



2026 DISTRICT 5 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS RONALD BARLOW MEMORIAL 3-D ARCHERY MEET

In 2021, Ronald Barlow, Sabine County Ag and Natural Resources agent, lost his battle with COVID-19. Ronald was a huge proponent of youth education and spent many years as an ag teacher, principal, and county agent. He truly enjoyed working with youth and helping them to achieve their goals, and one of his favorite 4-H projects was Archery. Beginning in 2022, District 5 has renamed their competition to the Ronald Barlow Memorial 3-D Archery Meet to celebrate his life and the positive impact he made on 4-H youth.

Date

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Open statewide to all enrolled 4-H youth and adults with youth participant.

Location

San Augustine – Fairway Farms
 4462 SH-21, San Augustine, TX 75972

3-D Archery Field

- 30-target field
- Thanks to a grant from the Texas 4-H Development Foundation, we have new targets added this year – hyena, wolf, pronghorn, leopard, bighorn sheep, to name a few and various deer, turkey, rabbit, alligator, squirrel, dinosaur, boar, pigs and more will be provided.



Entry Requirements


- Enter individually on 4HOnline beginning **February 9, 2026** at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- Contest Fee – \$35 per contestant + \$5 target fee* = \$40 total fee per equipment class
- Late Entry Fee - \$70 per contestant + \$5 target fee* = \$75 total fee per equipment class

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*Target Fee: this fee will be collected for the specific purpose of aiding in covering the costs of maintenance, repair, and replacement of the large number of 3D targets necessary to hold this event. Target Fees collected will only be used for this purpose.

- The general refund policy for 4HOnline is that no refunds are provided to a 4-H member or family once the registration is approved at the COUNTY level. In extreme circumstances, such as death in the immediate family, severe illness/accident, or cancellation of an event, refunds will be provided, less any expenses already incurred by the event.

Event Paperwork

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- When registering online, the name of your child's certified 4-H shooting sports coach must be provided. This information will be verified by the State 4-H Office. Only youth shooting under a certified coach will be permitted to participate in this event.
 - All archers will need to complete a waiver when registering online. All information, including signatures or participants and adult of minor child, must be provided on the waiver. Archers with incomplete forms will not be eligible to compete.

District Deadlines

- Registration on 4HOnline by **April 6, 2026**
- Late entry – **April 7-9, 2026** (late fees apply)

Entry Divisions (grade by September 1, 2025)

- Junior Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Note: Youth may register for this event to shoot up one age division, if desired.

Adult Archers

- Adults (parents, volunteers, and agents) with a registered 4-H youth member are invited to participate in this match.
- Register on 4HOnline by credit card or
- Non-enrolled adults in 4HOnline system: Register via email to carolyn.walton@ag.tamu.edu by deadline dates and fees provided on page 1.
 - Payment via check or money order (no cards) the day of the match will also be accepted for adults only that are not in the 4HOnline system.
 - Note that cash **CANNOT** be received.
- Show off your archery skills for “bragging rights!”



Adult Attendance

- A parent/guardian/or designated adult, over age 18, must remain on the premises the entire time of the event (other 4-H youth cannot be classified as a designated adult of a minor, regardless of their age).

- The name of the designated adult will need to be provided when registering in 4HOnline and he/she will need to sign-in at the check-in desk with youth participant.
- The ratio of 1 adult to 8 youth is required for this Program for Minors as required by the Texas A&M University System.


Tentative Schedule

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Check-in
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Warm up area provided
- 9:15 am Safety orientation
- 9:30 am Events will begin
- 11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch will be available
- 1:00 pm A guest presentation will be conducted during tabulation of scores
- ~ 2:30 pm Awards ceremony

Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires medically required auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

Educational Learning

-  Local Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens will provide an Operation Game Thief presentation during tabulation of scores for participants to enjoy.
- An archery pro from Meadow Ridge Gun and Archery Range will be presenting information on how to select the correct bow based upon your size and shooting goals.


Golf Carts/Buggies

-  You are welcome to bring a golf cart or buggy to travel from station to station. Motorized vehicles will need to stay on the road and remain out the designated target ranges.
- Targets are stationed within walking distance of each other. Boots that can get wet or muddy are recommended.
- No other types of vehicles will be permitted on the range road.

Warm-up/Practice Field

- Warm-up before the match, on the practice range behind the main building, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Adult supervision is required.
- During tabulation of the scores, registered participants may use the targets to practice their archery skills. Adult supervision is required.

Refreshments

-  Complimentary bottled water and coffee will be provided participants and adults during the meet.

Lunch

- One meal ticket for a hamburger basket with all the trimmings, chips, cookie and bottled water will be provided to each registered participant. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 a ticket when registering on 4HOnline. A very limited number of additional lunch tickets may be purchased on-site (if purchasing, exact cash or check will be accepted).

District 5 3-D Archery Contestant Rules

Archery (individual entry)

Entry

- Enter as an individual youth or adult on 4-H Online.
- Youth may register to shoot up one age division, if desired.

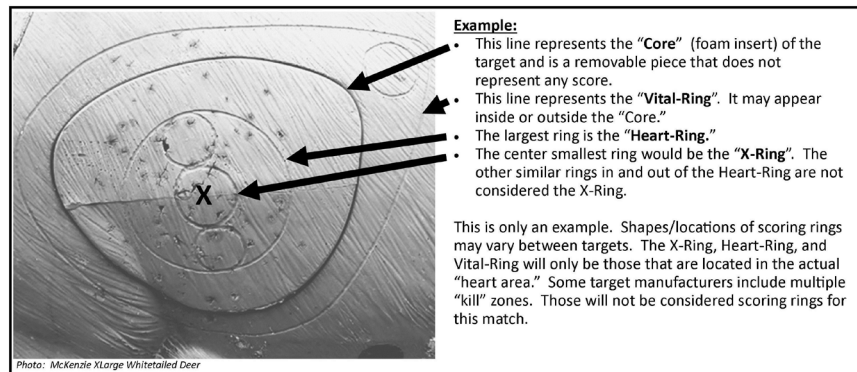
Equipment

- Each competitor must provide their own bow and arrows.
- Class Options:
 - Traditional/Recurve/Longbow
 - Compound Aided
 - NASP Genesis® Barebow
- 3-D targets of deer, wolf, turkey, rabbit, alligator, squirrel, dinosaur, boar, pigs and more will be provided.

Archery Rules

1. Texas 4-H Archery Rules will be followed except as noted in these contest rules. Texas 4-H Archery rules will be used to structure this event.
2. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Online by individual 4-H members within the Registration Period. There will be no on-site registration.
3. Participants will be randomly assigned to a group of 5 or less people of varying age divisions. Registered adult participants will shoot with the same group in which their child is assigned. All members of the assigned group will shoot together and score before moving onto the next target.
4. Targets will consist of up to thirty (30) 3-D targets of varied species and size.
5. Youth archers will take one recorded shot at each 3-D station. It will be a staggered start. Adult archers will take one recorded shot at each 3-D station.
6. Distances to each target will vary based on age division, however, they will be an “unknown” distance. Each target station will have four color-coded stakes (blue, red, white, and orange) to serve as shooting points for each age division (blue, red, and white for youth and orange for adults).
7. Use of Optics and Range finders
 - a. Range finders - The use of range finders is specifically prohibited in 4-H archery events. Including parents, spectators, and competitors
 - b. Binoculars or spotting scope - Binoculars or a spotting scope may be used to spot arrows, but no optical device containing a range finding device or reticle is permitted.

- c. Compound Aided- Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. No laser, range finding, or holographic sights permitted.
8. Scoring will be based a point system and on the diagram shown below:
- 12 points – designated “bullseye” x-ring
 - 10 points – Inside of Heart ring
 - 5 points – Inside of Lung ring
 - 1 point – If target is hit anywhere outside of the scoring rings
 - 0 points – If target is missed completely



- There will be one set of scorecards per target, with an adult group leader acting as scorekeeper. Scores and totals of each end should be verified by each shooter before arrows are touched or removed from the target.
 - All additions on the scorecard will be done by the scorers ONLY. This will be strictly enforced.
 - Any question of scoring should be resolved before any arrow is touched or removed from the target.
 - ALL SCORECARDS SHALL BE SCORED WITH THE END SCORE AND THE RUNNING SCORE BEFORE LEAVING THE TARGET AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH END.
9. Bow classes will include Traditional/Recurve/Longbow, Compound Aided, and NASP Genesis ® Barebow. Texas 4-H Archery Rules define and govern each division. A brief description is provided below:
- Traditional/Recurve/Longbow - no magnified sights, no wheels, or releases are permitted. It must be longbow or recurve design only.
 - Compound Aided - use of sights, releases, stabilizers are permitted. Design must include an axel and wheel (cam).
 - NASP Genesis ® Barebow—must be stock Genesis ® bow (bare). Arrows must be unmodified Genesis 30” arrows. Arrows should say Easton 1820 30” to match Texas 4-H rules.

Awards

- An award ceremony will take place after lunch in the main building.
- Individual awards for 1st – 3rd places in each equipment class and age category will be presented.
- High point prizes and banners will be presented in each age division to include adult participants.
- One overall high point youth will be presented a prize and banner.

