

DISTRICT 12 4-H

# 2024-2025 EVENT BRIEFING

A GUIDE ON  
DISTRICT 12  
CONTEST AND  
EVENTS FOR  
RECRUITMENT,  
PROMOTION,  
AND OVERVIEW.

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## Cover Letter

**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is for County Extension Offices to have program information at the beginning of the 4-H year for recruitment, marketing and expectations. The District 12 office also wants to make sure County Offices are prepared for the 2024-2025 year to host County qualifying events throughout the year. With changes to the Events and Contest Schedule for 2025, the document also supports the changes to share with families.

This packet will be one of many communication pieces that will be shared with County Extension Agents, County offices, and families. Agent assignments, flyers, and detailed release letters will still be released **one month** before the registration opens for each event. If you host a County qualifying event before the detailed letters are given out, please reach out to the District 12 Office for information.

Please note, changes can be made throughout the year from planning committees. The purpose of this document is to give County Extension Agents the opportunity to understand different events District 12 hosts and how to explain to “new” 4-H members/volunteers. If you have questions, please contact the District 12 Office.

**There will not be a late registration period for any contest. NO REFUNDS** will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. **If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.**

Sincerely,



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## 2025 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Modified 420 & 3-D

*Modified 420 is State Qualifying; 3-D is NOT State Qualifying*

**Archery Match Information** – Texas 4-H Archery Rules apply except as noted in the *District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Match: Guiding Principles and Contest Rules*. Please make every effort to read this letter and rules carefully. Below are some key details that may not be in the rules but are important to share with archers and coaches.

- 3 Age Divisions: Juniors – (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>); Intermediates – (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>); Seniors – (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)
- 5 Bow Divisions (Barebow, Recurve, Compound Aided, Compound Unaided, NASP Genesis<sup>®</sup> Barebow). A guide to Bow Divisions (“*Know Your Bow*”) has been developed to assist archers and coaches in selecting the correct Bow Division.
- Modified 420 & 3-D will be scheduled in a manner to allow archers to compete in both events. Schedules will be sent to participants after the registration period closes (after November 21<sup>st</sup>).
- Archers should be able to score all arrows and know the scoring systems for both matches. Archers will score their own targets and calculate total scores.

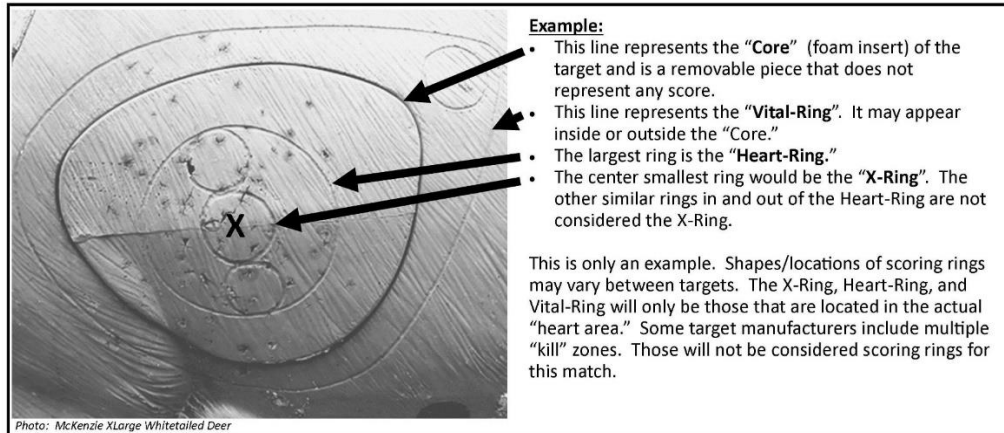
### **Contest Structure:**

- **Modified 420 Match**
  - Archers will shoot at 3 distances in the Modified 420 Match based on age division.
  - Archers will shoot a total of 42 arrows in the Modified 420 Match as follows:
    - Distance #1 & #2 (2 ends of 6) and Distance #3 (6 ends of 3)

***This course of fire may change prior to the event.***

- **3-D Match**
  - 20 targets at staggered “unknown” distances for each age division
 

***This course of fire may change prior to the event.***
  - The 4-H 3-D scoring system will be used which is the same system used at the State 4-H Archery Match. Scoring using the markings on the animals will be as follows:
    - Heart-Ring or 10-Ring = **10 points**
    - Vital-Ring or Outer Ring = **5 points**
    - Any hits outside the vital ring will be scored as an “**H**” (Hit)
    - A miss, pass through, or glanced-off will be scored as an “**M**” (Miss)
    - Any part of the target outside of the normal animal body is NOT considered part of the animal. This would include horns and target bases (logs, rocks, etc.). Hits to these areas are to be scored as an “**M**”.
    - Any arrow touching a scoring ring will be awarded the higher score
  - The small rings located inside a scoring ring will receive the same score as that scoring ring except for the “X-Ring”



It will be important for coaches working with archers to teach them this system in preparation for the match, and perhaps research online Rinehart, McKenzie, and Delta target manufacturers to familiarize themselves with the types of targets. Many of the targets they will see at this match were purchased from Lancaster Archery which sells all three brands listed above.

**Event Registration** - Registration for this event will be open to all counties in District 12. Counties are not limited in the number of 4-H members that register from their County. Registration will take place on 4-H Online and must be done by individual 4-H members. Coaches will not be able to register members. **Registration will be open from October 30 through November 20, 2024**, at \$30 per event (Modified 420 & 3-D) or \$50 for both.

**Schedule** – This is a 1-day event that has been modified to ensure adequate safety measures for all participants, attendees, and organizers. Both matches will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Archers will be divided into two groups (AM & PM) based on the number of entries. This schedule will be released closer to the event.

**Resources:**

- [4-H Archery Program | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- [shooting\\_sports\\_rules\\_archery.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- [Shooting Sports - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## 2025 District 12 4-H Round-Up Horse Judging

### *State Qualifying Contest*

The 2025 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition's (SALE) Horse Judging Contest. The event will be held on **Wednesday February 12, 2025**, in San Antonio on the show grounds. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outline in the Texas 4-H Round-Up Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest. It is important to remember that the SALE Horse Judging Contest Rules will also apply. In addition to the recognition provided directly to contestants as a part of the SALE event, those registered through District 12 4-H Horse Judging on [4-HOnline](#) will also be recognized separately.

#### **Contest Structure:**

- Contestants will judge six classes of four horses each.
- Two halter classes and four performance classes. Performance classes to be selected from Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Trail, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Riding, and Stock Horse Pleasure. Contestants are allowed 15 minutes to place each class.
- There will be three questions classes for Seniors, one halter and two performance, each worth 25 points. There will be two questions classes for Juniors, one halter and one performance, each worth 25 points.
- Questions classes will consist of five questions each. The contestants will be notified of the reasons/questions class before placing that class. Contestants will be allowed to utilize their notes when answering questions in questions classes.

#### **Registration:**

There will be dual registration for participants in this contest to be included as part of the District competition. Contestants will have to pay separate fees. **Entry requires completion of both listed below.**

- 1) **District 12 Entry via [4-HOnline](#)** – Each participant must be registered on [4-HOnline](#). The registration period will be open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. Registration fees are to cover the cost of awards and recognition for District 12 contestants only. There will be a \$12 registration fee, per person, to cover District awards.
- 2) **SALE Entry** – Counties must complete entries required by San Antonio Livestock Exposition and submit along with other livestock show entries by the standard December 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines. Participants should consult with local county offices for local entry deadlines. Counties must follow SALE entry requirements to be considered “entered” in the contest. The standard SALE registration fee will also apply (\$40/team). **SALE requires a social security number at sign-in.** Keep in mind that SALE registration does not require names, only the number of teams entered. However, names must be reflected in [4-H Online](#) registration.

#### **Important Contest Details:**

- There will not be any reasons classes for any age division.



- **SALE offers only Senior and Junior divisions.** As a result, Intermediates must register as a Junior for the purposes of their contest. However, team designation forms will allow us to determine which “Junior” teams are Intermediates and which are Juniors for the District 12 Contest.
- District team designation only: Senior teams can only include Senior 4-H members. We cannot allow Juniors or Intermediates to be included on Senior Team Designation Forms due to State and National team rules.
- The contest will be held in the Freeman Coliseum on the SALE show grounds.

Resources:

[2024-2025 4-H Horse Judging \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Horse - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Compete \(sarodeo.com\)](#)



## 2025 District 12 4-H Meat Judging

### *State Qualifying Contest*

The 2025 District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition's (SALE) Meat Judging Contest. The event will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2025** in San Antonio on the show grounds. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest. It is important to remember that the SALE Meat Judging Contest Rules will also apply. In addition to the recognition provided directly to contestants as part of the SALE event, those registered through the District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest on *4-H Online* will also be recognized separately.

#### **Contest Structure:**

- The following classes will be judged: Thirty retail cut identifications, including cookery method, six placing classes and two sets of questions.
- Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes for judging each class. Contestants will be notified one minute before the time is up. When final time is called, the contestants will hand their score cards to the group leader immediately. Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the Coordinator.

#### **Registration:**

There will be a dual registration for participants in this contest to be included as part of the District competition. Contestants will have to pay two separate fees. **Entry requires completion of both listed below.**

- 1) District 12 Entry via *4-H Online* – Each participant must be registered on *4-H Online*. The registration period will be open from November 1, 2024 through December 1, 2024. Registration fees are to cover the cost of awards and recognition for District 12 contestants only. There will be a \$12 registration fee, per person, to cover District awards.
- 2) SALE Entry – Counties must complete entries required by San Antonio Livestock Exposition and submit along with other livestock show entries by the standard December 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines. Participants should consult with local county offices for local entry deadlines. Counties must follow SALE entry requirements to be considered “entered” in the contest. The standard SALE registration fee will also apply (\$40/team). **SALE requires a social security number at sign-in.** Keep in mind that SALE registration does not require names, only the number of teams entered. However, names must be reflected in *4-H Online* registration.

#### **Important Contest Details:**

- There will not be any reasons classes for any age division.
- SALE offers only Senior and Junior divisions. As a result, Intermediates must register as a Junior for the purposes of their contest. However, team designation forms will allow us to determine which “Junior” teams are Intermediates and which are Juniors for the District 12 Contest.
- District team designation only: Senior teams can only include Senior 4-H members. We cannot allow Juniors or Intermediates to be included on Senior Team Designation Forms due to State and National team rules.

- The contest will be held on an offsite location secured by SALE.
- You will need to bring a frock, hard hat, and hair net for the contest!

**Resources:**

[Compete \(sarodeo.com\)](http://sarodeo.com)

[Meat Science - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](http://tamu.edu)

[Texas 4-H Meat Judging Rules & Guidelines | 4-H Meat Judging \(agrilife.org\)](http://agrilife.org)



## 2025 District 12 4-H Digital Fashion Storyboard

*Not a State Qualifying Contest*

District 12 will be hosting the 4-H Digital Fashion Storyboard Contest for 4-H'ers in District 12. The purpose of the Storyboard contest is to give 4-H members an opportunity to create a digital storyboard showcasing their original design. It also provides the members an opportunity to gain knowledge of the career responsibilities of a designer and illustrator, enhance creativity and originality, and develop visual communication skills. The contest will be open to all three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).

The design brief is **GREENER FUTURE**

### **Contest Structure:**

- Contestants will put together a “storyboard” in Wearable, Accessory, Jewelry, Pet Clothing, Home Décor, or Home Furnishings.
- The “storyboard” must include the title for the year (based on Design Brief), one flat, one illustration, inspirational pieces, fabric samples, trims/embellishments, and image credit.
  - Title/Labels: The title is the Design Brief for the year. You can add labels for a personal touch to your Storyboard. A subtitle can be used for a more personalized name of the design. *Note labels and subtitles are not required.*
  - Trim and Embellishments: Anything including top stitching, piping, buttons, etc.
  - Fabric Swatch cannot need be found, a basic swatch must be used for illustrating fabric type.
  - Flats: A flat sketch is a two-dimensional technical drawing which illustrates a garment with basic solid lines and includes all construction details such as seams, darts, etc. It often can be referred to as a “blueprint” of your design.

The title for each storyboard will be determined by the designer. All entries must be saved as a PDF, JPEG, JPG, or PNG. The contest will be done online including submission of storyboards and judging.

**Attention Juniors & Intermediates:** There will be different submission and judging requirements for Juniors and Intermediates this year. Seniors remain unaffected by these changes and will follow state guidelines.

- **Submissions:** Entries submitted may be **either** a **digital design** **or** a **photo** of an actual poster creation. In other words, they may create their design on poster board, take a photo of the design, and submit the photo as their entry. It is going to require a photo with good quality, lighting and focus to make sure it can be judged equitably. All other requirements remain unchanged.

### **# of Entries per County**

Each county is allowed one (1) Digital Fashion Storyboard entry per category in each of the three age divisions for a total of 18 eligible storyboards. Counties should plan on hosting a county storyboard contest to determine which entries will qualify for the District contest. Counties with

multiple entries in the same category could result in disqualification of those entries for that category and age division.

Age Division	# of Entries
Junior	6 (1 per category)
Intermediate	6 (1 per category)
Senior	6 (1 per category)
<b>Total Per County</b>	<b>18 Entries Max</b>

**Registration, Fees and Deadline**

Each 4-H'er will register and pay through **4-H Online** for the Digital Fashion Storyboard which will require uploading (PDF, JPEG, JPG, or PNG) their digital storyboard. The registration fee will be \$10.00 per contestant. Online registration will be open December 19, 2024 and will end January 8, 2025. Judging will begin Jan 10, 2025.

**Resources:**

- [4-H Fashion Show | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWDvvpbMWTMDD9A8Yu6Y_xWODff8Axparo)
- [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWDvvpbMWTMDD9A8Yu6Y\\_xWODff8Axparo](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWDvvpbMWTMDD9A8Yu6Y_xWODff8Axparo)
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/>
- [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/fashion\\_storyboard\\_guidelines\\_2025.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/fashion_storyboard_guidelines_2025.pdf)

## 2025 District 12 4-H Postal League

*Not a State Qualifying Event*

The District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League continues to be a large and successful event. The term “Postal” simply refers to this event taking place locally within your area using the US Postal Service to submit scores. Smallbore Rifle, Archery, and Pistol targets along with Shotgun scoresheets will be mailed from the District 12 office after the entry deadline. Participants in Shotgun events will provide their own clays. All record Rifle, Archery, and Pistol targets and shotgun score sheets must be ***mailed*** back to the District office, AND archery, pistol and shotgun scores must be submitted online as directed below, within the specified timeline.

### **Fee Structure:**

The following is the registration fee structure:

- Base fee: \$5.00 **plus**
- Event fee: \$10 per event

### **Contest Structure:**

#### **SMALLBORE RIFLE (1 event)**

- District 12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules and Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-Position Rules
- 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12 Bull Target (provided)
- 3-P for Seniors/Intermediate, 1-P for Juniors
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Team & Individual Awards

#### **PISTOL (1 event)**

- District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules & NRA International Pistol Rules
- 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) with NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

#### **SHOTGUN (2 events)**

- District 12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules and Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules
- 2 Events: Trap & Skeet (*no combined HOA*)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- Individual Awards

#### **ARCHERY (1 event)**

- District 12 4-H Guiding Principles & Rules and Texas 4-H Archery Rules
- 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
- Barebow/Recurve/NASP Genesis use 60cm 5-color targets (provided)
- Compound/NASP use 40cm 5-color targets (provided)
- Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Year Junior Divisions
- Barebow, Recurve, Genesis, Compound Aided & Unaided
- Individual Awards

Registration for these events will be administered through ***4-H Online***. Select the “*District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League*” event. The **registration period** will begin on January 20, 2025, and conclude on February 17, 2025.

Participants of these 4-H events should coordinate with their respective coach or county office to register. The **shooting period** will be between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> **that is coordinated with your coach and county office!** After the shooting period, a link will be provided to post the scores

for shotgun, pistol and archery matches. The targets will also need to be mailed in after the shooting period. A deadline for mailing targets in will be announced within the Release Letter.

**PLEASE NOTE, COACHES CANNOT DROP OFF THEIR TARGETS/SCORECARDS AT THE DISTRICT 12 OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN THEM TO YOUR COUNTY OFFICE.**

**Resources:**

[Shooting Sports - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[4-H Postal League Program | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## 2025 District 12 Photography Contest

*Not a State Qualifying Contest*

District 12 will be hosting its annual 4-H Photography Contest for 4-H'ers in District 12. The contest will be open to all three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). The contest will be done online including submission of photos and judging. All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2024, and the time of entry.

The Photography categories and theme will be release at a later date.

### **# of Entries per County**

Each county is allowed 1 photo entry per category in each of the three age divisions for a total of 48 eligible photos. Counties should plan on hosting a county photography contest to determine which entries will qualify for the District contest. **Entering multiple photos in the same category could result in disqualifying entries for that category and age division.**

Age Division	# of Entries
<b>Junior</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	16 (1 per category)
<b>Intermediate</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	16 (1 per category)
<b>Senior</b> (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	16 (1 per category)
<b>Total Per County</b>	<b>45 Entries Max</b>

**Please take note of any changes before hosting your county contests.**

### **Registration, Fees and Deadline**

Each 4-H'er entering photos for the District 4-H Photography Contest must register online through [4-H Online](#). The registration fee will be \$8.00 per photo entry. Online registration will open February 3, 2025 and will end March 7, 2025.

***This contest is INDEPENDENT of the Texas 4-H Photography Contest. Deadlines, submission, and entries are different. Please make note of this when hosting a county contest.***

### **Awards**

The award structure will be as follows for all eligible photos:

- **Participation** - All receive a Certificate
- **Quality Award** - All receive a Blue, Red, or White quality award ribbon
- **Best of Class** - One class winner per category and age division receive a rosette
- **Best of Show** – One winner per age division. Special award will be given.
- **Grand Champion** – One special award among the Best of Show winners.

### **Resources:**

[4-H Photo Contest | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Photography - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## 2025 District 12 Shooting Sports Trap, Skeet and Whizbang

*Whizbang is State Qualifying through TPWD*

This is a single-match event open to 4-H members statewide to be held March 22, 2025, at Mission Skeet & Trap Club, 1306 S. Conway Ave., in Mission, Texas.

### **Contest Structure:**

- Shooters will have the option to participate in Trap, Skeet, and Whizbang and will rotate between the three stations throughout the day.
- **Trap** is where shooters stand at five different stations arranged in a semicircle behind the trap house, where the target is launched. The shooters will take turns at each station shooting.
- **Skeet** is where shooters move between eight different stations arranged in a semicircle between a high and low house. Two targets will launch at each station and the shooter must be prepared to shoot both.
- **Whizbang** is hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife. The whizbang contest is a simulation of hunting scenarios mimicking the flight patterns of birds or small game. The sporting clays will be launched from various angles, speeds, and distances.

Awards will be provided for each age division to include Senior 2, Senior 1, Intermediate, and Junior. There will not be Ladies awards for HOA as has been done in the past. The courses of fire will include three events: Trap, Skeet and a Whiz-Bang qualifying match for a total of 150 targets combined.

Registration for this event will take place on [4-H Online](#) by selecting the “2025 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz Bang Shoot (March 22 – Mission)” event as well as completing the iClays online squadding registration. The registration period will be February 10 – March 10, 2025. The registration fee will be \$180 per contestant (150 targets). Only enrolled 4-H members (statewide) can complete online registration. We will only be accepting **100 entries** for this event.

**Schedule**– This event will consist of three different events. The schedule will be released after the event. There will be printed versions onsite, and an electronic version will be found on iClay’s website.

### **Resources:**

- [Shooting Sports - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- [Microsoft Word - TPWD W-B Rules \(1\) \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- [Shotgun Rules\\_2014.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [4-H Shotgun Program | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)



## 2025 District 12 Food Show

*State Qualifying Event*

The District 12 4-H Food Show will be held on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**, at the Dimmit County Extension Office, 539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The theme for this year's Food Show will be continuing to be **"Cooking Through the Decades."**

The specific details about the District 12 4-H Food Show will be enclosed in a Food Show Packet. The packet will include rules, examples, agent assignments, example scorecards, and guidelines. Please keep in mind, any state resources that have been released were developed for Senior 4-H members attending State. The District guidelines will differ slightly due to facilities and resources. Seniors will **not** be making their dishes on site.

### **Contest Structure:**

- Overall, Food Show is a dish that is prepared in appetizer, side dish, main dish, or healthy dessert and presented to a judge based on the nutritional content, serving size, healthy substitute ingredients and skills learned.
- Juniors will bring their dish prepared to the contest and put their plate behind their name tag. The contestants will be called one by one to present their dish to the their judge.
- Intermediates will bring their prepared to the contest and put their plate behind their name tag. Contestants will be called one by one to present their dish to the judge. After their presentation, individuals will go into a separate room to take knowledge quiz with 10 questions.
- Seniors will bring their dish prepared to the contest and put their plate behind their name tag. The contestants will be called one by one to present their dish with a 5 minute presentation, 3 minute Q&A, 1 minute to serve, 2 minutes to showcase a skill, and a knowledge quiz of 10 questions after.

**If you are still hosting your County Qualifying event in the fall, please contact Grace Marshall for the Food Show Packet and Release Letter.**

A schedule will be released before the event date.

**REGISTRATION, FEES & DEADLINE:** Each 4-Her participating in the District 12 4-H Food Show must register online through **4-H Online**. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 per contestant. Registration will open February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through the deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Resources:**

[4-H Food Show | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/food-show/)  
[food\\_show\\_show\\_guidelines\\_24\\_25.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/food-show/food_show_show_guidelines_24_25.pdf)  
[Food & Nutrition - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/food-nutrition/)

## 2025 District 12 Food Challenge

*State Qualifying Event*

The District 12 4-H Food Challenge will be held on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**, in Carrizo Springs, Texas at the Dimmit County Extension Office, 539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834.

The specific details about the District 12 4-H Food Challenge will be enclosed in a Food Challenge Packet. The packet will include rules, examples, agent assignments, example scorecards, and guidelines. Please keep in mind, any state resources that have been released were developed for Senior 4-H members attending State. The District guidelines will differ slightly due to facilities and resources.

### **Contest Structure:**

- Contestants will go through a box check point before entering the preparation area.
- In the preparation area, teams of 3 to 4 youth will receive a mystery ingredient and a category (appetizer, side dish, main dish, and healthy dessert) and have 40 minutes to prepare it. Each team will create an entire dish/recipe (not a full meal) using the provided key ingredient and grocery store items. Teams must select and use at least two items and will be provided with the maximum number of items they can select during orientation. Dishes/recipes created should include two or more servings. Teams should present the entire dish/ recipe to the judges and communicate during their presentation what an individual serving size should be. Teams will be responsible for determining the number of servings their dish provides. Teams should not create side or multiple dishes with their ingredients/grocery store items.
  - For supply box changes, please refer to the District 12 4-H Food Challenge Packet or the Texas 4-H Food Challenge Packet. Each team will be required to sign a box certification prior to the event.
- For presentation, the team will give a 5 minute presentation on their dish showcasing how the dish was prepared, nutritional facts, safety concerns, and serving size. Judges will have three minutes to ask questions.

**If you are still hosting your County Qualifying event in the fall, please contact Grace Marshall for the Food Challenge Packet and Release Letter.**

**Schedule:** The schedule and heats will be released after the registration period closes. The schedule is created by resources such as electricity, space, and resources. The County Offices will be given the heats before the contest.

### **Team Information:**

- There will be **3** age divisions this year.
  - Seniors (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders only)
  - Intermediates (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders\*) – \* *Juniors may be on an Intermediate team.*
  - Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Senior teams must consist of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders **only** and must compete at District to be eligible to advance to the State competition.
- Teams consist of at least (3) three but no more than (4) four team members.

- Counties may enter a maximum of 2 Junior teams, 2 Intermediate teams and 2 Senior teams.
- A mixed team of Junior and Intermediate team members can compete but must do so in the Intermediate division.

**REGISTRATION, FEES & DEADLINE:** Each 4-Her participating in the District 12 4-H Food Show must register online through **4-H Online**. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 per contestant. Registration will open February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through the deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Resources:**

[food\\_show\\_challenge\\_guidelines\\_24\\_25.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Food & Nutrition - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[4-H Food Challenge | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## 2025 District 12 Consumer Decision Making

### State Qualifying Event

The District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making will be held on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**, in Carrizo Springs, Texas at the Dimmit County Extension Office, 539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Contestants check in and team entries will be announced after registration has closed.

If you are competing in a Food Show or Food Challenge, please note that you will be able to compete in all the contests. More information will be provided upon check-in. Registration information and details about the contest are provided below.

#### **Contest Structure:**

The contest will consist of 6 to 8 placing classes according to the 2025 Consumer Decision Making Study Guide (last year's), one set/class of oral reasons for Intermediates, and two sets/classes of oral reasons for Senior contestants.

Counties can send unlimited teams to the District Contest, but top three individuals and teams will advance to State.

A schedule will be released closer to the event date.

#### **Teams:**

Age divisions will follow the Texas 4-H age categories based on their grade level as of August 31, 2024, as follows:

Seniors (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Intermediates (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) - \* *Juniors may be on an Intermediate team.*

Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Juniors may be on an Intermediate team; however, they must check-in and participate in the Intermediate Division. Senior contestants/teams must be exclusively Senior-age members. All Senior teams must compete at the district level to be eligible for a state qualifying spot.

#### **Contest and Registration Information:**

All 4-H members will register individually, online through **4-H Online**. Online registration will be open from February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The registration fee will be \$12.00 per contestant. Team designations will be made through your County Extension Agent before the contest. If there are questions, please reach out to the District 12 Office.

#### **Resources:**

[4-H Roundup | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/roundup/district-12-4-h-youth)

[consumer\\_decision\\_making\\_categories\\_2024-2027.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/roundup/consumer-decision-making-categories-2024-2027.pdf)

[Consumer Education - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/4-H/consumer-education-texas-4-h)

## 2025 District 12 Fashion Sensation – Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, and Natural Fiber

*State Qualifying Event*

The District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation event will consist of the Fashion Show and the three related contests and will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2025** at the Dimmit County Extension Office, 539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. This year’s Fashion Sensation will include the Fashion Show: Buying and Construction, Natural Fiber Contest, and Duds to Dazzle. All contests are to be treated as separate events.

Each county may enter a maximum of three junior and/or intermediate teams, and a maximum of three senior teams in the Duds to Dazzle contest.

For Fashion Show and Natural Fiber, Contestants will have to construct or buy their outfits between June 7, 2024 and District Entry Deadline March 19, 2025.

### **Contest Structure:**

- Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show and Natural Fiber will all be held in the same time frame.
- **Duds to Dazzle** will have at **least three and no more than four members**. Junior/Intermediate teams may include members in different divisions but if an intermediate age participant is on the team, then the team must enter as an intermediate. Senior teams may not include members of different age divisions.
  - There will be randomly assigned categories to each team, but they will not know until the contest begins.
    - Wearable is clothing that is suitable to be worn by people or pets. Ex. Shirt, coat, vest, dress, costume, leggings, swimsuit cover, etc.
    - Accessory/Jewelry is an article or set of articles that can be added to an outfit to make it more useful, versatile, or attractive. Ex: Apron, earrings, purse, headband, hat, belt, necklace, etc.
    - Nonwearable is an item that is not suitable to be worn. Ex: pillow, towel, jewelry, pouch, cellphone, or iPad case, stuffed animal, doll clothes, Christmas stockings, etc.
  - Each team must supply their own equipment for the competition. They will have 60-minutes to construct their product with at least 50% being the mystery piece and the remaining is a minimum of 2 supplies from the “closet.”
  - Contestants will have 5 minutes to present their items to judges, followed up by 2 minutes of questions.
- **Fashion Show** will consist of a construction or buying categories. Within each category, there are four breaks down categories. Contestants will have 5-minute presentation to the judges.
  - Construction: Everyday Living, Refashion, Semi-Formal to Formal, Theatre/Costume
  - Buying: Business/Interview, Fashion under \$25, Semi-Formal to Formal, Special Interest
- **Natural Fiber** will consist of two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Each contestant will have 5 minutes to present their outfit to the judges.

- Cotton must have 60% cotton in the material.
- Wool/Mohair/Alpaca must have a minimum 60% wool, mohair, or blended with 40% of other fiber.

**Registration, Fees & Deadlines:** Each 4-H'er planning to participate in any of the District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation events must register online via 4-H Online through a single listed event of "2025 District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation (Carrizo Springs)." Registration will be open February 24, 2025, through the deadline of March 19, 2025.

- **Fashion Show** - \$15 per contestant
- **Natural Fiber Contest** - \$15 per participant
- **Duds to Dazzle** - \$15 per participant

**Judging Order:** Once entries are received, a judging order for Fashion Show will be compiled to facilitate a smooth transition for 4-H'ers participating in the various contests (i.e. Fashion Show to Duds to Dazzle.) The District office will release the information on various platforms.

**Resources:**

[Fashion & Interior Design - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Fashion Show buying and construction guidelines \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[Fashion Show buying and construction guidelines \(tamu.edu\)](#)

[4-H Fashion Show | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)



## 2025 District 12 Round-Up Educational Presentation +

*State Qualifying Events*

The District 12 4-H Food Show will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2025**, at the Dimmit County Extension Office, 539 Industrial Boulevard, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. All events on April 4th will be held concurrently starting in the afternoon.

### **Selecting a contest:**

- This year, if participants register for contests, we will try and host the contest to qualify for Texas 4-H Round-up. We will need a sufficient amount of people registered for the event to be hosted. Educational Presentation +, Ag Product ID, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase will have priority of being hosted as these are our highest participating contest. District 12 4-H reserves the right to cancel a contest for insufficient participation per contest.
- If you have participants that want to compete in Quiz Bowl or Skill-a-thon, please reach out to Grace Marshall for qualifications for Texas 4-H Round-Up.
- **Please note, participants can only participate in one event per day at Texas 4-H Round-up.**

### **District 12 will be offering the following:**

- [Ag Product ID](#) \*
- [Livestock Skill-a-thon](#) \*
- [Horse Quiz Bowl](#)
- [Livestock Quiz Bowl](#)
- [Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl](#)
- [Leaders4Life Skill-a-thon](#)
- [Educational Presentation](#) *\*\*Please Educational Presentation guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.*
- [4-H Talent Showcase](#): *\*\*Please Talent Showcase guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.*
- [Public Speaking](#)

*\* indicates an Invitational Contest at District 12 4-H and at Texas 4-H Roundup*

Here are a few other details about specific contests:

- **4-H Talent Showcase (formerly Share-the-Fun): Contestants must provide their own music, instruments (including pianos/keyboards), stands, props, etc..** A multi-channel mixer/PA system will be available to contestants. Special needs must be communicated well in advance to discuss availability. You can find more information in Rules and Guidelines.
- **Educational Presentations: County Extension Agents must ensure contestants have appropriate audio / visual equipment (i.e., laptops, projectors), if needed for their presentations.**



**Contest and Registration Information:**

Registration for all Roundup events will be through *4-H Online* and will require individual registration, along with certification at the county and district levels. The registration fee will be **\$15.00 per person per contest**. Every effort will be made to accommodate conflicts between Group A & Group B events, but there is no guarantee that 4-H members will get to do both. Individual online registration will be open February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Judging Order:** Once entries are received, a judging order for Education Presentation + will be compiled for a smooth transition between the various contest. This will be released on various platforms.

## 2025 District 12 Livestock Judging

*State Qualifying Event*

The 2025 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the **Jim Wells County Fairgrounds - 3001 S Johnson St in Alice, Texas** on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

We will be using the Universal Form -A 705A12 Scantrons for this contest. This is a change from the e-scorecards that have been used the last couple of years. No cellphones or tablets will be allowed at the contest! It is suggested to practice filling in a scantron prior to the contest.

Registration for this event will be through 4-H Online from **March 12<sup>th</sup> through the registration deadline of April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration should be completed by individual 4-H members regardless of participating on a team or as an individual.

### **Contest Details**

The contest will be hosted in Alice at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds (see attached map) in the Livestock Barn. Check-in will begin at 7:45 A.M. - 9:15 A.M. with an orientation for parents and contestants at 9:30 A.M. The contest will begin immediately after orientation. **Team designations will be made on 4-H Online before the day of the event or by your County Extension Agent via Email.** This will allow a smoother check-in for all participants. *Limited changes can be made to a team the day of the event, please check with Grace Marshall if you need to make changes.*

Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate in the Intermediate Division. Seniors must compete in this contest to be eligible for a state qualifying position. Only Seniors can be on a Senior team.

### **Contest Structure:**

Please note that the structure of this contest may change without notice based on availability of quality livestock and species to ensure a high-quality contest and experience. Below are details related to classes that may be part of the contest:

- 8 to 10 classes including both market and breeding classes (Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog, Breeding Ewes, Breeding Gilts, Breeding Heifers, Breeding Bulls w/ EPDs). This may change without notice, but we will still make every effort to communicate classes closer to the event.
- Seniors – 2 sets of reasons (1-Breeding, 1-Market)
- Intermediates – 1 **reasons class** and 1 set of questions (5 to 10).
- Juniors – **no reasons** but will have 1 set of questions (5).

Class placings will be released after all have been provided and validated to the District 12 4-H Specialist.

### **Resources:**

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup\\_general\\_judging\\_contest\\_rules\\_2025.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_general_judging_contest_rules_2025.pdf)  
[roundup\\_livestock\\_judging\\_faq.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)  
[4-H Roundup | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## 2025 Shooting Sports 3-P and Silhouette Rifle Match

*3-P is State Qualifying Event and Silhouette is NOT State Qualifying*

The District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Smallbore Rifle 3-P and Silhouette Match will be held on April 26, 2025, at the Duval Shooting Complex in Benavides. This event serves as the Texas 4-H Roundup Rifle Match Qualifier for the 3-P match.

**Event Registration** - Registration for this event will be open to all counties in District 12, with no limit on how many 4-H members can register from their county. Registration will take place on 4-H Online and must be done by individual 4-H members. Registration will open March 17, 2025, and will close April 11, 2025. Participants can register for one event for \$30 or both events for \$50.

**3-P Match Information** – Standard Texas 4-H 3-P Indoor Rifle Rules (v2019) apply except as noted on the District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Match: Guiding Principles and Contest Rules. Below are some important details to note about the Rifle Match that may not be in the rules but are important to share with shooters and coaches.

- 3 Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Positions & Course of Fire
  - Junior – Prone (3 targets)
  - Intermediate – Prone (1 target), Standing (1 target), Kneeling (1 target)
  - Senior - Prone (2 targets), Standing (2 targets), Kneeling (2 targets)
- All rifles must always remain in a case with an OBI (open-bolt indicator) until instructed by range officer to uncase rifles. One rifle per case. The muzzle end of the case should be marked.
- Kneeling for Intermediates & Seniors cannot be substituted with sitting. While sitting is an alternative in training resources, shooters must compete using the kneeling position for this event.
- Intermediates and Seniors will shoot targets in the following order: Standing, Kneeling, then Prone

**Smallbore Silhouette Match Information** – The Texas 4-H Smallbore Silhouette Rifle Rules (v2019) apply except as noted on the District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Match: Guiding Principles and Contest Rules. Below are important details to note regarding the match and may not be in the rules but are important to share with shooters and coaches.

- 3 Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- 2 Sight Divisions (Metallic & Telescopic/Magnified). No laser sights are permitted.

All rifles must always remain in a case with an OBI (open-bolt indicator) until instructed by range officer to uncase rifles. One rifle per case. The muzzle end of the case should be marked.

### **Resources:**

[4-H Smallbore Rifle Program | District 12 4-H Youth \(tamu.edu\)](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_rules_rifle_smallbore_3position.pdf)

[Shooting Sports - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_rules_rifle_smallbore_3position.pdf)

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## 2025 District 12 Leadership Lab

District 12 4-H Leadership Lab is named “*ELEVATE*” this year and will be held June 11-13, 2025, *tentatively* at Texas A&M University in Kingsville. *ELEVATE* is open to all 4-H'ers who participate in 4-H clubs, EFNEP, curriculum enrichment and other 4-H activities. They must be enrolled on [4-H Online](#) to register. Participants will check-in at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and should plan to check-out on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

The District 12 4-H Leadership Lab is designed to empower youth through leadership development, team-building activities, and practical skills that they can apply in their 4-H clubs and communities. This camp aims to cultivate future leaders by providing hands-on experiences, fostering confidence, and encouraging collaboration among participants. District 12 4-H will offer the following for 7<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

The District 12 4-H **theme** will be the classic Disney theme with Goofy, Donald Duck, Minnie, Mickey, and Daisy!

### **Key Components:**

#### **1. Leadership Development Workshops:**

- Interactive sessions focused on leadership skills, including communication, decision-making, conflict resolution, and goal setting.
- Guest speakers and District 12 4-H Council will lead these sessions throughout the camp.

#### **2. Team-Building Activities:**

- Group challenges and outdoor activities that promote teamwork, problem-solving, and trust-building among participants.
- Group challenges will be introduced through various workshops such as obstacle courses, break-out sessions, and leadership puzzles.

#### **3. Service Projects:**

- Participants engage in community service activities to develop a sense of social responsibility and understand the impact of leadership in real-world scenarios.
- A community service project will be implemented throughout Leadership Lab to be donated around District 12.

#### **4. Peer Networking:**

- Opportunities for participants to connect with peers from different counties within District 12, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.
- Networking events, social gatherings, and group discussions are essential to this component.

#### **5. Practical Skills Training:**

- Workshops or sessions on practical skills that are beneficial for both personal development and 4-H club activities. This might include public speaking, event planning, or digital literacy.
- Group Discussions and individual presentations will be used to facilitate this process.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Enhanced leadership abilities among participants.

- Strengthened teamwork and communication skills.
- A greater sense of responsibility and commitment to community service.
- Increased confidence in leading and participating in 4-H activities.

The District 12 4-H Leadership Lab should be a transformative experience that equips youth with the skills, knowledge, and inspiration they need to become effective leaders in their communities. Through a combination of educational workshops, practical activities, and peer interaction, participants will leave the camp better prepared to take on leadership roles in 4-H and beyond.



## 2025 District 12 Election Convention

The District 12 4-H Election Convention is an annual event where 4-H members from across the district come together to elect their district officers. This convention is a crucial component of youth leadership development within the 4-H program, allowing participants to experience the democratic process firsthand.

During the convention, candidates for district offices present their platforms, engage in campaign activities, and participate in debates. 4-H members have the opportunity to vote for the candidates they believe will best represent their district at the state and national levels.

Candidacy filing opens **May 1, 2025**, through the deadline of **May 31, 2025**. Here is a list of important dates related to this event:

- May 15, 2025 - **Deadline** for Candidacy Filing to run for office
- May 17, 2025 – Candidate interviews via TEAMS – a link will be provided.
- May 31, 2025 - **Deadline** for Voter Registration to serve as a voting delegate
- May 31, 2025 - **Deadline** for Election Judge Applications
- May 31, 2025 – **Deadline** to register all attending including candidates, delegates, guests, age (via [4-H Online – Youth or Adult profiles](#)).

### Candidates:

- Candidates need to attend at least one District 12 4-H meeting or Leadership Lab. A meeting was held in November and April. Leadership Lab is June 11- 13, 2025.
- Candidates will be expected to apply and resume for 10% weight of the election.
- Candidates will be expected to participate in an interview via TEAMS or in person for 20% of the weight of the election.
- Candidates will be expected to attend the Election Convention and follow the schedule as stated below.

### Voter Registration:

- No voters will be allowed to register on-site of Election Convention
- **For 2024, Voters will be required to register and pay the fee of \$25.00 to cover a meal provided by TAMUK.**

**NEW!** Candidates, delegates, agents, and volunteers to **register on 4-H Online by May 31, 2025**. A head count is needed for catering the Election Convention. **If not registered by the deadline, a meal will not be provided for you.**

There are three different ways that a 4-H member can be involved in this year's Election Convention. They can be a Candidate, Voting/Alternate Delegate, or serve as an Election Judge.

### **Candidates:**

Each candidate must submit to the District Office their filing information as requested below by the **filing deadline of May 15, 2025**. All candidacy filing will be done online on 4-H Online. Every candidate must complete the Candidacy Filing Online Form which includes three sections:

- a) Candidate Information - relevant personal information
- b) Candidacy Information – office of candidacy, statement of candidacy, upload one-page resume (pdf), upload photo (jpg)
- c) Candidacy Verification & Certification – verify eligibility requirements, age, and 4-H Member ID# (from 4-H Online), and parent information.

The Statement of Candidacy is limited to 500 words and should explain in the candidate’s own words why they are running for office and why they feel they should be elected. A single-page resume must be uploaded as part of the filing process. It must be in PDF format before being uploaded. In addition, a photo must be uploaded in JPG format. It should be a head/shoulder shot such as a school photo. No candid photos or snapshots please. The photo should be a good quality image that is hi-res and printable.

Please keep in mind that the candidates:

- a) Must be eligible to run for office based on the Election Code and Standing Rules.
- b) May campaign at upcoming district events provided they submit a request via e-mail to the District Office and comply with the Election Code.
- c) Must set up a leadership exhibit at the Election Convention focusing on their current year’s leadership and community service. Only a standard sized "science board" (tri-fold) can be used to display all candidate information using only one side of the display. Candidates must dedicate panel space (3-panels) as follows:
  - i) 1 panel – Personal Information
  - ii) 1 panel – Leadership through 4-H
  - iii) 1 panel – Community Service through 4-H
  - iv) All information must be attached to the board. The exhibit should be placed on the designated table, no other form of display will be permitted, and nothing will be allowed on tables except the boards. No candies, gum or other “Gimme’s” will be permitted. Candidates may provide a printed handout, business card, or other form of printed materials with prior approval. The Election Convention Committee will monitor compliance. All candidates and county staff present will be responsible for removing their exhibit after the election. Candidates should dress for success at the Election Convention. Gentlemen should wear slacks, shirts, a tie, and dress shoes. Ladies should wear dress, skirt or slacks with an appropriate blouse/shirt and dress shoes. Denim, tennis shoes, dirty boots/shoes, or flip-flops are not appropriate. All dresses should be clean and neatly pressed.

**Voting Delegates & Alternate Delegates:**

Each county must submit online on 4-H Online the Voter Registration Application form for each delegate **by the deadline of Saturday, May 31, 2025**, to include two delegates and two alternates. We are **no longer** requiring a photo be uploaded of delegates. Delegates must meet membership and age requirements as stated in the Standing Rules (7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher of the current 4-H year). All delegates will receive a voter registration card which they must present at the Convention along with any form of ID. Again, there will be a payment for Voter Registration to include meal the day of.

**Election Judges:**

As part of the District 12 4-H Election Code, which governs the conduct of the election process, there is a stipulation that allows for the appointment of an Election Judge. The incumbent Council officers may appoint an election judge(s). Council Officers agreed to extend this role in a more formal setting than onsite appointments. To be considered for any of these roles during the Election Convention, 4-H members must complete and **submit the online application by May 31, 2025**. The appointed positions and duties are as follows:

- Ombudsman – Oversees the election process to include canvassing the votes.
- Observer – Oversees and monitors the ballot boxes, voting booths, and/or collection of ballots.
- Registrar – Confirms registered voters and distributes the ballots to each registered voter.

Judges must meet requirements stipulated in Section 2.0 and 3.0 of the District 12 4-H Council Election Code to be considered.

If a position is left empty, the voting delegates will choose from the candidates that did not receive a position to be voted in to the vacant office. This will follow after all votes have been cast and counted.

## 2025 District 12 Record Book Judging

The 2025 District 12 4-H Record Book Judging process will be taking place electronically. Besides the virtual judging process, all other relevant and significant aspects of the Texas 4-H Record Book awards remain unaffected.

**Judging Timeline** – Agents must judge ALL BOOKS from Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Agents will be assigned so make sure these dates are on your calendar.

### **Record Book Entries and Registration:**

Each county may enter one Record Book per category in each age division. There will be a fee of \$5.00 per Record Book entry. All entries must be completed by the deadline of June 26, 2025.

- **Registration Process!** All Record Book entries must be completed on 4-H Online through individual profiles. This process is the same as in previous years which includes uploading the book digitally.
- The Record Book must be uploaded directly to 4-H Online as a **single PDF file**. Counties can and should provide any assistance to families, so please plan and communicate this accordingly.
- 4-H Record Book Entry – Counties must ensure that any/all entries are their qualified entries before being approved on 4-H Online. The event is listed as “2025 D12 4-H Record Book Judging (July 2 Virtual)” and will open June 1, 2025 through June 26, 2025. All approvals must be confirmed at the county level by June 27, 2025.
- **IMPORTANT:** The Personal Information Page of the Record Book must be included and uploaded as part of the single PDF file with all appropriate information and signatures. Entry on 4-H Online will also require families to verify the same information while submitting their entries. Please be sure that these two important documents are completed correctly and included in the single PDF file upload in the correct order:
  - Check Sheet – **NEW** is OPTIONAL and is not required for District. Once approved on the County level via 4-H Online, it is checking the box that the Record Books have been judged and are eligible for District.
  - Personal Information Page – **NEW** only signatures of member and parent required
  - 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio
  - Texas 4-H Report Form (Section I – VII)

### **Judging Process**

The judging process will be completed virtually. The electronic files will be available to the teams of judges to review and evaluate using the same metrics identified in the Record Book Score Sheet. Each team of judges will only have access to the Record Books they are assigned. Once judging is completed, access to these books will be disabled.

- **Judges** – All agents listed on the Planning or Support committee will be placed in judging teams based on experience and subject matter knowledge. There will be teams of 3 judges per group of books. Books will be grouped by category and number of entries. There will be a “Team Leader” assigned to each judging group to ensure the books are evaluated

completely and assigned the corresponding award. This year, we will not extend the judging process to volunteers.

- Judging Timeline – Judges will be assigned Record Books by Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be expected to complete judging by Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.
- Awards – All awards will be processed and mailed to county offices for distribution locally. Results will be posted online once judging is completed, and each Team Leader verifies the awards and placings.