

# 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup

## At-a-Glance

- Event Date: June 1-4, 2026
- The 2025-2026 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide is now the [Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook](#). It combines the Roundup Guide and Registration Packet information. We will not have a formal Registration Packet released in the Spring.
- Registration cost for the 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup will remain the same as it was in 2025.
- 4-H members, families, coaches, and County agents know the cost of registration prior to competing and qualifying to attend the event so they can plan accordingly.
- We are working on hotel room blocks as well and they should be in the range of \$99-\$159 based on current bids submitted. This information will be released by December.
- **IMPORTANT** Participants must be active Senior level 4-H members in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program by **March 1, 2026 or have competed in another District level contest**.
  - Senior 4-H members are in 9th – 12th grades as of the August 31, 2025 school year. To be eligible to participate in a Qualifying contests, 4-H members must qualify at the District competition. **\*NOTE\*** Some National Contests include age restrictions for their competitions, which state that one must be 14 as of January 1 of the current year and not have turned 19. Even if you meet the Texas 4-H Program requirements of grade to compete at Texas 4-H Roundup, but you do not meet the age requirements of the National contest, this will prevent you from advancement and could impact your team's opportunity to compete. These are the rules of the national contest and we are not able to make an exception.
- All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect toward fellow contestants, contest officials, and volunteers. Contestants shall treat fellow participants, officials, and volunteers with dignity and respect. Disruptive, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior, including inappropriate language or gestures, will not be tolerated. At the discretion of contest officials and the Texas 4-H Program management, any demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings and/or individual or team disqualification from the contest.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

- April 13 - May 5, 2026: Roundup Registration through 4HOnline. Late registrations will incur additional charges.
- Chaperones/Volunteers: We recommend enrollment as soon as possible, by no later than April 16, 2026, which **may still not** guarantee approval by the registration deadline.

### NOTABLE CONTEST CHANGES/UPDATES

See Roundup website for more details <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

**It is the responsibility of the 4-H members/teams to be familiar with contest rules.** Be sure to read ALL Contest rules and guidelines because even some may have minor changes this year, not noted below.

## FASHION SHOW

- Category changes for 2025-2026. **4-H members may compete in ONLY ONE Fashion Show category.** The Natural Fiber Contest has been renamed Promote Texas Fibers and is now considered a fashion show category.

### 2025-2026 Texas 4-H Fashion Show General Rules and Guidelines



The Texas 4-H Fashion Show is getting a fresh update this year! While we will continue to feature the traditional four Buying categories and four Construction categories, we're excited to introduce two new additions: Promote Texas Fibers and Upcycle Your Style.



- REMINDER : First Place winners can compete for one of six spots to represent Texas at the 4-H FCS National Championship in San Antonio. Texas can send 2 for construction, 2 for buying and 2 for Upcycle Your Style (new category at National Fashion Revue). First place winner will create a video interview based on the National Fashion Revue rules and guidelines. Texas Fiber participants would be eligible for buying or construction depending on their entry type for National consideration.
- Reminder** – Once a 4-H member has competed in the 4-H FCS National Championship Fashion Revue, they are no longer eligible to compete in that same category again. For example, if a participant competes in the construction category, they cannot compete in any construction categories at Texas 4-H Roundup but may compete in the buying, but would not be eligible to compete at the 4-H FCS National Championship.

## DUDS TO DAZZLE SOLO SHOWCASE

- Reminder a maximum of 28 individuals will be able to compete in the Duds to Dazzle solo contest at Texas 4-H Roundup.

## FOOD CHALLENGE

- Supply Boxes:
  - ▷ Additions to Supply Box Pantry: 3 dried herbs and/or spices (up to 3 oz each – team choice)
- Resource Materials:
  - ▷ Addition to Resource Materials: Function of Ingredient Fact Sheet

## FOOD SHOW

- 2026 State Contest Theme: *Food Truck Favorites*
- FOOD SHOW PREPARATION JUDGING: Contestants should bring all ingredients in their original purchased or picked form (boxed, canned, on stalks, with stems, etc.)
- FOOD SHOW DISH PRESENTATION/INTERVIEW: Dishes prepared should utilize only ONE recipe and not multiple to create versions or options of the recipe. (Example: an appetizer recipe should only feature one version and not multiple)
- Contestants are REQUIRED to use the State 4-H Food Show paperwork forms. No photos or copies of recipes will be accepted.
- PART TWO: FOOD SHOW PREPARATION JUDGING:
  - Contestants should bring all ingredients in their original purchased or picked form (boxed, canned, on stalks, with stems, etc.)
  - No copyrighted recipes should be used
- Dishes prepared should utilize only ONE recipe and not multiple to create versions or options of the recipe. (Example: an appetizer recipe should only feature one version and not multiple).

## POULTRY JUDGING

- Reminder added in 2025 - One set of reasons for the contest on a hen class

## EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- All contestants must submit their presentations to the appropriate category Superintendent by Wednesday, May 27th. Details on how to submit presentations will be provided after registration closes in May. Contestants are also required to bring a backup copy of their presentation on a thumb drive the day of the contest. However, sending it to the Superintendent by May 27th is mandatory so presentations can be pre-loaded in advance.
- Contestant order will be announced before the contest and shared through a live Google Sheet.
- Contest orientation will take place electronically ahead of the event. On contest day, contestants must arrive at least 30 minutes (2 presentations) prior to their scheduled presentation time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the presentation slot.

## INVITATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- 6 placing classes (beef, swine, sheep/goat) that can be breeding or market animals
- Keep/cull will no longer be included in the Invitational contest.
- There will no longer be a quiz consisting of questions over production & quality counts.
- Yes, 2 sets of 10 questions each on the incorporation of Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs, cattle and swine) and Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs, sheep) to answer scenario-driven questions. American Angus Association EPDs will be used for cattle, National Swine Registry Swine Testing and Genetic Evaluation System (STAGES) for swine, and National Sheep Improvement Program for sheep.