



# 4-H TIMES



The official monthly newsletter of the Hidalgo County 4-H Program

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## MAY YOUR NEW YEAR SPARKLE AND SHINE

What a great way to end the 2021 year! We had great representation at the 2021 RGVLS Citrus and Vegetable Show! Congratulations to all our Hidalgo County 4-Her's! We have so many exciting 4-H events coming up in February 2022.

Stay updated on our upcoming County, District, and Statewide events. Also check out pages 10-14 to see just how our kiddos wrapped up the 2021 year!

We look forward to a busy year and encourage all of you to take advantage of all the opportunities at the County, District and State levels.

All the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents here in Hidalgo County are here to help in any way with your projects, contests or information you may need, just give us a call at (956) 383-1026.

Thank you to all our parents and volunteers for helping our 4-Her's succeed!

Sincerely,

*Hidalgo County  
Extension Agent Team*

Katarina Rodriguez, CEA-4-H; Dr. Andrea Valdez, CEA-FCH;  
Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR; Joanne Ureste, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort

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# Coming Up

JANUARY

- Jan 3** Extension Office Closed
- Jan 7** Hidalgo County 4-H Rally Registration will be going live on Website
- Jan 17** Martin Luther King Day (Extension Office Closed)
- Jan 18** Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- Jan 25** 4-H Ambassador and County Council Meeting; 6pm, Extension Office
- Jan 25** Hidalgo County Council Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
- Jan 25** Hidalgo 4-H Adult Advisory Board Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
- Jan 25** Hidalgo County 4-H FA Garment & Entry Forms due today and Rally Rally Registration closes today

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1** Hidalgo County 4-H FA Garment Judging; 8am-1pm, Extension Office
- Feb 2** Hidalgo County 4-H FA Garment Pickup; 8am-5pm, Extension Office
- Feb 2-4** South Texas Agricultural Roundup Show
- Feb 4** Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Contest; 9am, District Center
- Feb 4** Hidalgo County 4-H Education Presentation, Public Speaking and Share the Fun Contest; 5:30pm, District Center
- Feb 5** Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle Contest; 9am, District Center
- Feb 21** President's Day (Extension Office Closed)

"The best way to  
predict the future is to  
create it."

-ABRAHAM LINCOLN





## HIDALGO COUNTY 2021-2022 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\*Dates & Locations are subject to change\*\***



<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>January 2022</b>			
TBD	S.T.A.R. GALA	TBA	TBD
TBD	S.T.A.R. (www.gostar.org)	TBA	TBD
01/18	4-H Ambassador Meeting		Extension Office
01/25	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Extension Office
<b>February</b>			
02/04 - 02/05	Hidalgo County 4-H Rally (Photography, Fashion Show & Round Up)	TBA	D12 Office Weslaco
02/10 - 02/27	San Antonio Livestock Show	TBA	San Antonio, Texas
<b>March</b>			
TBD	Shooting Sports - Postal League	TBA	Local
03/22	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Extension Office
<b>April</b>			
TBD	District 12 Photography Contest	TBA	D12 Office Weslaco
TBD	State Photography Deadline	TBA	---
TBD	District 12 Fashion Sensation	TBA	TBD
TBD	District 12 Round Up	TBA	Kingsville, Texas
TBD	District 12 Livestock Judging	TBA	Fredericksburg, Texas
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3-P & Silhouette) Match	TBA	Benavides, Texas
04/19	4-H Ambassador Meeting		Extension Office
04/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Extension Office
<b>May</b>			
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Match	TBA	Laredo, Texas
05/07	County Recordbook Workshop	TBA	Extension Office
05/24	County Council Meeting – Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Extension Office
<b>June</b>			
06/07 – 06/08	County Recordbooks Due	5:00 pm	Extension Office
06/14 – 06/15	County Recordbook Judging	---	Extension Office

\*Please refer to Monthly Newsletter for details on upcoming events at:  
<https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-times-newsletters/>





# Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H

## 2021-2022

The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year! We believe 4-H can take you far...even out of the world far! That is why our theme for this year is "4-H: To the Moon & Beyond".

We invite all 4-Her's and their parents to join us this year at our County Council Meetings and Adult Advisory Board Meetings to learn about new 4-H opportunities, plan or lead new events, and have fun!

See you on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 for the County Council Meeting and Adult Leaders meeting!

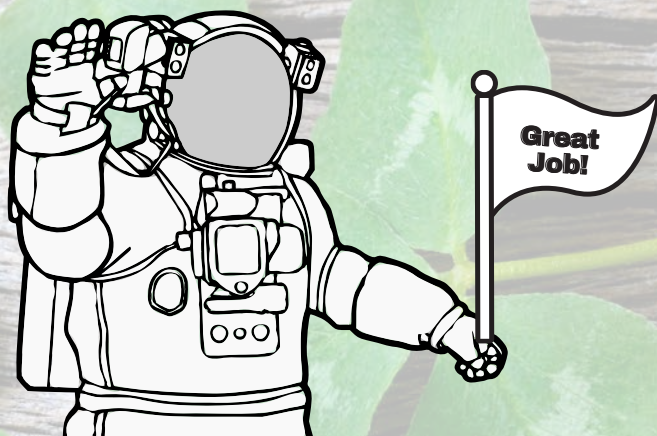






**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H  
RALLY REGISTRATION  
IS GOING LIVE  
JANUARY 7, 2022**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER  
WILL BE JANUARY 25, 2022**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**CODIE HILL**

**OUR TOP WINNER IN  
FASHION STORYBOARD  
ACCESSORY CATEGORY**



## **DISTRICT 12 4-H ARCHERY MATCH MODIFIED 420 AND 3-D RESULTS**

### **MODIFIED 420 | SENIOR DIVISION**

**SARA RAMIREZ | BAREBOW | 6TH PLACE  
ERICK RAMIREZ | BAREBOW | 8TH PLACE**

### **3-D | SENIOR DIVISION**

**ERICK RAMIREZ | BAREBOW | 5TH PLACE  
SARA RAMIREZ | BAREBOW | 7TH PLACE**





**County Council**  
**2021-2022**

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H**  
**2021-2022**  
**4-H: TO THE MOON & BEYOND**

**MORE MEETINGS!  
MORE OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR FUN!**

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, August 24, 2021  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
Tuesday, January 25, 2021  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 (Council Officer Declarations)  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (Council Officer Elections)

**ALL MEETINGS AT  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE  
HIDALGO COUNTY  
7 PM - 8 PM**



**Get your 2021-2022 Hidalgo County 4-H Shirt today! Many sizes available at the Extension Office for \$10!**



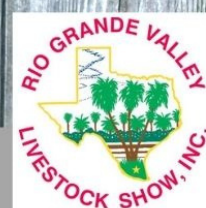


NOW AVAILABLE

## Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation 2022 Scholarship Application

Go to [www.4hfondation.net](http://www.4hfondation.net)  
for more information and  
applications

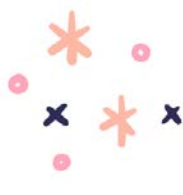
**DEADLINE TO  
SUBMIT AN  
APPLICATION IS  
JANUARY 14, 2022**



### RGVLS 2022 Deadlines

- Online Entry Deadline is January 14, 2022.
- Market Poultry Order Deadline is December 6, 2021 (This will be done online this year through ShoWorks. You will be able to pay for poultry with your entry check).
- Cover Girl Application Deadline is December 17, 2021.
- Champs for Champions Scholarship Application Deadline is January 14, 2022.
- Greased Pig and Calf Scramble Application Deadline is January 14, 2022. (This will be done online through ShoWorks and the hard copy of the release form will be turned in with your packet).
- Rabbit Validation is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be a drive thru process again.

**RGVLS MARKET POULTRY  
PICKUP IS SCHEDULED  
FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2022  
FROM 3-4PM AT THE  
RGVLS FAIRGROUNDS.**







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**HIDALGO  
COUNTY 4-H  
RALLY**

PHOTOS DUE TO  
EXTENSION  
OFFICE  
TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 25, 2022

**Photography**

**Education  
Presentation,  
Share the Fun  
and Public  
Speaking**

FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2022  
STARTS AT 5:30PM  
WESLACO CENTER

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 5, 2022  
STARTS AT 9AM  
WESLACO CENTER

**Fashion Show &  
Duds to Dazzle**

*Continued  
Rally  
Updates*

## Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Contest Rules

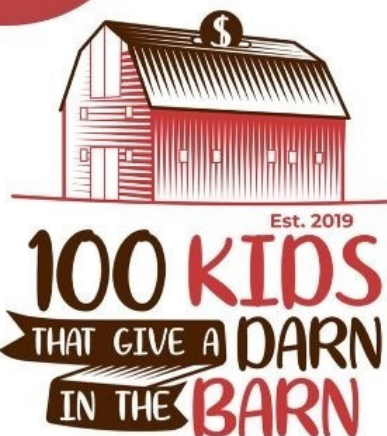
1. Photo must be taken between January 1, 2021 and the time of entry.
2. Photo must be printed in 8x10 size and matted with completed photo label on the back.
3. Registration fee is \$5.00 per child.
4. Photos, registration and fee are due Tuesday, January 25, 2021 at the Extension Office by 5 pm.
5. See State guidelines for categories and scorecard template.





**PREREGISTRATION  
CLOSES  
JANUARY  
19TH**

## 100 KIDS PROSPECT SHOW



- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Market</b> | <b>Breeding</b> |
| • Hogs        | • Does          |
| • Lambs       | • Bucks         |
| • Goats       |                 |

Each year 100 Kids That Give a Darn in the Barn raises money to buy projects at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Sale of Champions and Toasting Texas Talent Sales. It's a youth-led organization that supports the hard working exhibitors of the Rio Grande Valley.

All of the proceeds from the 100 Kids Prospect Show will go toward buying projects at RGVLS.

Preregistration entries cost \$30 (preregistration closes January 19th)

Day of show entries will cost \$40 per head

**Preregistration is Open!**



**Checkin is 8-10am  
January 22nd at the RGVLS  
Showgrounds**

If you have any questions please contact us at [lily.ford.rgv@gmail.com](mailto:lily.ford.rgv@gmail.com)

TEXAS FARM BUREAU  
**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

**Apply by  
March 1, 2022**

Details at [texasfarmbureau.org/scholarships](https://texasfarmbureau.org/scholarships)





# District 12 4-H INFORMATION

Don't forget to check the District 12 website for  
events and deadline updates!



For all District 12 4-H Contest  
and registration information

go to:

<https://agrilife.org/d124h/>



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



**Saran Wrap Ball Game**



**4Wind 4-H Club Meeting**



**Fashion Show Workshop**



**Borderline 4-H Clubs Christmas Project for local nursing home**



**Edible Aquifer Activity**



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



**4Winds 4-H Club  
Community Service Project**



**Fashion Show  
Workshop**



**Texas 4-H Water  
Ambassadors  
Program**



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION

## John Knox Village

**County Council Sock Donation  
to John Knox Village**

**Great Job!**





# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



**Food Challenge at RGVLS  
Citrus & Vegetable Show**



**Puffy Paint Sock  
Decorating**



**County Council  
Christmas Party**



**2nd PLACE  
AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST  
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL**



**Food Challenge at RGVLS  
Citrus & Vegetable Show**



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



Idea Palmview 4-H  
at the RGVLS Citrus &  
Vegetable Show



Brush Country at the RGVLS  
Citrus & Vegetable Show





## 2022 Texas 4-H Dog Show T-shirt Contest

### Entry Submission Rules & Guidelines:

- Must be a 4-H member
- Can use two ink colors in addition to the color of the shirt. Example: If the design calls for red, white and blue, one of those colors should be the color of the shirt. **Do not** select white as the shirt color choice.
- The design should fit on the front side of the t-shirt (12 inch design maximum)
- Be creative and develop an **original design**.
- Simple designs are more effective and easier to screen print. Designs may have to be modified slightly to include the proper clover logo and to clean up details.
- Entries should be emailed to Cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu by February 15, 2022
- Must be JPEG or PNG format
- Include the following in your email:
  - 4-H Member's Name
  - Grade
  - County
  - Attach Image/Design
- Entries will be judged based on 4-H Age Divisions
  - Clover Kids (K-2nd grade)
  - Junior (3rd - 5th )
  - Intermediate (6th - 8th)
  - Senior (9th - 12th)
- An overall design will be selected from the first place entries of each age division listed above



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## 2022 TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP



NOVEMBER 1, 2021  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS

FEBRUARY 15, 2022 @ 11:59PM  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS DUE

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2022  
SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS

MID MAY 2022  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE  
NOTIFIED

JUNE 7-9, 2022  
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

For more information, please visit our site  
at <https://texas4hfoundation.org>

## JOIN THE TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION CLOVER CLUB

Texas 4-H Foundation Clover Club is bringing together friends and alumni from across the state to support Texas 4-H Youth and Programs.

### WHY JOIN?

- Membership dues support Texas 4-H
- Access to Texas 4-H Alliance and Partner benefits & discounts
- Stay informed with newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities
- Receive 4-H Swag
- Support Texas 4-H Scholarships
- Tickets to the Texas 4-H Foundation Clover Club Gala

\*see membership level benefits

JOIN NOW AT  
[TEXAS4HFOUNDATION.ORG/ABOUT/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/about/)







# FOLLOW

US ON INSTAGRAM

@hidalgo\_4h



## Invitational Quiz Bowl Livestock, Horse, and Family/Community Health

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**Friday**  
**January 14, 2022**  
Walker County Storm Shelter  
455 State Highway 75N  
Huntsville, TX 77320

**1:00 p.m. to End.**  
Registrants will be emailed  
week of event with exact  
order of game time slots



- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/>)
  - ✓ Junior (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) Divisions (**Reminder: 4 member teams**)
- Cost \$10/kid, register through 4-H Online (<https://texas4honline.com>) by Thursday, January 6
  - ✓ Registration opens December 15th
  - ✓ FFA Members: Team entry of \$40 – Complete the form at the following link and mail a Chapter Check.  
Check – Texas A&M AgriLife - D-9 4-H at 1470 William D. Fitch Parkway, College Station, TX 77845 - <https://tinyurl.com/r5kwxxy>
  - 4-H Members: Enter through 4-H Connect using your 4-H enrollment account (Individual registration)
- Late entries accepted until January 11<sup>th</sup> at \$15/kid – 4-H and \$60/Team
- **NO on-site registration accepted**

Prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place winning Junior & Senior teams of  
Livestock, Horse, & Family/Community Health

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or [kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu)

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**RETRO  
REFASHION  
RETREAT  
2022**  
COME JOIN US!

**FEB 4-6  
CAMBUCKNER  
BURNET, TX**

**REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE**

# 20 GUNS DAYS



Support programs, scholarships, and grant  
opportunities for Texas 4-H Districts 7 and 8!

<https://texas4hfoundation.rallyup.com/20guns20days>

## 1000

Raffle Tickets Available

## \$100

Per Ticket

## 20

Guns to be raffled over  
20 days





# PHOTOGRAPHY *workshop*



2-day mini workshop and practice opportunity in Corpus Christi for 4-H members of all ages... even Clover Kids!

**JANUARY 15-16, 2022**



## Texas 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM



### 4-H Natural Resources Program Project Leader Training

January 29, 2022

8:00am to 4:30pm

College Station, TX

Registration open December 10, 2021

Registration Fee - \$20; includes lunch and educational materials.

Register on [4HOnline](#) December 10-January 14  
Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents.



Training to cover ALL project areas that DO NOT require certification

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) for questions



*Save the Date!*



4-H Sportfishing Project  
Leader Training  
Richmond, TX  
February 19-20, 2022

4-H Hunting Project Coach  
Certification Training  
Center, TX  
February 26-27, 2022

## Registration opens January 3

FOR DETAILS ON EACH OF THESE TRAININGS:

- SPORTFISHING LEADER TRAINING

([HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECTS/SPORTFISHING/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECTS/SPORTFISHING/))

- HUNTING COACH TRAINING

([HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECTS/WILDLIFE-FISHERIES/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECTS/WILDLIFE-FISHERIES/))

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) for questions



## National 4-H Conference

MARCH 20-24, 2022 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which 4-H youth (ages 15-19) and adults—at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters—located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)—is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. Each delegate chooses an important societal topic to discuss in a roundtable situation with other delegates. From the roundtable discussion, the groups prepare a briefing to present to federal stakeholders.

This experiential approach ensures that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Social activities in the evening, tours of Monuments and Museums and cultural entertainment round out the conference.

#### Texas 4-H Members:

As soon as we receive more details about the events location, what this year's "hybrid" format will look like, etc., we will post applications to attend on 4Honline.

Texas 4-H typically sends between 5-10 youth to this event.  
Estimated cost will be between \$2,000-3,000 per participant.





# THANK YOU

**To all our 4-H parents and  
volunteers for your time and  
hardwork helping our 4-Her's!**



## CALL FOR PHOTOS!

SEND IN YOUR ACTION 4-H PHOTOS TO BE  
IN THE 4-H TIMES NEWSLETTER TO  
[ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU)

OR

[KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU)

