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# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

## **Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr., Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program**

**Cohort XVII  
Session 4 – South Texas  
Corpus Christi & McAllen  
April 19 – 23, 2021**



**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**Attire:.....Business Casual with proper provided PPE  
Presiders ..... Lance Gilliland & Matt Clifton**

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

**6057 Co Rd 201, Odem, TX 78370**

12:30 p.m. Meet at Smith Gin in Odem TX and load all luggage onto bus

1:00 p.m. Depart by bus for Kiewit Offshore Services

**2440 Kiewit Rd, Ingleside, TX 78362**

1:45 p.m. Tour Kiewit Offshore Services

3:00 p.m. Depart for Welder Wildlife

**10429 Welder Wildlife, Sinton, TX 78387**

**Ag Production in the Coastal Bend – Bobby McCool,**

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, San Patricio County

3:45 p.m. Driving Tour of Welder Wildlife – guided by **Dr. Terry Blankenship,**

Foundation Director

4:30 p.m. **Producer Panel – Making Things Better by Getting Involved**

Moderator: Jeff Nunley, South Texas Cotton & Grain Association

Panelist - Local Producers and Ag Advocates:

Matt Huie, Jon Whatley, Jon Gwynn, Toby Robertson

6:00 p.m. Social & Shrimp Boil - provided by **San Patricio Co Farm Bureau**

Dinner Guests & Speakers:

**Energy, Electric Grids & ERCOT - Mike Cowley, CoBank**

**Trade & Export Markets – Mr. Daniel Bluntzer, New Frontier Capital Markets**

8:30 p.m. Depart for Hotel

**The Omni Corpus Christi**

**900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

*Room assignments as directed*

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

<b>Presiders..... Christi Short &amp; Giovana Benitez</b>
<b>Attire..... Business Casual with proper provided PPE</b>
<b>Transportation..... Bus</b>

- 7:15 a.m. Meet in lobby & board bus
- 7:30 a.m. Depart by bus for Solomon P. Ortiz Center  
**402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401**
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Tacos & Driving Tour through Port of Corpus Christi  
***Breakfast sponsored by the Corn Producer Board***
- 8:30 a.m. Trade & Commerce through the Port  
Presentations by Port Partners:  
Gulf Compress  
Cheniere - LNG  
ADM Grain Elevator/Interstate Grain  
Valero/Citgo/Flint Hills  
Port of CC – Port Operations & Economics, Emergency Preparedness Efforts
- 11:50 a.m. Depart for Water Street Seafood  
**309 N Water St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch Sponsored by Hartzendorf Gin**

<b>Presiders..... Kate Fred &amp; Katy Kemp</b>
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- 1:30 p.m. Depart for Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve  
**2446 N. Oso Parkway, Corpus Christi**
- 2:00 p.m. Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve Tour & Presentation ..... **Jason Ott**  
Nueces County Extension
- 2:45 p.m. Depart for Redfish Hatchery  
**4300 Waldron Rd, Corpus Christi**
- 3:00 p.m. **Oyster Farming & Mariculture Research**  
Presentations by:  
Dr. Juan Landivar  
Chris Hollenbeck, Agrilife Researcher  
Brad Lomax, Owner, Water Street  
Dr. Joe Fox, Harte Research Institute  
TPWD Redfish Hatchery
- 4:45 p.m. Depart for Scott Frazier Farms
- 5:00 p.m. Steak Dinner & Social sponsored by Texas Farm Credit
- 8:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**The Omni Corpus Christi**  
900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

Presiders ..... Brennen Johnson & Bryson McCarty  
Attire ..... *Business Casual, PPE*  
Transportation..... Bus

**\*\*Bring all luggage with you and out onto bus. We will return on Friday to pick up vehicles\*\***

6:30 a.m. Check OUT & load all luggage onto bus

**FILL OUT TAMUK VISITOR FORMS**

7:00 a.m. Board bus Travel South to Kingsville/ TAMUK then Rio Grande Valley  
**King Ranch, 2205 TX-141, Kingsville, TX 78363**  
*\*\*Enter through North Gate of King Ranch Laureles Division\*\**

8:00 a.m. Driving tour though King Ranch Farm Operations  
**TAMUK – Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center**  
**1730 W Corral Ave, Kingsville, TX 78363**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Welcome **TURN IN TAMUK VISITOR FORMS**  
Overview of TAMUK and King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management  
**Dr. Mark Hussey, President- Texas A&M University-Kingsville**

Presiders..... Carmen Fenton & Emily Lochner

9:00 a.m. Balancing Wildlife, Ranching and Natural Resources  
**Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute**  
**King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management**  
Border and Labor Challenges ..... **Mr. John Prukop, Prukop Farms**

11:00 a.m. Depart for Progresso International Bridge  
**251 S. International Blvd. Progresso, Texas**

Presiders ..... Stefen Tucker & John Leifester

1:30 p.m. Progresso International Bridge

3:45 p.m. Depart for Old Hidalgo Pumphouse  
**902 S 2nd Street, Hidalgo, TX (956)843-8686**

4:15 p.m. Old Hidalgo Pumphouse ..... **Sonny Hinojosa, GM HCID 2**

- Rio Grande Valley Water Overview
- Overview of Rio Grande Valley Water Supply & Issues
- Old Pumphouse Tour/ Visit New Pump Station on Rio Grande River

6:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**Cambria Hotel McAllen Convention Center**  
**701 S Ware RD. McAllen, TX 78501**

7:00 p.m. Dinner with dinner hosts (Regional Leaders)

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**Presiders ..... Sam Nesbitt & Randy Carpenter**  
**Attire..... Business Casual with proper provided PPE**

6:30 a.m. **Breakfast on your own at the hotel**

7:30 a.m. Depart for Frontera Produce  
**1321 Frontera Rd. Edinburg, TX 78541**

8:00 a.m. Frontera Produce

10:00 a.m. Depart for Riverside Club  
**214 E Chimney Shades Road, Mission, TX**

10:30 a.m. Riverside Club

- Cruise on the Rio Grande River
- Meeting with Border Patrol/ Border Wall Tour
- Lunch

1:30 p.m. Depart to Lonestar Citrus Growers  
**9625 N Moorefield Rd, Mission, TX 78574**

**Presiders ..... Travis Ward & Blair Krebs**

2:00 p.m. Lonestar Citrus Growers

4:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**Cambria Hotel McAllen Convention Center**  
701 South Ware Road | McAllen, TX, 78501

5:30 p.m. Depart for Dinner & Reception  
**Quinta Esmeralda**  
**3662 Alexia Rd. Mission, Texas 78574**

6:00 p.m. **Dinner & Receptiopn**  
*Hosted by Mr. Albert Chapa, Tall X*  
*Music Hosted By: Ramon Alvarez, TALL XV & Jorge Luis Alvarez Jr., TALL XIV*

10:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

**Friday April 22, 2021**

**Presiders ..... Andrew Polk & Joe Patranella**  
**Attire..... Business Casual with proper provided PPE**

6:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own at Hotel  
Check out of hotel!

**\*\*Bring all luggage with you and put onto bus.\*\***

7:30 a.m. Board bus & depart for Pajaro Packing LLC  
**12374 FM 1762, Raymondville, TX 78580**

8:30 a.m. Pajaro Packing LLC

10:00 a.m. Board Bus & Depart Armando's Boot Company  
**169 N 7th St. Raymondville, Texas 78580**

10:10 a.m. Armando's Boot Company

11:15 a.m. Depart for Odem, TX to pick up vehicles  
**6057 Co. RD 201, Odem, TX 78370**

2:00 p.m. Conclusion  
Pick up personal vehicles  
Have a Safe Drive Home!

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