



4-H TIMES



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

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HAVE YOURSELF AN EGG-CELLENT APRIL

Time to warm up those vocal cords, prep those sewing boxes, and plan to dress to impress at the upcoming District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation and Roundup contest in Three Rivers, Texas! Once that's wrapped up please be ready to interview impress the judges in our end of the year achievement night award interviews!

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;
Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR; Joanne Ureste, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort

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Coming Up

- 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 3** Hidalgo County 4-H Intermediate Award Interviews, 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 5** Hidalgo County 4-H Deadline for Major Lambs & Goat Tags Order; 5pm, Ext. 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

- MAY**
- May 1** Hidalgo County 4-H Leadership Lab Registration live on 4-HOnline
 - May 7** Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night; 5-8pm, Weslaco Elks Lodge
 - May 12** Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Applications Due; 5pm, Ext. Office
 - May 16** District 12 4-H Election Convention Registration Opens on 4-HOnline
 - May 23** Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ext. Office
 - May 31** District 12 4-H Leadership Lab Registration closes on 4-HOnline

HELLO APRIL

A GOOD DAY ISN'T ALWAYS PERFECT. IT CHALLENGES YOU TO RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL AND INSPIRES YOU TO APPRECIATE THE LITTLE, AMAZING THINGS IN LIFE



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.agriiife.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, May 23, 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





*Photo
Submissions By:
Starlite 4-H
Club Manager*

Linn San Manuel 4-H

Club News

By:
Carolina

This month our members have been very busy in various shows and have been doing very well. One major show our members have participated in is RGVLS. Members of our club competed in various contests such as speaking contests, AG ID, horticulture, shop projects, and animal projects. Everyone in our club who had a market project made it to the sale at the end of the show! We also had some of our clover members compete in contests such as Mutton Bustin' and Little Miss Cowgirl. Gabriela Ramirez representing our club and Alexandra Guerrero (LSM member) made the RGVLS Covergirl Court winning 2nd runner-up and 1st runner-up!



Town & Country 4-H


By:
Jonas



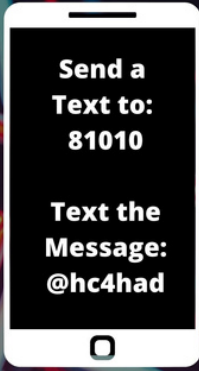
Club News

This month the Town & Country 4-H Club focused on the RGVLS Show. Lots of our members were a part of the RGVLS Leadership Group our task were assisting with the RGVLS Museum and Rodeo. Our members competed in an array of contest such as photography, livestock judging, horse division, livestock divisions, and lastly captured is our shooting sports team working hard and diligently for the D12 Postal League Contest.





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 Council Officer Declarations


QR CODE FORMAT
Will be released on April 11th

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT QR CODE
From April 11-17, 2023

ELIGIBILITY TO RUN:

- ATTEND 4 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION
- MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OF AGE AND/OR AN INCOMING SEVENTH GRADER FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR

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.rodriquez@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!!!!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY




EDINBURG 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Submit
April 13, 2023
at the Hidalgo County Extension Office by 5pm

Interviews will be on
April 18, 2023
at the Hidalgo County Extension Office by 5pm

Please Scan the QR Code for the Application





New Horizon Club Report

Submitted by Luke & Aiden

Barebow Junior Division

Luke Longoria 238 pts. 2nd Place
Aiden Alejandro 66pts. 8th Place

Barebow Senior Division

Paige Brister 384 pts. 1st Place
Ian Brister 361pts. 2nd Place

Barebow Intermediate Division

Megan Martinez 197 pts. 4th Place
Brady Sers 172 pts. 5th Place
Ohara Sers 158 pts. 7th Place
Sidney Sers 137 pts. 8th Place

Compound Unaided Division

William Worsham 69 pts. 1st Place

This year we met every other Sunday and we practiced in some of the worst heat, wind, and we swear fire, but we all made it to competition! A VERY SPECIAL thanks to our Archery leaders and parents for making sure we made it to practice on time and had the necessary equipment for this competition.

RGVLS LEADERSHIP GROUP

Class of 2023

THIS YEAR THE RGVLS MUSEUM SPONSORED 32 YOUTH IN THIS PROJECT. SOME OF THESE MEMBER DUTIES INCLUDED SERVING MEALS, WORKING THE MUSEUM, GUEST RELATIONS AT THE EXTREME BULLRIDING, AND THE RGVLS AUCTION.



THIS YEARS 2023 LEADERSHIP BELT BUCKLE WINNERS:

CLOVER: KOURTNEY MARTINEZ FROM LINN SAN MANUEL 4-H CLUB

JUNIOR: LUKE LONGORIA FROM TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H CLUB

INTERMEDIATE: MEGAN MARTINEZ FROM TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H CLUB

SENIOR: JUAN ROCHA JR. FROM VAQUERO 4-H

COLLEGIATE: KARINA PALOMO AN ALUMNI FROM TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H



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HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H



HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

JOIN US AS WE ILLUMINATE YOUR 2022-2023 4-H STORY!

*Save the
Date!*

MAY 7, 2023
WESLACO ELKS LODGE
5PM-8PM
\$15 PER PERSON
CALL 956-383-1026
TO RESERVE TICKETS

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



Sophia Sander Champion Greased Pig Scramble Winner from Queen City 4-H



Isaiah Lara-Rodriguez from Borderline 4-H with his RGVLS Photography Entry



RGVLs Hidalgo County 4-H Members doing their duties of passing out merch to the rodeo crowd



Darby McGurk 4th Runner Up on the RGVLS Covergirl Court



Town & Country 4-H Members on the RGVLS Leadership Team with Club Managers

4-HER'S IN ACTION



The Parker Brothers- Breed Champion New Zealand & Reserve Grand Champion & Breed Champion Cross



1st Place Good House Keeping in the Beef Division for Queen City 4-H



Brush Country 4-H Members at the Rabbit Show

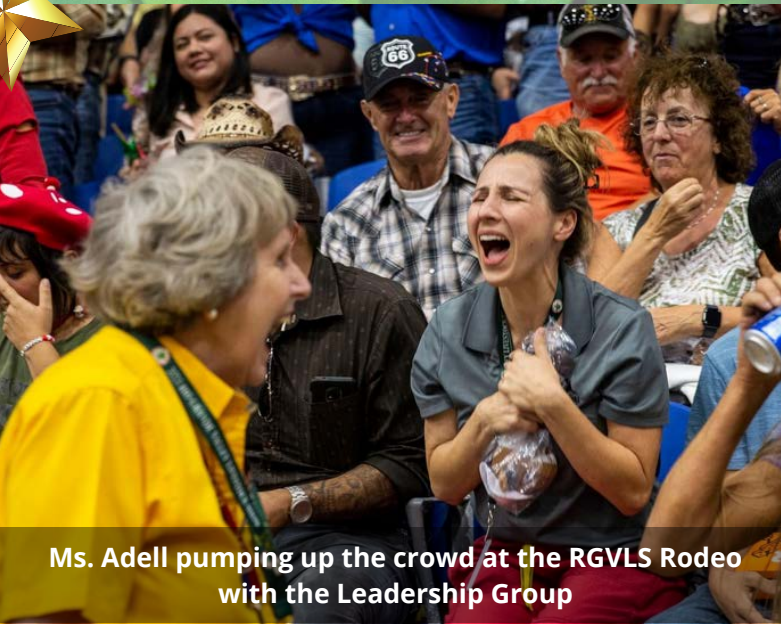


Martinez Brothers being interviewed by FOX way to promote 4-H!



Hidalgo County MCV helping the Brush Country 4-H Duds to Dazzle Teams

4-HER'S IN ACTION



Ms. Adell pumping up the crowd at the RGVLS Rodeo with the Leadership Group



Mancias-Ramirez-Martinez Cousins did awesome Jacob, Brianna, Eileen and Zariyah! from Borderline 4-H



Mia Garza 1st with her Red Brangus Heifer and 2nd in the Open Show



Cora and Ella Finalist in their PS divisions and Charlotte Grand Champion PS



Borderline 4-H Ag. Product ID Participants



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2023 Texas 4-H Roundup -Invitational- Competitions



HELPING YOUTH
THRIVE
PYD ACADEMY

THE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE VIRTUALLY APRIL 25-27TH FROM 11 AM TO 5:30 PM EASTERN TIME. THE COST TO PARTICIPATE IS \$250. CONTACT THE 4-H PYD ACADEMY DIRECTOR, JANET GOLDEN, AT JGOLDEN@FOURHCOUNCIL.EDU FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT OR QUESTIONS.

**VOLUNTEER
TEEN
COUNSELORS**

4-H CAMP
NEEDS YOU!

APPLY NOW

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

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 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.

TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK, EQUINE & POULTRY AMBASSADORS DEADLINE

APRIL 15, 2023

These applications can be found on our website at www.texasyouthlivestock.com under the Ambassador Program tab.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- SENIOR LEVEL (GRADES 9-12 IN FALL OF 2023) 4-H YOUTH THAT HAVE EXHIBITED A SUPERIOR LEVEL OF AMBITION REGARDING HIS/HER LIVESTOCK/EQUINE/POULTRY PROJECTS
- STUDENTS WITH A PROFOUND INTEREST IN ANIMAL/EQUINE/POULTRY SCIENCE, ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND ADVOCACY
- STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN ADVANCED LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND A WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS
- TOP 25% CLASS RANK

Roundup Registration Packet Available Now



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>

IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!
APRIL 26-MAY 5, 2023

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.
TractorSupply.com

Roundup Registration Packet Available Now

DEFINE

NEW!

PROFILE PHOTO

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
ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

OR

KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

