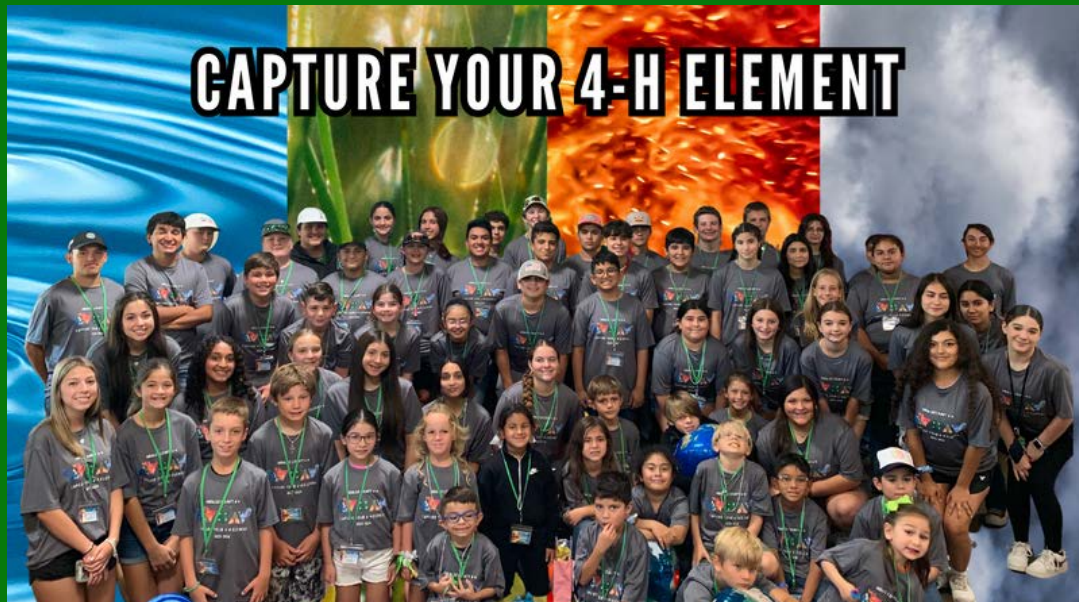




# 4-H TIMES



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

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## "POLISH UP FOR SHOWTIME"

February is shaping up to be a fun and exciting month here at Hidalgo County 4-H! February is the time of a busy show season. At 4-H Rally, many of you impressed the judges demonstrating your expertise in Ag Product ID, Photography, Fashion Show and Roundup talents! Congrats to all our winners

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.

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*

Hidalgo County 4-H Program

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# Coming Soon...

## FEBRUARY

Jan 31- Feb 2	STAR Show
Feb 8-25	San Antonio Livestock Show
Feb 27	Hidalgo County 4-H Council Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office (Positive Rocks Community Service Workshop)
Feb 27	Hidalgo County 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office
TBD	STAR Gala



See Flyer for details	District 12 Postal League; District 12 Photography Judging Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo Hidalgo County award applications due 4-H County Council and Adult Leaders Meeting
Mar 3-17	
Mar 20	
Mar 26	

## MARCH

★ *Happy* ★  
**PRESIDENTS DAY**

“Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to change  
the world.”

-George Washington





# 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)	12/02	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)
10/14	County Food Show/Food Challenge	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/02	RGVLS Gala
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council Christmas
10/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/15-12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	11/28	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		
<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/>





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 February 27, 2024 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

Kindness  
 MATTERS



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## Positive Rocks workshop

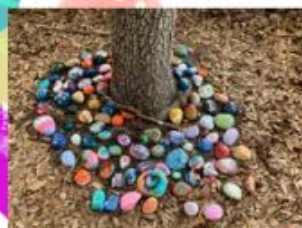
### SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

JOIN THE HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL IN THE SPRING  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT-POSITIVE ROCKS!

AT THIS MEETING WE WILL BE SPREADING KINDNESS AND POSITIVITY  
 PAINTING ROCKS WITH UPLIFTING SLOGANS TO LEAVE AT PARKS,  
 SCHOOLS OR ANYWHERE WHERE SOMEONE MIGHT NEED A SMILE!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024  
 7 PM

HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
 SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT BRINGING YOUR OWN PAINTS,  
 ROCKS OR BRUSHES HELPS!





# 4-HER'S IN ACTION

## congratulations!



Hidalgo County 4-H and Linn-San Manuel 4-H member, Gabriella Ramirez competed in the 2024 4-H Family & Consumer Science National Championship in San Antonio. Gabi won National Champion in the Fashion Revue Buying Division, 1st place in Interview and 3rd in Modeling and Overall Champion! We are so proud of Gabi and all her accomplishments! We congratulate her and celebrate her 4-H win! Amazing job Gabi!



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



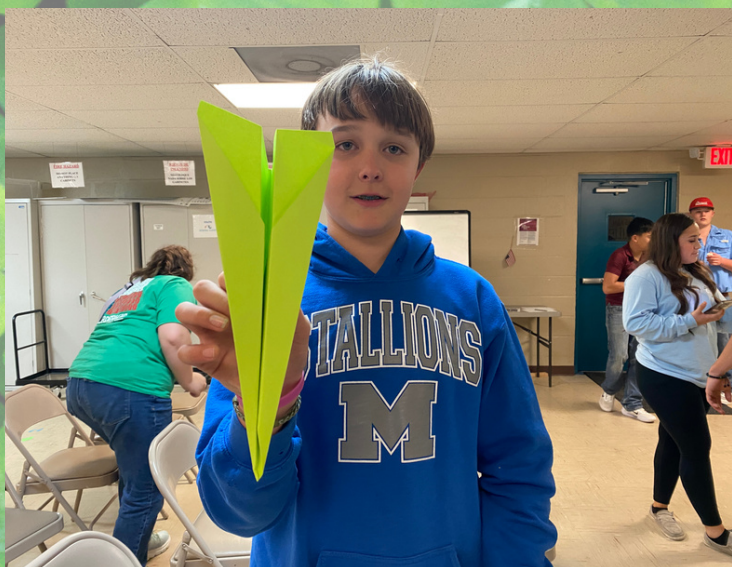


# 4-HER'S IN ACTION





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# 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/>

**2024 District 12 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

**Registration:**  
2/27/24 - 3/21/24

**Theme:**  
"Abandoned"

**Prizes:**

- 48 Best of Class
- Rosettes
- 3 Best of Show
- Camera Bag (+/- \$100 Value)
- 1 Grand Champion
- DSLR Camera Kit (+/- \$500 Value)



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**2024 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz-Bang Shoot**  
March 23, 2024 - Mission Skeet & Trap Club - Mission, Texas

**TRAP**  
**SKEET**  
**WHIZ BANG**

*Expanding Shooting Sports Opportunities for 4-H members in South Texas - OPEN STATEWIDE*

**Date:** Saturday, March 23, 2024  
**Location:** Mission Skeet & Trap Club - 1306 S. Conway Ave. - Mission, Texas  
**Match:** 150 Targets: Trap (50)/Skeet (50)/Whiz-Bang (50)  
**Fee:** \$180 per 4-H member (150 targets)  
**Registration:** February 13 - March 7, 2024 - *Limited to first 300 shooters - No onsite registration*  
**Process:** Step 1) *4-H Online to Register & Pay* - (<http://v2.4nonline.com>)  
Step 2) *Clays to Scout* - (<http://clays.com>)  
**Rules:** Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules (<http://clays.com>)  
**Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 & Senior 2 (no Ladies awards)

**March 23rd**  
**Mission Texas** **\$120**  
**OPEN** **3 Events**  
**STATEWIDE**

**Rules, Guidelines, & Additional Info**  
<http://d124-h.tamu.edu/4-h-event/shooting-sports/>  
2401 E. HIGHWAY 83 - WESLACO, TEXAS 78392 - P 350-969-5381 - F 350-969-5639 - D124H@TAMU.EDU



**JIM WELLS COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**

Jim Wells County Fairgrounds  
 Merchant's Building  
 (3001 S. Johnson St., Alice, TX)

Registration will be from 1:30pm with the contest beginning at 2:00p.m. Contest is open to 4-H & FFA Members

Registration deadline is Monday March 4th.  
 Registration is \$10/Individual or \$40/Team. After March 4th, Registration fees are \$15/Individual and \$50/Team.

Awards for Top 3 teams and individuals in the Clover Kid, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. Top 3 individuals will be also be awarded to the Adult Division.

Checks can be made out and mailed to:  
 Jim Wells County 4-H  
 PO Box 1370  
 Alice, TX 78333  
 PH: 361-668-5705  
 teress.lopez@ag.tamu.edu

Scan to Enter

**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

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

**ignite by 4H**

**Spark your imagination and passion!**

**2024 TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

**SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS**  
**15 CATEGORIES**  
**4HONLINE ENTRY: APRIL 1-15, 2024**  
**\$250 PER BEST OF SHOW**

See website for complete rules and eligibility:  
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

**TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY**

**TEXAS 4-H**

**APERTURE ACADEMY**

LEARN PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

**JULY 7-10**  
**TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**Brownwood, TX**  
**Grades 6-8**

Join us this summer for a fun and exciting camp where youth will learn the basics of photography. This camp is geared for beginners and promises hands-on learning in an engaging camp atmosphere.

**\$300 EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 15**

Register online at [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)  
 All camera equipment and supplies provided during camp.

Individuals who require any type of accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas 4-H Center at (325) 786-2482 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made. Educational programs of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, The United States Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

**NEW!**

**PROFILE PHOTO**

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

**JOIN**

**SHARE**







**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



Texas 4-H Youth Development District 12  
2401 E. Highway 83  
Weslaco, Texas 78596  
USA 956-968-5581



## 2024 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match

Expanding Shooting Sports Opportunities for 4-H members in South Texas

### Smallbore Rifle

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-P Rules & NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules
- 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12-Bull Target (provided)
- 3-P for Seniors & Intermediates, 1-P for Juniors
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Team & Individual Awards

### Shotgun

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules, & ATA/NSSA Rules
- 2 Events: Trap & Skeet (no combined HOA)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

### Smallbore Pistol

- District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules, Texas 4-H Pistol Rules & NRA Int'l Pistol Rules
- 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) w/ NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

### Archery

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles
- 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1st yr)
- Target faces provided (1 per archer)
- Barebow/Recurve/NASP - 60cm targets (5-color)
- Compound Aided/Unaided - 40cm targets (5-color)
- Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Year Junior Divisions
- Barebow/Recurve/NASP Genesis/Compound Aided & Unaided
- Individual Awards

**Registration Period:**  
January 26 - February 20, 2024

**Match Period:**  
March 1 - March 31, 2024

For complete  
**Rules, Guidelines & Match Information**  
<http://d124-h.tamu.edu>

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Grace Marshall at 956-968-5581 by March 1, 2024.

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### 2024 STAR Show Fryer Rabbit Update Effective 12/12/2023

It was brought to our attention that the rabbit breeding season has been unusually harsh due to the extreme heat. The STAR Board has approved the below measures to help our rabbit exhibitors for the 2024 STAR Show.

#### Fryer Rabbit Only

- \$20 Entry Fee
- If a Fryer Rabbit is the only entry for an exhibitor, there will be no \$50 exhibitor fee
- Eligible for Awards only (No Premium Monies will be awarded for Fryer Rabbits)
- If an exhibitor chooses to enter the Fryer Rabbit show, they will NOT be eligible to enter the Market Pen Show as well.
- The rules remain the same for the Market Pen Show. If a pen is sifted, the exhibitor is still eligible for the Fryer show at no additional cost and will be eligible for awards only.
- Deadline extended until January 1, 2024 for Fryer Rabbit Entries
- The same eligibility rules apply to both the Exhibitor and the Fryer Rabbit as stated in the Premium Book under the Market Rabbit section.
- You may start entering Fryer Rabbits in Showworks effective between 12/13 - 1/1.
- Fryer Rabbit entry money is due on or before 1/3.

Please contact Tonya Hill with any questions regarding this show.





National Aeronautics and Space Administration

## 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

THROUGH THE EYES OF NASA

Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

*Experiencing an eclipse is one way that students and the public can participate in NASA Science while witnessing a rare eclipse event.*

### SOLAR ECLIPSE WEBINAR

January 23, 2024 12-1pm ET

Please join NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Office of Communications and Office of STEM Engagement for an informational webinar and an update on the plan for the April Eclipse. In this webinar, you will learn about:

- The science behind solar eclipses
- Connections to NASA's study of the Sun
- How to view eclipses safely
- NASA's latest plan for public and student engagement

To Register Visit: [nvlite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=mecbdj](https://nvlite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=mecbdj)



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

