March 2014 Newsletter

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March 1: District Consumer Contest/NQB, Waco
March 1: Horse Validation, 4-H Connect
March 3: Cattle Raisers Youth Contests Deadline
March 3: Clothing Advisory Board, 6pm, CEO
March 5: Roundup Orientation Night, 6pm, CEO
March 7: Entries due for County Roundup and County Fashion Show (Includes Senior Paperwork), CEO
March 7: Deadline for Navarro Judging Contests Entry, contact Micah and Heidi
March 8: Spring Break Photo Safari, 8am-1pm, Meet at CEO, Waco Zoo
March 10: RSVP for Storyboard Workshop, call CEO
March 14: Storyboard Workshop, 6:30pm, CEO
March 15: Brigade Applications Deadline
March 18: 4-H Fuddruckers Day, Temple and Killeen
March 19: Photo Judging, 6pm-8pm, CEO

March 21: County Fashion Show, 4pm, First United Methodist Church
March 22: County Roundup, 9am, Belton First United Methodist Church
March 22: Clover Kids Meeting, 2pm, CTCS
March 24: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO
March 24: BCYF General Membership Meeting, 7pm, Bell County Expo Center
March 27: Awards Task Force Meeting, 6pm, CEO
March 28: Navarro County Judging Contests
March 28: State Photography Entries, CEO
March 29: EEA Style Show (4-H Fundraiser), 11am, EXPO
March 31: Deadline for HARP Donations
March 31: Volunteer Appreciation Night, RSVP

April

April 1: Texas 4-H Congress Lobbyist and Press Corp Application opens on 4-H Connect
April 1: 4-H Talent Entry Deadline
April 4: District Fashion Show, Granbury
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April 7: Youth Advisory Board, 6pm, CEO
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April 11: BCYF Scholarship Due, BCYF Office
April 12: District Roundup, Meridian
April 14: State Fair of Texas Tag Orders Due, CEO
April 15: $10.00 per horse validation deadline
April 15: Recordbook Workshop, 6pm-8pm, CEO
April 16: National Congress Application Deadline
April 18: Holiday, Office Closed
April 22: Fuddruckers Day, Temple and Killeen
April 23-May 4: Tractor Supply Fundraiser
April 26: District Livestock, Meats and Soil Judging Contest, TAMU
April 26: Clover Kids Meeting, 2pm, CTCS
April 27: District Rifle Contest, Leon Co.
April 29: Photo Judging Practice, 6pm-8pm, CEO

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Dates to Remember:

- **March 3**: Clothing Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
- **March 7**: Deadline for County Fashion Show Entries (includes Sr. paperwork), CEO
- **March 10**: RSVP for Storyboard Workshop, CEO call
- **March 14**: Storyboard Workshop, 6:30pm, CEO
- **March 21**: County Fashion Show, 4pm, Belton First United Methodist Church
- **April 4**: District Fashion Show, Granbury
- **May 15**: Clothing Advisory Board Meeting/Zipper Workshop, 6pm, CEO

4-H County Fashion Show

**March 21st, First United Methodist Church, Starting at 4:00pm**

Interviews and awards will be on Friday afternoon/evening. Entry forms due by **March 7th**. Please see all dates, entry forms, and other information about the Fashion Show/Contest on the Bell County Website: [http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/](http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/)

**Clothing Advisory Board**

Do you like to sew???? All 4-H members and parents/leaders are invited to attend the Clothing Advisory Board meeting on **March 3rd**. We will be planning workshops, contests, service projects, and other activities! This is great for your fashion show paperwork and record book and those who want to suggest new ideas for the project!

**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.
Storyboard Workshop

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as additional materials (such as photos from the Internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. Each storyboard must be created by the 4-H member. 4-H members may choose to manually affix the pieces of their layout to their storyboard, or computer-generated layouts can be printed and affixed to the foam core or mat board.

Categories for Storyboard:
- Accessory
- Jewelry
- Non-wearable
- Pet-clothing
- Wearable

For the workshop, we will be working on your very own storyboard. We will look at award winning storyboards from 4-H members to see how to create a board. Please bring the following materials:

Basic Materials List:
- Mat board or foam core
- Approximately 20” x 30”
- Use magazine, Internet, or similar sources to obtain photos
- Resize these photos as needed with a photocopy machine or computer for better layout.
- They must be neat and creatively cut and presented.
- 3-D mounting is good.

Lettering
Make sure that the font/text goes well with the layout and is an appropriate size.
- Transferable lettering, hand lettering is not recommended.
- Check spelling.
- Check alignment.

Support Materials
- Scissors and pinking shears for cutting paper and fabric swatches
- Various adhesives
- Rubber cement
- Rubber cement pick-up
- Removable adhesive glue stick
- Remount repositionable adhesive
- Adhesive transfer tape
- Drawing pencils - used for a variety of sketching purposes; for both preliminary and finishing techniques, pencils are available in a variety of leads.
- Decorative papers in various colors and textures and fabric swatches

If you plan to attend, please RSVP for the workshop. RSVP will be due by calling the CEO by March 10th. Also remember to enter the County Fashion Show Storyboard contest if you plan to attend!!!

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!!!

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.
County Council Officer Elections

The Bell County 4-H Council will be electing officers for the 2014-2015 4-H year at the May meeting. It is time to start thinking about what officer position(s) you would like to run for. To run for an officer position an "Intent To Run" form must be filled out and be turned into the 4-H office by the designated deadline date with NO exceptions. The "Intent To Run" forms will be available in March.

4-H Livestock Projects

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

(254)-933-5305

Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Youth Contests

Fort Worth, Texas – Young cattle raisers can showcase their creative talents by entering up to four youth contests during the Cattle Raisers Convention, April 4-6 in San Antonio. Deadline for all entries is March 3.

Youth ages five to 17 can enter the photography, art and essay contests. Youth ages 13 to 17 are eligible to enter the beef promotion video contest, the newest contest added to the lineup. Each contest is specifically designed to allow young cattle raisers to showcase how ranching life has positively affected their family.

The contests are sponsored by Farm Credit. A total of $5,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Entries will be judged and winners selected at the Cattle Raisers Convention.

All contestants must be a member of TSCRA, either a student member, child or grandchild of a member, or a child of parents who are employed by a TSCRA member. Non-members can become members prior to the contest by contacting TSCRA at 817-332-7064. There is a membership fee of $25 for young members.

Entry information is available online at http://www.tscra.org/convention/youth.html.

The 137th annual Cattle Raisers Convention is April 4-6 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Highlights include the popular School for Successful Ranching, the Cattle Raisers Expo, and general sessions and committee breakout session covering a wide range of economic, ranching and wildlife topics.

A complete schedule can be found on the TSCRA convention website at www.tscra.org/convention.

TSCRA will continue to update the schedule with additional events.
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 Extension Education Association’s 9th Annual Luncheon With Style

Presents

“Styles & Smiles”
Style Show & Baked Potato/Salad Lunch

Saturday, March 29, 2014-11:00a.m.
Bell County Expo-Belton TX
General Assembly Hall

Fashions by:  Dillard’s

Tickets-Adults-$10.00
Age 12 & under-$7.00
Reserved Tables for 8-$96.00
Tickets available from EEA member:
Name: __________________________
Phone#________________________
Or at the County Extension Office
254-933-5305

Table Reservations Available
Please contact Gayle Pomykal
254-985-2201

Advance Tickets Only
Reservation Deadline:
Friday, March 21, 2014

Narrator:
John Bittrick, Dillard’s Manager
The County Roundup includes 3 different contests: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share The Fun. **County Roundup will be held March 22nd at 9:00am at the Belton First United Methodist Church Educational Building.**

Educational Presentations are where you teach the audience about a certain topic/4-H project or it can also be a “how to” methods demonstration.

Public Speaking is speaking to a group without visuals and about some issue or topic.

Want to learn about how to do compete and go all the way to state in an Educational Presentation or Share the Fun Contest? We will be having a workshop on **March 5th**, at 6:00pm, at the CEO. We will go over all the categories and when you leave, you will have a presentation pretty much planned and ready to go! We will also plan Share the Fun acts at this workshop too! Come and learn about Roundup and all that it has to offer.

- **Workshop - March 5th**
- **Entries - March 7th (Due to the CEO)**
- **Contest - March 22nd**

Entry Forms and more information can be found on the Bell County 4-H website under Projects. **Entries will be due March 7th.**

Categories for Educational Presentations Include:

- Beef
- Clothing & Textiles
- Companion Animals
- Health
- Horse
- Open
- Promote 4-H
- Public Speaking (Individual entry only)
- Safety & Accident Prevention
- Sheep &/or Goat
- Open – Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Open – Family & Consumer Sciences

**Quiz Bowls:**

- Swine
- Beef
- Horse

These entries are due **March 7th**. All entries will advance to District unless maximum entries are met.

Share The Fun is like a talent show for those who are very talented with music whether that is singing, playing an instrument or dancing, poetry, or skits. The skit is a “Celebrate 4-H” skit, it usually is something very entertaining and fun that has to do with 4-H.

Categories include:

- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical/Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Choreographed Routine
- Celebrate 4-H
- Dramedy
Photography Project Meetings

All locations are at the CEO

Saturday Mar 8 - Photo Advisory Board - Zoo Field trip Animal Photography 8-1pm

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

Please email all questions to: familycoffman@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!!

BELL COUNTY 4-H
HUNTER’S SPECTACULAR

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hunter Spectacular is scheduled
September 27, 2014

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!!
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:

- March 18
- April 22
- May 20
- July 22
- August 19

Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We would like to honor and appreciate our volunteers by providing a Volunteer Appreciation Night. A meal will be provided for you and your family.

Please come to our Volunteer Appreciation Night.

RSVP to the County Extension Office by March 31, 2014.

Date for this event will be April 10, 2014 at 6:00pm @ Bell County Expo (special events room)

2014 Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

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

Other dates will be determined after this meeting!!! This will be our orientation meeting and introduction to Healthy Lifestyles contest.
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!

Dates to Remember:
- April 1, 2014: Lobbyist Application opens on-line
- April 1, 2014: Press Corps Application opens on-line
- April 30, 2014: Lobbyist Application closes
- April 30, 2014: Press Corps Application closes
- May 1, 2014: Bill submission opens
- May 16, 2014: Press Corps and Lobbyist notification
- May 20, 2014: Online Registration opens via 4-H CONNECT
- June 16, 2014: Bill submission closes
- June 16, 2014: Online Registration closes
- July 13, 2014: Texas 4-H Council and Management Team Arrives
- July 15, 2014: District Delegates Arrive

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

4-H Livestock Link

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!
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

Navarro County Judging Contests

March 28th here in Corsicana, Texas we will be having our annual judging contests, open to all youth teams or individuals. Attached is a PDF with information about each contest. This year’s contest will include:

- Livestock Judging
- Land Judging
- Plant ID
- Poultry Judging
- Consumer Decision Making

* This will be a great opportunity for any livestock team interested in participating in College Stations Judging Clinic held on March 29th, our contest will be the day before and we are only a “short” two and a half hour drive north of College Station.

The day will start with Registration from 8am to 8:45am, all contests will start approximately at 9AM, once concluded a Free Lunch will be provided for all, at which placing and awards will be announced for each contest.

This will be a good practice opportunity before district contests as well. Last year we had over 450 total participants, so there will be good competition.

If you are interested in this judging contest please let Micah or Heidi know by March 7. Micah-Consumer and other Contests- Heidi.
Bell County Youth Fair Comments for Change Welcome

Quite often, we receive lots of feedback from our 4-H families about things they would like to see changed at the Bell County Youth Fair or just compliments on things that are going well. Maybe a schedule change went well or a particular category change was helpful. Sometimes, families want to suggest a particular livestock judge or might like to see a new class added. Every year, we have parents ask “How can we get our comments to the Board,” or “Who do we need to talk to?” This is the process. The BCYF General Membership meeting will be held on March 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Center in the Special Events Room (upstairs). The cost is $10 per person to join the General Membership annually and it is open to anyone interested. The board will elect new members from varying voting precincts on that night, and will also elect new officers. Additionally, rule changes, suggestions, and judge recommendations will be taken from the general membership that evening as long as they are in writing and signed by the proposer. Suggestions are taken from paid members. The Operations Board of Directors will then meet weekly starting in April to discuss and make decisions related to proposed changes, and anyone is welcome to attend those meetings. Come on out and see what it is all about.

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)
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:
1. Go to Play Store.
2. Search for “4-H News and Events”
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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-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 Werten at kjwerten@ag.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:
    - Address
    - City/State/Zip
    - Phone
    - E-mail

Deadline for Submission: April 1, 2014
Bell Co 4-H Photography Advisory Board
Presents:

PHOTO SAFARI
A Zoo Adventure

Join us for a WILD animal excursion at the Cameron Park Zoo (1701 N 4th St, Waco, TX 76707)
Learn about animal photography then try your new skills!

Date: SATURDAY, March 8th, 2014
Location: Meet at the CEO for mini-class and carpool departure
Time: 8:00 a.m. (Return at 1:00 p.m.)
Entrance Fee: (bring with you on March 8th) $9 for ages 13+ $6 for ages 4-12 (3 and under free)
Bring: Entrance fee money, camera, extra batteries, memory stick/SD card/Compact Flash card, Sunscreen, Water, Hat, Sack Lunch, Comfortable shoes

**You MUST pre-register by Tuesday, March 4th in order to attend!!!** Additions after this date cannot be guaranteed transportation.
All 4-H ages welcome. Clovers must have a parent or older sibling in attendance.

We NEED Adult Volunteers and Drivers for this event!
Contact: CEO (254) 933-5305
"Texas 4-H Roundup is a great opportunity for great music to reach a fantastic population of young people."

The 4-H year is one of hard work and dedication from these 4-H'ers and we can't wait to be there to top it off with a great show."

- Wade Bowen

Thursday June 12, 2014
Reed Arena | College Station, Texas
**JAN. 10 – JUNE 12**

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

The district collecting the most funds will be recognized the Thursday of Texas 4-H Roundup with a pizza party.

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**Awards Task Force**

If you are interested in helping select awards for the banquet, please come to our Awards Task Force meeting on **March 27th** at 6:00pm at the CEO.

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Bell County Extension
1605 N. Main, Room 102
Belton, TX 76513
Phone: 254.933.5305
FAX: 254.933.5312

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/

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County Fashion Show (includes Senior paperwork), CEO  
Deadline for Navarro Judging Contest Entry, contact Micah or Heidi |
| 8   |     |     |     |     |     | 8   Spring Break Photo Safari, 8am-1pm, Meet at CEO, Waco Zoo |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  Brigade Application Deadline |
|     | RSVP for Storyboard Workshop, call CEO  
4-H Fuddruckers Day, Temple and Killeen  
Photo Judging Practice, 6pm-8pm, CEO |
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Clover Kids Meeting, 2pm, CTCS |
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