



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

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MARCH TO THE BEAT OF YOUR OWN DRUM

And that's a wrap on our 2021–2022 Hidalgo County 4–H Rally Competition! February came and went in a blink of an eye and we are now looking forward to RGVLS! We have an exciting community service event coming soon led by the 4–H County Council and Ambassadors for more details please see page 5.

If you haven't already, join our Remind App Group for the latest 4–H Updates. We have also been advised that the State Livestock Validation Committee will be checking all livestock projects at RGVLS for more information reference to page 5.

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 Jeann

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

Coming Up

Mar 1 District 12 4-H Postal League Shooting Period Begins

Mar 5 RGVLS Covergirl Revue; Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds

Mar 6 Jim Wells County 4-H Ag. Product ID Contest; 3pm

Mar 10-20 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

Mar 26

Mar 29

Mar 15 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang Registration Closes

Mar 22 Hidalgo County Council Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office

Hidalgo 4-H Adult Advisory Board Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office

Hidalgo County 4-H Wood Working Workshop; 9am Ext. Office

District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang; South

Texas Shooting Complex in Webb County

Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle Workshop; 5:30 pm Extension Office

Apr 1 District 12 4-H Virtual Photography Contest

Apr 2 STAR Gala; La Muneca Ranch

Apr 9 District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation & Roundup; TBA

Apr 14 District 12 4-H 4-H Livestock Judging Contest; TBA

Apr 19 District 12 4-H Postal League Shooting Period Ends

Apr 15 Good Friday (Extension Office Closed)

Apr 23 District 12 4-H Rifle Match; TBA

Apr 26 Hidalgo County Council Officer Declarations

Hidalgo County Council Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office

Hidalgo 4-H Adult Advisory Board Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office

1 st Place

"YOU'VE GOT TO GET UP EVERY MORNING WITH DETERMINATION IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO BED WITH SATISFACTION."

-George Lorimer



HIDALGO COUNTY 2021-2022 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Dates & Locations are subject to change

DATES	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
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 evets at: https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-times-newsletters/



Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H

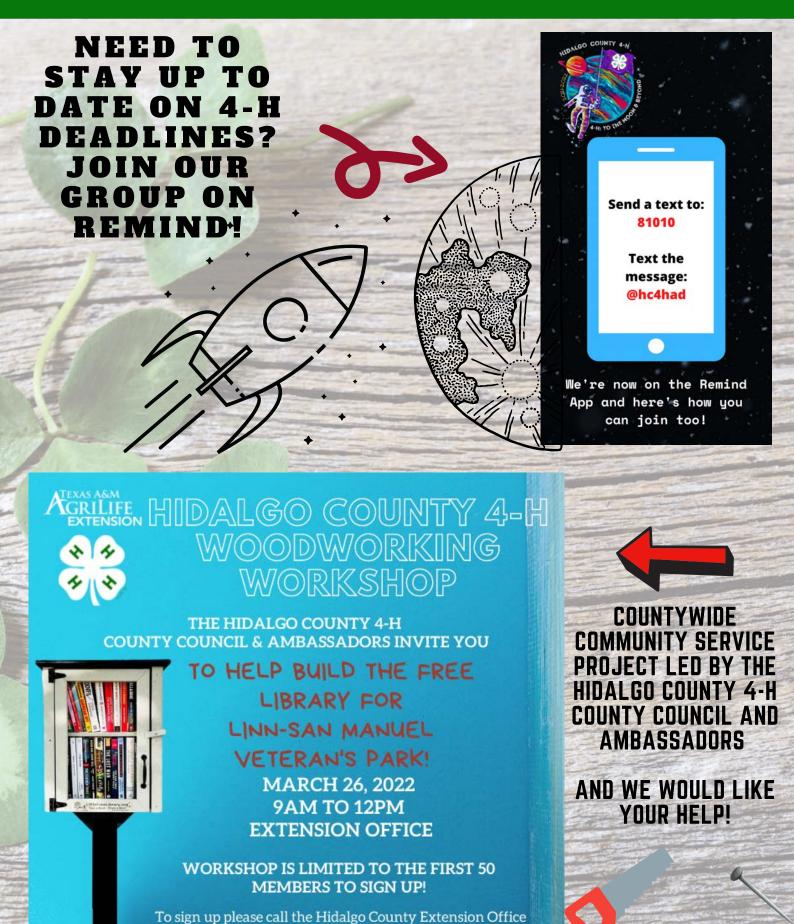
2021-2022

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, March 22, 2022 for the County Council Meeting and Adult Leaders meeting!





at (956) 383-1026



2021-2022 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H RALLY CONTEST RESULTS



Check out the Hidalgo County 4-H Facebook Page for Results

2021-2022 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H



FASHION SHOW &
DUDS TO DAZZLE RESULTS







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 4-H WHIZ BANG Friday & Saturday March 25-26



Events: Trap, Skeet, Whizbang and Sporting Clays, (Whiz Bang Qualifier)

50 Targets each class, in all events. 50 Target Sporting Clays (included in HOA scoring)

Classes: Junior * Intermediate * Senior 1 * Senior 2

Awards: HOA, Ladies HOA, Senior 1, Senior 2, Intermediate

and Junior

Awards will be given 1" through 3" place in each class for each event, including Sporting Clays. HOA will be removed from individual placing. Female can only win one

HOA.

Location: Mission Skeet & Trap Club

1001 S. Conway Ave, Mission, Tx. 78572

Tel. 956-583-5996, For map of location please go to:

http://missionskeetandtrap.com

Registration: Register on iClays and pay via PayPal, or we

will bill you.

Fri. Orientation 11:30 a.m. – European Rotation for all

events shot Friday.

Sat. Orientation 8:30 a.m. - Squadded shooting events

begin at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$40 Registration Fee (4H'er only) plus \$25 for each event Skeet, Trap, Whiz-bang; \$35 Sporting Clays. \$35 Late fee if payment is not made prior to March 25th. Adults can shoot 50 Sporting Clays with their kids for \$40

Meal will be provided for 4H Shooters, Additional meal

Contact: Alejandro Rodriquez 956-369-6971

Mike Summers 956-494-9515 Kimber Johnson 303-601-5817

tickets \$10

Ear and Eye Protection required

Safety violation will result in disqualification of

shooter

Lunch:

No shot loads larger than 7 1/2

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:
DEADLINE TO PURCHASE
YOUR LAMB AND GOAT
VALIDATION TAG IS

March 25th Now Accepting Lamb & Goat Validation Tag Orders

\$15 Early Tag Order will be from March 1 - 25, 2022

We are now accepting tag orders! To place an order please come in person to the Hidalgo County Extension Office with payment





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www.rgvls.com

AV 956/565-3005

February 16, 2022

ATTENTION AG. SCIENCE TEACHERS AND COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS!

This is to advise all involved in the supervision of youth who will be participating in the 2022 RGVLS that a team from the Texas Livestock Validation Program will be onsite during the livestock show in March. They will be checking all Junior Livestock entries in breeding and market shows against state validation records to ensure compliance. Secondly, they will also be collecting DNA, nose prints, and other identifying information as appropriate for all placing livestock during their respective shows. Finally, the state teams will be solely responsible for any retagging necessary on-site during the show for any Jr. livestock that arrive on the showgrounds without required validation tags. (validation chairmen/committees will not conduct re-tagging) Any entries found to not be in compliance with state validation guidelines will be subject to disqualification.

Please take all appropriate action to communicate this with your exhibitors as you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Mando Correa General Manager Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc. PLEASE BE
ADVISED OF AN
IMPORTANT
NOTICE FROM
RGVLS IN
REGARDS TO
ALL LIVESTOCK
PROJECTS
VALIDATED

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

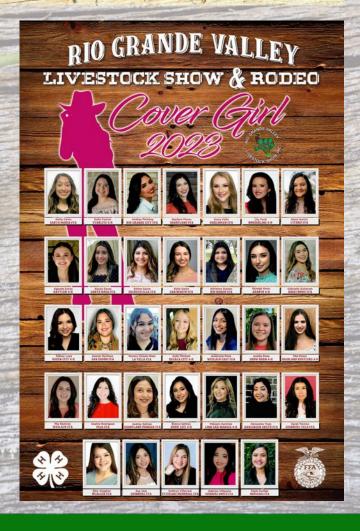
GOOD LUCK TO
ALL OUR HIDALGO
COUNTY 4-H
MEMBERS
COMPETING AT
THE RIO GRANDE
VALLEY
LIVESTOCK SHOW
& RODEO
MARCH 10TH-20TH

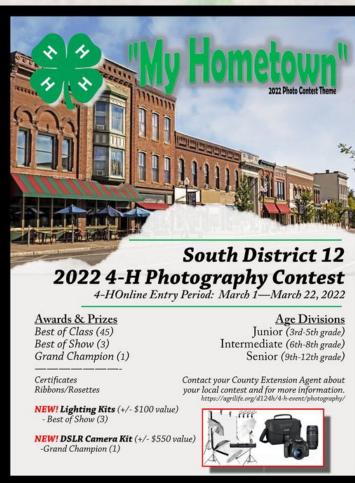
Good Luck to all our Hidalgo County
4-H Girls & Boys
Competing in the 2022 Calf Scramble!

RUN FAST AND CATCH A CALF!

Good Luck to all
our Hidalgo County
4-H Girls & Boys
Competing in the
2022 Greased Pig
Scramble!

HAVE FUN AND CATCH A HOG!





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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.

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@tamu.edu

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.









Rules, Guidelines, & Additional Info http://d124-h.tamu.edu/4-h-event/shooting-sports/

IICHWAY 83 ~ WESLACO, TEXAS 78596 ~ P 956-968-5581 ~ F 956-969-5639 ~ D124H@AG.TAMU.EDU

District 1244 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/



Queen City Guest Speakers Omar Panterita Figueroa, Brandon Heartbreaker Figueroa, and Omar Figueroa Sr.













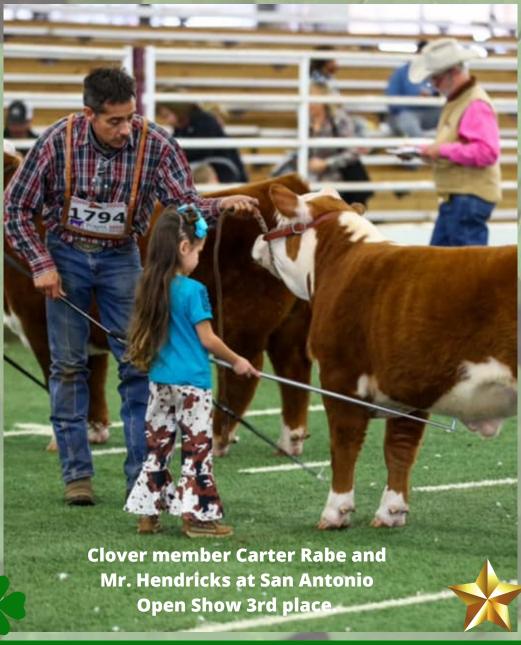
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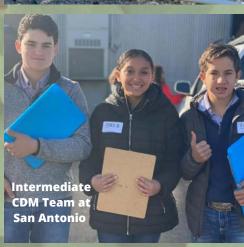












Hidalgo County 4-H Shotgun Sports Club Members who participated in the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Shoot-Out









TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN

FISHING SKILL-A-THON 2022

- Register Individually as 4-H youth (grades 5-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com/ beginning February lst
 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/

Saltwater – Trout, Sheepshead & Redfish Freshwater – Bass, Crappie & Catfish

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

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



May 31 at 11:59 pm

* Mational 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.





TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL AT-LARGE DELEGATES

APPLY BY MARCH 31ST



AGRILIFE EXTENSION





Entries due June 1

TEXASFARMBUREAU.ORG



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



For more information email Ms. Kathy at katarina.rodriguez@ag.tamu.edu STEM & **NATURAL RESOURCES LEADER TRAINING**

Date: April 9-10, 2022 **Location: Palo Duro Canyon State Park in** Canyon, Texas

GRILIFE EXTENSION



TEXAS FARM BUREAU

Apply by

March 1, 2022 Details at texasfarmbureau.org/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

ROUNDUP

HOTEL **ROOM BLOCK**

Don't wait, book now!

17 HOTELS TO **CHOOSE FROM**

June 6-9, 2022



2022 AMBASSADOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

Tarleton State Equine Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th Close: May 1st

Short Course: June 13-16

Texas A&M-Kingsville Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th

Close: May 1st

Short Course: June 20-23

TEXAS 4-H

West Texas A&M/ Texas Tech Livestock Ambassador Short Course Open: Feb. 15th

Close: May 1st

Short Course: July 25-28

Texas A&M Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Open: Feb. 15th

Close: May 1st

Short Course: July 18-21

TEXAS 4-H



4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project **State Contest**

May 14 - 15, 2022

To be held in Calhoun/Matagorda Counties Registation open to all 4-H Age Divisions

4-H Online

March 14 - April 15

For Complete Details:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/ Scroll to 'Contests'



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

