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July 19: Government Day Tour, Bell County Government Buildings, 8:15am-1:30pm
July 21-28: State 4-H Horse Show, Abilene
July 26: Recreation Day Camp, 1-3pm, CEO

Check Out the Bell County 4-H website for a list of all 2012 4-H Camps.
http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/#County Camp
June 21-22, 2012

June 21st: 8:45am- 4:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:45am)

June 22nd: 8:30am- 12:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:30am)

1st Day-Bell County Expo (Assembly Hall) 2nd Day- Evans Ranch

$20 for youth and adults- Entry Deadline: June 4, 2012

Spend a couple extra days after Texas 4-H Roundup and join us for the 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop!

Learn new and basic photography techniques at the Statewide Photography Workshop! The second day will be a field trip to the Evans Ranch in Academy, Texas where we will take pictures of tractors, people in costume, and horses.

Items to bring: camera, props to be used for still life photos (things that can fit in a small bag) & sunscreen for the 2nd day.

Schedule and speakers to be posted soon: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/
We will be having County Recordbook Judging on **June 20th**. It will be held at the Extension Office from 9am to finished. We will provide lunch to those who are still here during that hour. This is a great way to learn more about recordbooks and give you ideas on how to do one. We will be judging Williamson & McLennan Counties books again this year, so all volunteers must be adults and it does not matter if your kids are doing a book. If you would like to participate as a recordbook judge please send an email to: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

I will send you more info about district and state when the time gets closer.

**Recordbooks are due June 18th to CEO**

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**4-H July 4th Float**

Would you like to promote 4-H at the 4th of July Parade Celebration **in Belton, on July 4, 2011!!!**

Bell County 4-H will be entering a float in the parade and we would like to invite Bell County 4-H members and their families from across the county to come walk/ride in the parade.

Please wear your Bell County 4-H T-Shirts. If you do not have one we some available for sale in the office.

**If you would like to participate in the parade and help with decorating. The committee will be meeting on these dates:**

- **June 22, 6pm at the CEO**
- **July 4, BellTec (next to Strike Zone in Belton), 8am**

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**Bell 4-H Horse**

**Dates to Remember:**  Horse Activity dates to put on your calendar.

**June 18-19, 2012**- District 8 Horse Show at the Bell County Expo Center

**July 21-28, 2012**- State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene (entries due at the District Horse Show June 18-19)

Much MORE information can be found on the Bell County 4-H Horse Project Website:  
http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/horse-project/
County Camp will be held July 9-11, 2012, at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX. We will be going to and from camp in a chartered bus. 4-H Ages 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) through ages 18 are welcome to attend. These ages are what grade you completed for the 2011-2012 year.

Registration for camp is available and going through June 14th and final payment is due by June 23rd. Registration this year will be done via the internet. You can register for camp by going to: http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/ and clicking on Register in the middle of the page. You will need to make sure and sign up for COUNTY CAMP I. **REGISTER NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT!!!**

When registering, you will notice that you will have to pay $175 per participant and $80 per chaperone. We will pay for the first chaperones registered and needed then chaperones will have to pay the amount. This payment will be reimbursed to the chaperones. Chaperones are based on a 1 to 8 ratio and very few times have we not paid for registrations due to lack of chaperones.

The registration for camp includes your bus ride and camp fee. No lunch will be provided to or from camp. No County Camp shirts will be bought this year however you can purchase shirts through the 4-H Center when you register.

Schedule for day:

**July 9th:**
11:30am Bus leaves County Extension Office
2:00pm Arrive at Texas 4-H Conference Center

(No LUNCH will be provided and we do not plan to stop. Please make arrangements to eat before or after.)
**Clover Fun Day**

**Date:** July 17th  
**Time:** 9am-12pm  
**Location:** Bell County Extension Office  
**Cost:** $5  

Age: The Clover Kid fun day is for all clover kids from ages 5-8 years of age. If the kids are going to be 5 before August 31st and not 9 by August 31st they are invited to attend.

This will be a 4-H fun day for clover kids. They will be doing fun food snacks, arts and crafts, and learn a little bit about 4-H. It will be a lot of fun!!!

**RSVP by:** July 13th

**Government Day Tour**

Bell County 4-H will be having a Government tour on **July 19, 2012 from 8:15am to 1:30pm**. (We will be leaving and arriving from the Extension Office) We will be learning about Bell County Government and how it works. We will be touring Government buildings including an exciting tour of the Bell County Jail from delivery to booking to release!!! Lunch will be provided and the tour will cost $5. Please **RSVP by July 2nd** to the Extension Office because only 20 spots will be open. No clover kids or younger children will be allowed. Parents who are interested in coming are asked to come and we would love your assistance in driving youth to the various locations. (Drivers must be Adult Volunteers for the 2011-2012 year). We will also be doing a community service project where we ask each of you to bring ½ dozen or more cookies in a ziploc bag to give to the jail/police workers in appreciation for keeping our community safe! For those doing a recordbook, this would be a county community service project. Those who cannot come can still make cookies for service project and bring them by the Friday before the event or the day of. Come and enjoy an exciting tour and learn about your government!

**Cake Decorating Workshop**

Stay tuned for a SPECIAL 2 day Cake Decorating Workshop in the beginning of August! Check your Newsletter in July for all the details!
Have you ever bought too much produce at one time and did not know what to do with it all before it went bad? Well, now you don’t have to worry! Introducing our new **HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP**!!!!!!!!! With this new workshop you will learn how to preserve your fresh produce at home. With one easy payment of just $5.00, we will provide the knowledge you will need to preserve your own food. All you need to do is **reserve your spot by June 18** by calling the County Extension Office at 933-5305. **Then join us from 6-8pm on June 25th at the CEO.** Isn’t it time to learn the skills you need to stop throwing your hard earned money down the drain? Call now; space is limited. Ages 8 and up only. Parents and Adult Leaders are welcome to attend, chaperoning parents are free of charge.

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**Recreation Day Camp**

Recreation Day camp is here!! And it is happening on **July 26 at CEO, 1-3pm.** We will be playing games and getting to know one another. 2011/2012 Recreation club officers are strongly advised to come as we will be teaching some fun games you can play at your club. In order to attend you will need to bring at least one canned food item as a donation to Helping Hands. Be sure to wear clothes you do not mind getting wet/sweaty. We will be having a lot of FUN! Hope to see you there.

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**Chef Day Camp**

Chef Day Camp is planned for **August 13th, at the CEO from 9am-2pm.** Bell County 4-H members will learn about basic food preparation. They will learn how to cook and compete in the food challenge as well. We also plan to take a tour of some food establishments. If you love to cook this is the workshop for you! **Please let us know you are coming by August 6th** so we have enough handouts and food. Workshop cost will be $10 which will include lunch and other free goodies!!!
The Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge is scheduled for **June 30-July 1 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.** Registration is open on 4-H Connect for all contestants and will close on June 15. In addition to contestant registration, there will also be an option for non-contestants to reserve lodging and meals. Below are a few details about the event and registration.

**CONTEST FEE**
Contest registration fee (per person) = $30 (does not include any meals or lodging)

**LODGING/MEALS COSTS PER PERSON** (optional for contestants and non-contestants)
Option 1: Friday/Saturday night lodging + 5 meals = $110
Option 2: Saturday night lodging + 4 meals = $70
Option 3: no lodging; but do need 5 meals = $60
Option 4: no lodging; but do need 4 meals = $50

**EVENTS**
There are 10 events for this year's Outdoor Challenge. Those are listed below. Rules and resources pertaining to each of those events and how they will be scored can be found on our website at: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor)

- Fishing (most likely dry-land version)
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Archery
- Kayaking (2-person)
- Climbing
- Knot Tying
- Outdoor ID
- Camping Skills
- Orienteering

As a reminder, this is a contest, so all participants need to come prepared to compete in each of these 10 events. There is no time in the schedule for training. For the safety of everyone, it is critical that all contests have experience with safely handling, loading and shooting firearms prior to competing.

Thank you and we look forward to another great Outdoor Challenge this summer!!

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**2012-2013 Bell County 4-H Council Officers**

Chairman: Katherine Wood  
1st Vice Chairman: Bailey Kasberg  
2nd Vice Chairman: Lacy Ide  
Secretary: Billy Wood  
Treasurer: Kristen Heisch

Parliamentarian: Erin Steglich  
Public Relations: Merah Winters  
Reporter: John Fasolino  
Recreation Leaders: Ashley Payne  
Wesley Ide
Recordbook Materials

The recordbook materials have been updated on the website. If you have missed the trainings or wanted more information, it is now all updated! The section and tips handout will be VERY handy when doing your NEW recordbook! There is also a new family guide from state that will help too! Please read it very carefully! Good Luck! Deadlines are on the website! http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/

Recordbooks are due June 18th!!

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!!

Searching for several youth who would like to photograph the Women in the Outdoors Event on Saturday, June 9, 2012. If interested please RSVP by June 4, so that we can plan for enough vehicles, parents, etc. It is a long hot day, but the amount of photo opportunities are priceless. 4-H member Ashley Payne’s Grand Champion Photo of the Red Tailed Hawk was taken at this event last summer. We are also looking for one or two adult leaders to help with supervision and traveling to the event. Also, if you are a 4-H mom, this is a really fun event to attend and learn. Why let the kids have all the fun?

For more information and to RSVP please contact Jammie Payne at: pljammie@yahoo.com

4-H Banquet

The 4-H Banquet is set for August 25, 2012, so please mark your calendar. The banquet cost will be FREE. We also need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or burned on to a CD or flash drive and dropped by the Extension Office. The last day to accept pictures will be August 3rd. Pictures are for the slideshow which is a great opportunity to show what clubs and 4-H members have been doing all year.

Please make sure and give pictures so your club and your family are in the slideshow!
2012 Poultry Institute for Youth Application

- submission deadline is May 4, 2012

The TAMU Poultry Institute for Youth is held on the Texas A&M campus once a year (usually in June). The purpose of this program is to give high school students with an interest in learning about the poultry industry a chance to gain first hand knowledge. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Texas A&M staff and Texas poultry industry leaders. A portion of the institute will also include hands on work with birds and areas of leadership. Registration is open to students who will be enrolled in the fall as high school juniors, seniors or college students.

STATE FAIR VALIDATION

This will be held June 26, 2012 at the Bell County Expo Center from 8:00-8:30 p.m. Anyone planning to show a lamb, goat, barrow, or steer at the State Fair of Texas must validate these on this day. Also, remember that exhibitors must also enter the State Fair in August through Randall Rakowitz at the County Extension Office or with your Ag Science teacher.

STEER VALIDATION

Steer validation for 4-H and FFA members will be held June 26, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Center. All exhibitors who plan to show at the State Fair in October, the Bell County Youth Fair, or any Major Livestock Show in 2013, must validate your steers on this day. A parent or guardian must be present to complete paperwork.


**2012 GRADUATING SENIORS**

Congratulations to all the graduating 4-H Seniors! We would like to wish you the best of luck in the future and hope that 4-H has taught you many life skills you will use every day!

Daniel Barron  Katelyn Heisch  Taylor Marburger  Mary Pajestka
Johnny Childers  Brooke Hoelscher  Kayli Merz  Megan Parker
Ashley Clore  Lacee Kight  Shelby Michalewicz  Leah Ray
Dakota Culp  Brooklyn Knudsen  Ashton Miller  Shanna Schiller
Jayden Ecker  Stephanie Lastovica  Gabor Nicholson  Trey Simpson
Jenna Fogle  Siera Littman  Chase O’Brien  Laura Taggart

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**Good luck everyone!**

Participating in the Texas 4-H State Roundup

**Scholarship Interviews:** Peter Fasolino, Katelyn Heisch & Brooke Hoelscher

**Nutrition Quiz Bowl:** Brandon Stone, Brittany Stone & Katherine Wood

**Fashion Storyboard:** Lauren Janke

**Food Challenge:** Lacy Ide, Taylor Jacobs, & Jennifer Ramthun

**Consumer:** Brittany Stone, Brandon Stone, Peter Fasolino, & Katherine Wood

**Share The Fun Poetry/Prose:** Katherine Wood

**Healthy Lifestyles:** Emma Coffman, Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, Taylor Jacobs, Brandon Stone & Brittany Stone

**Photography:** Daniel Barron, Emma Coffman, Brandon Hoelscher, Brooke Hoelscher & Katherine Wood
Congratulations to our new **2012-2013 Ambassadors**:

Jeremy Candelas- Killeen
Emma Coffman- Stampede Creek
Nathaniel Fasolino- 4-His Glory
Peter Fasolino- 4-His Glory
Lacy Ide- Tigertown
Taylor Jacobs- Tigertown
Bailey Kasberg- 4-His Glory
Ashley Payne- Stampede Creek
Jennifer Ramthun- Holland

Tyler Ramthun- Holland
Brandon Stone- 4-His Glory
Brittany Stone- 4-His Glory
Kyler Tormey- Tigertown
Lesli Tucker- Barking Buddies 4-H
Merah Winters- Stampede Creek
Billy Wood- Tigertown
Katherine Wood- Tigertown
Micah Holcombe- 4-H Agent- Advisor
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2nd Annual Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference

Join volunteers and adult leaders from throughout Texas in more than forty educational workshops in:

- Club Management
- Project Leader Training
- Scholarships
- Science, Engineering, & Technology
- Food & Nutrition (Food Challenge, Recipe Rally, Sports Nutrition)
- Housing Curriculum
- Golf Challenge
- Livestock Project Leader Training
- Photography
- Using Social Media in Club Management
- Dog Project
- Record Keeping and Record Books
- Citizenship and Community Service
- Outdoor Challenge
- 4-H Housing Project
- Much, much more!!!!!

Friday Night General Assembly includes:

- Outstanding Meal
- Update on the Texas 4-H Program
- Motivational Speaker
- Volunteer network time

Registration:

$130.00 per adult volunteer
(includes Friday night dinner, all workshop materials, Saturday lunch, refreshment breaks)
Additional ADULT Friday night meals are available.

Registration now open on 4-H Connect through June 22, 2012!

For more information and all conference updates, visit: 
texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference
The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program will equip youth with the knowledge and skills to become ambassadors for Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas 4-H program and animal science as it relates to livestock projects.

The short course will be college level animal science curriculum. It will take an in-depth look at sheep, goat, swine, and cattle production in Texas and how it relates to the show ring.

Students will be required to log at least 30 hours of service annually helping novice 4-H’ers with their livestock project and educating fellow 4-H’ers. The program is designed for youth wanting to enhance their livestock production knowledge and leadership skills.

25 participants will be selected from a group of applicants.