

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2012

TO: District 5 County Extension Agents and CEP Agents

FROM: Dr. Montza Williams
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RE: **2012 DISTRICT 4-H ROUNDUP CONTEST INFORMATION**

District 4-H Roundup will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Roundup will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a general assembly to be held in the Grand Ballroom. Everyone (agents, members, parents, judges) needs to be present during this General Assembly for Roundup Orientation. All contests will be held semi-consecutively and will begin at 10:00 a.m. The full day's schedule will be released soon.

Contests to begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. include: Horse Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl and Entomology. Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-thon is scheduled to begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. These contests may begin earlier if participants and space are available. This decision can only be made after registration has been made.

Members participating in the Roundup events scheduled for April 28, 2012 may participate in one of the contests on each of the following lines.

- ☞ one educational presentation, one Share-the-Fun, or public speaking contest
- ☞ Horse Quiz Bowl or Beef Quiz Bowl
- ☞ Entomology contest
- ☞ Leaders 4 Life contest

- Counties may enter up to three (3) entries in the educational presentations, public speaking, quiz bowls, and entomology contest.
- Counties may enter up to two (2) entries in the Share-the-Fun contests.
- Entries may be either individuals or teams. Teams only for quiz bowl competition.

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- The top three (3) Senior entries whether teams or individuals will advance to Texas 4-H Roundup if they meet scoring criteria. One (1), two (2), or all three (3) entries advancing to Texas 4-H Roundup could possibly come from the same county within the district. The top two (2) Share-the-Fun entries will advance to State Roundup. The first place Leaders 4 Life entry will advance to Texas 4-H Roundup.
- Members will only be allowed to participate in their respective age division.

REGISTRATION

We will utilize 4-H Connect for all events scheduled for April 28, 2012. The district contest will include a Rabbit category which is different than the contests available for state competition. Please note that Senior Rabbit participation will NOT be eligible to advance to Texas 4-H Roundup. Registration opens March 1 and will close at midnight on April 14, 2012.

Registration Fees:

Educational Presentation	No Fee
Share-The-Fun	No Fee
Leaders4Life	No Fee
Horse Quiz Bowl	\$6.00 per person
Beef Quiz Bowl	\$6.00 per person
Entomology Contest	\$6.00 per person

A late registration period will be open until midnight on April 17, 2012. There is a late registration fee of \$25.00. No late entries will be accepted after the April 17 deadline.

- **Payments** for entry in this event are due **before** the event. **Entries must show as paid on 4-H Connect by Noon April 27, 2012.**
- Late payments will result in the 4-H member not being able to place or receive awards in the event. The member may still participate.

Before certifying entries at the county level, please check them for accuracy and completeness. Any last minute substitutions must be submitted using the attached "*CONTESTANT SUBSTITUTION FORM*" **by 9:30 a.m.**, at Roundup, to the respective contest coordinator.

Contest judging assignments, contest sites, instructions, and other information will be distributed after all completed District contest entry information has been received in the District office.

Orientation for Roundup participants, superintendents, judges, and parents will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Superintendents should pick up judging packets at the registration desk prior to orientation. Superintendents are asked to furnish an easel, a calculator, and stopwatch for their respective contests. It is your responsibility to inform parents/leaders and 4-H'ers of contest locations.

Some notes to pass along to leaders.....

- ✓ There will be no curtain for any Share-the-Fun presentations.

- ✓ Staging areas for all presentations may be in classrooms.
- ✓ A table or desk will be located at the front of each room.
- ✓ A small sound system and piano (or keyboard) will be provided for the Musical and Vocal Share-the-Fun contests. All other necessary equipment including computers, projectors, and sound equipment, if needed for all other contests, must be provided by participant.

AWARDS

Roundup awards will be presented immediately following each contest and will be presented by the respective superintendent at the contest site. Contestants are free to leave after the awards are presented but should plan on staying through the Awards Program.

Please remember that any Senior (individual or team) scoring below "80" will not be eligible to participate in Texas 4-H Roundup, regardless of contest placing.

SWEEPSTAKES TROPHIES

The District Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded in the following two divisions:

Division 1 : Counties with 2 or less agent positions

Division 2 : Counties with 3 or more agent positions

The high point county in each division will receive a Sweepstakes Trophy for points garnered throughout the year, including Roundup events. Remember, points are awarded per entry; not per individual in an entry. The District 5 4-H Sweepstakes Trophy will be presented at Leadership Lab.

The District 5 4-H Council Roundup Sweepstakes Award presented by the District Council will be awarded for Roundup participation. This trophy will also be presented at Leadership Lab.

ADULT LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE FORM DUE IN DISTRICT OFFICE – Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Again this year, we are asking County 4-H Coordinators to complete the "Adult Leader Assistance Form" indicating the names of **qualified adult leaders to serve as contest judges**. Please indicate which contest the leader would like to work. This can be any contest scheduled for April 28, 2012. A form is attached for this information. Please encourage qualified adults to help judge.

STATE 4-H ROUNDUP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Be aware that if 4-H'ers qualify, they may enter one contest per day at Texas 4-H Roundup.

Refer to the 2012 State Roundup Guide and State Roundup letter for more information. This information can be found on the web at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> .

HORSE AND BEEF QUIZ BOWL INFORMATION

Counties may submit Junior, Intermediate, and Senior teams in each contest. Registration deadlines will follow Roundup entry dates that are on page 2 of this letter.

Reference materials for both contests should be secured and studied to ensure knowledge of all information. **Participating counties are requested to submit a list of 25 questions by the entry date.** Questions must come from the recognized resources and be in the following format:

Question

Answer

Source

Page number

Division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior - any or all levels)

See the "Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide" for more information. The guide can be located at the Texas 4-H website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> . Go to the "Publications" link, click on Project Publications and find Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement, Texas 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl Supplement, and Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide.

LEADERS 4 LIFE SKILLATHON INFORMATION

Counties may submit Junior, Intermediate, and Senior teams in this contest. Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup 2012 Rules and Guidelines for more information. The Texas 4-H Roundup Guide is located at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> .

WHAT IS THAT I HEAR ABOUT A DANCE?

Council is talking about hosting a dance following the events for the day and is in the process of gathering information from their fellow 4-H members. We will let you know more as it comes together. Nonetheless, we did not want to miss the opportunity to get the first word out to everyone. At this point, it is just a maybe.

Attachments

cc: Mrs. Shelia Lewis

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