## **4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



## 2023 District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines

- The District 12 4-H Roundup Contest will be held in accordance with the state guidelines as outlined in the 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide located on the Texas 4-H website, except as stated in these District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines. Participants should become thoroughly familiar with both the State and District guidelines.
- 2. Judging will be held for Senior, Intermediate and Junior age divisions in each contest. The table below defines the age divisions:
- 3. Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate and register in the Intermediate Division. Seniors must have competed at the district level to be eligible for state qualifying contests.
  - a. Seniors:  $9^{th} 12^{th}$  grade
  - b. Intermediates: 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - c. Juniors:  $3^{rd} 5^{th}$  grade
- 4. All GROUP A & GROUP B contests will take place simultaneously. Based on entries, if it is possible to manipulate Group A & B contests to allow participating in both, we will oblige, but no guarantees. Contact your Agent if you have questions about Group A & Group B contests. Due to "Senior Qualifiers" the following applies to Senior Qualifying contests...
  - a. <u>To participate in 1 (one) contest</u>, a 4-H member may select a contest from either Group A or Group B.
  - b. <u>To participate in 2 (two) contests</u>, a 4-H member may select only 1 contest from Group A and only 1 contest from Group B. There may be judging delays for all 4-H events because of 4-H'ers entering contests from both groups, so expect that. Also, it is possible that a 4-H member may not be able to participate in the other contest if the conflicts negatively impact other contestants.
- 5. In judging and identification contests, if a county has three individuals in the same age division wishing to compete at the district level, they must compete as a team entry.
- 6. The District 4-H Roundup Committee reserves the right to conduct an alternative competition if less than nine 4-H'ers (on teams and/or individuals) are entered in Judging Contests. Examples of alternatives include but are not limited to use of video, slides, photos, tests, etc.
- 7. All contests will be open to parents, leaders and visitors to observe, but no one is to confer with contestants after their contest has started.
- 8. Any request for substitutions must be submitted to the district office before the date of the event. All substitutions must be approved by the District office, which will make final judgment on necessity of substitution.
- 9. Provisions for "Qualifying" versus "Invitational" contests will prioritize "qualifying" contests.