



4-H TIMES



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

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FEBRUARY IS SHORT AND VERY SWEET

Are you ready to Rally!? We are very excited to see your out of this world creativity at this month's Hidalgo County 4-H Rally Competition! Just a friendly reminder the Rally venue and dates have changed, see page 7 for the latest changes!

If you haven't already, join our Remind App Group for the latest 4-H Updates. Check out page 5 for more details on how to join! We are now in the livestock show season! Remember to check each fair's website for more routine updates. We have a few listed on page 8.

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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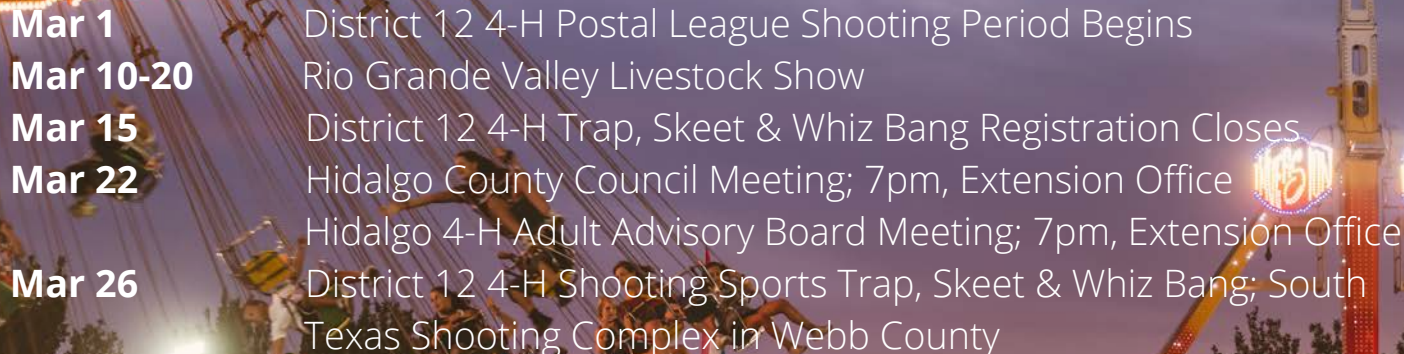
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Coming Up

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1** Hidalgo County 4-H FA Garment Judging; 8am-1pm, Extension Office
- Feb 1** District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Registration goes Live
- Feb 2** Hidalgo County 4-H FA Garment Pickup; 8am-5pm, Extension Office
- Feb 4** Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Contest Judging
- Feb 4** Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle Contest; 5pm Extension Office
- Feb 21** President's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- Feb 22** Hidalgo County Council Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
- Feb 22** Hidalgo 4-H Adult Advisory Board Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
- Feb 22** District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang Registration goes Live

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- Mar 1** District 12 4-H Postal League Shooting Period Begins
 - Mar 10-20** Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
 - Mar 15** District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang Registration Closes
 - Mar 22** Hidalgo County Council Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
 - Mar 22** Hidalgo 4-H Adult Advisory Board Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office
 - Mar 26** District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang; South Texas Shooting Complex in Webb County

MARCH



"There is no such thing as failure. Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction."

Oprah Winfrey



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>
January 2022			
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
February			
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
March			
TBD	Shooting Sports - Postal League	TBA	Local
03/22	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Extension Office
April			
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
May			
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
June			
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, February 22, 2022 for the County Council Meeting and Adult Leaders meeting!



**NEED TO
STAY UP TO
DATE ON 4-H
DEADLINES?
JOIN OUR
GROUP ON
REMIN!**

Send a text to:
81010

Text the message:
@hc4had

We're now on the Remind App and here's how you can join too!



**THANK
YOU TO THE
HIDALGO
COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

**for their out of this
world service in
reuniting 4-H
Members with their
livestock projects**



County Council
2021-2022

Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

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



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



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

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HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H RALLY

PHOTOS DUE TO
EXTENSION
OFFICE
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2022

Photography

Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 5, 2022
STARTS AT 8:30AM
HIDALGO COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2022
STARTS AT 5PM
HIDALGO COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

Education Presentation, Share the Fun and Public Speaking

UPCOMING SHOWS & UPDATES

RGVLS Chick Pick Up

ATTENTION MARKET POULTRY EXHIBITORS!!

Poultry pick up is scheduled for

Friday, February 4th from 3-4 p.m. ONLY

No late arrivals and no chicks will be held over.



Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RGVLS Showgrounds in Mercedes

\$5 per breed

This will be a drive-thru validation

BREAKING NEWS

RGVLS IS ADDING A NEW JUNIOR COMPETITIVE EVENT!

**COMING IN 2022:
RGVLS YOUTH ARCHERY MATCH!**

Registration opens online

Monday, January 10, 2022!

Registration deadline February 28, 2022

OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR EXHIBITORS STATEWIDE!

Visit www.rgvls.com for information



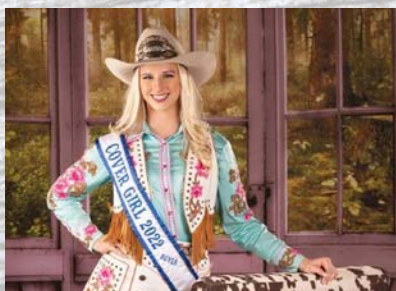
**South Texas Agricultural Roundup
Feb. 2-4, 2022**

coming
SOON



San Antonio
Stock Show & Rodeo®

FEBRUARY 10-27, 2022



**RIO GRANDE VALLEY
LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO
MARCH 10-20, 2022**



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**2022 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports
Postal League - Rifle, Shotgun,
Archery, Smallbore Pistol**



Participants of these 4-H events should coordinate
with their respective coach or county office to
register.

Registration: Will be administered through 4HOnline
February 1 - 22, 2022

Visit Our
Website For More Information

<https://agrilife.org/d124h/4-h-event/shooting-sports/>

TEXAS FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Apply by
March 1, 2022



Details at texasfarmbureau.org/scholarships

2022 Texas Farm Bureau

PHOTO CONTEST

Entries due June 1

TEXASFARMBUREAU.ORG



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2022 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz-Bang Shoot

March 26, 2022 ~ South Texas Shooting Complex ~ Laredo, Texas



Expanding Shooting Sports Opportunities for 4-H members in South Texas - OPEN STATEWIDE

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022
Location: South Texas Shooting Complex - Laredo, Texas
Match: 150 Targets: Trap (50)~Skeet (50)~Whiz-Bang (50)
Fee: \$120 per 4-H member (150 targets)
Registration: February 22—March 15, 2022 - *Limited to first 100 shooters - No onsite registration*
Process: Step 1) 4-H Online to Register & Pay - (<http://v2.4honline.com>)
Step 2) iClays to Squad - (<http://iclays.com>)
Rules: Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules
Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 & Senior 2 (no Ladies awards)



Rules, Guidelines, & Additional Info

<http://d124h.tamu.edu/4-h-event/shooting-sports/>

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Jim Wells County 4-H Ag Product ID Contest

Sunday, March 6

Merchant's Building,
Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
(3001 S. Johnson St., Alice)

Contest is open to 4-H
& FFA members

Registration will begin at 2:30 with
the contest beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline is Monday,
February 28 and registration is
\$10/individual or \$40/team. After
February 28, registration fees are
\$15/individual or \$50 per team.

Contestants will need an electronic
device as they will be using e-judging
card this year.

Awards for Top 3 teams and Individuals in
the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
Division. Top 3 Individuals in Adult and
Clover Kids will also be awarded.

Checks can be made out and mailed to :

Jim Wells County 4-H
PO Box 1370
Alice, TX 78333
PH: 361-668-5705
b-wymore@tam.u.edu



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2022 Scholarship Application Now Available

Potential Applicants must meet the
following requirements for scholarship
consideration:

- A GPA of 3.0 or above
- Planned pursuit of a career in
agricultural related field
- Involvement in extracurricular
activities

For more information and application visit:
<https://www.algodonclub.com/application>



Hidalgo County Farm Bureau 2022 College Scholarship Application

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a member of a Hidalgo County Farm Bureau family. Father, mother or legal guardian memberships qualify. Grandparents, siblings or other relatives' memberships may not be used. Membership must be in good standing for 1 year at the time of application.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2022

For more information contact: asolano@txfb-ins.com

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

Queen City Guest Speaker Mr. Jacob Howell focusing on LEADERSHIP



Welcome Home Skeeter!

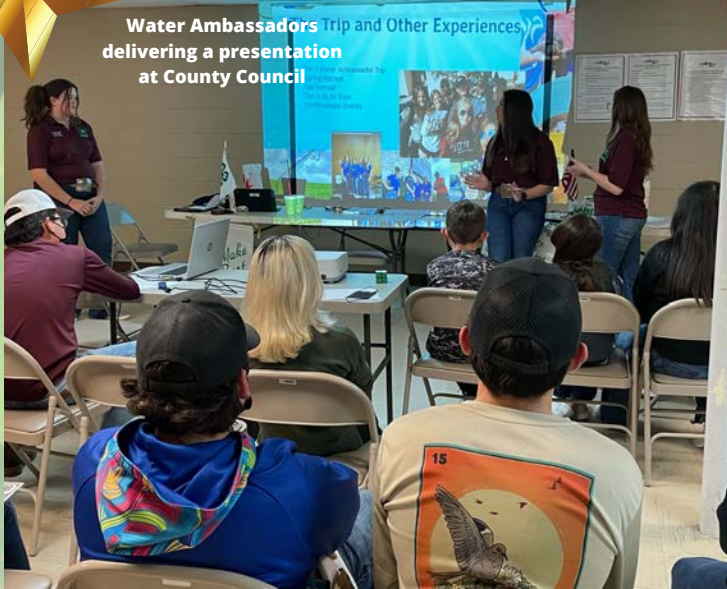


Kaitlyn Hendricks Representing 4Winds 4-H at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colorado



4-HER'S IN ACTION

**Water Ambassadors Trip and Other Experiences
delivering a presentation
at County Council**



**Duds to Dazzle
Fashionistas Practice**



**Queen City 4-H Members participating
in the Willacy County Livestock Judging Contest**



**Duds to Dazzle
The Fashion Police Practice**



**4-H Ambassadors and
County Council Meeting**



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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The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

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>

Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors

Invite 4-H families to

TEXAS 4-H NIGHT AT NASA



SAVE THE DATE
Space Center Houston
March 5-6, 2022

More details and registration information will be shared in January.



NEW

Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

FISHING SKILL-A-THON 2022

Program Highlights:

- Register individually as 4-H youth (grades 5-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed January 2022
- New educational programs and fishing contests
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules to be released January 18 at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Trout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Croppie & Catfish

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Register: February 1 - 28, 2022
Fish: March 1 at 12:00 pm thru May 31 at 11:59 pm

Summer Tournament
Register: May 1 - 31, 2022
Fish: June 1 at 12:00 pm thru August 31 at 11:59 pm



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US ON INSTAGRAM

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**RETRO
REFASHION
RETREAT
2022**

COME JOIN US!

FEB 4-6
CAMBUCKNER
BURNET, TX

REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE

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 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.

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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.

4-H SPORTFISHING PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

FEBRUARY 19-20

RICHMOND, TX - FORT BEND COUNTY

Get out there and fish!

Register on 4Honline

Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents.

Registration fee - \$75; includes some meals and educational materials.

Training runs from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am to 12:00 noon on Sunday.

**REGISTRATION
OPENS JANUARY 3**

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions.

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

NOW ACCEPTING AWARD APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open for the 2023 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose. **Apply by March 28, 2022.**

ACTION AWARDS

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Opportunities to showcase their 4 H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to National 4 H Council event
- Networking opportunities with 4 H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4 H youth spokesperson for their pillar

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION VISIT:

<https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards>

2022 AMBASSADOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

Tarleton State Equine Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th
Close: May 1st
Short Course: June 13-16

West Texas A&M / Texas Tech Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th
Close: May 1st
Short Course: July 25-28

Texas A&M-Kingsville Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th
Close: May 1st
Short Course: June 20-23

Texas A&M Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th
Close: May 1st
Short Course: July 18-21

TEXAS 4-H
EQUINE AMBASSADOR

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LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR

2022 TEXAS 4-H SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS LIVE!

2022 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE

GO TO:
[HTTPS://TEXAS4HCENTER.TAMU.EDU/](https://TEXAS4HCENTER.TAMU.EDU/)
TO CHECK OUT WHAT CAMPS WE HAVE TO OFFER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS SUMMER



Help Texas 4-H Tackle Hunger!



tacklehunger.org

Texas 4-H is teaming up with Souper Bowl of Caring to TACKLE hunger & we need your help!

For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. The Souper Bowl of Caring initiative uses the timeframe around one of the nation's largest sporting events, the NFL Super Bowl, as a tool to feed families throughout the state.

Join Texas 4-H as we TACKLE HUNGER by participating in Souper Bowl of Caring! It is a great service opportunity for youth, but more importantly it is a great learning opportunity. Youth will learn how the hunger issue isn't just in large cities, but small rural communities as well; by learning about the hunger issue, Texas 4-H youth can help provide to those in need!

4-H groups will collect food donations and/or monetary donations to donate to a local hunger relief organization during the timeframe of **January 15 – February 13**.

4-H groups will organize efforts that best fit their community needs and local hunger relief agencies or food pantries. No donations will be sent outside the county... all efforts are **LOCAL** so you are helping the people of your county who are in need.

To participate, 4-H groups should download the official TAKE THE TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE PLAYBOOK by using this QR code or going to www.tacklehunger.org.



- Here's out to play!
1. Select your food charity
 2. Choose your path
 3. Register your campaign
 4. Utilize www.tacklehunger.org resources
 5. Report your success!

For more information, contact Dr. Julie Gardner
julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu

4-H HUNTING PROJECT COACH CERTIFICATION TRAINING

FEBRUARY 26-27
CENTER, TX - SHELBY COUNTY

Registration Fee - \$150; includes some meals and educational materials.

Training runs from 9:00am Saturday, into the evening and continues Sunday morning to approximately 3:00pm.

Register on 4HOnline
Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents.



Registration opens:
January 3

Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions



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

OR

KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

