



4-H TIMES



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

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MARCHING FORWARD INTO SPRING

All rallied out? Well same! Now on to our favorite time of year... Livestock Show Season! Trim those hooves, clip those projects, tidy up your artwork, practice your speeches, study your pedigrees and perfect your showmanship skills! Remember it all starts at home not on actual show day! Safe travels to all our families competing at RGVLS and Houston.

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 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;
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Coming Up

MARCH

Mar 1	District 12 4-H Postal League Shooting Period Begins till April 18th
Mar 4	RGVLS Covergirl Revue, RGVLS Event Center
Mar 9-19	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo; Mercedes, TX
Mar 14	District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whizbang Registration closes
Mar 14	District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Registration goes live on 4-HOnline
Mar 21	D12 4-H Photography, Fashion Sensation & Roundup Registration closes
Mar 21	District 12 4-H Rifle Match Registration goes live on 4-HOnline
Mar 25	District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whizbang Contest (TBA)
Mar 28	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications due by 5pm @ Ext. Office
Mar 28	Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ext. Office

APRIL

Apr 1	D12 4-H Roundup and Fashion Sensation; Three Rivers, Texas
Apr 1	D12 4-H Virtual Photography Contest Judging Begins
Apr 3	Hidalgo County 4-H Deadline for State Fair Heifer Tags and Steer Tags; 5pm, Extension Office
Apr 4	Hidalgo County 4-H Senior Award Interviews, Extension Office
Apr 5	Hidalgo County 4-H Clovers & Juniors Award Interviews, Extension Office
Apr 6	Hidalgo County 4-H Intermediate Award Interviews, Extension Office
Apr 7	Hidalgo County Extension Office Closed for Good Friday
Apr 15	STAR Gala; La Muneca Ranch in Linn, Texas, 6pm
Apr 22	D12 4-H Rifle Match; Benavides, Texas, TBA
Apr 25	Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting (Officer Declarations); Extension Office, 7pm

**WE ARE BORN IN 1 DAY,
WE CAN DIE IN 1 DAY,
WE CAN CHANGE IN 1 DAY,
WE CAN BE SAVED IN 1 DAY,
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN 1 DAY.**

-GAYLE FORMAN



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, March 28, 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
COUNTY COUNCIL
March Meeting
MARCH 28, 2023
7PM - 8PM
HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Hidalgo County
4-H Council

Year Long School Supplies List

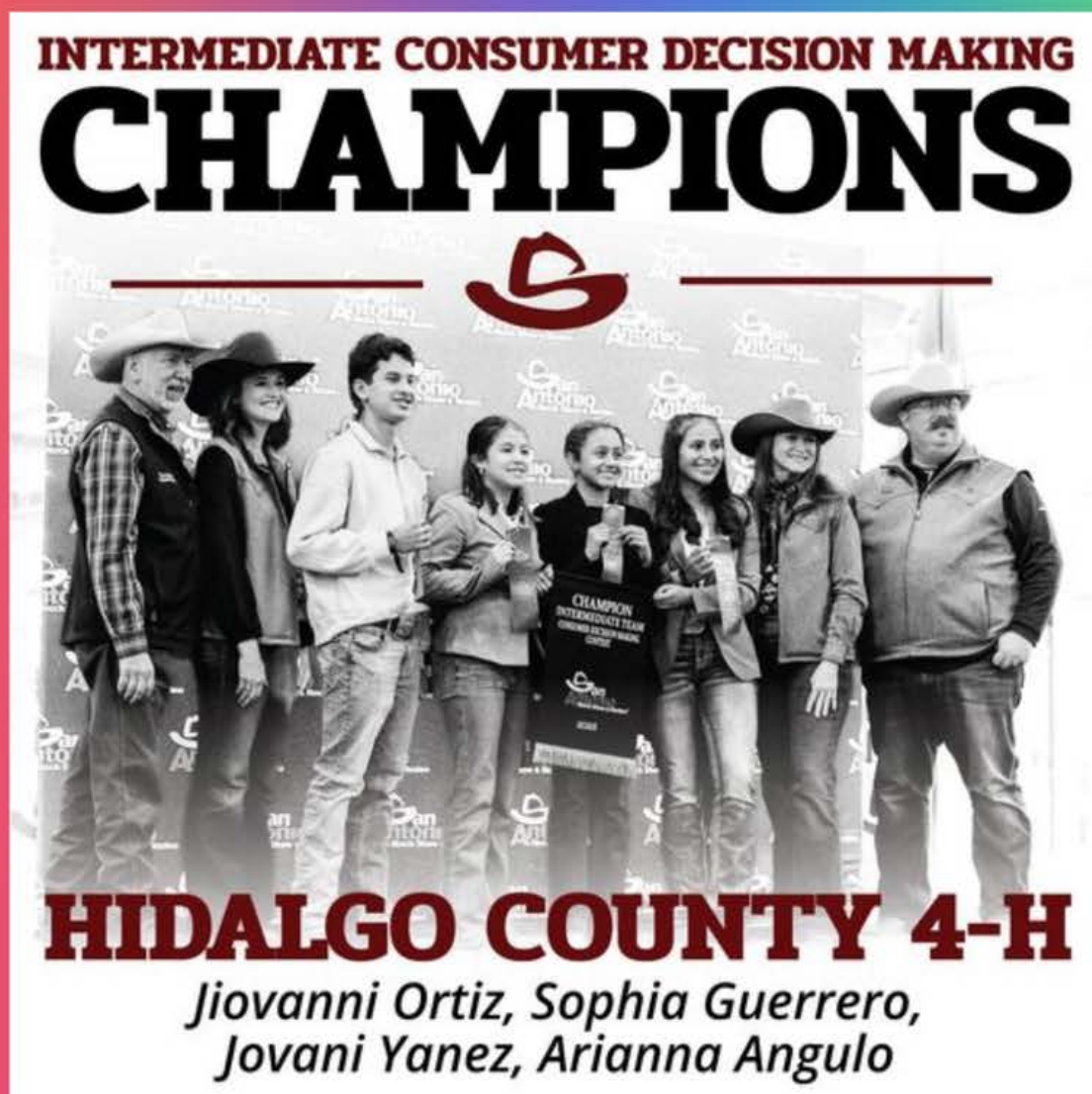
Be prepared for the year long school supplies our council officers are kindly asking members to donate at each council meeting and the month they correlate with

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



Wildcat 4-H Club News

This month our members prepped and practiced before competing as an team at the San Antonio Livestock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest. Some ways we prepped and practiced was by having Ms. Kathy provide our team a refresher on CDM categories and reasons. We also practiced with our Club Manager Mrs. Galvan prior to our contest. As a team we surpassed our goal of placing in the top 3 teams by coming back as the Intermediate Division Champion Team! Lastly congratulations to Giovanni and Sophia for being highpoint winners!



Town & Country 4-H




Club News

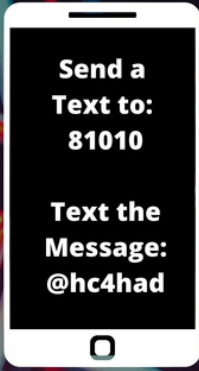
By:
Jonas

This month the Town & Country 4-H Club has focused on Community Service, STAR Show, and the San Antonio Livestock Show Jr. Shoot Out! At STAR we had Bellah winning Grand Showman and 2nd with her goat. Our club has many members on the RGVLS Leadership Team and so far we have served committee member their dinners at the RGVLS meeting and sold tickets for the RGVLS Museum at Smokin on the Rio. Members did great at the Jr. Shoot Out and Alyssa assisted with packing meals against hunger with the rotary organization.





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

SAVE THE DATE

★ STAR GALA ★

APRIL 15, 2023
LA MUNECA RANCH
6 P.M.



HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION IS NOW LIVE!

Applications are due March 15, 2023

STEP 1: Do you meet all the requirements?
• At least in the 9th grade
• Submit application by deadline
• Join Texas 4-H

STEP 2: Read, understand and agree to abide by all guidelines set forth in the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Handbook

STEP 3: Did you receive your application confirmation email?



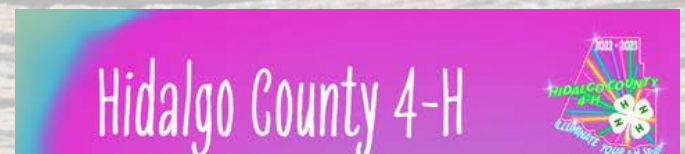

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS

Interview Dates to Hold:
April 4, 2023 Seniors
April 5, 2023 Clovers & Juniors
April 6, 2023 Intermediates


Interviews will only be conducted face to face there will be no exceptions



Scan the QR Code to be directed to the 2022-2023 Award Applications and Rules



Hidalgo County 4-H County Council Q&A



HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICER?

- Need to be an enrolled member and have attended 4 meetings prior to the election
- Must be at least 12 years of age and/or an incoming 7th grader for the upcoming 4-H year (August)

HOW TO BECOME A VOTING DELEGATE?

Need to be an enrolled member and have attended 3 meetings prior to the election

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO RUN?

Ms. Kathy has a list and checks it twice, call the office or email: katarina.rodriguez@ag.tamu.edu and ask if you are eligible anytime before elections

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO FOR NOW?

- ALWAYS SIGN IN AT MEETINGS
- Make sure your name is legible for Ms. Kathy to read
- Attend as many meetings as you can
- HAVE FUN WHEN JOINING US!!!!



VALIDATION TAGS

Now Accepting Steer Validation Tag Orders

\$30 Deadline to Order Tags will be April 3, 2023

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



Now Accepting Heifer Tag Orders for State Fair of Texas

\$30 Tag Order Deadline will be April 2, 2023

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



Now Accepting Lamb & Goat State Fair & Major Livestock Show Tag Orders

\$20 Per Tag
Deadline: April 5, 2023

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



USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
protecting the health and value of American agriculture and natural resources



AGDISCOVERY SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM

PLANT & ANIMAL SCIENCE-WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT-
AGRIBUSINESS- AND MORE!

FREE SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP TEENAGERS EXPLORE CAREERS IN PLANT AND ANIMAL SCIENCE, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, AGRIBUSINESS, AND MUCH MORE! IT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE MANY CAREER PATHS OPEN TO THEM IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES. THE PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LIVE ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS AND LEARN ABOUT AGRICULTURE FROM UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, SCIENTISTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS.

MARCH 31
2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE APPLICATION

@ UTRGV



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



Catalina Diaz from Queen City 4-H and her STAR Show Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer Banners



Linn San Manuel 4-H Senior Team at San Antonio Livestock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest



Wyatt Robbins at the San Antonio Livestock Show with his 1st place market doer



STEM Activity of suturing bananas



Gabriela Ramirez from Linn San Manuel 4-H at Texas 4-H Capitol Leadership Experience

4-HER'S IN ACTION



Hailey from Queen City 4-H and her STAR Show Grand Champion Banner and Champion Showmanship Buckle



Wildcat 4-H Intermediate Team at the San Antonio Livestock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest



Sailor our Clover Kid from Town & Country 4-H with Council Officer Pops Guerra



Wyatt Robbins at the San Antonio Livestock Show with his 3rd and 5th place commercial breeding goats



Opening Ceremonies led by County Council Officers at Council Meeting

4-HER'S IN ACTION



Estrella Pavon from Queen City 4-H and her STAR Show Grand Champion Showmanship Buckle



STEM presentation led by Preston Galvan and Tessa De la Garza at County Council



Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors food demo.



Bella from Town & Country with her Grand Showman Buckle and 2nd place breeding goat



RGVLS Leadership Team



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US ON INSTAGRAM

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4-H Day at the Capitol

March 29, 2023




VOLUNTEER TEEN COUNSELORS

4-H CAMP
NEEDS YOU!

APPLY NOW





Texas 4-H Summer Camp

REGISTER NOW BEFORE EARLY BIRD PRICING
ENDS ON APRIL 1ST

TEXAS 4H

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






2023 Texas Farm Bureau PHOTO CONTEST

Entries due June 1

Details at texasfarmbureau.org/photo-contest





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:
Megan Logan
mlogan@ag.tamu.edu
(830) 988-6146

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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.

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979-845-3308

CONTEST INFORMATION

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

2023 4-H Beekeeping Essay

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

Essay Topic:

The Importance of Beeswax

DEADLINE
Monday, April 3, 2023
via 4HOnline




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@usda.gov

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AGRI LIFE



**2023-2024 TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL
AT - LARGE DELEGATE
APPLICATION NOW LIVE!**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MARCH 30, 2023**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION A
Q&A SESSION IS TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR 6:30PM ON
MARCH 2, 2023. PLEASE SIGN
UP FOR THIS Q&A WITH THE
FOLLOWING GOOGLE FORM QR
CODE.**



TO APPLY



GOOGLE FORM

**SAVE THE DATE
EXPLORE**
Dallas
Fort Worth
Area

CORE
academy
Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**
May 1st

**JUNE
26th - 30th
2023**

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.


Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will provide equal opportunities for programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, marital status, genetic information, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Animal Science

**WOOL
JUDGING
CLINIC**

March 25, 2023
Louis Pearce Pavilion
College Station, Texas

Register at judgingcard.com



**2023 Texas 4-H Roundup
-Invitational-
Competitions**





Internship Opportunities
Seeking highly motivated college students who are interested in Extension, communications, marketing, promotions, photography and other relevant majors to join us this summer at Texas 4-H Roundup!!!




**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MARCH 20TH**

For more information:
<http://texas4hroundup.blogspot.com/>



NEW!



**PROFILE
PHOTO**

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H
FACEBOOK PAGE**



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SHARE





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

