



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

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### "SUNNY DAYS AND 4-H WAYS"

As Spring bloom transforms into Summer's warmth, our May newsletter is packed with updates and opportunities! From officer elections for County Council to new 4-H camps, this issue includes information on a fun filled summer! Whether celebrating Mother's Day, raising animals or working on a new project, this month guides us into the sunny days of 4-H fun!

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 Seam



# Coming Soon...

May 3 Achievement Night

May 9 Hidalgo County Recordbook Workshop

May 28 County Council Meeting (Elections) and Adult Leader

Meeting



June 5-6 County Recordbooks Due

June 12-14 County Recordbook Judging

June 3-6 State 4-H Roundup

June 11-13 District 12 Leadership Lab

June 14 District 12 Election Convention

We don't say it nearly enough but thank you for all you've done for us in life and everything you still do.





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



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

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	July 2023	August 2023 September 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	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
100	Manager Training	TBD	Shows Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
	October 2023	N	lovember 2023	D	ecember 2023
0/07	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 &
0/08	One Day 4-H	TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation		3D) Archery Match
0/14	County Food Show/Food Challenge	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/02	County Fashion Show Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
0/19	County Consumer Decision 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 Meeting	12/15- 12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest) County Fashion Show
0/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		meeting	12/20	Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
	January 2024	1	February 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			03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
31/29	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications go live			03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
	April 2024		May 2024		June 2024
04/02- 04/04	Interviews	TBD	Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night	06/05 06/06	County Record Books Due
TBD TBD	State Photography 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) Match			TBD	Leadership Lab  District 12 4-H Election
04/23	Gounty Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)			1 50	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

CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT

2023-2024

As out 4-H year comes to a close, the Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to thank all the parents and volunteers for an outstanding year. We continue to 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. As we close out this year's 4-H Theme is: "Capture your 4-H Element", we can't wait to spread our wings are use all the elements we have learned!

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-Hopportunities, plan or lead new events, and
have fun!

See you at our May 28, 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



## AGRILIFE # 2024-2025 = HIDALGO COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER CANDIDATES

#### PRESIDENT

☐ Tessa De la Garza

#### SECRETARY

☐ Carolina Salas

#### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

☐ Diego Salas

#### REPORTER

No candidates. Officer will be appointed.

#### 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

☐ Ella Hartzog

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

☐ Logan Kotzur

#### TREASURER

☐ Megan Martinez

#### (2) DISTRICT DELEGATES

☐ Ella Ford



EXTENSION with the Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation and Edinburg 4-H Foundation

invite you to celebrate at the

Annual Achievement Night

Ticket sales closed! See you there!

Friday, May 3, 2024 ~ 7 pm **DoubleTree Suites** 1800 S. 2nd St., McAllen, Texas \$25 per person Scan QR code for payment details



**CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT** 

2023-2024







Thursday, May 9th 6:00 pm **Hidalgo County Extension Office** 

(956) 383-1026

- Explanation of forms
- Rules for submission
- Due dates
- recordbook

Tips for a great

410 N. 13th Ave. Edinburg, TX 78541



Youth July 10-12, 2024



8:30-11:30 a.m. **Hidalgo County Extension Office** 



The fee includes all necessary supplies for the workshop

Book your seat at https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/mcv-workshops Seats are limited





# 4-HER'S IN ACTION









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# 4-HER'S IN ACTION













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## District 12444 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:

<a href="https://agrilife.org/d124h/">https://agrilife.org/d124h/</a>

## IGNÎTE YOUR SERVÎCE

Our mission is to provide love, care, and support to animals in 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**

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 atmosphere.

\$300 EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 15

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



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



Learn more about AgDiscovery

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

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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/Polymerl

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

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

### TEXAS 4-H LANDSCAPE

JUNE 5, 2024

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 landcape professionals
- Expose 4-H members to career opportunities in horticulture related fields
- Highlight a degree in a horticultural related field





Jayla Fry, Superintendent jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-3308

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

### 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



Texas 4-H Digital Storyboard Contest REGISTRATION May 1st-15th

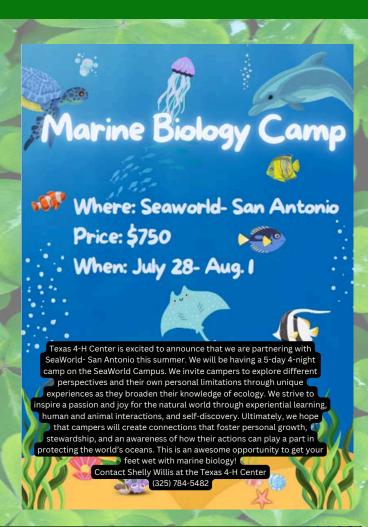
REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE \*\*

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/









## 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.





### DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY LEADERS

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 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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### TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 10-13, 2024 ~ LUBBOCK, TX

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When: Thursday, June 6th Where: College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

\*\*Tour of Vet School for the contestants following the conclusion of the contest\*\*









"It's like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend" -States' 4-H Host Sibling



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

#### Bandera 4-H Mark Bonner Memorial Cowboy Blast

June 21-23, 2024 Bandera, Texas

50 skeet, 50 trap will be abot at Bandora Gun Glub-50 whizbang qualifier event & 100-



Robbie Robinson-Club Leader 830-423-9717

Julie Meier-Coleader 830-796-1478

Kris Cordell-Treasurer 210-378-5089

banderacoshotgun@yahoo.com



#### EXTREMELY CRITICAL INFORMATION

NO shot size larger than #9 on skeet fields--NO shot size larger than #8 on trap fields--FACTORY SHOTSHELLS ONLY / NO RELOADS--AMMUNITION WILL BE

Registration: Registration will be open on iclays.com

NO refunds for cancellation shall be made after June 7, 2024.

<u>Safety Meetings</u>: Squad level safety meetings will be held for each squad shooting trap and skeet on Friday ONLY. Mandatory safety meetings will be held at both locations (Bandera Gun Club and Meier Field) at 8:00am on Saturday and wristbands will be presented. You will NOT be allowed to shoot if you do not have a wristband. Competition will begin at 9:00am.

General Information: One lunch ticket will be provided to each 4-H shooter with a paid registration good at Bandera Gun Club only.









Presented by Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

### 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest

May 11-12, 2024 To be held in Nacogdoches County

Contest is open to all 4-H Age Divisions via 4-H Online. Registration open March 15 - April 28.

For more information, please visit https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/ Scroll to 'Contests'

"Join us in one of the most unique and beautiful natural places in Texas."



LONG ACRES RANCH, RICHMOND, TX



SATURDAY, JUNE 15- SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

REGISTRATION: APRIL 1 - MAY 15, 2024

BIOLOGIST SKILLS KAYAKING
FISHING RIFLERY
OUTDOOR FIRST AID GEAR JUDGING
OUTDOOR SKILLS ARCHERY
OFF ROAD BIKING OUTDOOR SAFETY



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

