BELL COUNTY 4-H SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

September 1: Texas State Preservation Board Agricultural Photography Contest
September 1: Tech Team Applications Due
September 2: Office Closed, Holiday
September 6: 2013 Calf Scrambles Entries Due, CEO
September 7: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh-in, 8:00am, W.C. Evans Ranch
September 9: Judging team meeting, 5:30pm, CEO
September 10: Heart of Texas Fair Entries Due, CEO
September 10: Open House, 5:30-8pm, EXPO
September 12: Major Show Broiler Orders Due, CEO
September 12: District Photography Entries Due
September 13: Paleontology Workshop RSVP Due
September 13: FCS Project Leader Training RSVP Due

October 1: All Hunter Spectacular Baskets and/or money due to CEO
October 2: BCYF Roaster Orders Due, CEO
October 8-10: Club Managers Return Hunter Spectacular Money to CEO
October 9-20: Tractor Supply Fundraiser, Temple and Killeen
October 12: Hunter Spectacular Decorations/ Ambassador Meeting, 9am, EXPO
October 12: All Hunter Spectacular Desserts due to EXPO by 12pm, EXPO
October 12: Hunter Spectacular, 6pm, EXPO
October 15: Texas State Preservation Board Agricultural Photography Contest Deadline, 12:00 am (midnight)

OCTOBER

September 14: Club Officer Workshop, 2pm, CEO
September 15: 4-H Exchange Meeting, 6pm, CEO
September 16: Youth Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
September 17: FCS Project Leader Training, 6pm, CEO
September 21: Palaeontology Workshop, 1pm, CEO
September 21: Clover Kids Club Meeting, 2-4pm, CTCS
September 23: County Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO
September 24: Poultry Clinic (CHECK WITH LYLE), 7pm, CEO
September 25: Major Show Barrow Tag Orders Due, CEO
September 25: Texas 4-H Roundup Logo Contest Deadline/ One Day 4-H T-shirt deadline
September 26: New Member Orientation, 6pm, CEO

September 27: Club Charters Due to CEO
September 30: End of School Supply Drive

October 15: Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO
October 15: Lamb, Goat, Breeding Lamb & Goat Validation, Bell County Expo, 5:00pm-8:00pm
October 19: Clover Kids Club Meeting, 2-4pm
October 19: ONE DAY 4-H
October 21: District Gold Star Banquet, HOT Fair Grounds
October 22: MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO
October 25: County Food Show Entries Due, CEO
October 26: Rabbit Workshop/Clinic, 7am, EXPO
October 28: Lamb, Goat, Breeding Lamb & Goat Validation, Bell County Expo, 5:00pm-8:00pm
October 29: Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

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Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th**!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect this year. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at http://agrilife.org/bell4h/ and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (Clover Kids & Adult Volunteers excluded) starting this 2013-2014 4-H year. The participant fee is $20 if enrolled from **August to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to $25.

Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled. The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/

If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 254-933-5305
Are you a new member this year!!?? We would like to invite all new members and those members who would like to come and learn more about the 4-H program to come to the new member orientation on **September 26, 2013**, at 6pm, at the County Extension Office. We will be introducing our staff as well as going over the family handbook, and answering any questions you might have about the 4-H program. We also plan to have some 4-H members talk about their 4-H career! Come and learn more about 4-H!

4-H Open House will be held **September 10th** from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and the Open House Committee will be hosting a 4-H Open House to recruit new 4-H members. 4-H members and children from the public can come to the Open House and learn about all the projects and activities in 4-H. Current 4-H members are welcome to come and learn about new projects offered in the county. There will be Bell County 4-H members stationed at booths and you will have the opportunity to talk to them about their project and all types of activities (i.e. 4-H Camp; Leadership Lab; Congress…).

We will also be having sessions again to learn more about projects such as: Livestock 101, Fashion Show, Food Challenge, Leaders 4 Life, Dance Demo, Nutritional Quiz Bowl.

** Drawstring Bags will be the gift at the Open House!!!! Come & get a bag!!!**

We look forward to seeing you on **September 10th** and feel free to contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 with any questions you may have!
We need your help! Each year, the Bell County 4-H hosts fundraisers to help with the costs of supporting our youth.

Our event is called the Hunter’s Spectacular and will be held October 12, 2013 at the Bell County Expo Center. We will have lots of fun things for the whole family at the event including a meal, silent auction, live auction, vendors, and even have games. We will also have a drawing for 20 guns, binoculars, hunting equipment, t-shirts for sale and lots of other fun prizes. For the young people, we have games and activities and even a cake walk. A live auction of outdoor items will take place that evening as well as a silent auction with the hunter in mind.

**We need our 4-H members to sell tickets to the event.** Your club manager will be asking each of you to participate and we want you to know that we utilize the funds raised for the total Bell County 4-H program….which includes you! We are able to help offset the costs of many events, camps, livestock supplies, workshops, contests, and leadership activities through these funds. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office and visit with Micah about the event. All your tickets should be turned in to your club manager before October 1st. **Club managers will have to turn in tickets on October 1st.** (Tickets are available through your club manager starting August 12th.)
Bell County 4-H is happy to announce that starting this September we will be starting a 4-H Clover Kids Club. This group 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 still being approved and we will have a definite location for you in the September newsletter and family handbook!

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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State Tech Team Accepting Applications

The Texas 4-H Technology Team is a group of youth and adults that strive to promote the use of computers and technology in the 4-H program. Formed in 2004, the team now consist of approximately 18 youth and adults in a very unique youth-adult partnership which creates great synergy to create educational programs for both the team members and other youth and adults in the 4-H program. Annually, the Technology Team recruits members for one/two year terms.

2012-2013 Texas 4-H Technology Team application and instructions – Word or go to: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/technology Must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2013.

Instagram

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

@bellcounty4h

Youth Advisory Board

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Do you want to address issues that involve youth? Do you want to make changes to the 4-H program?

The Youth Advisory Board is open to all 4-H and non 4-H members from ages 12-19. We will be having our first meeting of the year on September 16, 2013, at 6pm, at the CEO.

Please come and help us make a difference!!!
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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Photography Contest

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline: **Thursday, September 12, 2013**

Submit the following:

- Flash drive or CD with each photo labeled or renamed: 
  
  `Junior_Wildlife_Bell_County_John_Smith.jpg` just like in district rules.

- No email submissions allowed.

- Complete Entry Form on website

Display: **October 3-12, 2013**

- Heart O' Texas Fair, Waco, Texas
- Creative Arts/Exhibit Building

**Formatting the Photograph.** Each photograph must be formatted in a jpg file to where it can be printed at a 3 inch X 5 inch size. File must not be over 2 MB in size to upload.

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**Age Divisions:**

Age divisions are determined by a participant’s age as of August 31, 2013. Please note: This is NOT the qualifying contest for the state senior contest that will be held in spring 2014. This contest is in addition to the state senior contest and senior members wishing to enter the state contest please look for more information in your Spring 4-H Newsletter or the Photography website.

**Eligibility of Photos:** All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members between the dates of October 1, 2012 and time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class. This means you can also use the photos from BCYF to enter as well as your Senior contest in Spring 2014.

For more information about the photo contest, please visit the Bell County 4-H Website. Under projects and photography you will find entry forms and guidelines. These forms can also be obtained at the Extension Office.

Enter On-Line: September 1, 2013 to October 15, 2013 @ texas4-h.tamu.edu

Recordbooks

Have you ever thought about doing a recordbook? A recordbook is good for those who want to keep records of their 4-H career, win awards for resumes, or help you with filling out your scholarship applications. All seniors who complete a recordbook say that it helped them with filling out their scholarship applications a lot. We have even helped create a format that ties directly to the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form. How easy is that!!!

Recordbooks are getting easier to fill out and complete these days! If you would like to learn about how to complete a recordbook, the Bell County 4-H will be hosting 2 workshops this year to help you do a recordbook. The first workshop will help with how to start a recordbook and how to record effective information for recordbooks and will be in October and the second workshop will be in April and will be the second part which is how to fill out the forms and do tables and what to actually do to fill out the recordbook.

If you are interested, please attend the first recordbook training on: **November 7, 2013 at 6-8pm in the CEO.**

We had a great year for recordbooks this year!

**Congratulations on the following STATE recordbook winners!**

**Nathaniel Fasolino - Consumer**
Date: **September 17, 2013**

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Place: CEO

RSVP: **September 13, 2013**

Cost: FREE/Take your lessons back to your club!

Bell County 4-H will be holding a FCS Project Training for all 4-H Club Leaders and Teen Leaders. This is open to ALL 4-H parents and teens ages 12 and up who would like to learn about the FCS projects and bring them back to their clubs to teach others.

**Family and Consumer Sciences Projects!**

**Dates for Family and Consumer Sciences Projects:**

- **September 13**: Deadline for FCS Project Training
- **September 17**: FCS Project Training, 6pm, CEO

**Healthy Lifestyles/Food and Nutrition:**

- **October 25**: County Food Show Entries Due, CEO
- **November 2**: County Food Show, 9am-1pm, Location: CTCS
- **December 11**: District Food Show, 8am, Location: Expo
- **March 1**: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest, Waco

**Consumer Decision Making:**

- **October 15, 29, November 19, 26, December 17, January 28**: Consumer Project Meetings, 6:00pm, CEO
- **January 8-14**: National Consumer Contest, Denver, CO
- **February 13**: County Consumer Contest
- **February 15**: Consumer– San Antonio
- **March 1**: District Consumer– Waco

**Clothing and Textiles:**

- Clothing Retreat- **November 22**- 6pm, **November 23**-9am, CEO
- Clover Kid Club Meeting (Program- Clothing)- **February 15**, 2pm, CTCS
- Storyboard Workshop- **February 22**- CEO
- County Fashion Show- **March 29**-in conjunction with County Roundup, Belton Methodist Church
- District Fashion Show- Either **April 4th or 11th**
- **Summer 2013**: Clothing Blast
Graduating Seniors

It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So apply NOW for school!!!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

If you are interested in learning about scholarships available through 4-H or how to apply for a scholarship, you can attend the scholarship training, which will be held at the County Extension Office Board Room on November 12th, 2012 at 6pm. This training will be invaluable to learn about what scholarship donors look for in scholarships, how to write an effective essay, or how to fill out effective information on your scholarship application.

Dinosaur Workshop

Do you love dinosaurs?! Have you have wanted to learn more about them and how paleontologists do their job? The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors, Taylor Jacobs and Taylor Harris are hosting a paleontology workshop on September 21, 2013 at 1pm at the CEO. It is going to be lots of fun. You will learn about dinosaurs and what paleontologists do. We are even having some hands on practice. RSVP will be September 13th. Cost for workshop is $25. Cost includes: Little dinosaurs, a dinosaur you will dig out, tee shirt, and dinosaur tattoos

Tractor Supply Company

The Fall 2013 TSC Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled October 9-20, 2013. 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!
Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. Please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

· The BCYF has a NEW website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent’s names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/

- You MUST attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.

- 2 meetings will be allowed from August to December this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.

- All 4-H members MUST be enrolled by December 10th to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.

- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: January 17, 2013. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline. Forms are not available until January 1st.

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4-H Exchange

From: Chelsea Stevens

Have you ever wanted to travel to a different state to see what their 4-H program is like?! If so; 4-H Exchange is for you!!! This program is a 2 year time commitment. The first year you will have the opportunity to host a 4-H’er from a different state and show them what Texas has to offer. The next year the group will then travel to that state to see and experience how they live.

For more information check out the 4-H Exchange booth at Open House on September 10, 2013 or call Chelsea Stevens at (254)-933-5305.

There will be an informational meeting September 15, 2013 at 6:00pm at the County Extension Office.
4-H ELIGIBILITY

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school, must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” – If you are in public or private school, your form will be sent automatically to your school. If you are home schooled, you will be required to come to the office to pick one up and fill it out.

OR

Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee. – This list is usually used during the youth fair instead of filling out a form for each student.

Extracurricular activities through 4-H that require a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” or List of Eligible names:

- All 4-H Competitive Events (this does include photography, Bell County Youth Fair, Participation in ANY 4-H event or activity that would require them to be absent from school.

Consistent with the UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Program has adopted a three school week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (ie from public to private or private to home or home to public or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity. As a result of the 81st Legislation, no significant changes were made in TEA or UIL rules and procedures.

The 76th Legislature passed House Bill 3573 with 3 major changes in regard to school eligibility and extracurricular activities:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education (instead of State Board of Education) to adopt for extracurricular activities and to approve or disapprove UIL rules and procedures.

- Suspension period of “no pass, no play” changed to 3 SCHOOL weeks.

- Authorizes local boards of trustees to adopt policies that establish the number of times that students may be absent to participate in extracurricular activities. It also requires that the policies allow at least ten absences for extracurricular participation but does not cap the maximum number of days that may be missed for extracurricular participation.
2013-2014 CALF SCRAMBLES

We will be receiving information within the next few weeks regarding calf scramble applications for major shows. If you are interested in scrambling at one of the major shows, please contact Lyle or Pam at the Extension Office no later than September 6th and we will send you the appropriate forms as they arrive. Most shows require participants to be at least 14 years old and 100 lbs and to not be beyond your eleventh grade year in school.

Major Show Barrow Tags

We need to know by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2013 how many major show barrow tags you will need for the 2013 Major Show’s. Tags will cost $12.00 per tag. We do not need you to order tags for county-only pigs. Contact Pam at the Extension office at 254-933-5309.

Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goats Validation

4-H members who plan to show market lambs or market goats in 2013 must validate these animals. Lamb and goat validation for Bell County exhibitors will be held October 15th and 28th at the Bell County Expo Center. Exhibitors who plan to show in San Angelo in 2013 must have a Texas Bred Lamb. You must have your Texas Lamb Breeders Tag with you at validation, or the sheep will not be eligible for San Angelo.

October 15th—Academy FFA; Bartlett FFA; Belton FFA; Oenaville 4-H; Temple FFA; Tigertown 4-H; Troy FFA/4-H & Stampede Creek 4-H

October 28th—Bell 4-H Horse; Ellison FFA; 4His Glory 4-H; Harker Heights FFA; Holland 4-H/FFA; Killeen 4-H/FFA; Maxdale 4-H; Rogers 4-H/FFA; Salado 4-H/FFA & Trimmier 4-H.

Validation Time for the above dates is: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each night

Cost: $12.00 for each State animal and $5.00 for each County animal,

(If you validate for State it covers BCYF also)

All Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goats Must be Validated
4-H offers several educational opportunities through participation in judging teams. In the past year there have been several inquiries about livestock judging, some about range evaluation, plant identification and meats I.D. and education. Successful teams have a tremendous amount of parent and project leader support along with interest and enthusiasm from the 4-H member. We are currently looking for project leaders, parents and interested youth in those mentioned areas. We will have a project area meeting with all parties to discuss leaders, management, educational methods, contests and finances on September 9, 2013, at 5:30pm at the CEO. It will not take longer than 30 minutes. If you cannot make it, please let us know and what judging you want to do.

For more information please contact Lyle: l-zoeller@ag.tamu.edu or Micah: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or feel free to call the extension office at (254)-933-5305.
Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2013 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 10, 2013**. Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

**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

**BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh IN**

For those 4-H members who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the Commercial Steer Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, September 7, 2013** at 8:00 a.m. at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.

**Major Show Broilers**

4-H members who plan to show broilers at San Antonio, Houston or Austin or roasters at the Star of Texas Fair in Austin must order no later than **September 12, 2013**. The minimum order is 25 birds per exhibitor. You may order a maximum of 75 birds per exhibitor and you must order in multiples of 25. Families cannot order one set of birds (75) for multiple children. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of 3 from the birds assigned to them. Contact Pam to order or with questions you may have.
The 2013 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 2 days for sign-up; **Tuesday, November 5th & Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the Extension Office in Belton.** Both nights sign-up time will be from **4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights and times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in late October from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above. Questions? Call Randall or Pam @ 254-933-5305. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Youth are able to go online now, participate in the online training, take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show’s entry deadline on **November 1st.** A passing score has been determined to be 80%. Once you move from Junior to Senior, you must retake the test. Those who are not moving up, Pam has your numbers if you have lost them.

**To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit:**
http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/.

**Bell County 4-H members will not be allowed to enter major shows unless they have completed this by November 1st.**
American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

District IV Judges Conference - Double Open/Youth Show

Co-Sponsored by Mid-Tex Rabbit Breeders and Bell County 4-H

We are hosting unique learning opportunity for Extension Agents, FFA instructors, Rabbit Project Leaders and exhibitors. ARBA judges conferences are open to the public and designed in providing the participants the same information judges receive in the selection and placing of rabbits at the shows. There will be several state specialty club in attendance who can provide additional information to answer additional questions about various breeds of rabbits. This will be an excellent opportunity to make contact with breeders who will be in attendance.

Topics to be covered

Handling and Posing, Meat pen Selection

Breeds Covered

Californian, New Zealand, Netherland Dwarf, Holland Lop, Satins, Mini Satins, Mini Rex and others to be announced

Double Youth / Double Open Show—Sponsored by Mid-Tex RBA

Judges/Speakers: Todd Naragon (Huntington, IN), Scott Rodriguez (Cheyenne, WY), Leann McKinney (Monticello, IN), Cheryl Blackman (Navasota, TX) and Frank Farrow (Lufkin, TX). Loyd Morgan Jr (Temple, TX), Amy Merslovsky (Belton, TX)

This will be a late entry show

There will also be several specialty club shows (Californians, Angoras and several others to be announced)

Equipment dealers will be there to meet all your equipment needs for a successful rabbit project.

Purina representatives will be there to answer your feed and feeding questions

For more info:

Donald Merslovsky, ARBA Director
1156 Elm Grove Spur
Belton, Texas 76513
Phone: (254) 721-5992
Email: texarab@tamu.edu

Lyle Zoeller, Extension Agent
1605 N Main St Ste 102
Belton, Texas 76513
Phone: (254) 593-5305
Email: lzoeller@tamu.edu

Helping the Youth of Bell and Surrounding counties in raising better rabbits
4-H Banquet Photos

The 2013 Bell County 4-H Banquet photos are not ready for viewing. Please feel free to go take a look at these photos by going to the link provided below!

https://4hfun.shutterfly.com/

School Supply Drive

We will be collecting school supplies for those in need! You can drop them off at the Extension Office in the tote bin below the bulletin board. The school supply collection will be until the end of September!

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/
ORDER YOUR ONE DAY 4-H T-SHIRTS TODAY!

Thanks to the sponsorship of TransCanada 4-H members and adults can order the 2013 One Day 4-H T-Shirts for

ONLY $3.80 PER SHIRT

All Orders must be placed between August 29, 2013 and September 25, 2013

(orders at midnight)

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!!

Here’s how to order your 2013 One Day t-shirt:
1. Go to: www.barefootathletics.com/cof ENTER CODE: COF41241
2. Read and acknowledge online Terms & Conditions
3. Enter sizes and quantities for each item, enter the student’s full name, and then click “Add to Cart”.
4. Check your selections and make any necessary corrections. No changes may be made after your order is placed.
5. Once your order is correct click “Proceed to checkout”. 
6. Enter your shipping & billing information.
7. Verify that your order is correct. No changes may be made after your order is placed. Read our terms and conditions. Check the box next to “Yes, I agree with the terms and conditions”, and then click “Continue”.
8. Enter your payment information and click “Pay for Order”. You will receive a confirmation email.

NOTE
Your order will ship to the shipping address on your order up to 14 business days AFTER the order form closes.

Questions? please contact Barefoot at: cof@barefootathletics.com

ORDER TODAY!!!

INTRODUCING ...

NEW 2014 Texas 4-H
Roundup Theme Contest!

In order to inspire 4-H’ers during Texas 4-H Roundup, you must create a theme (text/mes) that will evolve and inspire leadership! Participants will either prepare a speech or essay telling us about your theme. Texas 4-H will then adapt your theme and implement it into many aspects of Roundup for you and all of your friends to see!

• The theme must relate to 4-H, leadership, and youth—make it exciting and fun!
• A 2 minute speech (uploaded to YouTube) OR a 100-word essay telling us about your theme.
• Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth.
• Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this contest.

Submission Process:
• Essay or video must be submitted via e-mail to Kyle Metzen at kmetzen@tamu.edu
• Video must be uploaded to YouTube (Max 5 min.)
• Essays must be no less than 100 words

Please include the following in your entry email:
• Title of Theme
• Name and age of participant
• County
• Contact person
• Following information for contact:
  • Address
  • City/State/Zip
  • Phone
  • E-mail

Entry Deadline: Sept. 25
# Bell County 4-H September Newsletter

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- BCYF Roaster Orders Due, CEO
- Hunter Spectacular Decorations/Ambassador Meeting, EXPO
- Clover Kids Club Meeting, CEO
- Consumer Project Meeting, CEO
- District Gold Star Banquet, HOT fairgrounds
- Tractor Supply Fundraiser, Temple and Killeen, October 9-20
- Lamb, Goat, Breeding Lamb & Goat Validation, Bell County Expo, 5:00pm-8:00pm
- County Food Show Entries Due, CEO
- Rabbit Workshop/Clinic, EXPO
- Hunter Spectacular, 6pm, EXPO
- ONE DAY 4-H