm, CEO: February 28
San Antonio Consumer Contest- February 17-18

Last Month to Collect
OPERATION A BIT OF HOME!

Help bring a little bit of home to American soldiers serving in Afghanistan! Soldiers deployed overseas often work 14-17 hour days, 7 days a week. In the short “down time” they have, they enjoy watching movies at Morale, Welfare, & Recreation (MWR) facilities. Bell County 4-H is joining OPERATION A BIT OF HOME in collecting new or gently used DVDs for the MWR facility in Kandahar, Afghanistan. OPERATION A BIT OF HOME is a legitimate program which has been recognized by the federal government. You can learn more about this program at http://www.operationabitofhome.com. Many agencies have teamed up to help, including the Boy Scouts of America and even other state 4-H offices.

How can you help? Simply drop your new or used DVDs in the donation box located at the CEO! No children’s movies, please. Donations will be collected regularly with the last pick up of DVD donations on December 20, 2011. Your donations will be very appreciated by our military heroes!

This is a great record book service opportunity and this is also a state-wide community service! Please contact Emma or Christian Coffman at familycoffman@aol.com if you have any questions.
Bell County Youth Fair Broilers

Please note that Fair Broilers will arrive on **Wednesday, December 21, 2011** and need to be picked up **between 3:30-5:30pm** at the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact Pam Reavis at 254-933-5305.

**BCYF Rabbit Validation**

Rabbit Validation will be on Tuesday, **January 10th, 2012 from 5:30-7:30pm** at the Expo Center. The fee will be $1.00 per rabbit. If you have any questions please contact Pam Reavis at 254-933-5305.

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**Important Dates for Bell County Youth Fair & Major Shows**

- **BCYF Entries for Clubs**
  - Nov-Dec Club Meeting: See your Club Manager
- **BCYF FCS Container Pickup**
  - Dec. 19-21, 2011: 8am-5pm-CEO
- **San Antonio Broilers**
  - Dec. 21, 2011: Call in for time
- **County Broiler Pickup**
  - Dec. 21, 2011: 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- **Rabbit Validation**
  - Jan. 10, 2012: 5:30- 7:30 pm- Expo
- **Houston/Star Broilers In**
  - Jan. 27, 2012: Call in for time
- **Weigh-Out Commercial Steers**
  - Jan. 28, 2012: 8am- Evans Ranch
- **Swine Carcass Weigh-In**
  - Jan. 28, 2012: 9:00-10:00am- Expo
- **Commercial Steer Recordbook Due**
  - Feb. 3, 2012: BY 5:00 P.M.
- **Bell County Youth Fair**
  - Feb. 4-11, 2012: Expo

**Horse Ride Nights:**
- Performance- Jan. 24th & 31st, 2011
- Speed- Jan. 23rd & 30th, 2011
Bell County 4-H will host 2 rabbit clinics in January. That’s right, 2 rabbit clinics! **The first will be held January 3 at 6:30 pm at the Bell County Expo Center Special Events room** (upstairs). This clinic will focus only on **Breeding Rabbits**. We will discuss breeds, common disqualifications, care and health, showmanship, and rules specific to the Bell County Youth Fair Breeding Rabbit Show. **The second rabbit clinic will be held January 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Center** (upstairs). This clinic will be dedicated to fryer rabbits or **meat pens**. We will discuss feeding, weight management, fur quality, health, supplies needed, disqualifications, selection, and check-in procedures for the Bell County Youth Fair.

If you are new to showing rabbits or just want more information about how the Bell County Youth Fair Rabbit show works, don’t miss these 2 great workshops.

**Hot and Spicy Salsa Event**

Come one come all to the newest Food and Nutrition workshop. At this fun filled event we will be learning how to make several different types of salsa with several different ingredients. We will also be having a salsa contest! If you would like to compete you will need to bring your own quart jar full of **HOMEMADE** salsa. We will have a judge go around to taste and judge the salsas as well as have a kids choice award where you can vote for your favorite salsa. While we are waiting for the judging to be complete, we have a little surprise that all ages will enjoy. **The Hot and Spicy Salsa Event will be at the County Extension Office at 9:00-11:00 am on the 25th of Feb.**

The cost to come to this workshop will be $10 but you can enter the salsa contest for $5 per salsa entry and this includes your workshop fee! All registrations and fees will be due to the CEO by Feb. 13th. Salsa categories include mild, hot, and fruit salsa. Prizes will be given to the best salsa in each category, one over all, and kid’s choice.

Registration forms can be found on the 4-H website by going to: http://agrilife.org/bell-4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/hot-and-spicy-salsa-event/

Hope to see you there!

**Food Tour**

The Bell County 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Board is inviting all 4-H members to attend **a food tour on January 16, 2012**. We will be going to Austin to Whole Foods, Central Market, and various other Healthy Lifestyles places. If you are interested in going, please **RSVP by January 6th to the CEO**. No cost has been set just yet but it should be under $15 per person. This will include lunch. Anyone interested in driving as a parent must be screened first (if you are already a 4-H volunteer you should be good). If you are interested in driving, please RSVP that as well. We will leave the CEO at 9am and return by 5pm. Minimum of 10 must sign up to make the tour.
ATTENTION PARENTS, LEADERS, and CLUB MANAGERS!

January 31st is an important meeting for MAB, the Membership Advisory Board. This meeting is for all parents and leaders. We also highly encourage all club managers and assistant club managers to come! We will be discussing the Hunter’s Spectacular.

Please come to the MAB meeting on January 31st at 7pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room to help plan the Hunter’s Spectacular!

2012 Texas Teen Retreat

The Texas 4-H Conference Center is pleased to announce plans for the first event of 2012 -- the Texas Teen Retreat to be held January 6-8, 2012 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX! This retreat will be an excellent opportunity for senior 4-H members ages 13-19 to learn numerous basic personal skills and leadership techniques. Cost for this retreat is Youth-$105.00, Adult Chaperones $70.00. If you are interested in participating in this retreat please register on the TX 4-H Center website. All youth must be accompanied by the same gender chaperone. No transportation is provided.

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

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)

December 20- Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!
Bell County Youth Fair Ride Nights

Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service & Bell 4-H Horse Club

The official ride nights are correct in the BCYF rule book. Please notice the following schedule:

**January 24th and 31st are Performance nights.**
**January 23rd and 30th are Speed event nights.**

Speed horses only on Speed nights, Performance horses only on Performance nights.

Rules for ride nights are included on page 6 of the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show (BLUE) Catalogue, so please be familiar with them. Ride night events are only for the Contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show. Only their horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the events in 2012. We will be checking for Coggins so have copies of current negative Coggins test results on all the horses you bring. Contestants must register each night and present Coggins paperwork to ride in the arenas.

We do not allow alcohol or smoking at anytime in the barn and no alcohol can be consumed in parking lot. Because this is an equine event, absolutely no dogs will be allowed on the grounds.

- We need every one of you to focus on safety.
- We will have EMS on site at every ride night this year from 6:00 to 10:00.
- Security Staff will be present from 6:00 to 10:00.
- We will again have inside tie up area available along the West side of the C barn arena.
- Since we have many horses that are not familiar with each other and riders that may not be familiar with crowded type conditions, we would like to again have appointed safety monitors for each night. The idea would be that the safety monitor would be stationed in the congested areas and be responsible for helping the youth understand how to make safe decisions. We are looking for volunteers that will be safety monitors. Please report any unsafe conditions to them. If you would like to volunteer e-mail or call Micah at the CEO.
- The goal is that the ride nights help beginners and newer entrants feel comfortable, help them have fun and give them confidence to compete in future events. At the same time we will strive to provide a safe place for the more experienced riders to get ride time and practice. The ride nights will only be as good as we collectively make them, so your help is needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions, please call or send an e-mail. The Office number is (254) 933-5305, and e-mail is mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu.
Beginners sewing Class

Join us on **December 29 at 1:00 for a fun beginning sewing class**. The Clothing & Textiles Board members will teach you how to make a little stuffed teddy bear. This class is for beginners ages 5 and up. Please bring your sewing kit (scissors, thread, needles, pins, etc). Also bring 1/2 yard of cotton fabric and matching thread. Quilting fabric works nicely for it. We will provide the stuffing.

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**SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID TRAINING!**

Please Join Texas A&M Collegiate 4-H for a 4-H Scholarship Training!

**Who?**

Any current 4-H member and their parents who is interested in learning and improving their scholarship applications.

**What?**

Exclusive lessons and Q&A sessions from 4-H faculty member Dr. Toby Lepley and special presentations from former 4-H members.

Lunch and refreshments will also be provided.

**When?**

Saturday, December 10th, 2011 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Cost?**

$20 per person **Must be received by December 7th**,

(Registration includes: lunch, refreshments & educational materials)

**Where?**

TBA- in College Station, Texas

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**Deadline: MUST be received by the State 4-H Office BEFORE December 7th, 2011**

Please make checks payable to TAMU Collegiate 4-H
Send to Texas 4-H Office C/O Amy Drumholt
4480 State Highway 8, College Station, Texas 77845*
YOU’RE INVITED TO THE

BELL COUNTY
COWBOY
CHRISTMAS™ BALL

FEATURING MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY
WITH SPECIAL GUEST LONE PRAIRIE

SATURDAY
12.10.11 6PM
BELL COUNTY
EXPO CENTER

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE BELL
COUNTY YOUTH FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Congratulations To Our

2011 Hunter's Spectacular Winners

WINNERS

Kacee Green
Alan Barkis
Corey Richardson
Tracy Eckles
Mark Hintermeister
Lisa Pope
Jeff Atchison
Rory Heisch
Wallace Biskup, Jr
Kathy Lewis
Leon Jacobs
Shane Elms
Kaitlin Whittemore
AC Ray
CB McDonald
Ricky Atchison
Jeff Atchison
Harold Cosper
Sherry Tyroch
Frank Board
Zacch Smith
Eddie Watts
Rick Hill
EJ Vansickle
Justin Brenek
Creston Wolff

Corey Richardson
Vickie Denman

PRIZES

Remington 870 Express 12 ga
Ruger 10-22 RB 22LR
Marlin 308
Savage 243 Win
Mossberg 500WF 12 ga
Crickett 253 22LR
Weatherby Vanguard 270 WSM
Remington 770SPT 7MM Mag
Maverick 20 ga
Marlin XL7c 270
Remington- CARD GUN 20 ga
Savage .223 Rem
Mossberg 835 WF 12 ga
Crickett 270 SS 22LR
Marlin 30-30
Weatherby Vanguard 257 WBY Mag
Savage 22-250 Win
Ruger 10-22 RPF 22LR
Weatherby Vanguard 7mm08
Browning A Bolt 300 Win Mag
Remington 700 XCR 30-06

Nikon Binoculars
Tripod/ Bow Case
Range Finder
30 ga Deer Feeder
European Mount or $125 toward deer processing
55 gal Wildlife Feeder
Grand Prize- Safe

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!
Hurry, Hurry & Order your Bell County 4-H T-Shirt/Hoodie in time for the BCYF!

Show your support for Bell County 4-H and call or come by the CEO to fill out an order form.

Hoodies are $20.00 & T-shirts are $10.00
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