

## Welcome to the Bell City 4H Show Team!

In this packet, you will find helpful information. Also, you should do the following to keep up to date:

1. If you have a Facebook account, search for “Calcasieu Parish 4H” and “Like” the page. This page has important updates. We also have a parent volunteer who runs a BC 4H page – search for it and share pics, awards, etc.
2. Join the email list for 4H. Send me an email ([brandi.fruge@cpsb.org](mailto:brandi.fruge@cpsb.org)) and I will forward that email to the 4H office.
3. Send me an email with your cell phone # to be placed on text message list, or you can text me with your name and your child(ren) names and type of animal(s) shown, and I will add you to the list. 337-513-1761.
4. Download the Remind App for important messages and updates:

### Remind Codes 4H- Bell City School

<b>DON'T HAVE THE APP: TEXT INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Text to this “number”: 81010 Text the code in the message portion: (see chart)	<b>HAVE THE APP:</b> Add the codes (without the @ symbol)
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5. Text @+Code to 81010 or add code in Remind App
6. Please check to make sure you are signed up for all that apply to you – some reminders are sent to specific groups so you don't receive too many that do not apply to you.

Group Name	Text Code	App Code	Applies to:
4H Parents	@4hpar	4hpar	all 4H parents
Livestock Show Team- Cattle	@bchstock	bchstock	all cattle kids/parents
Livestock Show Team- Small Animal	@smstock	Smstock	All small animal kids/parents

7. Bookmark our club webpage so you can get BCHS information in addition to 4H news.
  - a. Go to [www.cpsb.org/bellcity](http://www.cpsb.org/bellcity)
  - b. Click on “Bell City 4H” link on the left
    - i. Items are updated all year
  - c. Once you have set this site to favorites or bookmarked it, click on the 4H button to see 4H news.

## FFA vs 4H – What’s the difference?

1. You can show livestock under Bell City FFA or Calcasieu 4H
  - a. Kids sometimes like to be recognized as Bell City students instead of just Calcasieu
  - b. They are all eligible for the same awards and scholarships unless the scholarship specifically states otherwise
2. You can be a member of both, or just a member of one
  - a. If you want to compete at 4H-U or other 4H contests during the year, join 4H
  - b. If you want to compete at FFA contests and events, join FFA
3. The major difference is how you turn in your entry forms for Calcasieu Parish Livestock Show
  - a. If you are showing under Bell City FFA – make checks out to BCHS, turn into Berry
  - b. If you are showing under Calcasieu 4H – make checks out to Calcasieu Jr Livestock, turn into 4H Office

# Livestock Shows and School Absences:

- Only 4H or FFA members who have registered to show livestock will be excused from school.
  - o Siblings of 4H members **ARE NOT excused** – not even for out of town shows
  - o If you choose to let your younger or older children miss school, it will count as an absence
- Students will only be excused on the days they arrive and show
  - o Any additional days missed will count towards their unexcused absence count for the semester
  - o If you check your child out the day before, or allow them to stay out of school on a day they are not listed as excused, it will count as an absence for them
  - o We will let you know what days they are excused for in advance, but here is the typical schedule

Exhibitors are only excused for these events, with specific days outlined for each species

- **State Fair of LA (Oct)**
- **Calcasieu Parish Livestock Show (Jan)**
- **SW District Livestock Show (Jan-Feb)**
- **LSU State Livestock Show (Feb)**

Any other show not listed above will not be excused. (Houston, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, etc)

- If your family attends any of these other major shows, be prepared for your child to have seat time if they miss more than the 5 absences per semester.
- These events are not 4H sponsored events
  - o The school board makes those decisions, so if you have an issue, contact them directly

# Livestock Calendar Checklist 2021-2022

## May/June Checklist

\_\_\_ See Email from 4H Office regarding ordering tags for steers, commercial heifers, market animals

## July Checklist

### To Do:

\_\_\_ Register breeding animals with possession date on or before July 1

\_\_\_ Have possession of animals to be entered at State Fair

## August Checklist

### To do:

\_\_\_ Turn in State Fair entries to 4H office by end of August – forms/dates available here:

State Fair (Shreveport) [www.statefairoflouisiana.com](http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com)

## October Checklist

### To do:

\_\_\_ Join 4H or FFA at your school

- Members fill out enrollment card and pay dues typically \$10
- Project books are \$3 each
- Some school dues are more and include tshirt, etc – see club leader for details
- Exhibitors can show livestock under FFA or 4H or a combination – See leader for details

\_\_\_ Order Tag for market animals for Spring shows (market hogs, sheep, goats, steers, commercial heifers)

\_\_\_ Reserve camper spot for State Show – Call Lamar Dixon Expo to reserve via phone: 225-450-1009

## November Checklist

### Deadlines:

Nov 1 - Spring Shows possession date/Validation deadline for all except hogs (actual date usually Nov6-7)

### To do:

***Breeding Animals: (Breeding Bulls and Females, Breeding Goats, Breeding Ewes)***

\_\_\_ Register breeding animals in exhibitor name by possession date deadline

\_\_\_ Send copy of breeding animal registration papers to 4H office to serve as validation

**Market Animals (except hogs): (Commercial Heifers, Steers, Market Goats, Commercial Does, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes)**

\_\_\_ Pick up tag and DNA kit for validation from 4H Office

\_\_\_ Collect hair sample and return kit properly labeled to 4H office by validation deadline (Nov 7)

## December Checklist

### Deadlines:

Dec 1 – Parish and District Camper Reservations Due – online – see Parish Show Catalog for details

Dec 1 – Parish Entry Forms due

Dec 3 – Swine Possession Date/DNA kits due

### To do:

\_\_\_ Download/print Parish entry forms from 4H website if you did not receive in the mail

\_\_\_ Reserve camper spot for Parish/District online – Burton Complex – Details in Parish Catalog

\_\_\_ Purchase health papers for all animals traveling to shows in January/February at your local vet office

\*\*\*Animals must visit the vet for health papers to be written

\_\_\_ Complete entry forms and mail with payment to 4H office – Checks made to Calcasieu Jr Livestock

### FFA Exhibitors:

\_\_\_ Turn in completed entry forms to Mrs. Berry – Checks made to BCHS for FFA exhibitors only

## January Checklist

### To do:

\_\_\_ Bring showboxes, shavings & other tack to Burton Complex Sunday before Parish 8am-12pm

\_\_\_ Bring campers to Burton Complex Sunday before Parish - 8am-12pm

\_\_\_ Ensure you have health papers for Spring shows (valid for 60 days in-state)

\_\_\_ Gather all registration papers and LA Bred certificates in a binder or folder

# LIVESTOCK-MAJOR/LOCAL SHOWS 2021-2022

LOCAL/POPULAR SHOWS	STARTING	ENDING	MAJOR SHOWS (4H/FFA)	STARTING	ENDING
VERMILION FAIR- KAPLAN			STATE FAIR-SHREVEPORT	10/27/21	11/14/21
FALL CLASSIC - JENNINGS			CALCASIEU PARISH SHOW-LC	1/19/22	1/22/22
CAL-CAM FAIR	10/8/21	10/11/21	CALCASIEU PARISH SALE-LC	1/29/22	1/29/22
CATTLE BATTLE- ABBEVILE			SW DISTRICT SHOW - LC	2/2/22	2/5/22
LSSA BAYOU CLASSIC- LC	12/3/21	12/5/21	STATE SHOW- GONZALES	2/12/22	2/20/22
BELL CITY AGGIE DAY- SULPHUR	12/11/21	12/12/21	*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
JINGLEBELL JAMBOREE-SULPHUR	12/18/21	12/18/21			

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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