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Bell County Youth Fair is

January 30th - February 9th
Safe Sitter Spin Club

We will be doing a 4 week Safe Sitter Spin Club on becoming a safe Babysitter. Attendance in ALL classes is required. At the end of the program, all participants will be certified Safe Babysitters and great for showing their clients/customers when they babysit. We will go into First Aid and many crucial babysitting items needed to know when being a great babysitter! This session will only be open to 11-13 year olds. We will be limiting it to only 10 kids. The cost of this workshop which will include their books, refreshments and other stuff will be $30.

Dates for the workshop will be:
- February 11, 6pm, CEO
- February 18, 6pm, CEO
- February 25, 6pm, CEO
- March 4, 6pm, CEO

Deadline to RSVP for the Spin Club will be January 24th or until class is full! RSVP MUST include the $30. Checks can be made out to “Bell 4-H.” Non 4-H members are welcome to attend if you have a friend!

GOOD LUCK!

We want to wish the Consumer Team going to Nationals good luck!!! It took many hours of practice to achieve and win and go to Nationals! The team of Nathaniel Fasolino, Peter Fasolino, Brandon Stone, and Brittany Stone won 1st out of 28 teams at State and only 1 team goes to Nationals!!! GOOD LUCK!!!

Nationals is January 8-12, 2014!!!
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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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.

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Council Community Service Projects

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**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 **October 15**, 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)

**Jan. 28:** Consumer Project Meetings, 6pm, CEO

**January 8-14:** National Consumer Contest, Denver, CO

**February 13:** County Consumer Contest

**February 15:** Consumer–San Antonio

**March 1:** District Consumer–Waco

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**Instagram**

Do you have Instagram and take photos of 4-H events? Now, you can tag your 4-H photos in Instagram!

@bellcounty4h

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**Clothing and Textiles:**

- Clover Kid Club Meeting (Program- Clothing)- **February 15**, 2pm, CTCS
- Storyboard Workshop- **February 22**-CEO
- County Fashion Show- **March 22** in conjunction with County Roundup, Belton Methodist Church
- District Fashion Show- Either **April 4th**
- **Summer 2013**: Clothing Blast

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**4-H Livestock Projects**

Anyone needing assistance in selecting or securing livestock projects please contact Lyle Zoeller by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-933-5305

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**Community Service Project**

The Leaders 4 Life groups will be collecting items for H.A.R.P. and Bell County CPS beginning **January 1** and going through **March 31**. Items being collected are: clothing, Teddy bears, personal hygiene items, and non-perishable food drive. Items can be dropped off in the collection box located at the County Extension Office. You may also call Katherine Wood at 254-231-9197 for collections to be picked up at a more convenient location. Schedule your spring cleaning early to support this worthwhile service learning project!!
T-shirt Sales!!

Set your “sights” on Bell County 4-H with the NEW Bell County 4-H T-shirt! We have the “Mossy Oak” look, Neon Orange shirt, and the black hoodies!

Order forms can be found on the website, at the CEO, or at the back of the newsletter. SHIRTS ARE HERE AT THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE!!!! Please come get your shirt NOW! Youth Sizes and Bigger Sizes are not available unless an order is filled out and turned in to the CEO. http://agrilife.org/bell4h/bell-county-4-h-t-shirts/ Money and Order Forms can be given to the County Extension Office or can be collected from Club Managers (if they are collecting it).

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

All Scholarship information/requirements and applications are available by going to: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/ Please make sure and review this information. Many deadlines are coming up in January and February.

If you are doing a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship, please see the deadlines below:

Now: Use current 2013 tax info.

January 13: 1st Draft of Scholarship due to Micah via email
(no transcripts or other official documents needed)

January 27: Scholarship with all paperwork due to CEO.
**Photography Project Meetings**

All locations are at the CEO

**Tuesday Jan 15** - Photo Judging practice 6-8
**Wednesday Feb 12** - Photo Judging practice 6-8
**Saturday Mar 8** - Photo Advisory Board - Zoo Field trip Animal Photography 8-12
**Wednesday Mar 19** - Photo Judging practice 6-8
**Thurs Apr 10** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8
**Tues Apr 29** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8
**Thurs May 8** - Photo Judging Practice 6-8
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**Important Dates for Bell County Youth Fair & Major Shows**

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**BCYF Rabbit Validation**

Rabbit Validation will be on Tuesday, **January 7, 2014** from **5:00–8:00 pm** at the Expo Center. The fee will be $1.00 per validation and $1.00 per tattoo. If you have any questions please contact Pam Reavis at 254–933–5305.
Bell County Youth Fair Ride Nights

Sponsored by Texas A&M 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 20th and 27th** are Performance nights.

**January 21st and 28th** are Speed event nights.

Rules for ride nights are included on page 6 of the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show (RED) 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 2013. 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 Lyle 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 l-zoeller@tamu.edu.
Please welcome to the team
Heidi Prude (NR Agent) & Jackie McLaughlin (FCS Agent)!!

**MAB/ HUNTER’S SPECTACULAR!**

**January 23rd** 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 23rd at 6:30pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room** to help plan the Hunter’s Spectacular 2014!

For those interested in helping with the Hunter’s Spectacular for 2014, we will be meeting before MAB at 6:00 pm to discuss committees. Youth and Adults are welcome.
There’s an App for that?
Stay connected by downloading the 4-H News and Events App today!

Texas 4-H has an app to help you keep up to date on 4-H events in your county, district and across Texas. Best of all it’s FREE!

For iPhones/iPads:
1. Go to the App Store.
2. Search for “4-H News and Events”
3. Select the app “4-H News and Events”
4. Tap on “Install”. Enter your Apple ID if requested
5. Once installed select Texas and your county

For Androids:
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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-Hers, 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 Mertens at krmertens@ag.tamu.edu

Deadline for Submission: April 1, 2014

Texas 4-H Archery Camp is open to any youth 4-H member wanting to improve their shooting knowledge and skills in recurve and compound archery. The camp is also open to certified 4-H archery coaches desiring to learn more about coaching archery, archery equipment, archery games, and improving shooting skills. Youth participants should have beginning or intermediate experience in shooting archery and understand the basic archery safety, range rules, and whistle commands.

See attached document for more details. This information will be available via our blog and website as well.

To receive 4-H Archery Camp event information, updates, and reminders via text message, text @4harchcamp to (469) 804-3344.
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