Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo
December 3-4, 2026
Rockport and Port Aransas, TX

EVENT INFORMATION

Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo is a two-day event for 4-H youth. It is designed for youth to explore careers in coastal, marine, and natural resource fields. Youth will engage in hands-on learning experiences and connect with professionals from diverse careers in these areas.

EVENT DETAILS

Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo will be held at Camp Aranzazu (5420 Loop 1781, Rockport, TX 78382) and UT-Marine Science Institute (750 Channel View Drive, Port Aransas, TX 78373). Youth will be spending the night at Camp Aranzazu. A copy of the tentative schedule is attached.

EVENT FEE

The cost for Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo is $100.00 for 4-H members. **No refunds will be given.**

EVENT REGISTRATION

All participants **MUST** register on TX4H between October 1 and October 30. The registration will be open through midnight on October 30. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period. Registration will be limited to the first 10 girls and 10 from District 11 4-H. **There will be no late registration for this event.**

AGE REQUIREMENT

Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo is restricted to District 11 4-H youth in grades 6 through 12 as of September 1, 2026.

T-SHIRTS

When registering, all participants need to indicate the size of the t-shirt preferred. **Registration MUST be completed by October 30 to guarantee you receive a t-shirt.** The t-shirts will be distributed at check-in. **Youth will be required to wear shirts on day one of the event.**

DRESS CODE

Youth may get wet or dirty during activities. It is recommended that they wear quick-dry shorts or pants, and hats and sunglasses can be beneficial. Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes are required for all activities. Since it is December, the weather can be unpredictable, including being cold, so please pack accordingly for varying conditions. Generic-brand sunscreen will be provided as needed.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each participant (including CEAs) is required to fill out the following forms and bring forms filled out to event or upload into 4-H Online registration:

- ONLINE- 4-H Online Health Form - Waiver and Indemnification Agreement and Medical Treatment Authorization
- PAPER – Authorization to Dispense Medication (ADM)
- PAPER – Health & Safety Statement (HSS)
- PAPER- Parent Guardian Authorization, Waiver, & Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication (OTC)
- PAPER- Camp Aranzazu 2026 General Liability Release

Each youth participant must also have completed a "Consequences of Misbehavior" form when enrolling in 4-H for the 2026-2027 4-H year. Counties should have a copy of this form on file; however, it is not required to present a copy at check-in. This Code of Conduct policy will be followed during Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Individuals who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate in the Coastal Bend 4-H Sportfishing Day need to contact the Aransas County Extension office at 361-790-0103 before the registration deadline to discuss what accommodations need to be made so the 4-H Member can safely participate in this event. All reasonable accommodations will be assessed and made.

2026 Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo Tentative Schedule

	***December 3**
9:00	Arrival
	Cabin Check In
	Aranzazu Overview
Starting between 10 and 11	Boat Tour
Approximatly 2:00	Return from Boat Tour
3:00 to 4:00(ish)	Saltwater Fish
5:30	College & Career Fair
6:30	Dinner with College & Career
8:00	Smores, Games
10:00	Back to Cabins
	***December 4**
7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30	Depart Aranzazu, with luggage in tow
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	UTMSI
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30	Beach Combing
2:30	Depart from Port Aransas
4:00	Arrive at Aranas County Extension Office