



4-H TIMES



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

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365 DAYS, 365 NEW CHANCES

Shoutout to all our Hidalgo County 4-H Members and Clubs for participating in the RGVLS Citrus and Vegetable Show! Hope many of y'all have been snapping new photos, sewing up a storm, warming up your vocal cords, and perfecting those speeches and presentations for the Hidalgo County 4-H Rally Contest! Entry deadline for Rally is January 17th please don't forget!

We have a new Facebook page please refer to end of the newsletter! Also join our Remind App Group for the latest 4-H Updates for details on how to join please refer to page 7.

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** Hidalgo County 4-H Rally Registration is now LIVE!
- Jan 7** 100 Kids Prospect Show; RGVLS Fairgrounds
- Jan 10** D12 4-H Fashion Storyboard Registration Deadline on 4-HOnline
- Jan 12** D12 4-H Fashion Storyboard Contest; Virtually
- Jan 15** Deadline to submit Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application
- Jan 17** Entry deadline for Hidalgo County 4-H Rally; 5pm, Extension Office
- Jan 24** Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 6pm Extension Office
- Jan 24** Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ext. Office
- Jan 26** Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging
- Jan 27** Hidalgo County 4-H Public Speaking Contest; 5pm, Ext. Office
- Jan 28** Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Education Presentation and Share the Fun Contest; Location TBA

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1-3** South Texas Agricultural Roundup Show; RGVLS Fairgrounds
- Feb 1-21** D12 4-H Postal League Registration goes live on 4-HOnline
- Feb 9-26** San Antonio Livestock Show
- Feb 20** President's Day (Hidalgo County Extension Office Closed)
- Feb 28** Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ext. Office
- Feb 28...** Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

**This is the year I will be STRONGER,
BRAVER, KINDER and UNSTOPPABLE.
This year I will be FIERCE.**



Hidalgo County 2022-2023 4-H Calendar of Events

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

July 2022

- 07/12 District 12 Record Book Judging
- 07/13 Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Social
- 07/16 - 07/20 Texas 4-H Roundup
- 07/22 Hidalgo County Club Manager Training

August 2022

- 08/12 4-H Leadership Workshop
- 08/23 4-H Ambassador Meeting 6pm
- 08/23 4-H County Council Kick Off Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
- 08/25 Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
- 08/27 Achievement Night
- 08/31 Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows

September 2022

- 09/08 County Consumer Decision Making Workshop
- 09/10 County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food Challenge)
- 09/17 Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
- 09/26 Swine Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
- 09/27 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

October 2022

- 10/01 La Muneca Field Day
- 10/08 One Day 4-H
- 10/20 County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)
- 10/20 Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors
- 10/22 County Food Show/Food Challenge
- 10/22 Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors
- 10/25 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- 10/25 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

November 2022

- 11/02-11/03 Path to the Plate Youth Expo (KKM)
- 11/05 Commercial Heifer Validation
- 11/09 County Horticulture Workshop
- 11/12 District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge
- 11/13 District 12 Consumer Decision Making
- 11/22 Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm
- 11/22 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

December 2022

- 12/03 District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
- 12/03 RGVLS Gala
- 12/03 County Fashion Show Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
- 12/06 County Council Christmas
- 12/16-17 RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show
- 12/20 County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)

January 2023

- TBD S.T.A.R Gala
- TBD 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- 01/24 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
- 01/27 - 01/28 Hidalgo County 4-H Rally (Photography, Fashion Show & Roundup)

February 2023

- 02/01 - 02/04 S.T.A.R (www.gostar.org)
- 02/09 - 02/26 San Antonio Livestock Show
- 02/28 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

March 2023

- 03/01 District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
- 03/21 District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
- 03/25 District 12 Shooting Sports - Trap Skeet & Whiz Bang
- 03/28 County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting

April 2023

- TBD State Photography Deadline
- 04/01 District 12 Fashion Sensation
- 04/01 District 12 Roundup
- 04/13 District 12 Livestock Judging
- 04/22 District 12 Shooting Sports - Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match
- TBD 4-H Ambassador Meeting
- 04/25 County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

May 2023

- 05/06 County Record Book Workshop
- 05/23 County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting

June 2023

- 06/07 - 06/08 County Record Books Due
- 16/14 - 06/15 County Record Book Judging

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



Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H 2022-2023

The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year! We believe in 4-H when you possess light within, you see it externally. That is why our theme for this year is

"Illuminate Your 4-H Story"

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 24, 2023 for the County Council and Adult Leaders Meeting!





MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

MORE MEETINGS! MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN!

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (Council Officer Declarations)

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (Council Officer Elections)

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



Hidalgo County 4-H Council

Year Long School Supplies List

Be prepared for the year long school supplies our council officers are kindly asking members to donate at each council meeting and the month they correlate with

- ☒ Pencils - September
- ☒ Color Pencils - October
- ☒ Scissors - November
- ☐ Erasers - February
- ☐ Glue - March
- ☐ Markers - April
- ☐ Crayons - May



New Horizons 4-H

Club News

By:
Luke

This month the New Horizons 4-H Club has been very busy getting involved in several community service projects. They recently held a toy drive on December 11, 2022. Club members came together for a fun Christmas-themed practice during this time members collected toys for the Angel Quintanilla Foundation Annual Toy Drive. The Angel Quintanilla Foundation has hosted toy drives for the last 18 years, giving all donated items to children in hospitals during the holiday season.



Left to Right: MacKenzie Gonzalez, Sidney Gonzalez, Harper Sers, Scarlett Sers, Harry Sers, Brady Sers, Aiden Alejandro, Kevin Guerra, Luke Longoria

Town & Country 4-H

Club News

By:
Jonas



This month the Town & Country 4-H Club has been very busy getting involved in fundraising, shooting sports and local prospect shows. Members participated at the Edinburg Beef Cook Off even despite the inclement weather. Club Members also got together for the Annie Oakley Shooting Event. At this event Jaime Xavier Martinez II won top grand prize. Hope you enjoy a few action shots of our club members!



AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Need to stay up to date on 4-H Deadlines? Join our group on the Remind App.

Send a
Text to:
81010

Text the
Message:
@hc4had

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

RALLY ENTRY DEADLINE

**JANUARY 17, 2023
5 P.M. AT THE HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H RALLY

January 26, 2023

Photography

(Judging only, 4-H members do not need to be present)
MATTED PHOTO AND PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 17

Scan to register for Photography

January 27, 2023

Hidalgo County Extension Office

Public Speaking

Scan to register for Public Speaking, Ed. Presentation, & Share the Fun

January 28, 2023

(Location TBA)

Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle

Educational Presentations and Share the Fun contests

Scan to register for Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle

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Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation

**Apply Now
Scan QR Code
for Website**

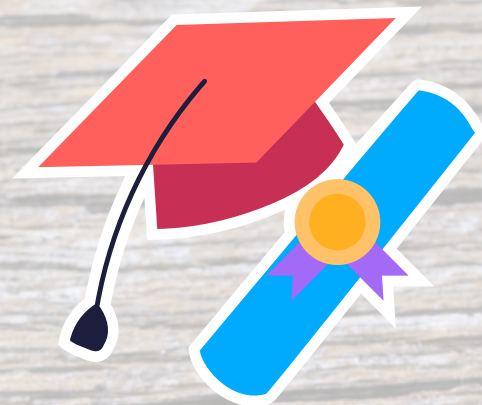
The Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application is now available!



**Deadline to submit is
January 15, 2023**

www.4hfoundation.net

**SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION!**




**100 Kids
PROSPECT
SHOW**

January 7, 2023

**PREREGISTRATION
LINK:**



SPECIES:

- Hogs
- Market Goats
- Breeding Goats
- Market Lambs

ENTRY FEES:

- \$30 per head


Location:
Rio Grande Valley
Livestock Show
Grounds


Address:
1000 North Texas
Mercedes, TX 78570

CONTACT US:
CLEVE FORD: 956-472-8088 **LILY FORD: 956- 223-5842**

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Texas 4-H Youth Development
South District 12
2401 E. Highway 83
Weslaco, Texas 78596 USA
956-968-5581





2023 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match

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

Smallbore Rifle

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles (v2021), Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-P Rules (v2019) & NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules (v 1/16)
- 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12-Bull Target (provided)
- 3-P for Seniors & Intermediates, 1-P for Juniors
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Team & Individual Awards

Shotgun

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles (v2021), Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules (v2014), & ATA/NSA Rules
- 2 Events: Trap & Skeet (no combined HOA)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

Registration Period:
February 1-21, 2023

Match Period:
March 1 - April 18, 2023

Smallbore Pistol

- District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules (v2021), Texas 4-H Pistol Rules (v2014) & NRA Int'l Pistol Rules
- 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) w/ NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

Archery

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles (v2021)
- 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1st YJ
- Target faces provided (1 per archer)
- Barebow/Recurve/NASP - 60cm targets (5-color)
- Compound Aided/Unaided - 40cm targets (5-color)
- Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Year Junior Divisions
- Barebow/Recurve/NASP Genesis/Compound Aided & Unaided
- Individual Awards

**For complete
Rules, Guidelines &
Match Information**

<http://d124-h.tamu.edu>

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Luis Saldana at 956-968-5581 by March 1, 2023.

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FASHION STORYBOARD

DISTRICT 12 4-H
Fashion & Interior Design Storyboard



REGISTRATION
OPENS: DECEMBER 21, 2022
CLOSES: JANUARY 10, 2023

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



County Council Christmas Party Gingerbread House



Borderline 4-H Senior Ag. Product ID Team at the RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show received 2nd place



Matthew Loya from Queen City 4-H with his heifer at the McAllen Cowboy Classic Prospect



Members Construction Gingerbread Houses at the County Council Christmas Party



4 Winds 4-H Members and their Christmas Community Service Project

4-HER'S IN ACTION



Age Group	Percentage
18-24	10%
25-34	35%
35-44	25%
45-54	15%
55-64	10%
65-74	5%
75-84	2%
85+	1%





4-HER'S IN ACTION



Saran Wrap Ball Game at the Hidalgo County 4-H County Council Christmas Party



Brush Country 4-H Members at the RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show



4 Winds 4-H Club Christmas Party at the Hidalgo County Extension Office



Starlite 4-H Club Members at their annual bake sale fundraiser



Brush Country 4-H Members at the RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show



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save the date



2023 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Hyatt Regency Crystal City + Online
Arlington, VA

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT National4HConference@buides.gov




Scholarship Applications OPEN NOV. 1ST!

BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 1



TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP
2023 Rules & Guidelines

- Ag & Livestock
- Family & Community Health
- Leadership & Citizenship
- Natural Resources
- STEM

...where something is available for ALL Senior Level (9th - 12th Grade) 4-H Members!

June 5 - 8, 2023
Bryan/College Station




4-H Day at the Capitol
March 29, 2023



National 4-H Conference

APRIL 14-19, 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will host the 2023 National 4-H Conference April 14-19, 2023 in-person at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

NIFA has administered the National 4-H Conference on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, DC since 1927. Known as "the Secretary's Conference," this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future focused. The Conference brings together young people, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.

National 4-H Conference is open to 4-H Youth (ages 15-18).

Applications to attend will be open from December 7, 2022 - December 22, 2022. Selected delegates will be announced early January 2023.

Estimated cost between \$2,000-2,250. Will have a better idea on cost once information is received from Nationals on December 7th.

For more information please contact:

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TEXAS 4-H CENTER TEEN WEEKEND

Camp Ambassadors Wanted!

WHEN: JANUARY 6-8

WHERE: TEXAS 4-H CENTER

WHY: GROW LEADERSHIP SKILLS & INTERACT WITH OTHER SENIOR LEVEL TEENS

PRICE: \$75 TO INCLUDE MEALS AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

WHO: HIGH SCHOOL AGED TEENS GRADES 9-12

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A FUN FILLED WEEKEND LEARNING VALUABLE LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND LEARN HOW TO BE A CAMP AMBASSADOR/COUNSELOR, THEN COME AND SEE US! PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TEAMBUILDING GAMES/ICEBREAKERS, UTILIZE THE CHALLENGE COURSE, AND DEMONSTRATE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A YOUNG LEADER.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER VISIT

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>



TEXAS 4-H CAMP AMBASSADORS

Camp Counselors Needed

We are currently looking for High School Juniors and Seniors with a drivers license, or reliable transportation who are interested in volunteering for a week or more of summer camp.

Teen Counselors:

- Leave the week with 50+ Volunteer Hrs.
- Grow skills in time management and supervision of campers
- Will assist summer staff with programs
- Come to camp for FREE!!
- Are required to attend two training weekends at Texas 4-H Camp
- DO NOT NEED TO BE CURRENT 4-H MEMBERS

QUESTIONS??

Contact:

Alec Kiser
alec.kiser@ag.tamu.edu
(325) 241-9936

If you think that you are a good fit and would enjoy padding your resume while also having fun, then follow the QR code to show your interest!

FIRST TRAINING WEEKEND

January 6-8 2023!
Hope to see you there!

FOR MORE ON CAMP VISIT
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

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TEXAS 4-H LANDSCAPE DESIGN

JUNE 5, 2023

College Station, TX

Hosted by the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department

OBJECTIVE

- ✓ Enhance 4-H members landscape design knowledge
- ✓ Promote professionalism to 4-H students by simulating a real-life interaction between customer and landscape professionals
- ✓ Expose 4-H members to career opportunities in horticulture related fields
- ✓ Highlight a degree in a horticultural related field



This is not an official Texas 4-H Roundup contest. Youth that compete in this event will be provided the opportunity to also register for Texas 4-H Roundup held that same week.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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979-845-3308

CONTEST INFORMATION

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horticulture>

SAVE THE
DATE
EXPLORE

Dallas
Fort Worth
Area



REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
May 1st

One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

JUNE
26th - 30th
2023

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Texas 4-H
STEM Ambassadors
Invite 4-H families to
TEXAS 4-H NIGHT AT NASA



SAVE THE DATE
Space Center Houston
March 4-5, 2023

More details and registration information will be shared soon

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT DATES

ONLINE APPLICATION CLOSES

January 31, 2023
@ 7:59 P.M.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL SUBMISSION CLOSES

February 15, 2023
@ 4:59 P.M.

RECIPIENT SELECTION NOTIFICATION BEGINS

May 2023

SCHOLAR CELEBRATION

June 2023



For more information: scholarship@rodeohouston.com



PROFILE PHOTO

NEW!

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE



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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
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