



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

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### "BLOSSOMING IN 4-H"

As we begin the month of April, Spring is bursting everywhere! 4-H members have been busy this Spring with stock shows and club activities. We have an exciting month ahead full of volunteer opportunities, D12 contests, and Council Officer declarations. And not to mention, we are gearing up to honor our members at 4-H Achievement Night on May 3, 2024 (see page 6 for details).

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,

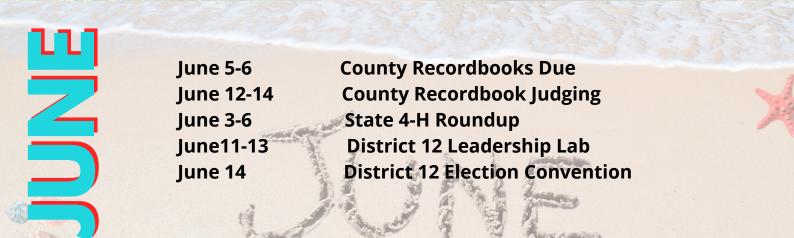
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# Coming Soon...

	Apr 2-4	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Interviews
1	Apr 2	District 12 Livestock Judging Deadline
	Apr 3	Multi-District Meat Judging contest Deadline
	Apr 6	District 12 Fashion Sensation @ Falfurrias
	Apr 6	District 12 Roundup @ Falfurrias
	Apr 11	District 12 Livestock Judging
0	Apr 12	District 12 3-P and Silhouette Deadline
	Apr 16	County Council Officer Declarations Online Deadline
	Apr 20	Multi-District Meat Judging Contest @ Rosenthal
	Apr 21	Bee Keeper Essay Deadline
	Apr 27	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match
	Apr 23	County Council (Officer Declarations) and Adult leaders Meeting
1	Apr 27	3-P and Silhouette Rifle Match
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May 3	Achievement Night (See invite for details)	$\geq$	
May 9 Hidalgo County Recordbook Workshop		-	
May 28	County Council Meeting (Elections) and Adult Leader		
	Meeting		





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** Dates & Locations are subject to change**									
	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	State Games: Shotgun Match	TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making				
TBD	Hidalgo County Club Manager Training	TBD	Shows Heifer UIN Order	09/26	Workshop County Council				
			Deadline for Major Shows		Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting				
	October 2023	r	November 2023	D	ecember 2023				
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				
10/14	County Food Show/Food Challenge	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	IL/UL	Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)				
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/02	RGVLS Gala				
10/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council Christmas				
10/24	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.				
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		Meeting Meeting	12/20	Product ID Contest) County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)				
	January 2024		February 2024		March 2024				
01/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	02/01 02/03		TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports – Postal League				
01/25	Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging	02/08 02/25		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		<u>May 2024</u>		June 2024				
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							
TBD	Deadline District 12 Fashion Sensation	05/28	Workshop	06/12 · 06/14	Judging				
TBD TBD	District 12 Roundup District 12 Livestock	05/28	Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Texas 4-H State Roundup				
TBD	Judging District 12 Shooting Sports		utraenukun por interation =	TBD	District 12 4-H Leadership Lab				
04/23	Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders			TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention				
4	Meeting (Election Con.)								

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\*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 April 23, 2024 County Council Meeting





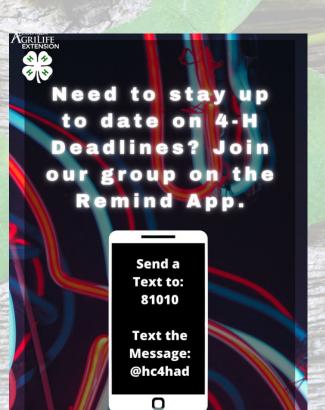


### Now Accepting Steer Validation Tag Orders

\$30 Deadline to Order Tags will be April 4, 2024

We are now accepting tag orders! To place an order please come in person to the Hidalgo County Extension Office with payment





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Now Accepting Lamb & Goat Tag Orders for State Fair

\$15 Deadline to Order Tags will be April 3, 2024 \$25 (late tags)

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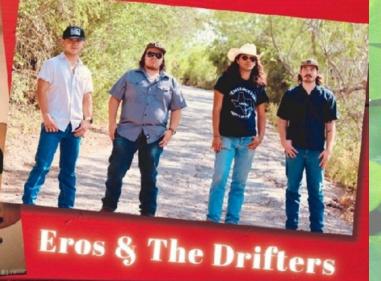


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## **33rd ANNUAL HOEDOWN CRAWFISHBOIL**



## JOSH WARD

### APRIL 13, 2024 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT LAS PALMAS RACEPARK

MISSION, TX

LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION BUCKET DRAWINGS

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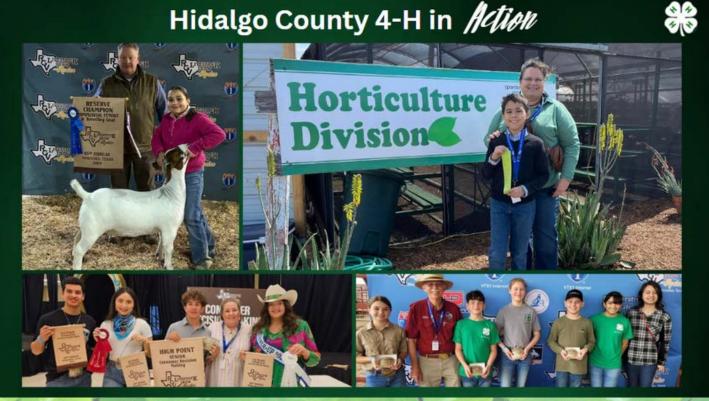
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#### TABLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND TABLES OR TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE CONTACT: CHAIR: TAMMIE HARTZOG 956-445-2905 EXCUTIVE SECRETARY: REBECCA KOTZUR 956-578-9786



### Hidalgo County 4-H in Action





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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/

## **I GNÎTE YOUR SERVÎCE**

shelters by delivering essential supplies and goodies that bring them comfort and happiness.

We need YOUR help: We need the following districts to gather supplies !



District 1-2 : Bowls District 3-8: Dry food District 6-7: Cleaning supplies District 4-5: Toys District 9-11: Dawn Dish Soap District 10-12: Treats

### DATES

Tuesday: Tie blankets Wednesday: Dog treats Thursday: Care package



### **APERTURE ACADEMY**

LEARN PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

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

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

Register online at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu All camera equipment and supplies provided during camp.

Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H Youth Development Program

Engaging youth to learn about and help mitigate negative environmental impacts of plastic waste.

Introducing the new 4-H STEM Curriculum for Grades 9-12: Sustainable Polymers: Confronting the Plastic Crisis.

#### **4-H Professionals Introductory Webinar**

May 15, 2024 10am PDT | 11am MDT 12pm CDT | 1pm EDT https://bit.ly/Polymer1 May 23, 2024 9am PDT | 10am MDT 11pm CDT | 12pm EDT https://bit.ly/Polymer2

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Presented by Steven M. Worker, PhD & Martin H. Smith, MS, EdD

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Find Your Future With Us

#### Want to explore exciting careers in agriculture? Apply for AgDiscovery 2024!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers this summer outreach program for middle and high school students. It's a unique chance to live and study on a college campus and get a first-hand look at the many career paths open in the agricultural sciences.

#### 2024 Locations and Dates

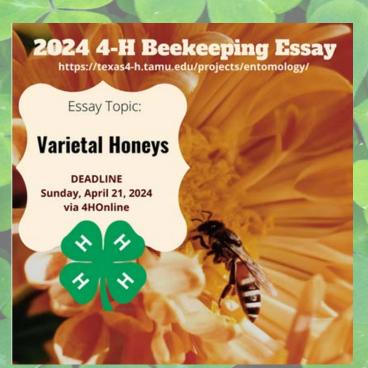
- Alcorn State University, June 9–22
- Coppin State University, July 14–26
- Delaware State University, July 7–20
- Florida A&M University, June 9–22
- Fort Valley State University, June 10–21
- Fresno State University, June 10-20
- Iowa State University, July 7–20
- Kentucky State University, June 9–22
- Lincoln University, July 7–20
- North Carolina State University, June 17–28
- Prairie View A&M University, June 3–14
- Purdue University, July 7-19
- South Carolina State University, June 9–21
- Tuskegee University, June 2–15
- University of Artzona, June 10-22
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, June 8-21
- University of Hawaii, July 7–20
  University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, June 22–July 3

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- University of the Virgin Islands, July 14–27
- Virginia State University, June 16-30



Learn More: www.aphis.usda.gov/careers



### UPCOMING SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS **4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM**

- 4-H WILDLIFE & FISHERIES PROJECT WORKSHOP COLLEGE STATION MARCH 23
- WOODLAND CLINIC NACOGDOCHES APRIL 18
- FORESTRY PROJECT TRAINING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS LUFKIN APRIL 30-MAY 2
- 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT (WHEP) STATE CONTEST TBD MAY 11-12
- 4-H WILDLIFE CHALLENGE (ROUNDUP) COLLEGE STATION JUNE 6
- 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE RICHMOND JUNE 15-16
- WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP JOHNSON CITY JULY 15-20

**4-H NATURAL RESOURCES WEBPAGES:** HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM: - FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES - INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES

Contact Larry Hysmith at Ihysmith@tamu.edu with questions









\* Open to 6th - 8th grade students \*

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Registration open February 5 - April 5 on the Texas 4-H @ https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/

Check-in: Friday, April 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Pick-up: Sunday, April 28 11:00 am

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Adult Chaperones Needed. (Chaperones may attend free of charge but must register and b approved Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)

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activities)

#### CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are led by Texas 4-H Water Ambassa and Texas 4-H Conference Center staff. Activities will

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### **TEXAS 4-H POULTRY** AMBASSADOR PROGRAM JUNE 24-27, 2024 ~ COLLEGE STATION, TX

#### EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT.

#### DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumer and farmers.

Through collegiate level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the livestock industry.





**TEXAS 4-H EQUINE** 

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 10-13, 2024 ~ LUBBOCK, TX

### 4-H, and junior livestock programs Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on-learning Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy



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### **TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK** AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

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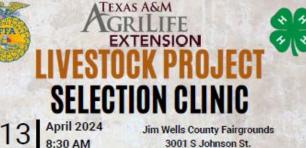


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3001 S Johnson St. Alice, Texas 78332

#### RSVP by April 10,2024 to the Extension Office

••••• FEATURING •••• Project Selection \* Project Management **Feed Strategies** 

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - General Session

Sheep & Goat Breakout Session with Show Rite Feeds

Swine Breakout Session with Scott Smith

Registration

Heifer & Steers Breakout

Jim Wells County Extension Session with TBD 361-668-5705 JIM-WELLS-TX@ag.tamu.edu



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How to Apply:

s & Requirem - August 17, 2024 18 (majority are 12-14)

For more information, visit https://www.states4hexchange.org/state-contacts/ to find contact information for your local State Coordinator.

## 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

