



4-H TIMES



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

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MAY THIS MONTH BE THE BEST YET!

Oh how the 2022-2023 4-H Program is soon coming to an end! We hope to see many of our Hidalgo County 4-H families at our upcoming Achievement Night on May 7th! If you haven't already purchased your tickets please head to our website or you may come by in person. The last day to purchase tickets is May 1st!

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*

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

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Coming Up

MAY

- May 1 Hidalgo County 4-H Leadership Lab Registration live on 4-HOnline
- May 1-12 State 4-H Roundup Registration goes live on 4-HOnline
- May 5 Last day to RSVP for Hidalgo County Recordbook Workshop
- May 7 Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night; 5-8pm, Weslaco Elks Lodge
- May 10 Hidalgo County 4-H Recordbook Workshop; 6pm, Extension Office
- May 12 Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Applications Due; 5pm, Ext. Office
- May 13 Hidalgo County 4-H Spring Beautification; 9am, Extension Office
- May 16 District 12 4-H Election Convention Registration Opens on 4-HOnline
- May 20 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whizbang; Mission, Texas
- 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

JUNE

- June 4-5 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Health Summit; College Station, Texas
- June 5-8 State 4-H Roundup; College Station, Texas
- June 13-15 District 12 4-H Elevate; Kingsville, Texas
- June 16 District 12 4-H Election Convention; Kingsville, Texas

SOME OF THE BEST
MEMORIES ARE MADE IN

Flip Flops



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

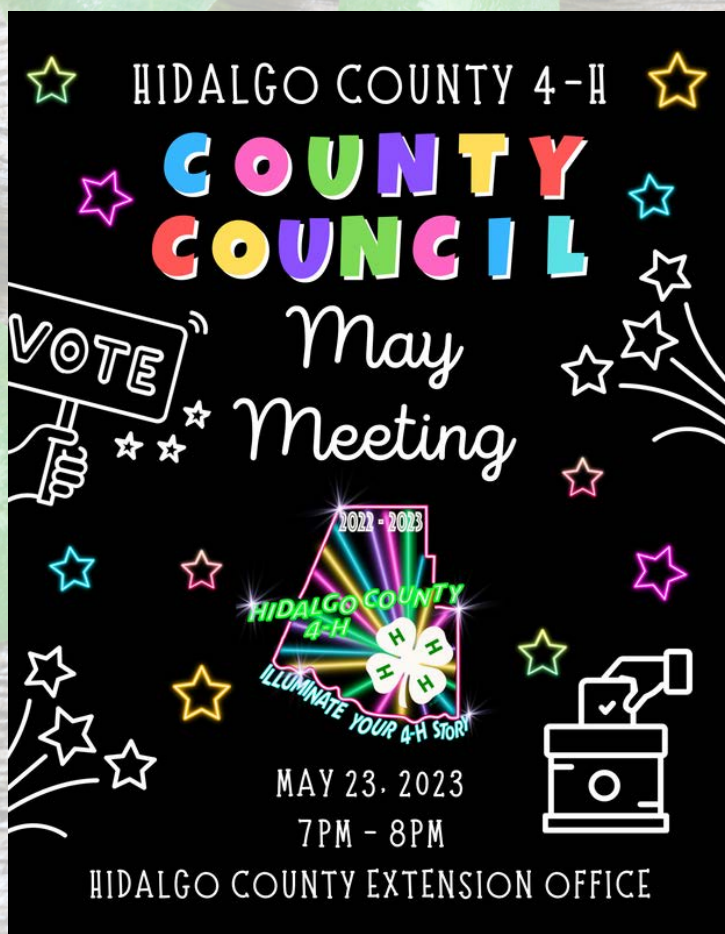
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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



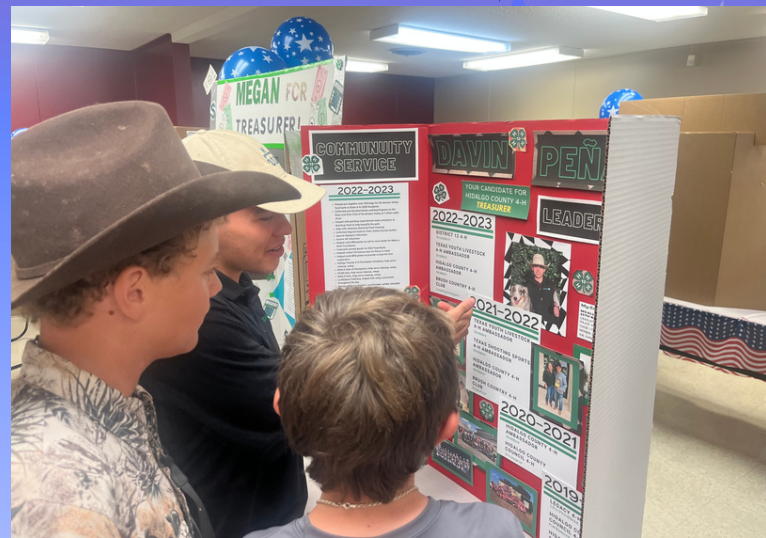
Year Long School Supplies List

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



2023-2024 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H ELECTION CONVENTION





Linn-San Manuel 4-H

Club News

By:
Carolina

For this month our 4-H club has been busy with various District 12 contests. Some of our highlights were our Duds to Dazzle team making it to state! This team consists of Gabriela Ramirez, Ava Vela, Darby McGurk, and myself Carolina Salas. We also had 2 of our members make it to state in the buying division for Fashion Show which are Gabriela Ramirez and myself Carolina Salas. We also had our Intermediate Duds team place 1st at district! Our club will also be participating in the Paper Clover Campaign at tractor supply in a few days to help raise money for our County 4-H.



Town & Country 4-H

Club News

By:
Jonas

This month our members focused on shooting sports, community service, and 4-H promotion at our local Tractor Supply store promoting Paper Clover Campaign. One of our members Danielle Luna attended the One Day 4-H at Texas A&M. Members provided assistance at the Beef Syndicate. Some members even dedicated hours to cleaning their local shooting sports club in preparation for the upcoming District 12 4-H Shotgun Match in May. We also had members dedicate their time in the Spring Beautification project at the Hidalgo County Extension Office. It takes a village to get these amazing things done so shout-out to our amazing Town & County Parents and Club



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 Recordbook Workshop

Wednesday, May 10th
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Extension Office

SAVE THE DATE

Must preregister by Friday, May 5th
Call the Extension office at 956-383-1026

For questions about the workshop please contact: Ashley Gregory
ahgregory@ag.tamu.edu

MEMBER'S RECORD

FRIENDLY REMINDER

2022-2023 Hidalgo County 4-H County Council Officer Spring Beautification Project

MAY 13, 2023
HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
9:00AM - 11:00AM

2023-2024 HIDALGO COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
<input type="checkbox"/> Gabriela Ramirez	<input type="checkbox"/> Ella Hartzog
<input type="checkbox"/> Cora Ford	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	REPORTER
<input type="checkbox"/> Tessa de la Garza	<input type="checkbox"/> Cecilia Guerra
<input type="checkbox"/> Carlos Guerra	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonas Martinez
	<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Salas
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	PARLIAMENTARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Denny	<input type="checkbox"/> Diego Salas
TREASURER	(2) DISTRICT DELEGATES
<input type="checkbox"/> Wyatt Robbins	<input type="checkbox"/> Javier Martinez
<input type="checkbox"/> Megan Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> Logan Kotzur
<input type="checkbox"/> Davin Pena	<input type="checkbox"/> Mia Ramirez
<input type="checkbox"/> Hailey McMillan	<input type="checkbox"/> Jaime Martinez
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sofia Garza

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/>

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HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

SAVE THE DATE



4-H STORIES: ILLUMINATED!

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ORDER YOUR TICKETS
TODAY**

**MAY 7, 2023
WESLACO ELKS LODGE
5PM-8PM
\$15 PER PERSON
CALL 956-383-1026
TO RESERVE TICKETS OR PLACE
YOUR ORDER ONLINE**

District 12 4-H INFORMATION

Don't forget to check the District 12 website for
events and deadline updates!

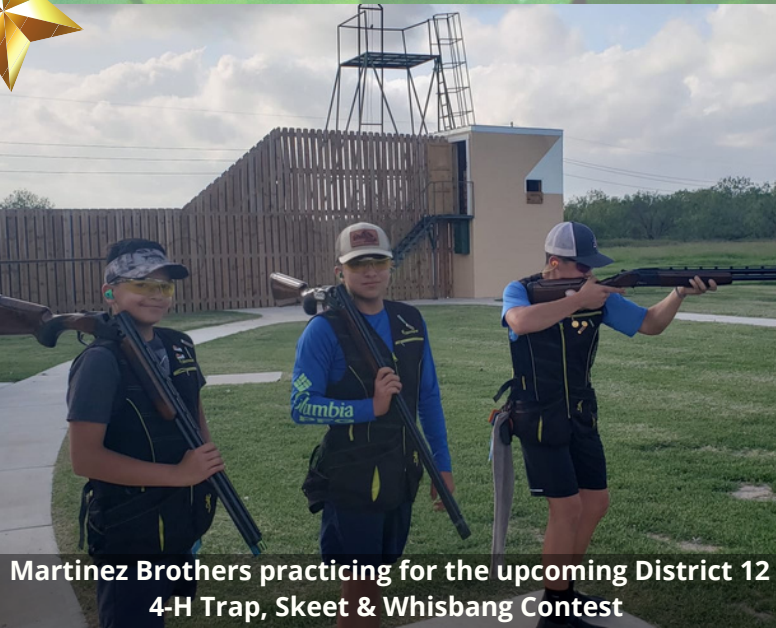


For all District 12 4-H Contest
and registration information

go to:

<https://agrilife.org/d124h/>

4-HER'S IN ACTION



Martinez Brothers practicing for the upcoming District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whisbang Contest



Queen City 4-H Earth Day Presentation and 4-H Promotion



Borderline 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team at District 12 Contest



Town & Country 4-H Member Roman at Paper Clover Campaign with Customers



Carlos an Edinburg 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipient with his family

4-HER'S IN ACTION





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US ON INSTAGRAM

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2023 Texas 4-H Roundup -Invitational- Competitions



2023 Texas Farm Bureau

PHOTO CONTEST

Entries due June 1

Details at texasfarmbureau.org/photo-contest

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

**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 4-H Agriculture 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.

FIND YOUR SPARK

SPARK. IGNITE. THRIVE

National 4-H Volunteer Conference
4-H: Find Your Spark
September 28-October 1, 2023
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

TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECTS/FASHION-
INTERIOR-DESIGN/

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu
979-845-3308

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

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.

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.

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Texas Youth Sheep and Goat Program

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

SAVE THE DATE

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

NEW!

PROFILE PHOTO

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H
FACEBOOK PAGE

JOIN

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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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OR

KATARINA.RODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

