



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

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#### "HAPPY 2024!"

Welcome to 2024! 2023 saw our members excel in projects and competitions and their dedication and hard work were an inspiration. Now, as we start afresh in January, we can renew our commitment to youth development, leadership and service. This year promises new learning experiences, new friendships and new successes. Together, through our 4-H values of making the best better, we will continue empowering young people to reach their full potential. May 2024 be a year of growth, achievement and positive change for all of our members.

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 10.

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,

Hidalyo County Extension Agent Jean

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



**Extension Office closed for New Year's Day** Jan 1 **Jan 15** Extension Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day 4-H Rally Registration Deadline (Ag Product ID, Roundup contests lan 16 **Photography, Fashion Show)** Hidalgo County 4-H Council Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office | 100 lan 23 Hidalgo County 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office lan 23 Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging (Judges only) **Jan 25** Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show and Public Speaking Contest lan 26 Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun, & Educationa **Jan 27 Presentation Contest** Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications Open **Jan 29** 

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Feb 1-3 STAR Show

Feb 8-25 San Antonio Livestock Show

Feb 27 Hidalgo County 4-H Council Meeting @7 pm

@ Extension Office

Feb 27 Hidalgo County 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting

@7 pm @ Extension Office

TBD STAR Gala

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY JANUARY 15, 2024

# I HAVE A DREAM



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



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

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	July 2023		August 2023	Se	eptember 2023
07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging	08/10	4-H Leadership Workshop	09/09	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food
07/9- 07/14	State Games: Pistol and Rifle Match	08/22	Hidalgo County 4-H Livestock Judging Workshop	09/23	Challenge)  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 TBD	State Games: Shotgun Match Hidalgo County Club	TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
	Manager Training	TBD	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
1	October 2023	N	ovember 2023	D	ecember 2023
10/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest	11/01- 11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo	12/02	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
0/08	One Day 4-H	TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation	12/02	County Fashion Show
10/19	County Food Show/Food Challenge County Consumer Decision	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12,02	Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
	Making Contest (Invitational)	11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/02	RGVLS Gala
0/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council Christmas
0/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28 11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders	12/15- 12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		Meeting	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
	January 2024	F	ebruary 2024		March 2024
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 &	TBD	S.T.A.R Gala	03/07- 03/17	RGVLS
01/29	Ed. Presentation  Hidalgo County 4-H Award			03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
	Applications go live			03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
	April 2024		May 2024		June 2024
04/02- 04/04	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Interviews State Photography	TBD	Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night	06/05 06/06	County Record Books Due
TBD TBD	Deadline District 12 Fashion	05/09	County Record Book Workshop	06/12 06/14	. County Record Book Judging
TBD	Sensation District 12 Roundup	05/28	County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult	TBD	Texas 4-H State
TBD	District 12 Livestock Judging		Leaders Meeting	TBD	Roundup District 12 4-H
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette)			100	Leadership Lab
04/23	Match County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)			TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention

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



# Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H

2023-2024

**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 January 23, 2024 County Council Meeting!







# 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

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

Deadline January 13, 2024

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EXTENSION

# HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H RALLY REGISTRATION



January 23, 2024 Ag Product ID Contest

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Hidalgo County office 5:30 p.m.

PARTICIPANT CHECK IN

5:45 p.m.

**CONTEST START** 







Scan me to register



Submit 8x10 matted photo entries and payment to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024 January 25, 2024 Photography Judging (Judges only)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Hidalgo County office

January 26, 2024 Public Speaking, Fashion Show

Morris Middle School McAllen, TX 6:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANT CHECK IN 6:30 PM

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
FASHION SHOW (BUYING & CONSTRUCTION) &
NATURAL FIBER INTERVIEWS



Educational Presentation/Public Speaking/Talent Show Registration



Fashion Show Registration



9:00 A.M. ALL PARTICIPANT CHECK IN
9:30 AM DUDS TO DAZZLE CONTEST
9:30 AM EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS &
TALENT SHOW CONTEST

1:00 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY

January 27, 2024

Educational

Presentations, 4-H

Talent Show &,

Duds to Dazzle

Morris Middle School McAllen, TX

For any questions please call
Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service Hidalgo County
956-383-1026



The members of Texas A&M Agrillife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, agrindom status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to chieve full and egual employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M Agrilife, the Texas A&M University Systems of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperation.

# District 1244 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









### **BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**SCAN THE** QR CODE TO APPLY TODAY

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

DEGREE IN AN AGRICUI TURAL - RELATED FIELD

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BIGTEX COM/SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **FEBRUARY 1, 2024** 







RIDERS WILL LEARN TECHNIQUES OF HOW TO ACCURATELY AND QUICKLY GET CATTLE FROM ONE PEN TO ANOTHER IN 60 SECONDS OR LESS. A ROUND ROBIN WILL FOLLOW THE CLINIC, GIVING RIDERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE TOGETHER TO PRACTICE THE SKILLS THEY LEARNED.

DURING THE CLINIC RIDERS WILL LEARN VAULUABLE HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS

TIME: JOAN SATURDAY JAN 13TH

IIZ35 SWIFT LANI SANTA ROSA, TX

FREE MEMBERSHIP TO THE RSNC GROUP TO ALL 4-H AND FEA MEMBERS



Questions? Please call: Tracy O'Loughlin





2024

4-H INVITATIONAL CDM CONTEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GATESVILLE 2533 E MAIN ST. GATESVILLE, TX 76528 8:30 AM REGISTRATION 9:00 AM CONTEST ORIENTATION

#### AGE DIVISIONS:

**ORAL REASONS:** 

- JUNIOR: 3-5 GRADE INTERMEDIATE: 6-8 GRADE SENIOR: 9-12 GRADE

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 16TH

TEAM: \$40

INDIVIDUAL: \$10

AWARDS IN EACH DIVISION: • TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS

TOP 3 TEAMS

Scholarships for High Point Senior Individuals

LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE JR: NO UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE CONTEST FOR \$60 PER TEAM AND \$20 INT: 1SET

PER INDIVIDUAL. SR: 2 SETS

SCANTRONS WILL BE PROVIDED

#### REGISTER HERE:



#### MAIL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO: MILAM COUNTY 4-H

806 N CROCKETT AVENUE, CAMERON, TX 76520 PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY 4-H
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE:

HTTPS://MILAM AGRILIFE ORG/LINKS/CENTRAL-TEXAS-CONSUMER-INVITATIONAL-CONTEST/

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: CORVELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 865-2414 MILAM COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 605-0226

TEXAS A&M EXTENSION





### 2024 District 122 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

### 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

#### 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

#### Archery



- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
- 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.

Educational programs conducted by Texas ABM AgriLife Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin, and in furtherance of Cooperative Catemian Work in Agriculture and Home Examples, Ass of Cooperative May 8, 1914, as amended, and June 36, 1914, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Jelf Hyde, Orrest ABM AgriLife Extension Service, The Texas ABM University System.

#### 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 sat. The STAR Board has approved the below measures to help our rabbit exhibitors for the 2024 STAR Sho

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 Showorks 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.



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

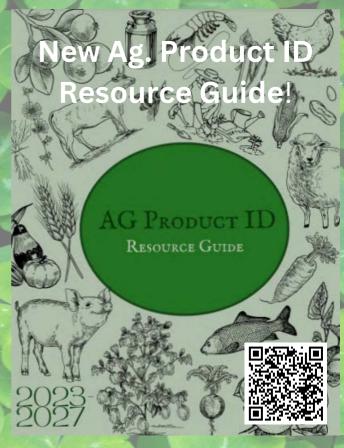
Please join NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Office of Communications and Office of STEM Engagement for an informational webinar and an update on the plan for the April Eclipse. In this webinar, you will learn about:

- 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

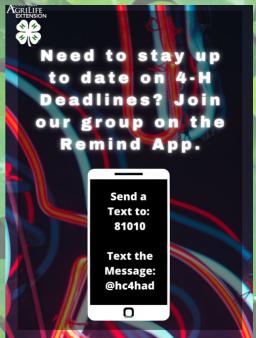
To Register Visit: nvite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=meb













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

