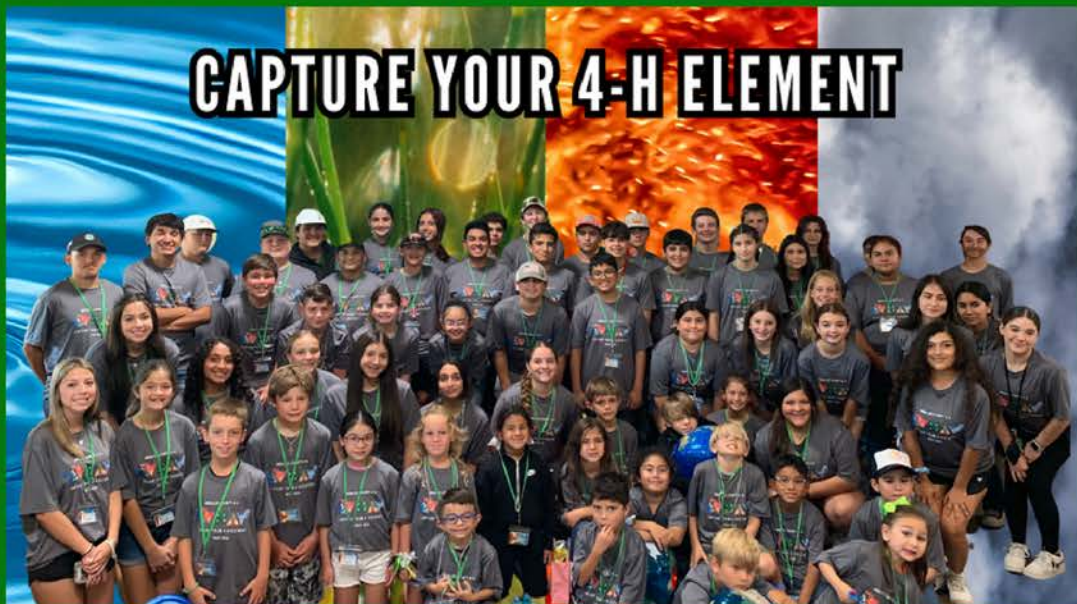




4-H TIMES



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

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"PRACTICE GRATITUDE"

November is a busy time setting up for the holidays and a new 2024 year. Break out your digital art skills with the Storyboard contest this month! Please take note of all registration and deadlines-they sneak up fast!

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 13.

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-Hers succeed!

Sincerely,

*Hidalgo County
Extension Agent Team*


Dr. Andrea Valdez, CEA-FCH; Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR;
Joanne Ureste-Armijo, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort

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Coming Soon...

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 County Storyboard Workshop; Extension office; 6pm
- Nov. 21 County Storyboards Due (online); See flyer for details
- Nov. 28 County Storyboard judging (Judges only)
- Nov. 11 District 12 4-H Food Show, Food Challenge and CDM Contest; Falfurrias, TX
- Nov. 18 Bobcat Showdown Prospect Show
- Nov. 28 Hidalgo County 4-H Ag. Product ID Workshop; TBA
- Nov. 28 Hidalgo County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Extension Office

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2 Hidalgo County Fashion Show Workshop
- Dec. 2 District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) & Archery Match
- Dec. 12 Hidalgo County 4-H Council Christmas Party
- Dec 15-16 RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show
- TBA Ag. Product ID Contest

grateful

Be present in all
things and thankful
for all things.

-Maya Angelou



Hidalgo County 2023-2024 4-H Calendar of Events

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

July 2023

07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging
07/9-07/14	State Games: Pistol and Rifle Match
07/16 - 07/22	State Games: Archery Match
07/18 - 07/23	State Games: Shotgun Match
TBD	Hidalgo County Club Manager Training

August 2023

08/10	4-H Leadership Workshop
08/22	Hidalgo County 4-H Livestock Judging Workshop
08/22	4-H County Council Kick Off Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
TBD	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows

September 2023

09/09	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food Challenge)
09/23	Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
TBD	Swine Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

October 2023

10/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest
10/08	One Day 4-H
10/14	County Food Show/Food Challenge
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)
10/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

November 2023

11/01-11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo (KKM)
TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation
11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge
11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making
TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm
11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop
11/28	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting

December 2023

12/02	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
12/02	County Fashion Show Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
12/02	RGVLS Gala
12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council Christmas
12/15-12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)

January 2024

01/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
01/25	Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging
01/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & Public Speaking
01/27	Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun & Ed. Presentation
01/29	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications go live

February 2024

02/01 - 02/03	S.T.A.R (www.gostar.org)
02/08 - 02/25	San Antonio Livestock Show
02/27	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
TBD	S.T.A.R Gala

March 2024

TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
TBD	District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Trap Skeet & Whiz Bang
03/07-03/17	RGVLS
03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting

April 2024

04/02-04/04	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Interviews
TBD	State Photography Deadline
TBD	District 12 Fashion Sensation
TBD	District 12 Roundup
TBD	District 12 Livestock Judging
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match
04/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)

May 2024

TBD	Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night
05/09	County Record Book Workshop
05/28	County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting

June 2024

06/05 - 06/06	County Record Books Due
06/12 - 06/14	County Record Book Judging
TBD	Texas 4-H State Roundup
TBD	District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention

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



CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT

2023-2024

Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H 2023-2024

The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year! We believe in 4-H when you move swiftly as the wind, closely-formed as the wood, attack like the fire and are still as the mountain this allows members to generate a mind that is open. Therefore this year's 4-H Theme is: "Capture your 4-H Element"

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 at our November 28, 2023 County Council Meeting!





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2023-2024
County Council
Monthly Meeting Schedule

MORE MEETINGS! MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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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**2023-2024
HIDALGO COUNTY
STORYBOARD WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 2, 2023; 6 P.M.**

Storyboard must be submitted by November 21, 2023

Scan to register & submit your Storyboard
<https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/storyboard/>



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MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINES

**WE ARE REQUESTING MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES BE
SUBMITTED A WEEK PRIOR TO THEIR OFFICIAL SHOW DEADLINE
TO ALLOW OUR OFFICE TIME TO PROCESS ENTRIES**

**HIDALGO COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINES FOR MAJORS
FORT WORTH - 11/10/23**

**HOUSTON - 11/21/2023
SAN ANTONIO - 11/21/2023
SAN ANGELO - 11/21/2023**

AUSTIN - 12/11/2023

Thank you



Belt Buckle Blowout
Awarding over 50+

DECEMBER 16, 2023

HEIFERS, LAMBS, GOATS
RGVLS SHOWGROUNDS - MERCEDES, TX

Entry Fee:
\$40 per head Goat/Lamb/Heifer
No Late Fees

Showmanship - \$10 @ gate
(Exhibitor must be entered in show and show own animal.)

ANIMAL CHECK - IN: 8-9 AM for Heifers/Goat/Lamb
SHOWMANSHIP TO BEGIN AT 9:30 AM w/ SHOW TO FOLLOW

Entry Fees and Showmanship Fee: Cash Only

FOR MORE INFO CALL:

Doug Denny 956-657-3189

Note: By submitting entry, I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to my child, myself and others involved with this activity, and I choose to voluntarily participate/allow my child to participate in said activity.



Bobcat Showdown



Sponsored by:
Edinburg FFA Booster Club & Edinburg FFA Chapter

Date: **November 18, 2023**

Event Location: **RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW GROUNDS**
1000 North Texas, Mercedes TX 78570

ENTRY FEES:

CATTLE - \$40.00 PER HEAD
GOATS & LAMBS - \$40.00 PER HEAD

SHOWMANSHIP: \$5.00 PAY AT GATE
Jack pot- winner takes all!

Overall Grand Champions will receive a BUCKLE
Overall Reserve Grand Champions will receive a Buckle



All Breed Champions
will receive a
BANNER

All Reserve Breed
Champions
will receive a BANNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

7:30 - 8:30 AM	HEIFER REGISTRATION - Original Registration Papers Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 head minimum entered Oldest Heifer to be shown (09-01-2023) Original registration papers must be presented @ check in Commercial Heifers will be classified and have a class of their own - 8 head constitute a breed Heifer Showmanship - Show will follow
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Lamb Check In & Weigh In
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses, Southdown, Medium Wool breeds ONLY Lamb Showmanship - Show will follow
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Goat Check In & Weigh In
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT a TCCA Sanctioned Show Goat Showmanship will begin after lamb show or steer show, whichever finishes first Goat Show will follow
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Steer Check In & Weigh In
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steers will be classified 8 head minimum a breed Steer Showmanship - Show will follow

Supply
Trailer
will be on
location!

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AUCTION
AND
CONCESSION
STAND

SUPPORT OUR
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

SHOWMANSHIP AGE GROUPS: Juniors: 8-10 Intermediate: 11-14 Seniors: 15-18

ENTRIES DUE DAY OF SHOW / NO MAIL IN ENTRIES
CASH ONLY!! PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE

QR CODES

WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THE MORNING OF THE SHOW

SCHOLARSHIP

STAR SCHOLARSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Scholarship application goes live: October 16, 2023
Deadline to submit: November 20, 2023 by 11:59pm
Interview Date will be: December 9, 2023 at 1pm

MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT US
<https://gostar.org/scholarships/>

Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation
Scholarship Opportunity

Application can be found at
www.4hfoundation.net

Any questions you can contact
Rebecca Kotzur at (956) 578-9786

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://agrillife.org/d124h/>

4-HER'S IN ACTION



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South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show ONE DAY ONLY

Steer and Heifer Show - November 4, 2023
 Cowboy Fellowship, 561 FM 3350, Jourdanton, TX 78026
 Heifers Ring A Judge - Dalton Nix, Steer Ring A Judge - Jon DeClerck
 Steer Ring B Judge - Dalton Nix
 Stalling will be done off the trailer. Please No Alcohol

Entry Fees:
 \$40.00 per head/ per ring
 must enter ring A to be eligible for ring B
 Showmanship: \$5.00 Cash at Gate
 Early Entry Deadline - October 27, 2023
 Day of show entry \$50.00 dollars per bring CASH ONLY

Prizes:
 Heifer Show: Buckles to Div. Champions
 Prizes to Reserve Div.
 Steer Show: Buckles to Breed Champions A&B
 Prizes to Reserve Champions A&B
 Showmanship: 3 Heifer & 3 Steer Buckles
 Prizes to Reserve Champions

Hotels:
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, (830) 769-3090
 Hampton Inn, (830) 569-3001
 Holiday Inn Express & Suites, (830) 769-3323
 Best Western Plus Hotel, (830) 569-1917
 Fairfield Inn & Suites - (830) 569-0656
 Sleep Inn & Suites - (830) 770-9732

Steer & Go Show! *Bring Generators and Water Hoses. For more info, please call (830) 569-0034.**

Heifer Show:
 Sat, November 4: Check in: 7:00am - 8:00am
 Sat, November 4: Heifer Showmanship 8:00am
 • Heifer Show following immediately after Heifer Showmanship

Steer Show:
 Sat, November 4: Classify/Check in: 7:00-9:00a
 Sat, November 4: Steer Showmanship 10:00 am
 • Steer Show following immediately after Steer Showmanship or completion of heifer show

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show
 One animal per entry form. This is your weight card.

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 TJLA Member _____ School Grade: _____
 STEER Breed: _____ Weight: _____

Ring A B (Please Circle. Must enter A to be eligible for Steer Ring B)
 HEIFER Breed (Ring A only): _____ Heifer Date of Birth: _____

Early Entry Fee - \$40.00 per ring (Steers ONLY. Must enter Ring A to be eligible for B)
EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: October 27, 2023. On-site entry \$50.00 per head per ring.
 Please mail and make checks payable to: Atascosa 4-H
 Council, PO Box 379, Luling, TX 78050

The Ultimate Teen Summit
March 13-17, 2024
Washington, D.C.

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 by 4H

Spark your imagination and passion!

BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY TODAY

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS IS ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR ITS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIPS. EACH YEAR, THE STATE FAIR AWARDS MULTIPLE \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AROUND THE STATE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COMPETITIVE YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS HELD AT THE STATE FAIR. RECIPIENTS MUST ATTEND AN ACCREDITED TRADE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PURSUE A DEGREE IN AN AGRICULTURAL-RELATED FIELD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BIGTEX.COM/SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024



TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL

SAVE THE DATE

AGGIE FOOTBALL 4-H DAY
SATURDAY, NOV. 16 AT KYLE FIELD
TIME: TBD | AGGIES VS. ABILENE CHRISTIAN

The 12th Man Foundation is excited to welcome back all 4-H participants statewide along with their friends and family to Kyle Field at an exclusive discounted rate.

LINKS GO LIVE JULY 1ST

For more information, please call 979-260-7946 or email jkendrick@12thmanfoundation.com

WWW.12THMANFOUNDATION.COM/GROUPS

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COMPETITION**

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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



SPONSOR: INTERMOUNTAIN CLAY SPORTS RANGE - FORT WORTH, TEXAS
<https://www.ffa.com/p/competitions---contests/ffa-shooting-sports>




**New Ag. Product ID
Resource Guide!**

**AG PRODUCT ID
RESOURCE GUIDE**

2023-2027

**NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023
TEXAS 4-H CENTER**

**RED CARPET
RODEO**

Join us in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat) which is the premiere youth teaching youth statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by our Texas 4-H Council!

**MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!!!**

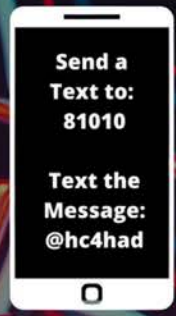
Spark



**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



NEW!

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H
FACEBOOK PAGE**

**PROFILE
PHOTO**

JOIN

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JOIN US FOR THE 4-H WEEKEND IN AGGIELAND!

Friday, Nov. 17

- **4-H Day at COALS**
hosted by the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Interact with current COALS faculty and staff
- Campus tour
- Admissions and college opportunities discussion
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- Agendas and more information will be sent to registrants
- This is a unique opportunity!
- Questions: Contact kacee.gasper@ag.tamu.edu

Saturday, Nov. 18

- **4-H Day in Aggieland**
hosted by Texas 4-H
- Indoor 4-H Tailgate with food, fun, and networking at the Joe and Shirley Swinbank AgriLife Center, 8 - 10:30 AM
- "Understanding FAFSA" and "Making the Most of Your 4-H Career" workshops 8:30-9:30 AM
- Group tickets to the Texas A&M football game, kickoff at 11 AM
- 2023 t-shirts purchased **MUST BE PICKED UP AT TAILGATE**
- Questions: Contact Callie.cline@ag.tamu.edu

Purchase game tickets at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/aggieland4hday/>

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D8 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACH'S TRAINING

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2023
STEPHENVILLE, TX

REGISTRATION: OCT. 16-27

COST: \$140 (COVERS LUNCH, BONNER, SNACKS, AND GREEN INJECTION)

**DISCIPLINES: RIFLE, ARCHERY, PISTOL,
SHOTGUN, WESTERN HERITAGE, MUZZLE
LOADING, HUNTING & WILDLIFE**

District 8 4-H

FMI: megan.shaffer@ag.tamu.edu | 254.963.4144

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SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING



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

