



# 4-H TIMES



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

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## "JUNE I'M GLAD TO SEA YOU"

What an amazing 4-H Program Year we've had! Thank you to the many families that joined us at our 2022-2023 4-H Achievement Night. We still have a summer packed of fun in store! We hope to see many of our Hidalgo County 4-H Members at State Roundup, Leadership Lab and Election Convention! Please follow up with registration dates and times to each of these events! We wouldn't want you to miss out on all the fun!

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



# Coming Up

JUNE

- June 4-5 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Health Summit; College Station, TX
- June 5-8 State 4-H Roundup; College Station, Texas
- June 6 District 12 4-H Election Convention Registration closes on 4-HOnline
- June 7-8 Hidalgo County 4-H Record Book Deadline
- June 13 District 12 4-H Record Book Registration goes live on 4-HOnline
- June 13-15 District 12 4-H Leadership Lab; Kingsville, Texas
- June 16 State Games last day to do Step 1 registration on 4-HOnline & Iclays
- June 16 District 12 4-H Election Convention; Kingsville, Texas
- June 19 Hidalgo County 4-H Steer Validation; 8am-10am, La Muneca Ranch
- June 28 District 12 4-H Council Officer Retreat registration opens on 4-HOnline
- June 28-30 Hidalgo County 4-H Sewing Camp; Hidalgo County Ext. Office

JULY

- July 6 District 12 4-H Record Book Registration Closes on 4-HOnline
- July 9-14 State Games: Hunting & Wildlife, Muzzleloading, Pistol and Rifle Events; Callahan County Rifle Range in Baird, Texas
- July 14 District 12 4-H Council Officer Retreat Registration Closes on 4-HOnline
- July 16-22 State Games: Archery Contest at San Antonio National Shooting Complex
- July 18-23 State Games: Shotgun Contest at San Antonio National Shooting Complex

We travel not to  
escape life, but for  
life not to escape us.

- Anonymous





# Hidalgo County 2023-2024 4-H Calendar of Events

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

<b>July 2023</b>		<b>August 2023</b>		<b>September 2023</b>	
07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging	08/10	4-H Leadership Workshop	09/09	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food Challenge)
07/9 - 07/14	State Games: Pistol and Rifle Match	08/22	Hidalgo County 4-H Livestock Judging Workshop	09/23	Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
07/16 - 07/22	State Games: Archery Match	08/22	4-H County Council Kick Off Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Swine Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
07/18 - 07/23	State Games: Shotgun Match	TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
TBD	Hidalgo County Club Manager Training	TBD	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
<b>October 2023</b>		<b>November 2023</b>		<b>December 2023</b>	
10/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest	11/01 - 11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo (KKM)	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
10/08	One Day 4-H	TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation	12/02	County Fashion Show Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	TBD	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/12	Storyboard Workshop
TBD	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/12	County Council Christmas
10/28	County Food Show/Food Challenge	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/15 - 12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
TBD	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	RGVLS Gala		
<b>January 2024</b>		<b>February 2024</b>		<b>March 2024</b>	
01/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	02/01 - 02/03	S.T.A.R (www.gostar.org)	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
01/25	Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging	02/08 - 02/25	San Antonio Livestock Show	TBD	District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
01/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & Public Speaking	02/27	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Trap Skeet & Whiz Bang
01/27	Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun & Ed. Presentation	TBD	S.T.A.R Gala	03/07 - 03/17	RGVLS
01/29	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications go live			03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
				03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
<b>April 2024</b>		<b>May 2024</b>		<b>June 2024</b>	
04/02 - 04/04	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Interviews	TBD	Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night	06/05 - 06/06	County Record Books Due
TBD	State Photography Deadline	05/09	County Record Book Workshop	06/12 - 06/14	County Record Book Judging
TBD	District 12 Fashion Sensation	05/28	County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Texas 4-H State Roundup
TBD	District 12 Roundup			TBD	District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
TBD	District 12 Livestock Judging			TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match				
04/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)				

**\*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 newly elected Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to thank you for an amazing 2022-2023 4-H year! We believe in 4-H when you possess light within, you see it externally. That is why our theme for the year was "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 at our Kick-Off Meeting on August 23, 2023 for the County Council and Adult Leaders Meeting!





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## 2023-2024 County Council Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 (Council Officer Declarations)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 (Council Officer Elections)**

All Meetings at  
 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office  
 Hidalgo County  
 7pm - 8pm

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## 2022-2023 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

*County Council*

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**SUPPLY DRIVE**

Thank you to all our Members and Parents for making this drive a success in total we collected:

32 BOXES OF PENCILS  
 40 BOXES OF COLORED PENCILS  
 18 PACKS OF MARKERS  
 16 BOXES OF CRAYONS  
 33 SCISSORS

27 GLUES  
 4 PACKS OF ERASERS  
 3 PACKS OF MECHANICAL PENCILS  
 32 FOLDERS  
 2 PACKS OF HIGHLIGHTERS





# 2023-2024 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

## COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS



**President**



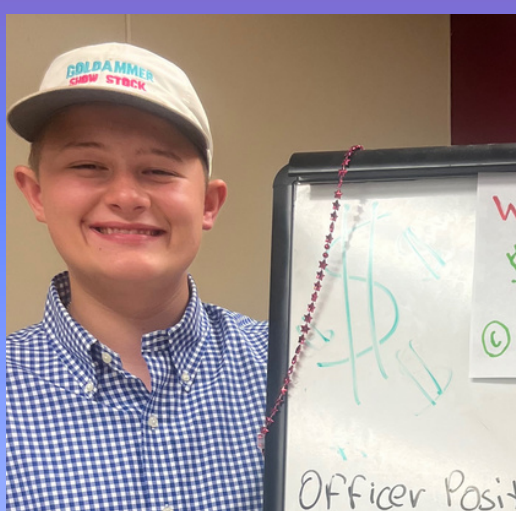
**1st Vice President**



**2nd Vice President**



**Secretary**



**Treasurer**



**Reporter**



**Parliamentarian**



**Delegate**



**Delegate**



# South Texas Attitude 4-H



## Club News

By:  
Jason

This month the South Texas Attitude 4-H Club has been busy with 4-H Promotion at our local tractor supply, Achievement Night, and Community Service for the local animal shelter. We had our first bake sale at Tractor Supply, and during this time learned to talk to community members. We also had members Johnny and Jason receive awards at Achievement Night and enjoyed the silent auction. Lastly as a club we donated pet food to Paws. We loved each and every animal at the shelter but I truly feel in love with a small kitten from the center.







# Town & Country 4-H

## Club News

By:  
Jonas

This month our members have been actively involved in Shooting Sports, Community Service, Achievement Night and attending County Council Meetings. Some of our members participated in the Nueces 4-H Trap & Skeet contest. Overall it was a great turn out for Town & Country 4-H Shooters not only did it develop great comradery for the team but some even brought home some nice awards! At Achievement Night we had quite a bit of award recipients and they were: Club Manager Susie Palomo, Johnny Ledezma, Jonas Martinez, Emily Denny, Luke Longoria, Megan Martinez and Saylor Martinez.





**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

**DISTRICT 12 4-H ELEVATE**  
your leadership

THIS YEARS LEADERSHIP LAB WILL BE IN KINGSVILLE, TEXAS FROM **JUNE 13-15, 2023**

Registration will take place on 4-HOnline from May 1, 2023 -May 22, 2023 for Youth, Council Officers, Adult Chaperones and Agents.

Late Registration closes on May 31st with an additional late fee of \$50 per person

Age Eligibility: **MUST HAVE COMPLETED 7TH GRADE BY MAY 31, 2023**

Total Cost for Elevate is: **\$220 Per Person**

**Package details:**  
Lodging, Meals, and Program Cost

Register today at: <https://4honline.com/>

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H**

**2023 STEER VALIDATION**

**JUNE 19, 2023**  
AT LA MUNECA RANCH  
FROM 8AM-10AM

**NOW ACCEPTING!**

**4-H RECORDBOOKS**

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: JUNE 7-8, 2023  
AT THE HIDALGO COUNTY EXT. OFFICE

**CLOTHING & TEXTILE**

**3 DAY SUMMER CAMP**

JUNE 28TH TO JUNE 30TH  
FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

**SEATS ARE LIMITED.**

Must be in 3rd grade or higher.

To sign up, please register at our office with payment.

Questions: (956) 383-1026  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Hidalgo County  
410 N. 13th Ave. Edinburg TX 78541

\$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE (FEE COVERS SUPPLIES)





# 2022-2023 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

## 2023 RECIPIENTS

**IAN BRISTER**

**LILY FORD**

**MIA RAMIREZ**

**ELISE VAUGHAN**

**LUIS FARIAS**

**DANIEL GARZA**

**CARLOS TREVINO**

**AVA VELA**

## 2022-2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

**OUTSTANDING CLOVER: ISAIAH LARA-RODRIGUEZ**

**JUNIOR ROOKIE: JOAQUIN TAMEZ**

**OUTSTANDING JUNIORS: LUKE LONGORIA & JASON LEDEZMA**

**BRONZE STAR: ELLA FORD**

**INTERMEDIATE ROOKIES: LOGAN KOTZUR & BENJAMIN HARTZOG**

**OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATES: GIOVANNI ORTIZ, JONAS MARTINEZ & ROMAN PALOMO**

**SILVER STARS: MEGAN MARTINEZ, WYATT ROBBINS, & ELLA HARTZOG**

**SENIOR ROOKIES: CAROLINA SALAS, PRESTON GALVAN, & DANIELLE LUNA**

**OUTSTANDING SENIORS: DIEGO SALAS, CORA FORD, & EMILY DENNY**

**I DARE YOU: GABRIELA RAMIREZ & TESSA DE LA GARZA**

**GOLD STAR: JUAN LEDEZMA**

**FRIEND OF 4-H: MICHAELNE KUBY**

**ADULT LEADER OF THE YEAR: SUSIE PALOMO**



# 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



Sharyland 4-H Scholarship Recipients:  
Jacklynn Zamora and Luis Farias



4 Winds 4-H End of the Year Party



Town & Country Shooting Sports team at the  
District 12 4-H Shotgun Match



This year's Outstanding Clover Award went to  
Isaiah Lara-Rodriguez from Borderline 4-H



2023-2024 Queen City 4-H Club Officers



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



Sidney Loya from Queen City 4-H with her Club Scholarship



Kassy Gonzalez representing Hidalgo County 4-H Shotgun Club at the Nueces Shoot



Luis Saldana: Salute to Excellence Award



Hailey Jo from Queen City 4-H giving a Rabbit Project presentation to IDEA Palmview



2023-2024 Sharyland 4-H Club Executive Board





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## PIZZA FUNDRAISER @ TX 4-H ROUNDUP



Order Now through June 5th, 2023!  
via QR Code or <https://square.link/u/t64uJMSY>

**Pizza Meal Deal includes:**

2 slices of Pizza, Cookie, & Bottle of Water!  
Pick up at Reed Arena immediately following  
the assemblies & the start of the  
entertainment on Thursday, June 8, 2023!



**FUNDS BENEFIT TAE4-HYDP SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**  
**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**QUESTIONS- CASSIE.FERGUSON@AG.TAMU.EDU**

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2023 Texas Farm Bureau

# PHOTO CONTEST

Entries due June 1

Details at [texasfarmbureau.org/photo-contest](https://texasfarmbureau.org/photo-contest)

**TEXAS 4-H**  
**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**

## TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**SAY YES TO FCS**  
Monday | 4 PM |  
Reed Arena

**COLLEGE & CAREER  
FAIR**  
Monday | 2-5 PM |  
Reed Arena

**AT-LARGE DELEGATE  
CANDIDATE SPEECHES**  
Monday | 7:30-9 PM |  
Reed Arena

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
JUAN BENDANA**  
Monday | 5:30-7 PM |  
Reed Arena

**AGENTS GOT TALENT**  
Monday | 9 PM | Reed  
Arena

**EDUCATIONAL  
WORKSHOPS**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs |  
Throughout day |  
Reed 2nd & 3rd Floor

**TRADE SHOW**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs | 10 AM  
- 6 PM | Reed Concourse

**DISTRICT TAILGATES**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs | 6:30  
PM | Outside Reed Arena

**DANCE**  
Tues, Wed | 9 PM | Reed  
Arena

**SLADE COULTER  
CONCERT**  
Thurs | 9 PM | Reed Arena

**FIND YOUR SPARK**  
SPARK. IGNITE. THRIVE.

**National 4-H Volunteer Conference**  
**4-H: Find Your Spark**  
September 28-October 1, 2023  
[www.4hvcoss.com/](http://www.4hvcoss.com/)  
Registration opens June 1

- Fun
- Friendship
- New Ideas
- Curriculum
- New Skills



# TEXAS 4-H DIGITAL STORYBOARD CONTEST

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE MAY 1ST-15TH



REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE


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## TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO YOUTH PROGRAM



Hands-on learning, focusing on SKILLATHON TOPICS, from industry experts including Dr. Shawn Ramsey, TAMU - Animal Science, Marty Vahlenkamp, CEA - Runnels County, Marty Gibbs, DEA - West Central District, and Whitney Whitsel, Extension Associate - Youth Sheep and Goat Program

Like our Facebook pages to stay up to date on registration and program information.

 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo  
Texas Youth Sheep and Goat Program

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### SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 19, 2023  
1ST COMMUNITY SPUR ARENA  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

## 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

Jayla Fry, Superintendent  
jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu  
979-845-3308

### CONTEST INFORMATION

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

## 2nd ANNUAL JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 8

OVER \$25,000 IN PREMIUMS &  
\$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE

OPEN TO TEXAS 4-H & FFA  
MEMBERS AGES 11 - 18

**OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2023**

FRIDAY 10/6 - ONSITE CHECK-IN (PRACTICE COURSE & SIDE GAMES OPEN)  
SATURDAY 10/7 - COMPETITION (CHECK-IN, PRACTICE COURSE & SIDE GAMES OPEN)  
SIDE GAMES & PRIZES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH COMPETITORS

DEFENDER OUTDOORS CLAY SPORTS RANCH - FORT WORTH TEXAS

<https://www.fwssr.com/p/competitions--contests/fwssrshootingssports>



## Roundup Registration Packet Available Now





## NEW! HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE



PROFILE PHOTO



JOIN



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](mailto:ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU)

OR

[KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU)

