

MEMORANDUM

To: District 12 County Extension Agents

Subject: 2025 District 12 4-H Roundup Educational Presentations+

The District 12 4-H Roundup event will consist of the Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Talent Showcase, and other similar events and will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. This letter, the attached District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines, and registration information are presented for your use in preparing for the district contests. Check the dates of your county contests to make sure that you can meet the district deadlines provided in this correspondence. All events on April 4th will be held concurrently starting in the afternoon.

Contest and Registration Information:

Registration for all Roundup events will be through <u>4-H Online</u> 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 24th, 2025 through March 19th, 2025. Check-in on the day of Roundup will begin at 12:00 pm., participant/judge's orientation will follow at 12:30 p.m. and the contests will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Here are a few other details about specific contests:

- 4-H Talent Showcase: 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.
- <u>Educational Presentations</u>: County Extension Agents must ensure contestants have appropriate audio / visual equipment (i.e., laptops, projectors), if needed for their presentations. You can find more information in the rules and guidelines.

There will NOT be a late registration period for this event. NO REFUNDS will be given to any 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 pending balance on 4-H Online, you will NOT be able to participate in any District 4-H or State 4-H event until the balance is paid in full.

Age Eligibility:

Age divisions for all contests will follow the Texas 4-H age categories of Senior, Intermediate and Junior based on grade level. Any 4-H'er who meets the minimum 4-H grade requirements by the registration deadline may participate in this district contest.

Rules and Guidelines:

All contestants, leaders, parents, and agents should familiarize themselves with the 2025 District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines and the 2025 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the contestants/parents to know the rules, time limits, etc. for the contests in which they plan on competing.

NEW! There are new changes to the Talent Showcase Guide. Please review them before selecting a category.

CEA Responsibilities:

All assigned agents are expected to attend and assist during District 12 4-H Roundup so please make plans to be there. A County Extension Agent will serve as the superintendent of each judging committee, which will be made up of volunteers and other agents. Superintendent and judging assignments will be made immediately after the entry deadline.

Each judging committee may be assigned one or more contests based on the number of entries. It is the superintendent's responsibility (prior to the contest date) to gather and prepare any resources necessary to conduct the contest and ensure that the contest is conducted in accordance with the rules and guidelines.

Volunteer Support:

The 4-H Coordinator must submit the names and contact information of two (2) leaders willing and qualified to serve as judges at the event on April 4th. The information should be submitted to the District 12 4-H Specialist by the deadline of Monday, March 20th. With the help of volunteers, we will be able to help balance out job responsibilities on the day of.

Awards:

All contest awards will be presented during the general assembly awards program. One award will be presented for each age division in which there are at least two presentations (in two different categories) in the respective age divisions. We are no longer doing Sweepstakes.

Selecting a contest:

- We will be going back to selecting group A & group B method for the 2025 Educational Presentation
 contest. 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 make
 no guarantees. Contestants should work with their County Extension Agent if they have questions
 about Group A & Group B contests.
- Due to "Senior Qualifiers" the following applies to Senior Qualifying contests:
 - To participate in 1 (one) contest, a 4-H member may select a contest from either Group A or Group B.
 - To participate in 2 (two) contests, 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.
- Please note, participants can only participate in one event per day at Texas 4-H Round-up. District 12 4-H also reserves the right to cancel a contest if insufficient participation per contest.
- District 12 will be offering the following in Group A Contest:

- Ag Product ID *
- Livestock Skill-a-thon *
- Horse Quiz Bowl**
- Livestock Quiz Bowl**
- o Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl
- Leaders4Life Skill-a-thon
- o Range & Pasture Grass ID
- District 12 will be offering the following Group B Contest:
 - 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
 - Vet Science Skill-a-thon

Thank you,

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Texas 4-H

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^{*} indicates an Invitational Contest at District 12 4-H and at Texas 4-H Roundup

^{**} indicates Quiz Bowls may not offered if there are not sufficient team entries to establish a quality contest.