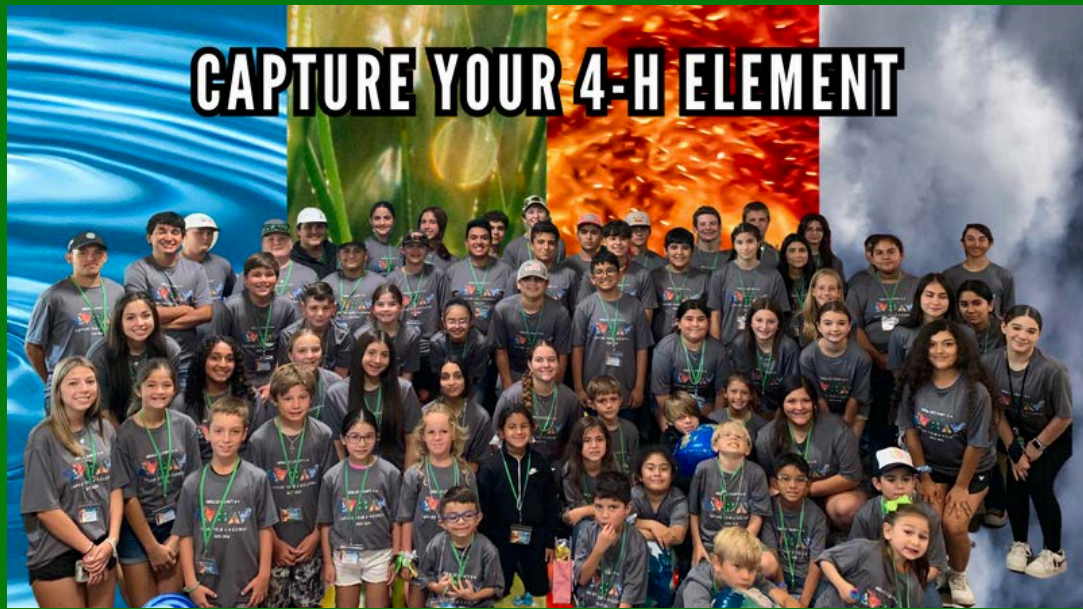




# 4-H TIMES



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

## WHAT'S INSIDE JUNE 2024

**AGENT'S CORNER- 1**

**WHAT'S COMING UP - 2**

**NEW 2023-2024 YEARLY  
CALENDAR - 3**

**NEW COUNTY COUNCIL - 4**

**NEW COUNTY NEWS - 5-6**

**NEW 4-HER'S IN ACTION - 7-10**

**DISTRICT 12 4-H INFO - 11**

**NEW 4-H OPPORTUNITIES- 12-14**

## "JOURNEY INTO JUNE WITH 4-H"

Welcome to our June newsletter! As summer begins, we have already kicked off June with an amazing Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station! We are seizing new opportunities and celebrating all our hard work the last year. Find out in this edition how to journey into June with 4-H!

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*

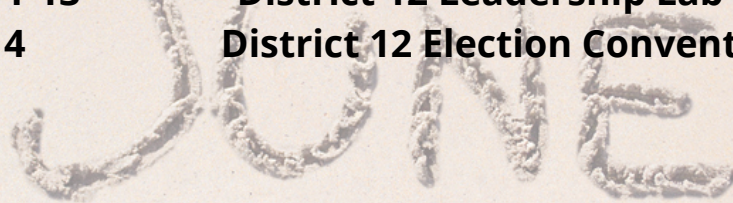
Hidalgo County 4-H Program  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Hidalgo County  
410 N. 13th Ave ~ Edinburg, Texas ~ 78541  
(956)-383-1026 ~ <http://hidalgo.agrilife.org>  
f @HidalgoCounty4H



# Coming Soon...

**JUNE**

- 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



July 10-12

Youth Quilting Camp @ Extension Office

**JULY**

# Happy Father's Day!





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



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

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 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 Tag Order for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
October 2023		November 2023		December 2023	
10/07	Plate Yearling				
10/08					
10/14					
10/19					
10/21					
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Award				
10/24	County Council Meeting				
January 2024		February 2024		March 2024	
01/23	County Council Meeting			TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
01/25	Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun & Ed. Presentation	02/08-02/25	San Antonio Livestock Show	TBD	District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
01/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & 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
April 2024		May 2024		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	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.)				

**2024-2025  
Calendar**

**COMING SOON**

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

# Welcome the Hidalgo County 4-H 2024-2025 County Council Officers



**Tessa De la Garza**  
President



**Diego Salas**  
1st Vice President



**Ella Hartzog**  
2nd Vice President



**Carolina Salas**  
Secretary



**Megan Martinez**  
Treasurer



**Logan Kotzur**  
Parliamentarian



**Ella Ford**  
District Delegate

**THANK YOU  
SO MUCH**

Special thank you to Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct 4 Ellie Torres for giving the 2023-2024 Council officers amazing words of wisdom and inducting the New 2024-2025 Hidalgo County 4-H Council Officers! Thank you Commissioner Torres for your endless support of the Hidalgo County 4-H program and Extension programs!



# Welcome

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION

# WELCOME



**Brianna Gutierrez**  
Hidalgo County  
County Extension Agent  
4-H & Youth Development

Brianna received her bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University. During her time in TAMU, she collaborated with professors in the microbiology lab at the TAMU Veterinary Medical Hospital. After graduation she worked at Champion Genetics doing reproduction work. Brianna is dedicated to leveraging her expertise and passion to empower the next generation of agricultural leaders and foster sustainable growth in our community.

We look forward to working with Brianna Gutierrez and are excited to see her grow in the Hidalgo community. Welcome to AgriLife Extension and the District 12 family!



ONLY  
**\$30**

# Youth (10 years and older) Quilting Camp

July 10-12, 2024

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Hidalgo County Extension Office

TEXAS A&M  
**AGRI**LIFE  
EXTENSION



The fee includes all necessary supplies for the workshop

Book your seat at

<https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/mcv-workshops/>

Seats are limited



## 2024 Save the Dates

**Hallettsville**  
Tuesday, June 11 | 12pm  
Hallettsville Livestock Auction

**Three Rivers**  
Monday, June 17 | 12pm  
Live Oak Auction

**Alice**  
Tuesday, July 9 | 11am  
Gulf Coast Livestock Market

**Rio Grande City**  
Friday, July 12 | 11am  
Triple G Livestock Auction

**Beeville**  
Friday, July 19 | 10am  
Beeville Livestock Auction Barn

**Cuero**  
Friday, July 26 | 6pm  
Friar Ag Center

**Edinburg**  
Saturday, August 10 | 10am  
Edinburg Livestock Auction

Benefiting Driscoll Children's Hospital



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



**FASHION SHOW - BUYING  
SEMI-FORMAL TO FORMAL**

# CHAMPION



*Megan Martinez Hidalgo*





# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



**WINNER**

**Paige Brister**  
**New Horizons 4-H**  
**Archery-Barebow**



**WINNER**

**Jiada Ortiz**  
**Wildcat 4-H**  
**Talent Showcase-**  
**Vocal**





# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



Ag Product ID team  
 Tessa De la Garza  
 Mia Salazar  
 Carolina Salas  
 Diego Salas



# TEAM



Competing Teams:  
 Consumer Decision  
 Making  
 Consumer Decision  
 Making (Linn- San  
 Manuel 4-H)  
 Duds to Dazzle (Brush  
 Country  
 Duds to Dazzle (Multi-  
 club team)



# 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://agrilife.org/d124h/>

# 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](http://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 (254) 784-5482 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.



## 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	• Prairie View A&M University, June 3-14
• Coppin State University, July 14-26	• Purdue University, July 7-19
• Delaware State University, July 7-20	• South Carolina State University, June 9-21
• Florida A&M University, June 9-22	• Tuskegee University, June 2-15
• Fort Valley State University, June 10-21	• University of Arizona, June 10-22
• Fresno State University, June 10-20	• University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, June 8-21
• Iowa State University, July 7-20	• University of Hawaii, July 7-20
• Kentucky State University, June 9-22	• University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, June 22-July 3
• Lincoln University, July 7-20	• University of the Virgin Islands, July 14-27
• North Carolina State University, June 17-28	• Virginia State University, June 16-30

Learn more about AgDiscovery 

**Learn More: [www.aphis.usda.gov/careers](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/careers)**

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. | APHIS-24-007 | Issued January 2024

## 5th Annual D.S. 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SHOOT




**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
 JUNE 14 & 15**  
**HEREFORD GUN CLUB**  
**4175 US HWY 60,  
 HEREFORD, TX**



For more information scan QR Code or Call Jerry Baird (806) 346-3398

REGISTRATION FEE  
 \$40  
 PER PERSON  
 LOCK & LOAD  
 FOR A DAY OF  
 PRECISION &  
 THRILLS!

Secure your spot by registering:  
[www.iclays.com](http://www.iclays.com)  
 Pay the day of shoot



## 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/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/PROJECT-CATEGORY/NATURAL/)

4-H NATURAL RESOURCES FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM:  
 - [FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES](https://FACEBOOK.COM/TX4HNATURALRESOURCES)  
 - [INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES](https://INSTAGRAM.COM/TX4HNATRES)

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) with questions

## NEW! HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE



JOIN



SHARE



# Marine Biology Camp

**Where: Seaworld- San Antonio**  
**Price: \$750**  
**When: July 28- Aug. 1**

Texas 4-H Center is excited to announce that we are partnering with SeaWorld- San Antonio this summer. We will be having a 5-day 4-night camp on the SeaWorld Campus. We invite campers to explore different perspectives and their own personal limitations through unique experiences as they broaden their knowledge of ecology. We strive to inspire a passion and joy for the natural world through experiential learning, human and animal interactions, and self-discovery. Ultimately, we hope that campers will create connections that foster personal growth, stewardship, and an awareness of how their actions can play a part in protecting the world's oceans. This is an awesome opportunity to get your feet wet with marine biology!

Contact Shelly Willis at the Texas 4-H Center  
 (325) 784-5482

## 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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

TYLA TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE

## TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE-JULY, 2024 ~ THREE SHORT COURSE LOCATIONS

**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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

TYLA TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE

## TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

JUNE 10-13, 2024 ~ LUBBOCK, 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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

TYLA TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE



**Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors**  
**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

**Tier I Academy:  
 June 9-15, 2024**

**APPLY TODAY**

<https://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/application>

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program



**States' 4-H Summer Hosting**

International & bring the richness of the world to your home!

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

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

**Hosting Details & Requirements**


- Hosting Period: July 24 - August 17, 2024
- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone.
  - You must have a child of the same gender & within 3 yrs. of age of the hosted youth. (Children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
  - Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone.
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided.

**How to Apply:**

- Eligible Families must submit an application on: <http://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>
- Note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application & screening process, as well as student availability & personality compatibility.
- Questions? Contact your State Coordinators:
  - Dr. Darlene Locke [Darlene.Locke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Darlene.Locke@ag.tamu.edu)
  - Roxanna Reyna-Islas [Roxanna.Reyna@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Roxanna.Reyna@ag.tamu.edu)
  - Natalie Cervantes [Natalie.Cervantes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Natalie.Cervantes@ag.tamu.edu)

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 shot at Bandera Gun Club--50 whizbang qualifier event & 100-bird making sporting days will be shot at Meier.

**Contact Persons:**

Robbie Robinson-Club Leader 830-423-8717  
 Julie Meier-Coleader 830-796-1478  
 Kris Cordell-Treasurer 210-378-8089  
 banderacshotgun@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 [olays.com](http://olays.com)

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

**Safety Meetings:** 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.



# 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)

