





**ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H** 

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The latest news and updates from Atascosa County 4-H



# Important Up Coming Date this Month:

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State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag Orders Due March 10th. See page 3.

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District Contest Entry Deadlines. See page 4. Horse Validation Opens March 1st. See page 5.



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THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE WILL PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE FULL AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT TEXAS A&M ARGILLITE. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTS OF TEXAS COOPERATING. WE WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THIS MEETING. WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE ATASCOSA COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE TWELVE DAYS (12) PRIOR TO THE EVENT AT (830) 569-0034 OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ADVISE US OF THE AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE THAT YOU REQUIRE.

# ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H CLUB INFORMATION

#### LA PARITA 4-H CLUB

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM COWBOY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH JOURDANTON, TX JASON & VALERIE AGUILAR JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

#### LEMING/VERDI 4-H CLUB

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM VERDI COMMUNITY CENTER CARL ROYAL CARL.ROYAL@YAHOO.COM

#### **POTEET 4-H CLUB**

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM POTEET HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA USVALDO & ANGELA LANDA

#### **BLACKHILL 4-H CLUB**

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00 PM BLACKHILL COMMUNITY CENTER KIM LUTZ KIMLUTZ97@GMAIL.COM

### LYTLE 4-H CLUB

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM LYTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA JENNIFER CRISWELL JENNIFER.CRISWELL.JC@GMAIL.COM

#### **MESQUITE 4-H CLUB**

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00 PM PLEASANTON 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH SUE ANN SMITH & JOHANNA HAGEN JSPJSMITH@ATT.NET JOHANNAHAGEN1973@GMAIL.COM

#### **CHAROLTTE 4-H CLUB**

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM CHAROLTTE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL PATRICIA SCOTT

# Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 Year

Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 year is open. The website is: https://v2.4honline.com. If you are in need of guidance on how to get registered on 4H Online please visit the family guides area at: https://texas4h.tamu.edu/4honline.

## "NO PASS NO PLAY"

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H SPONSORED EVENT INCLUDING STOCK SHOWS, SHOOTING SPORTS, OR OTHER CONTESTS, MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED WITH ONE OF OUR AREA CLUBS AND MEET THE 50% ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. PARTICIPATION IN ANY COMPETITION OR SHOOTING EVENT IS ONLY PERMITTED WHILE MEETING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER TEXAS EDUCATION CODE 33.081 "NO PASS NO PLAY."

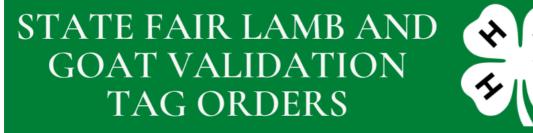
# ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES RIFLE

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# STEER AND HEIFER VALIDATION TAG ORDERS DUE

# March 10, 2023

Tags are \$26 for both Steers and Heifers Tag orders must be placed with the Extension Office. If you have any questions please reach out at 830-569-0034





Tags must be purchased at the Extension Office.



# Atascosa County 4-H STATE FAIR SWINE VALIDATION TAG Orders Due

March 10, 2023

## Tags \$16

Tag orders must be placed at the Atascosa County Extension Office



# **Upcoming District 12 4-H Contest**

The District 12 Roundup Contest will be held April 1, 2023 in Three Rivers. You must compete in the Atascosa County 4-H Roundup Contest to be eligible to compete at the District Contest. Registration for the District 12 Contest is open on 4-H Online and will close March 21, 2023

The District 12 Fashion Sensation Contest will be held in Three Rivers on Saturday, April 1, 2023. You must compete in the Atascosa County 4-H Fashion Show to be eligible to compete at the District Contest. Registration for the District 12 Contest will be open on 4-H Online February 28, 2023 - March 21 - 2023.

The District 12 Photography Contest is an online contest. You must compete in the Atascosa County 4-H Photography Contest to be eligible to compete at the District Contest. Registration for the District 12 Contest will be open on 4-H Online February 28, 2023 - March 21 - 2023.

The District 12 Rifle Match is scheduled for April 22, 2023 in Benavides, TX. You must be shooting under an Atascosa County Rifle Coach. Registration for the District 12 Contest will be open on 4-H Online until April 11, 2023. There will not be any late registration.

The District 12 Livestock Judging Contest will be held on April 13, 2023 in Alice, TX. Registration for the District 12 Contest will open on March 14, 2023 and close on April 4, 2023.

### For more information on these District 12 Contest or other District 12 Contest please visit their website at: https://agrilife.org/d124h/, or contact the Atascosa County Extension Office.

#### Horse Validation Information – Instructions for Families

- ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year.
- Horse validation is completed for EACH HORSE and will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile. When validating your horse(s) in 4H Online, you will select ONLY ONE APPROVED 4-H youth member to conduct the validation under. Once the horse is validated, validation has been paid, and you begin registering for the District Horse Show, the validated horse(s) can be selected by any 4-H member in that family account who will be exhibiting the horse in the show.
   Registration papers for registered horses MUST be uploaded.
- In order to be eligible for breed specific awards, correct registration papers for that breed must be uploaded. If the horse is registered with more than one association, then multiple sets of registration papers can be uploaded.
- If registration papers are in the process of being transferred, select/list PENDING in the Registration # box. The transfer process MUST be completed and submitted to the District and State Offices BEFORE May 1st, or the horse will be ineligible to compete at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
- The correct owner MUST be listed on the registration papers.
- Owners MUST be the youth, parent (biological or stepparent), brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any other person not listed above do NOT meet ownership requirements.
- \*NEW IN 2023\* Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. The lease form must be uploaded to 4H Online at the time of validation.
- Youth showing futurity horses MUST be 12 years old or older and in at least the 6th grade, as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate
  all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses
  can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness,
  sickness, etc.
- More information on Texas 4-H Horse Validation can be found on page 7 of the 2023 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations document at <a href="https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/">https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/</a> or at <a href="https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/">https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/</a>.

\*NEW IN 2023\* - All classes at the State 4-H Horse Show are open to eligible 4-H youth. Participation at the District 4-H Horse Show is not required but is encouraged; with the exception that a futurity project horse must be shown at the district horse show, district educational clinic, or other equivalent event where the project horse is present, in order to qualify for a futurity class at the state show. Participation must be verified by the County Extension Agent on the State 4-H Horse Show entry form.

2023 Texas 4-H Horse Validation – Guidelines for Families

#### **PAYMENT AND STATUS**

#### ANIMAL VALIDATION CAN ONLY BE PAID FOR WITH A CREDIT CARD.

- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.
  - From March 1 April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.
  - From April 16 May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. The \$20.00 cost is
    only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st
    deadline and the payment is processed.
- Any validation that has a status of incomplete, resubmit, pending or payment due is not guaranteed the amount charged when it was created and is not yet considered validated.
- Validation will close on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and validations will not be accepted after that date. <u>No</u> <u>exceptions will be made.</u>
- You will get an automated email notice from 4H Online when your County Extension Agent has approved your horse. This approval does NOT guarantee eligibility. After it is approved at the county level, your validation will then be reviewed at the state level. You will be notified by June 1<sup>st</sup> if there are any issues with your validation at the state level.

If you have questions about Texas 4-H Horse Validation, please contact your County Extension Agent.

COUNTY OFFICES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE PAYMENT ON THE LAST SCREEN. THE CREDIT CARD AREA WILL ONLY SHOW UP IF LOGGED IN USING A FAMILY EMAIL AND FAMILY PASSWORD.

For helpful one-pagers and resources, please visit: <u>https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/</u>

# **Stock Show Season is here.**

## Its time to start to review major stock show requirements.

Houston: https://www.rodeohouston.com/Portals/0/Content/GetInvolved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock%20Show/2023\_ExhibitorHandbook.pdf

Austin: https://rodeoaustin.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-Premium-Book-Draft-WEB-1.pdf

# **Atascosa County 4-H Council Elections**

The Atascosa 4-H County Council is a group of member from various clubs from around the county that are elected by their peers .

The County Council is the body that votes makes the decisions for Atascosa County 4-H. Any 4-H Member in the county is eligible to run for County Council.

We will be holding Atascosa County 4-H County Council Officer Elections at our May Meeting. If you would like to have a voice in the decision of what Atascosa County 4-H does then submit an officer application by 5 PM on April 27, 2023. Applications can be found

at:http://counties.agrilife.org/atascosa/files/2013/04/4-H-Nomination-Form-Council.pdf . If you have any questions please contact the Atascosa County Extension Office.

## **LETTERMAN PATCHES**

Atascosa County 4-H has letterman patches for purchase of \$5 a patch at the Extension Office.



# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Atascosa County 4-H Merit Scholarship Letter of Intent to Apply is due March 1, 2023 to the Extension Office. You must have completed a Record Book the two years prior to applying to appl for this scholarship. For more information visit: HTTPS://atascosa.agrilice.org/scholarships

Atascosa County Fair Association Scholarship Application is due to be postmarked by April 1, 2023. Application can be found at: https://atascosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/

Atascosa Cattlemen's Association Scholarship is due to the Atascosa County Extension Office by April 1, 2023. For full application please visit: https://atascosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/.

Atascosa County Livestock Show Scholarship is due April 14, 2023. Full application can be found at: http://aclsweb.org/acls-schloraships/

Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship Application due April 20, 2023. Application can be found at: https://atascosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/.

You can find these and more scholarships at: https://atascosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/ as they come available.

# **Record Book Information**

The updated 2022 - 2023 Texas 4-H Record Book information has been posted at: https://texas4h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/record\_book\_family\_guide\_2022\_2023.pdf. Records books for the Atascosa County Record Book Contest are due on June 12, 2023.

## **4-H Members in Action** Congratulations to all of the Atascosa County 4-H Members who placed at Major Stock Shows

## San Angelo Stock Show

Chase Rankin - 4th Place Market Duroc Barrow Isabella Weiss - 9th Place Market Fine Wool Cross Lamb

## San Antonio Stock Show

Dalton Wilson - 7th Place York Gilt Holden Hagen - 6th Place Cross Gilt Kaydence Thomas - 1st Place Cross Gilt Isabella Weiss - 3rd Place Market Lamb Gretchen Caraway - 5th Place Market Lamb Emree Adamitz - 1st Place Market Hampshire Barrow Kyle Brymer - 1st Place Market Cross Barrow Ryan Brymer - 5th Place Market Cross Barrow Brooke Rankin - 1st Place Market Brahman Steer Johnelle McMillan- 1st Place Market Other Cross Steer Salem Jasik - 3rd Place Market Santa Gertrudis Steer Hayden Haufler - 3rd Place Market Other Cross Steer Adrian Jimenez - 4th Place Market Limousin Steer Makenna Slomchinski - 7th Place Market Other Cross Steer Kaycee Kaiser - 1st Place Junior Individual Consumer Decision Making Layton Shearrer - 7th Place Individual Consumer Decision Making Junior Team # 2 - 6th Place Junior Team Consumer Decision Making Junior Team # 1 - 11th Place Junior Team Consumer Decision Making Mallory Fey and Pearson Royal both caught in the Calf Scramble

## **Texas Elite Showcase**

Dalton Wilson - 3rd Place Breeding York Gilt

# Congratulations to all of the Atascosa County 4-H Members who participated in the District 12 Horse Judging Contest



Members of the Atascosa County 4-H Horse Judging Team participated at the District 12 Horse Judging Contest as part of the San Antonio Horse Judging Contest. Reagan Aguilar, Kolbi Perkins and Ryleigh Cartwright received 3rd Place Intermediate Team. Members of team are pictured from left to right: Hailey Hannah, Xilalli Hernandez, Reagan Aguilar, Montana Aguilar, Kirby McNeill, Abigail Henry, Kolbi Perkins and Coach Aubrey Carter

# irtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN** 2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

## Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or \*Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com/ beginning February 1st
  Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2023
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at https://d54-h.tamu.edu/

### Species Divisions:

- Saltwater Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead & Redfish Freshwater Bass, Crappie & Catfish

## More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall Grand Slam post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

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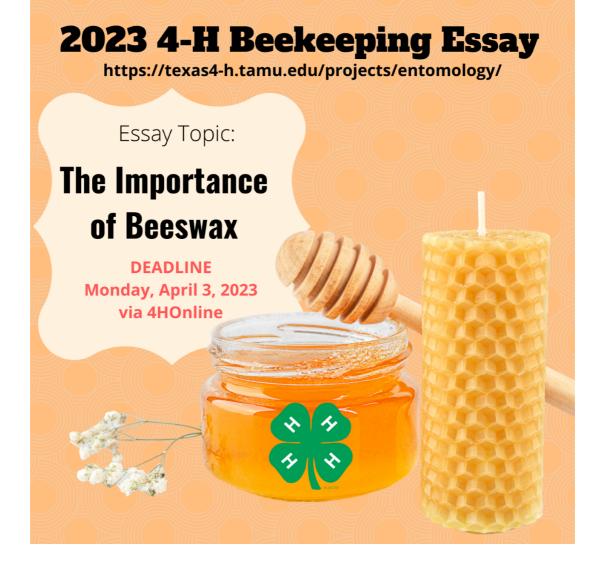
## Questions?

**Spring Tournament** Fish at YOUR Location: March 20 at 12:00 am thru May 31 at 11:59 pm

Official Check-it-Stiks to be mailed to first time registered 4-H participants!

Spring

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex,







# States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2023 INBOUND PROGRAMS

Host a delegate in your home this summer and give your family a global perspective.



Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2023 through States' 4-H International and Texas 4-H!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

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





#### HOSTING PERIOD: 3 1/2 weeks from July 23 to August 16

- You can host a youth aged 12-18 or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

#### HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host

#### For more information

Visit: http://www.states4hexchange.org Email: darlene.locke@ag.tamu.edu 979.845.1023



Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/ Instagram: @states4hinternational

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility





# THE NEXT GENERATION



# 2023 PROGRAM DATES

#### PHASE I

Poultry Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University: June 19-22, 2023 Equine Ambassador Short Course

Equine Ambassador Snort Course Texas A&M University: June 22-25, 2023

Livestock Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 26-29, 2023 Texas A&M University: July 17-20, 2023 West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University: July 24-27, 2023

National Livestock Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University: July 10-13, 2023

Applications will be available online at www.texasyouthlivestock.com

#### **PHASE II**

Texas 4-H Capitol Leadership Experience February 27-28, 2023 \*Invitation Only\*

> Advocacy Academy June 12-14, 2023

International Experience August 2-12, 2023 \*Tentative\*

Ambassador Mentors All Short Courses & Advocacy Academy

Applications will be available via email

www.texasyouthlivestock.com



#### Let's Enjoy the Outdoors and Wildlife! Photography Contest

TEXAS A&M GRILIFE FYTENSIO

Hosted by Atascosa Wildlife & Fisheries and Atascosa Wildlife Coop



#### Get Started Right Away...

Entry period is open now through April 14, 2023.

Adult & Youth Categories are

- Wildlife Portraits
- Landscapes/Scenic
- Motion
- Game Camera
- Mobile Phone

Photos must be captured in Texas. For a complete set of rules and official <u>entry</u> <u>form</u> visit <u>atascosa.agrilife.org</u> and look at upcoming events on the home page.

#### Who is Eligible?

This contest is open to all photographers who are at least 8 years of age and reside in Atascosa County. Entrants 8 to 17 years of age MUST obtain verified parental or guardian consent regardless of division entered. Entrants 18 years or older are prohibited from entering the youth division.

#### How to Enter?

Entries must be submitted as digital files and emailed along with <u>entry form</u> to <u>atascosawildlifephoto@gmail.com</u>.

Ertry Fees: Youth 10/photo or Adults 20 per photo. Youth may compete in the adult division but cannot compete in both divisions.

Payment Methods: Payment and <u>entry form</u> may be submitted via check payable to Atascosa Wildlife & Fisheries, PO Box 379, Leming, Texas 78050. Cash is accepted in person at 25 E. 5th Street in Leming, Texas 78050. Payment may be submitted online through Eventbrite link to come soon. Please note Eventbrite charges an additional fee for their services. Please remember to email us your entry form.

The Atascosa Wildlife & Fisheries and Atascosa Wildlife Coop are non-profit organizations created to connect adults and youth with nature, promote responsible stewards of wildlife, and encourage conservation efforts.



- County Camp I: June 25-292023
  - Y: \$300, A: \$160 AT THIS TIME WE
- County Camp II: July 9-13,2023 DO NOT HAVE A
  - Y: \$300, A: \$160
- Horizons I: July 2-6, 2023
  - Y: \$300, A: \$160
- South Texas: July 23-27, 2023
  - Y: \$500, A: \$400
- Prime Time I: July 16-19, 2023
  - Y: \$250, A: \$135
- Prime Time II: July 19-22, 2023
  - Y: \$250, A: \$135
- High Adventure Camp: June 18-20, 2023
  - Y: \$200, A: \$115

DESIGNATED WEEK THAT AN AGENT CAN ATTEND. YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR CAMP UP PARENTS MIGHT BE NEEDED TO DRIVE AND STAY AT THE CAMP



TEXAS 4-H CAMP AMBASSADORS

### **Camp Counselors Needed**

We are currently looking for High School Juniors and Seniors with a drivers license, or reliable transportation who are interested in volunteering for a week or more of summer camp.

#### Teen

#### **Couselors:**

- Leave the week with 50+Volunteer Hrs.
- Grow skills in time management and supervision of campers
- Will assist summer staff with programs
- Come to camp for FREE!!
- Are required to attend two training weekends at Texas 4-H Camp
- DO NOT NEED TO BE CURRENT 4-H MEMBERS





Contact: Alec Kiser alec.kiser@ag.tamu.edu (325) 241-9936

If you think that you are a good fit and would enjoy padding your resume while also having fun, then follow the QR code to show your interest!

FIRST TRAINING WEEKEND January 6-8 2023! Hope to see you there!

> GRILIFE EXTENSION

FOR MORE ON CAMP VISIT

**Register Now** https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

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JUNE	7-11	ROLLING PLAINS BOBWHITE BRIGADE THE 1687 FOUNDATION	RISING STAR, TX
	11-15	SOUTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE CHAPARROSA RANCH	LA PRYOR, TX
	24-28	SOUTH TEXAS BOBWHITE BRIGADE BUCK HORN CREEK RANCH	MCCOY, TX
	24-28	SOUTH TEXAS RANCH BRIGADE DUVAL COUNTY RANCH	FREER, TX
JULY	5-9	BASS BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	12-16	WATERFOWL BRIGADE PINTAIL HUNTING CLUB	GARWOOD, TX
	17-21	RANCH BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	23-27	NORTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	25-29	COASTAL BRIGADE SEA STAR BASE GALVESTON	GALVESTON, TX
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