

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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 TO: All County Extension Agents
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 SUBJECT: 2015 East District 5 4-H Roundup
 April 25, 2015 – SFA – Nacogdoches

District Roundup Contest Information

District 4-H Roundup will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, 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, etc.) needs to be present during this General Assembly for Roundup orientation. All contests will be held semi-consecutively and most will begin at 10:00 a.m. The full day's schedule will be released as soon as registration is complete.

Contests to begin at 9:00 a.m. include: Horse Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl and Entomology. Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-thon is scheduled to begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. Room assignments can only be made after registration has been made. Everyone is encouraged to be flexible and once registration has been completed a better determination of the day can be made.

Multiple event participation on each day of Texas 4-H Roundup is new this year. Please see the 2015 Roundup Guide (page 8) for more information. Nevertheless, that decision impacts contest participation at the District level. Members participating in the Roundup events scheduled for April 25, 2015 may participate in the various contests as listed below. State info listed in parentheses.

- Horse Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl, or Leaders 4 Life (Tuesday morning contest)
- Entomology ID (Wednesday morning contest)
- Educational Presentations (Thursday morning events) – Beef, Companion Animals, Health, Horse, Open Ag/Natural Resources, Open Family Consumer Science, Sheep/Goat, Promote 4-H
- Educational Presentations (Thursday afternoon events) – Clothing and Textiles, Open, Safety and Injury Prevention
- Public Speaking (considered an all-day Thursday event)
- Share-the-Fun (may participate in only one STF no matter the day)
- Wednesday contest – Choreographed Routine, Dramedy, Poetry/Prose, Vocal
- Thursday contest – Celebrate 4-H, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band

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Notes.....

- Counties may enter up to three (3) entries in the educational presentations, public speaking, quiz bowls, entomology contest, and Leaders 4 Life contest.
- Counties may enter up to two (2) entries in the Share-the-Fun contests.
- Entries may be either individuals or teams.
- Quiz bowl competition and Leaders 4 Life are team only events.
- Public Speaking is an individual entry.
- 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 top three (3) Leaders 4 Life teams will advance to Texas 4-H Roundup.
- Members will only be allowed to participate in their respective age division. Exceptions include quiz bowl teams and Leaders 4 Life teams. However, mixed teams will only compete against other mixed teams regardless of age and are not eligible for state competition.
- State first place winners may now compete in any contest including those they have already won. Exceptions involve national contest participation. See the Texas 4-H Roundup Guidelines for specific information.

REGISTRATION

We will utilize 4-H Connect for all events scheduled for April 25, 2015. 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 9 and will close at midnight on April 10, 2015.

Registration Fees:

Educational Presentation	\$8.00 per person
Public Speaking	\$8.00 per person
Share-The-Fun	\$8.00 per person
Leaders 4 Life	\$8.00 per person
Horse Quiz Bowl	\$8.00 per person
Beef Quiz Bowl	\$8.00 per person
Entomology Contest	\$8.00 per person
Taxidermy	\$8.00 per person
Taxidermy and Habitat	\$8.00 per person

A late registration period will be open until midnight on April 13, 2015. There is a late registration fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular \$8.00 entry fee. No late entries will be accepted after the April 13 deadline.

- **Payments** for entry in this event are due **before** the event. **Entries must show as paid on 4-H Connect by noon April 24, 2015.**
- 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. Member substitutions on teams are permissible as long as the substitute meets the participation and eligibility criteria. Substitutions should be reported to the respective contest coordinator and Roundup personnel.

Contest judging assignments, contest sites, superintendent instructions, and other information will be distributed after all completed District contest entry information has been received in the District office. A Lync conference will be scheduled in April to discuss specific responsibilities for superintendents.

Superintendents should pick up judging packets at the registration desk prior to 9:30 a.m.
Superintendents are asked to furnish a computer, projector, screen, extension cord, easel, calculator, and stopwatch for their respective contests.

It is your responsibility to inform parents/leaders and 4-H'ers of specific contest locations once they are distributed to you.

Information 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 educational presentation contest room.
- A small sound system and keyboard will be provided for the Musical and Vocal Share-the-Fun contests. It *may be possible* to use the house sound system and a piano.
- All other necessary equipment that a participant deems necessary or appropriate must be provided by participant.
- Youth should have all presentations in some form of Microsoft Office 2003 (PowerPoint, Word, or Excel). All fonts used should be true type; these specifically include Arial and Times New Roman. If youth decide to use any other program or fonts they will be responsible for bringing all equipment that is compatible with their presentation.

AWARDS

Roundup awards will be presented during an awards assembly following the completion of the contests in the Grand Ballroom of the Pattillo Student Center.



NEW!!!

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 – Friday, April 10, 2015

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 25, 2015. A form is attached for this information. Please encourage qualified adults to help judge.

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP REGISTRATION

Be aware that if 4-H'ers qualify, they may enter Texas 4-H Roundup contests as designated in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. New this year is the opportunity to compete in more than one contest per day if the 4-H member's schedule permits.

Refer to the 2015 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> .

QUIZ BOWL INFORMATION

Counties may submit Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Mixed teams in each contest. Mixed teams will not be eligible to compete at the State level. Registration deadlines will follow Roundup entry dates as stated in this letter.

Reference materials for specific 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)

Questions should be submitted to d54h@ag.tamu.edu or to the contest superintendent.

Alyssa Puckett – Beef Quiz Bowl
Cary Sims – Horse Quiz Bowl

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 in the Library tab, click on Project Resources and choose Beef or Horse and proceed to resources where quiz bowl information is located.

LEADERS 4 LIFE SKILL-A-THON INFORMATION

Counties may submit Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Mixed teams in this contest. Mixed teams will not be eligible to compete at the State level. Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup 2015 Rules and Guidelines for more information. The Texas 4-H Roundup Guide is located at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> .

TAXIDERMY AND HABITAT CONTEST

Please note this is not a qualifying event for a state contest since Taxidermy and Habitat is a District 5 event only. Specific guidelines are a separate attachment but can also be found on the D5 web page at <http://d54-h.tamu.edu/district-eventscontests/roundup-d5/> .

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