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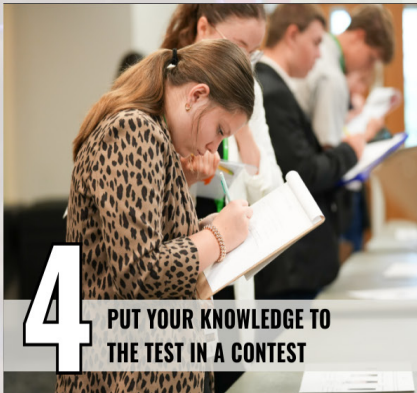


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**CELEBRATE TEXAS 4-H
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<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/texas4h/>

Timely Updates

<https://sites.google.com/view/texas4hroundup>

Texas 4-H Social Media

Follow @Texas4h on Facebook, X, and Instagram

Texas 4-H YouTube (Live cast of assemblies)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/tx4h>



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WHAT IS TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP?

The Texas 4-H Roundup represents the culmination of a year's worth of hard work and dedication by 4-H members. Its purpose is to complement the county 4-H program and offer educational experiences in various fields, including Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM. Texas 4-H is dedicated to its mission of preparing youth for the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of educational activities that enhance life skills and foster social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

Annually, competitions are held at the county, district, and state levels to assess the skills and knowledge acquired by 4-H members. With the exception of the years 2012 and 2020, the Texas 4-H Roundup has been held in College Station, Texas, since its inception in 1946. This event now attracts over 3,000 youth and adults and features approximately 50 competitive events. Some of these contests require individuals or teams to qualify at the county and district levels before advancing to the state level. Additionally, the Texas 4-H Roundup offers invitational contests that Senior-level (9th-12th grade) 4-H members can participate in, even without qualifying.

For those 4-H members and adults interested in non-competitive opportunities, there are options like the College/Career Fair and various educational workshops that run alongside the Texas 4-H Roundup. The official dates for the Texas 4-H Roundup for 2025 are set to begin on Monday, June 1, 2026 and conclude with our closing Assembly and activities the evening of Thursday, June 4, 2026.

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP OBJECTIVES

- **Education:** The primary objective of the Texas 4-H Roundup is to provide educational opportunities for 4-H members. It allows them to learn new skills, expand their knowledge, and gain hands-on experience in areas of interest, such as agriculture, leadership, health, and more.
- **Competition:** The event offers a competitive platform for 4-H members to demonstrate their expertise and compete with their peers. This healthy competition motivates participants to strive for excellence and encourages personal growth and development.
- **Leadership Development:** Texas 4-H Roundup promotes leadership development by giving 4-H members the chance to take on various roles and responsibilities during the event. This includes organizing and participating in workshops, presentations, and activities that build leadership skills.
- **Networking:** The event provides opportunities for 4-H members to meet and interact with fellow 4-H participants from across Texas. Networking with others who share similar interests can lead to lifelong friendships and connections.
- **Recognition:** Texas 4-H Roundup recognizes the achievements of 4-H members through awards and scholarships. Participants have the chance to earn recognition for their accomplishments in specific project areas, public speaking, and more.
- **Personal Growth:** Engaging in the Texas 4-H Roundup can lead to personal growth and development. Participants often gain confidence, communication skills, and a sense of responsibility through their involvement in the event.
- **Community Engagement:** 4-H members often use their experiences and knowledge gained from the Texas 4-H Roundup to give back to their communities. They may use their skills to educate others or contribute to community service projects.
- **Career Exploration:** For some participants, the Texas 4-H Roundup can be a way to explore potential career paths. It allows them to delve into specific project areas and gain insights into potential future professions.

EVENT DATES

Texas 4-H Roundup will be held on Monday, June 1 - Thursday, June 4, 2026

LOCATION

The 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup will be held in College Station, TX on the campus of Texas A&M University as well as locations in Bryan/College Station.

ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in Texas 4-H Roundup or have questions regarding physical access, you must submit a written request as part of your 4HOnline registration. Accommodation requests must be received by May 5, 2026, unless circumstances arise after this deadline. For questions or to submit a request, contact Jana Barrett at 979-321-5287.

CONTACT INFORMATION

General information, contest rules and contest resources can be found at the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

ROUNDUP EVENT CONTACT:

Jana Barrett
979-321-5287
jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

WHO TO CALL

You can access a complete list of county contacts at <https://counties.agrilife.org/>

- Participation questions: Your County Extension Office
- County Roundup events: Your County Extension Office

CONTACTING HEADQUARTERS (WEEK OF THE EVENT)

Please refer to the numbers and email to contact Roundup headquarters throughout the event.

Note: Response times may be delayed due to other pressing matters at the time.

Telephone Number: 979-321-5287

E-mail: texas4hroundup@ag.tamu.edu

REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- April 13 - May 5, 2026: Roundup Registration through 4HOnline.

NOTE: If the credit card expires before final approval, then the credit card has a chance of being declined by YOUR BANK and will receive a declined credit card email.

If the credit card does not have enough funds at the time of final approval, then the credit card has a chance of being declined and will receive a declined credit card email.

REGISTRATION TYPES: BE SURE TO SELECT THE RIGHT TYPE OR YOU WILL HAVE TO DELETE AND START THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OVER TO CHANGE TYPES IN 4HONLINE

- ALL-INCLUSIVE - Access to contests, workshops, and Trade Show plus any pre and post Assembly events for the entire week of Roundup, Monday – Thursday)
 - DAY PASS - Access to contests, workshops, Trade Show, and pre-post Assembly events that SINGLE CONTEST DAY ONLY)
 - JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE/CLOVER KIDS - Grants access to all aspects of the week except contests and workshops. This is meant for providing credentials for siblings/employee children who will be in attendance.
1. YOUTH ALL-INCLUSIVE: \$120.00
 2. YOUTH DAY SPECIFIC PASS: \$50 (access to contest, workshops, Trade Show and pre-post Assembly events that SINGLE CONTEST DAY ONLY)
 3. ADULT VOLUNTEER (All Inclusive \$75 or by day at \$30)
 4. AGRILIFE EMPLOYEE (All Inclusive \$75 or by day at \$30)
 5. YOUTH – JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE GUESTS (\$40 week or by day at \$15)
 6. CLOVER KID GUESTS (\$0) This is meant for providing credentials for siblings/employee children who will be in attendance.

*Day Specific/By Day will only grant access to the events in Reed that day only

LATE REGISTRATION (in addition to the above amounts)

- May 6 - May 7, 2026: Additional \$50 Late Fee
- May 8 - May 11, 2026: Additional \$250 Late Fee
- May 12 - May 28, 2026: Additional \$500 Late Fee
- **NO CONTEST REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 28**

All SENIOR LEVEL YOUTH (those competing and non-competing), AGRILIFE EXTENSION EMPLOYEES, AND CHAPERONES MUST PRE-REGISTER THROUGH 4HONLINE!!!!

4-H SCHOLARS

4-H Scholars will not need to register in 4HOnline UNLESS THEY ARE COMPETING. A recognition ceremony will take place Wednesday and Thursday evening during the Roundup Assembly. Scholars are asked to attend the evening assembly of their scholarship banquet night using the credentials provided to them from their Scholar Banquet. Scholars will also be given 2 guest passes for parents/guests to attend complimentary, the assembly in Reed that evening only. More details will be provided when the scholar announcement is sent by the Texas 4-H Foundation with complete invitation details. But again, if a potential scholar is competing, they will need to register in 4HOnline by the May 5, 2026 deadline or be assessed a late fee.

ALL YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

All Chaperone (Volunteer Screening) requirements apply. County offices, you will be responsible for determining what adults will be chaperoning the youth attending from your county. If the youth are attending with their parent/guardian and they will not be responsible for other youth, then volunteer screening is not a requirement of that parent.

Adult chaperones must be approved volunteers in 4HOnline before they are able to register for the event. The approval process includes an application, receipt of the participation fee, background check, and online trainings. It is recommended that background checks be completed as soon as possible. Please allow enough time for your background check to be conducted. Most reports are returned within two weeks; however, there is a possibility that the background check process could take longer. AgriLife Extension is unable to rush a background check. We recommend enrollment April 16 2026, which may still not guarantee approval by the registration deadline.

EVERYONE attending Texas 4-H Roundup must register (either pre-register or register onsite) and have valid event identification (nametag or wrist band) on at all times. This is a requirement of the event for safety, liability, and insurance purposes. In the event of an emergency. Credentials will be required to attend the evening assembly at Reed Arena.

Those not enrolled as a volunteer in 4HOnline will have the opportunity to register onsite the week of the event. Registration will also be available for a youth assembly pass for those coming with their family/agents but are not Senior level 4-H members.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

All registration for the 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup will be conducted on the 4HOnline system. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members and their parent/guardian to ensure they are registered for Texas 4-H Roundup on time, correctly, and their registration has been accepted.

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

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

All payments for Texas 4-H Roundup must be RECEIVED IN THE STATE 4-H OFFICE by Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Registrations not paid by the close of business May 27, 2026 are subject to cancellation without proper notification for the delay. To prevent the possibility of cancellation, everyone is encouraged to use the credit card payment option on 4HOnline.

If a COUNTY/CLUB is mailing a payment, it must be mailed via United States Postal Service to:
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Attn: Texas 4-H Roundup 4HOnline
2473 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2473

Overnight mail through either FedEx, UPS, or Lonestar:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Attn: Texas 4-H Roundup/4HOnline
1470 William D. Fitch Parkway
College Station, TX 77845

All registrations paid using a county/club check must include a county invoice with the payment. Absolutely NO PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted. Personal checks will be returned.

DECLINED CREDIT CARDS

Any unresolved declined credit card payments will be flagged, and affected individuals will be required to make payment onsite through the 4HOnline Profile to clear up their balance before being allowed to pick up their credentials and compete. For youth participants, any outstanding credit card payments not cleared up by the day of competition would result in disqualification of the participant and could impact team results. If participants with credit card issues bypass registration and proceed directly to their contest without settling their outstanding payments, a list of potentially disqualified individuals will be provided to the Superintendents as well at their check-in location. Superintendents WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT PAYMENT ONSITE. This must be cleared up at Reed Arena at the Registration area if not handled prior to Wednesday, May 27, 2026. We believe this measure is necessary to maintain the integrity of the competition and ensure a level playing field for all involved. There has become an ongoing issue with credit card payments not being cleared up once participation in events has occurred, and at that point, there is little recourse we can take, therefore the reason for the change in our policy this year. **No longer attending Texas 4-H Roundup is not a reason for not clearing up your Credit Card payment. When you remit your registration, you agree to payment in full whether you attend or not.**

PACKET PICKUP

Registered youth and adults will be issued Texas 4-H credentials which must be worn the duration of the week identifying them with our event. More details regarding pickup details will be provided closer to the event. Contestants will check in and check out from the contest/workshop area they participate in each day.

REGISTRATION APPROVAL TIMELINE

All contestants registered will be verified and certified at the county, district, and state levels prior to being accepted for participation at Texas 4-H Roundup. When certifying contestants, all information entered in the registration program will be reviewed, including age, prior participation, etc.

Steps:

- After you submit and confirm your registration, it will be "Pending at the county level."
- After your county approves your registration, it will be "Pending at the district level."
- After your district approves your registration, it will be "Pending at the state level."
- After the state approves your registration, it will lock for editing and all monies will be due.
- If paying by credit card, it will not be charged until after the state approves registration.
- If paying by check, the county cannot send a check until the state approves registration.

PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS TO UPLOAD

- **Waiver & Media Release.** All youth and adults must upload a signed Waiver and Media Release at the time of registration in 4HOnline or complete it onsite when registering.
- Additional paperwork will be required to be completed and provided to chaperones if youth are not under the care of their parent/guardian for the event. (see page 37 for list of forms)

Additional requirements based on contests:

- Fashion Show entry form
- Food Show paperwork
- 4-H Talent Showcase Information Form
- 4-H Science Fair Entry Form
- Educational Presentations - will upload presentation to superintendant prior to contest day

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT CHECK LIST ROUNDUP REGISTRATION

- ☐ Provide all necessary registration information to 4-H members and adults regarding Texas 4-H Roundup.
- ☐ Once the scholarship list has been released, notify any 4-H members on the list and provide them with the registration information for Roundup.
- ☐ Ensure adult chaperones are approved volunteers in 4HOnline before being able to register for the event. The approval process may take longer than the two weeks expected period, so allow enough time to be processed. All volunteer applications are to be submitted by April 16, 2026 but there is no guarantee of approval by the registration deadline.
- ☐ Help 4-H members/parents/volunteers understand that it is THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to register online via 4HOnline.
- ☐ Using the Manager Field Feature of 4HOnline, Agents will need to provide Team and Coach's Information for All Contestants. Step by step instructions will be sent in April before registration opens. This will ensure the information is accurate as sometimes the parents do not always know who the other team members are, nor who the official Coach may be. The coach's name and email information are shared with Superintendents so that they can send direct contest information.
- ☐ Using the Manager Field Feature of 4HOnline, Agents will need to provide their name and email address if they want to be copied on emails from Contest Superintendents about the related contest. We do not have a way to pull county contacts in a 4HOnline report, and with over 2,000 registrations in the system, there would not be an efficient method to pull this information together if it is not provided to us.
- ☐ Need to "certify" each registration through 4HOnline. This should be done in a timely manner, **please do not wait until registration closes to begin this process.** Registrations still then must be certified at the District and State levels. We are not able to begin preparing our contest rosters, registration nametags, etc until all steps are complete.
- ☐ Need to review and verify all required forms have been uploaded into the system correctly and that they are dated, reflect Texas 4-H Roundup as the event, and are signed by parent/guardian and 4-H member. They should not be approved at your level until the families provide the correct paperwork. We had over 200 forms get through all the way to State last year that were incorrect, some not even being an actual form uploaded in those required fields.
- ☐ Make sure you have secured a chaperone for each 4-H youth attending Texas 4-H Roundup. The required ratio is 1 adult for every 8 youths. **Each youth should have a chaperone of the same gender assigned to him/her.**
- ☐ Make reservations for the entire county or provide each family with a list of the hotels.
- ☐ Provide updated information to all youth and adults regarding Roundup events, contests, and activities.
- ☐ An information meeting is ideal to educate participants and chaperones on all the aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup and county delegation expectations.
- ☐ Updates will be sent out to county Extension agents via e-mail. Promote the opportunities of Texas 4-H Roundup to your Senior Level 4-H members and adults.
- ☐ Print a copy of the Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form and Health and Safety Statement (HSS) for each youth and maintain with you (or designated Chaperones) at all times in case of an emergency.
- ☐ Collect the completed Authorization for Dispensing Medication Form (ADM) for any youth bringing medication.
- ☐ Provide Texas 4-H Roundup website address to all participants:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Roundup Management reserve the right to modify or change rule(s) for the purpose of clarification and/or understanding.

MEMBERSHIP - **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.**

AGE REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE

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.

ENTRY COMPOSITE

All team members must also be currently enrolled 4-H members from the same county 4-H program. Contestants must have competed at the district level to be eligible for a state qualifying contest. **Contests considered non-qualifying (invitational) do not require individuals to compete at district contests but participants must be senior 4-H members by March 1, 2026.**

NUMBER OF CONTESTS A 4-H MEMBER CAN ENTER

A 4-H member can enter **only one contest per day** at Texas 4-H Roundup. The 4-H Talent Showcase contest will allow a member to participate in both days of the contest should they qualify in categories that are on different days.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are only allowed as a means of keeping a team active when members have been forced to drop out for unexpected reasons. Only the 4-H members and the number of 4-H members who qualify at district will qualify for state. **Substitutes must be a 4-H member by March 1, 2026 or have competed in another District Contest**, be from the same county, and be approved at the District level through the District's 4-H Specialist and/or DEA in the absence of a District 4-H Specialist. All substitutions for Roundup contests must be approved by the respective district office, which will make the final judgment on the necessity of substitution. This substitution rule will be upheld for any team advancing to a national competition (only the same number and the same county 4-H members qualifying will be eligible to participate). Substitutions in entries involving teams (two or more members) may be made as follows:

TEAM SIZE MAXIMUM SUBSTITUTIONS

1 - No Substitutions Allowed

2 or 3 – One (1) member

4 or 5 – Two (2) members

6 or 7 – Three (3) members

8 or 9 – Four (4) members

Substitutions of team members may involve a monetary fee depending on the time of substitution.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

All results are final once announced. The exception to this rule will occur in the case that an error is found in the announced results. Correction to these results will be made as deemed necessary by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Contest Officials. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Roundup Management reserve the right to modify or change rule(s) for the purpose of clarification and/or understanding. All results are deemed official as of the Friday following Roundup.

AWARDS (Teams/Individuals)

1st Place – Buckles and banner
2nd Place – Banner
3rd Place – Plaque

Not all contests will award the following. Will be based on entries and determined by the management team. Awards may vary from type noted below

4th – 5th – Penant
6th - 10th – Medals

Based on contest sponsorships and participant numbers, some contests may offer additional awards beyond the above noted.

PRIOR COMPETITION

Most state-winning teams or individuals can compete in the contests again (including the same category for that contest) after winning first place at Texas 4-H Roundup. The exception to this rule applies to those teams or individuals that participate in certain national contests. Teams/Individuals who win 1st place and then go on to compete in the National contests are **ineligible** to compete again at Texas 4-H Roundup and any National 4-H Contest associated with that specific contest. (see page 32 for more details).

NATIONAL CONTEST ADVANCEMENT

NOTE: Contestants are required to attend the contest for which they qualify (see page 32 for additional details). Switching contests among placings is not permitted. In the event a team forfeits and declines a national contest opportunity, no alternate team will be advanced. For example, if the first-place Livestock Judging team declines to attend NAILE, the second-place team will not move into that contest position. In such cases, Texas will not have representation at that contest.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Contestants are ineligible to qualify for a Texas 4-H Roundup contest if they have participated in training for, or completed coursework related to, an official post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) contest in the same subject matter area. 4-H members who qualify for a national contest must also adhere to this restriction until the completion of the national contest. Verification of eligibility will be determined through official transcripts, post-secondary course catalogs or syllabi, and/or consultation with course instructors.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOTAPING

Photography and Video Equipment: The use of photography or video equipment, including cell phones, is strictly prohibited in contest rooms or facilities during contests. Exceptions are permitted only when equipment is used as a prop in a presentation or for approved medical purposes, with prior authorization from the contest superintendent. Contest superintendents will confiscate all unauthorized equipment until the contest has concluded.

4-H members, parents, leaders, coaches, and/or county Extension agents who photograph or record contestants may cause the entry to be disqualified. Photography and/or video recording by Texas 4-H Roundup officials may be permitted in certain contests, provided contestant approval is obtained.

USE OF COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Contestants are prohibited from possessing communication devices (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, or any other smartphone-style watch devices) or audio listening devices during the contest. Exceptions are allowed only for medically necessary devices (e.g., blood sugar monitors, medical apps, or hearing aids). All medical device needs must be communicated in advance to the contest superintendent through the accommodations request process outlined in the Accommodations section. Any violation by an individual contestant or team member will result in disqualification.

SPORTSMANSHIP

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.

USE OF FIREARMS, WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, OPEN FLAMMED BURNERS AND/OR AMMUNITION

Prohibited Items: Firearms, weapons, fireworks, open-flame burners, and live ammunition are strictly prohibited in all Roundup contests. Posters and pictures depicting such items are permitted and encouraged for presentation purposes. Combustible, flammable, or pressurized items and props may not be used in any contest setting. This restriction does not apply to the Indoor Rifle Match, where participants may possess the appropriate firearm for that event, provided it is located in an area where firearms are authorized.

CONCEALED CARRY

When a 4-H or youth event is conducted on an AgriLife premise, a license holder is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun unless the license holder is an event participant and the handgun is required for use in that event.

LIVE ANIMALS, INSECTS, AND REPTILES

Contestants are prohibited from using pets, live animals, insects, or reptiles in any contest. Service animals are permitted in accordance with ADA regulations. Contestants with questions regarding prohibited items should contact the Texas 4-H Office prior to bringing them to Texas 4-H Roundup.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals individually trained to perform tasks for persons with disabilities are permitted at the event in accordance with ADA regulations. Non-service animals, including comfort or emotional support animals, are not permitted.

NON-QUALIFYING RULES & GUIDELINES

NON-QUALIFYING (INVITATIONAL) ENTRY

The following contests do not require individuals to qualify at district-level contests; however they must be a **member by March 1, 2026, or have competed in another District level contest.**

Contests are open to all 4-H members who are in the 9th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2025 school year. Invitational contests include:

INVITATIONAL CONTESTS

- Agricultural Product Identification
- Archery
- 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Method)
- Entomology Identification
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Hippology
- Invitational Livestock Judging
- Invitational Meat Judging and Identification
- Livestock Skill-a-thon
- Photography Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Range Evaluation
- Range & Pasture Grass Identification
- Soil Judging
- Robotics Challenge
- Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon
- Wildlife Challenge
- Wool & Mohair Judging & Evaluation

NOTE: Those individuals qualifying to participate in the Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest and Qualifying Meat Judging Contest MAY NOT participate in the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest or Invitational Meat Judging Identification Contests, respectively. See specific contest rules regarding eligibility requirements.

NUMBER OF TEAMS ELIGIBLE FOR INVITATIONAL

A county may only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are at least 3 individuals from the county in the same age division, they will be considered a team. **If a team and its members are not designated on the registration, they will be placed on a team by the Texas 4-H Office.**

QUALIFYING RULES & GUIDELINES

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER DISTRICT

Each district can enter the following:

- Duds to Dazzle
3 teams per district
- Educational Presentations
3 entries per district, per category
- Fashion Show
1 entry per district, per category
- Food Challenge
4 teams per district
- Food Show
1 entry per district, per category
- Indoor Rifle Match
3 teams per district; 1st – 3rd high point individuals per district (as long as they are not part of a top 3 team registered for the same contest)
- Judging Contests
3 teams per district; 1st – 3rd high point individuals per district (as long as they are not part of a top 3 team registered for the same contest)
- Leaders 4 Life
Skill-A-Thon 3 teams per district
- Public Speaking
3 individuals per district
- Quiz Bowls
3 teams per district
- 4-H Talent Showcase
2 entries per district, per category

QUALIFYING ENTRY

A 4-H member must present the same entry for which they qualified at the county, district, and state levels. The only permitted modifications are enhancements made in response to judge feedback. Complete alteration of the entry will result in disqualification at the next level of competition. Documentation of presentation information must be provided from county to district to state levels.

NUMBER OF TEAMS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE COMPETITION

In contests permitting more than one entry, the top number of allotted teams will advance, and one, two, or all three/four advancing teams may originate from the same county within a district.

Team composition at the state level must remain identical to the team composition that qualified at the district level, with the exception of an approved substitution (see Substitution Rules, page 11). MIXING OF TEAM MEMBERS FROM MULTIPLE QUALIFIED TEAMS WITHIN A COUNTY IS NOT PERMITTED, EVEN IN THE CASE OF A SUBSTITUTION. Forming district “all-star” teams by combining individuals from different county 4-H programs is strictly prohibited.

If a county has three individuals competing at the county/district level, those individuals must be declared and entered as a team.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE COMPETITION

In judging contests, the three highest scoring individuals in the District Contest may compete at State as an Individual, as long as they are not already part of one of the top 3 teams in that contest. Districts WILL NOT advance individuals lower than the top 3. A county can advance a maximum of two individuals in a judging contest. EXCEPTION - All Quiz Bowls, Food Challenge, Duds to Dazzle, and Leaders 4 Life do not allow individual entries.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Detailed schedule with time/locations of contest will be announced in April prior to registration opening. In general, all contests begin in the morning. The day that various contests will be held is noted below.

Youth MAY NOT participate in more than one contest in a day!!

Monday, June 1	Tuesday, June 2	Wednesday, June 3	Thursday, June 4
REGISTRATION			
1 PM - 7 PM	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 7 PM
COLLEGE CAREER FAIR	ASSEMBLY		
2 PM - 5 PM	7 PM - 9 PM	7 PM - 9 PM	7 PM - 9 PM
AT-LARGE ELECTIONS KICKOFF EVENT ACTIVITIES 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM	POST ASSEMBLY EVENT		
	9:30 PM - 11 PM	9:30 PM - 11 : PM	9:30 PM - 11 PM
CONTESTS			
Indoor Rifle will be held Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31, 2026. Location TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Agricultural Product Identification ** • Archery ** • Livestock Quiz Bowl • Fashion Show • Food Show • Horse Quiz Bowl • Leaders 4 Life Skill-athon • Livestock Skillathon ** • Family Community Health Quiz Bowl • Photography Judging** • Range & Pasture Grass Identification** • Robotics Challenge ** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entomology Identification** • Consumer Decision Making • Food Challenge • Horse Judging • Invitational Meat Judging and Identification ** • Qualifying Livestock Judging • Qualifying Meat Judging and Identification • Range Evaluation** • 4-H Talent Showcase • Choreographed Routines • Variety Show •Musical / Instrumental • Vocal • Soil Judging** • Combined contest Wool & Mohair Judging and Evaluation** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ag & Natural Resources * • Animal Science * • Beef * • Science Fair ** • Duds to Dazzle • Duds to Dazzle Solo Showcase • Family & Consumer Education (FCH) * • Health & Wellness * • Healthy Lifestyles ** • Hippology ** • Horse * • Invitational Livestock Judging ** • Open * • Poultry Judging ** • Promote 4-H* • Public Speaking • Safety and Injury Prevention * • Sheep & Goat * • Swine * • STEM * • 4-H Talent Showcase •4-H Skit •Poetry/Prose •Solo / Band Performance • Veterinary Science Skillathon ** •Wildlife Challenge**

* Educational Presentations ** Invitational Contests

Visit the Texas 4-H Roundup page at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> for specific guidelines for each contest

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

EVENT CONTACT PARTICIPANTS	DESCRIPTION
TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION Texas 4-H Foundation Staff Scholarship Recipients	<p>The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for 4-H members to attend a Texas college or university while pursuing a wide range of academic majors. Scholarships are awarded annually based on academic achievement and 4-H involvement. In 2026, more than 200 scholarships will be awarded, ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$30,000, with exception of the SALE School Tours which are \$1,000.</p> <p>This program is administered in coordination with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.</p> <p>For more information about the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship program, visit: https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/</p>
COLLEGE CAREER FAIR & TRADE SHOW Ms. Megan Duet All Roundup Attendees	<p>The College/Career Fair and Trade Show will serve as a key component of the 2026 Texas 4-H Roundup, providing opportunities for youth and adults to explore educational pathways and career options.</p> <p>College/Career Fair (June 1): Representatives from universities, colleges, technical schools, and employers will be available to share information on degree programs, scholarships, and career opportunities in agriculture, food and nutrition, science, leadership, and related fields. Participants are encouraged to engage with recruiters to build contacts that may support future educational and professional goals.</p> <p>Trade Show (June 2-5): Businesses, organizations, universities, agricultural companies, 4-H program partners, and equipment vendors will showcase products, services, and educational opportunities. Interactive activities, including a Trade Show scavenger hunt, will be available for youth participants. Prizes will be awarded through drawings of eligible participants who engage with vendors.</p>

Educational Workshops

These workshops are designed to engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice, and master existing and newly developed skills and knowledge in civic engagement, civic education, and personal development. It is an opportunity for volunteers to sharpen their skills to help them while working with the 4-H members in their clubs and projects. Volunteers can connect and network with other volunteers and parents.

For youth participating, we hope they achieve the following:

- Empowering youth to acquire practical, advanced leadership skills that bolster their sense of responsibility and their ability to actively engage in their communities, nation, and the wider world.
- Creating an immersive experience for young individuals, encouraging them to dive into interactive educational activities that enable them to explore, practice, and master established and newly developed competencies in civic engagement, civic education, and personal growth.
- Inspiring youth to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire during this event to make a meaningful impact in their respective communities.

Adult volunteers and parents, we welcome you to join in on the workshops that are being offered. They will provide you with the opportunity to connect with other youth and volunteers from across the state. We hope that you will be able to walk away with ideas to benefit the youth in your clubs.

Below is a look at **TENTATIVELY** how we will be structuring the workshops for Tuesday-Thursday.

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Workshop #1	Workshop #4	Workshop #7
	Workshop #2	Workshop #5	Workshop #8
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Workshop #3	Workshop #6	Workshop #9
	Community Service	Community Service	Community Service
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Workshop #1	Workshop #4	Workshop #7
	Workshop #2	Workshop #5	Workshop #8
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Workshop #3	Workshop #6	Workshop #9
	Community Service	Community Service	Community Service

ROUNDUP CONTESTS

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National Contest Advancement

Invitational Contests

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SPEAKING CONTESTS:

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR) EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Brandon Gregson
Ms. Kara Matheney
Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

The relationship between agriculture and natural resources is essential because agriculture relies heavily on natural resources like fertile soil, water, and sunlight. Sustainable agricultural practices aim to manage these resources in ways that ensure their long-term availability while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

ANIMAL SCIENCE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Grace Marshall Henicke
Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

The topic focuses on the study of animals that are **smaller in size and often kept as pets**, including but not limited to dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and birds. This presentation aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of various aspects related to the care, behavior, health, training, and well-being of small animals.

BEEF EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Callie Zoeller
Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

These presentations focus on various aspects of beef production, cattle management, and related topics. The purpose of such presentations are to educate and inform an audience, which may include fellow 4-H members, judges, parents, or the general public, about different aspects of beef production and beef industry.

SCIENCE FAIR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. David Smith
Individual or Team of 2
Invitational
Thursday

The 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Research Method Poster contest) provides youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H project work through the application of scientific research, engineering, technology, and/or experimentation. Participants will 1) construct a poster, 2) deliver a short oral presentation, and 3) respond to judges' interview questions. Projects should follow either the scientific method or engineering design process and the poster should be formatted accordingly. Posters will be set up for public viewing, followed by judges' interviews and scoring.

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FAMILY & CONSUMER EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Tonya Poncik
 Mrs. Holly Narro
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday
 National Contest Advancement

Family and Consumer Education (FCE) is a subset of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) that specifically focuses on educational programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the knowledge, skills, and well-being of individuals and families. The subject matter of Family and Consumer Education encompasses a range of topics designed to empower individuals with practical life skills, promote healthy family dynamics and contribute to the overall betterment of society. Topics should be centered around improving the well-being of individuals and families by addressing various aspects of daily life.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Tina Bryant
 Mrs. Alice Kirk
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

Health and wellness refer to the state of well-being that encompasses physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. Health and wellness involve the conscious pursuit of optimal health through lifestyle choices, practices, and attitudes that promote vitality, resilience, and a high quality of life. The topics covered encompass a range of subjects relevant to youth health and wellness, encouraging active living, and chronic disease prevention.

HORSE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Kelley Ranly
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday
 National Contest Advancement

The educational presentation aims to encompass the theoretical and hands-on proficiencies acquired within the 4-H horse project. The presentation can cover various aspects of horse care, management, training, and usage. It aims to provide both theoretical understanding and practical insights to the audience. The goal is to empower the listeners with valuable information and techniques that they can apply in real-life scenarios involving horse projects, such as improving their ability to care for horses, manage their well-being, enhance their training, and make informed decisions about horse-related activities.

OPEN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain
 Mr. Seth Hall
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

This contest serves as an option for youth participants when their presentation does not align with the predefined categories. This category enables participants to showcase their unique ideas, creativity, and skills. It encourages innovative thinking and provides an opportunity for youth to explore subjects that are important to them, even if those subjects do not fit within the existing educational presentation category.

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PROMOTE 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Matt Miranda
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

Participants are encouraged to select a target audience not familiar with 4-H to promote the overall 4-H program, or some aspects of 4-H, by exhibiting a promotional approach that effectively communicates the principles and values of the 4-H program. The presentation should demonstrate their marketing and promotional skills by effectively showcasing and explaining the essence of 4-H. The presentation serves as a delivery method to enhance the visibility of 4-H among audiences in and outside the 4-H community.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mrs. Megan Shaffer
 Dr. Laura Huebinger
 Individual Qualifying
 Thursday

4-H public speaking is a program and activity within the 4-H youth development organization that focuses on helping young people develop their communication and public speaking skills. 4-H is a global youth organization that provides hands-on learning experiences to young people in a variety of areas, including agriculture, leadership, and communication.

SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Cassie Ferguson DeLeon
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

An educational presentation on safety and injury prevention addresses the importance of safeguarding oneself from potential hazards and minimizing the risk of injuries. This presentation aims to inform and educate the audience about strategies and practices that contribute to their well-being in various environments, including home, school, work, and recreational settings. The goal of this presentation is to empower individuals with information and tools that enable them to make informed decisions, minimize risks and create safer environments for themselves and those around them.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND MATH (STEM) EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Felice Acker
 Mr. Travis Bell
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

This presentation aims to illuminate the synergies between STEM disciplines by examining how technology, research, and cutting-edge ideas converge, it fosters an understanding of the ways in which scientific advancements can revolutionize methods, boost efficiency, and address contemporary challenges in the field. Through this exploration, the presentation seeks to inspire an appreciation for the dynamic relationship between STEM evolution.

SHEEP AND GOAT EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Hayley Meyer
 Individual or Team of 2
 Qualifying
 Thursday

A sheep and goat educational presentation involves providing information on a wide array of pertinent subjects, encompassing both current and forward-looking aspects related to the raising of sheep and/or goats, as well as the utilization of their meat, milk, or fiber.

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SWINE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Dottie Goebel
Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

Swine related presentations can cover a diverse range of topics, from basic swine anatomy and breeds to advanced swine management practices, ensuring that attendees gain valuable insights into every aspect of swine care and production.

THEATER AND PERFORMANCE ARTS:

4-H TALENT SHOWCASE

Mrs. Cory Hundl
Individual or Team of 2 to 9
Qualifying
Wednesday or Thursday
depending on category.

4-H Talent Showcase (formerly Share the Fun) is a competitive event related to the Theater and Performance Arts project. 4-H members have the chance to develop a spirit of cooperation with their fellow 4-H members; develop self-confidence through public performance; stimulate interest in broad-based recreation in 4-H clubs; encourage 4-H members to discover and develop their talents and to grow socially, culturally, and further develop leadership skills. But most importantly, theater and performance arts is about HAVING FUN!

Wednesday categories include:

- Choreographed Routines
- Variety Show (Replaced Dramedy in 2022)
- Musical/Instrumental
- Vocal

Thursday categories include:

- 4-H Skit (Formerly Celebrate 4-H)
- Poetry/Prose
- Solo/Band Performance

QUIZ BOWLS:

FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH (FCH) QUIZ BOWL

Mrs. Tonya Poncik
Mrs. Grace Marshall Henicke
Team 4
Qualifying
Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

A FCH Quiz Bowl focuses on questions related to family and community health topics, emphasizing the importance of health and well-being in individuals and communities. It allows 4-H members to test their knowledge and provide an opportunity to promote health and wellness within communities. It encourages young individuals to become knowledgeable advocates for healthier families and communities by providing them with a platform to showcase their understanding of various health-related topics.

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HORSE QUIZ BOWL

Dr. Dottie Goebel
Dr. Andy Hart
Mrs. Kristy Titzman
Team of 4
Qualifying Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

A Horse Quiz Bowl is a competitive and educational event that focuses on equine knowledge and horsemanship. It's designed to test the participants' understanding of various aspects of horse care, riding, and horsemanship. This quiz bowl involves teams of four answering questions related to horses, horse management, riding disciplines, and related topics in a quiz-style competition.

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

Dr. Dottie Goebel
Dr. Andy Hart
Mrs. Kristy Titzman
Team of 4
Qualifying
Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

A Livestock Quiz Bowl is a competitive and educational event that focuses on testing participants' knowledge of livestock and animal agriculture. It is a quiz-style competition that typically involves teams of four 4-H members answering questions related to various aspects of livestock production, animal science, and agriculture. The goal is to promote learning and understanding of livestock-related topics and foster healthy competition among participants.

FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN

FASHION SHOW

Mrs. Angela McCorkle
Mrs. Denita Young
Individual
Qualifying
Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

A Texas 4-H Fashion Show is a dynamic and creative event that showcases the talent, fashion sense, and sewing skills of 4-H members. It provides an opportunity for young individuals to express their style, creativity, and sewing expertise through a runway-style presentation of their clothing and textile projects.

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DUDS TO DAZZLE

Mrs. Angela McCorkle
Team of 3 to 5
Qualifying
Thursday

During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3 to 4 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using item from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit (Supply kit list found in the Duds to Dazzle guide). The teams then present their item to a team of judges. You may also be tested on what you have learned about how the fashion and interior design industry impacts the environment, specifically the waste stream.

DUDS TO DAZZLE SOLO SHOWCASE

Mrs. Angela McCorkle
Individual
Invitational
Thursday

The 4-H Duds to Dazzle Solo Showcase Invitational is designed to provide youth the opportunity to participate in an individual Duds to Dazzle Contest. Participants will utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in the 4-H Fashion and Interior Design project.

JUDGING CONTESTS:

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Dr. Dottie Goebel
Ms. Cari Snider
Team of 3 or 4
Qualifying
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

The 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest is an engaging and educational competition that empowers young participants to become informed consumers and make well-informed purchasing choices. The 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest features a structured format that encourages critical thinking, research, and communication skills. Participants are presented with scenarios in which they must evaluate various products, services, or situations and then make informed decisions based on specific criteria. This contest will include eight judging classes and two sets of oral reasons. Seven classes are selected from the current Consumer Decision-Making Study Guides; the eighth class is a "mystery" class.

DAIRY JUDGING

*Texas 4-H does not coordinate a state level contest. No awards or recognition given at Texas 4-H Roundup.
The Texas 4-H utilizes the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Contest to determine national qualifying teams.
National Contest Advancement

The Texas 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. For senior 4-H teams, this contest will serve as the national 4-H qualifying event. However, there will NOT be a separately scored contest or awards presented by Texas 4-H. The team and individual rankings will be based on the Fort Worth contest. The same team structure a county designates for the Fort Worth contest will be the same structure used in determining 4-H team qualifications for nationals.

Full rules and entry information will be posted annually at <https://fwssr.com/>

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HORSE JUDGING

Dr. Jennifer Zoller
Dr. Chelsie Huseman
Team of 3 or 4
Qualifying
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

Participants will judge two to four halter classes and four to six performance classes. Three or four sets of oral reasons are required—one or two halters and two or three performances. Halter classes will be chosen from stock-type breeds. Performance classes will be chosen from the following: trail, western pleasure, western horsemanship, western riding, reining, showmanship at halter, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, hunter hack, stock horse pleasure, ranch riding, and working cow horse. One or more of the classes in this contest may be presented via electronic methods such as video or DVD. Classes will be judged according to the current AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the American Stock Horse Association Handbook (Stock Horse Pleasure Only). Contestants will NOT be allowed to carry or review a rule book during the contest. Blank paper is to be used for taking notes. No pre printed material will be allowed.

INVITATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Dr. Jason Cleere
Dr. Chris Skaggs
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Thursday

UPDATE FOR 2026

The contest will include 6 placing classes (beef, swine, sheep/goat) that can be breeding or market animals. There will be questions over four of the placing classes (five questions per class). Understanding and utilizing Genetic Predictors in Livestock Judging, 2 sets of 10 questions each on the incorporation of Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs, cattle and swine) and Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs,

INVITATIONAL MEAT JUDGING AND IDENTIFICATION

Dr. Dan Hale
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Thursday

This contest will give youth the opportunity to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating livestock through a workshop/practicum setting. The contest will include four judging classes (beef, swine, sheep/goat), two keep/cull classes, a quiz (over production and Quality Counts), and questions over the four judging classes (five questions per class).

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Dr. Jason Cleere
Dr. Chris Skaggs
Team of 3 or 4
Qualifying
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

Participants will judge eight classes (three beef, two sheep, two swine, and one goat). Give oral reasons on four classes. No printed materials may be used as an aid during the contest. Contestants will utilize expected progeny differences (EPDs) on breeding classes.

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MEAT JUDGING AND IDENTIFICATION

Dr. Dan Hale
Team of 3 or 4
Qualifying
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

The 4-H Meat Judging Contest is a thrilling and educational competition that immerses youth participants in the world of meat production, processing, and evaluation. Meat science provides a unique opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the meat industry while honing valuable life skills. Meat Judging and Identification is the evaluation and selection of meat cuts from beef, swine, and sheep species.

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING

Mrs. Callie Cline
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Tuesday

The Texas 4-H Photography Judging contest allows 4-H members to demonstrate skills in the evaluation, selection, and placing of photographs based on industry standards and expectations. The 4-H members participating in the contest will judge six classes of photographs and two classes of problems, testing both the participant's knowledge and skills in the photography project. Oral reasons were added to the contest in 2023. Oral reasons will be presented over TWO placing classes.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Dr. Gregory Archer
Mr. Brett Meisinger
Ms. Stephanie Klein
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Thursday
National Contest Advancement

The Poultry judging contest allows 4-H members to learn and understand standards used in poultry and egg production and marketing. They are able to apply the standards in a realistic decision-making situation, develop the techniques of logical, accurate decision making, and learn to recognize reasons for decisions by acquiring the skills of decision-making, critical thinking, and problem solving.

In 2026, the Poultry Judging contest will follow the National 4-H Poultry Judging rules and will include one set of reasons.

RANGE EVALUATION

Dr. Barron Rector
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

The 4-H Range Evaluation Contest is conducted outdoors in a suitable rangeland setting and comprises three parts. Part I involves plant identification, where contestants identify 20-40 staked plants from a specified plant list. Part II focuses on range evaluation and assesses factors like utilization, site type, successional stage, and more in a designated ranch or pasture setting. Part III involves evaluating the health of four staked plots, checking indicators of range health issues, and categorizing each plot as healthy, at risk, or unhealthy based on observed problems. Additionally, contestants must identify specific items within the plots for 10 categories. A practice area is available the day before the contest for participants to study. This contest equips youth with knowledge and skills in rangeland assessment and management.

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SOIL JUDGING

Dr. Jake Mowrer
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

Contestants will judge four soil profiles with 20-minutes allowed for each and determine the soil characteristics of the profiles and make interpretations based on observation. A 4-H Soil Judging Contest is an educational competition organized by the 4-H program to teach young participants about soil science, soil properties and their relevance to agriculture and environmental conservation. In this contest, youth learn how to assess and evaluate soil characteristics and qualities, such as texture, structure, color, drainage, and fertility.

WOOL & MOHAIR JUDGING AND EVALUATION

Dr. Shawn Ramsey

Mr. Terry Millican
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement-
Wool Judging

Texas 4-H Wool & Mohair Contest tests 4-H members knowledge and ability to determine the grade, rank, and categorize wool and mohair. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to compete and develop skills that can be used on a sheep and/or angora ranching operation within the wool and mohair industries, or agricultural teaching field. Beginning with the 2022 Texas 4-H Roundup, the Texas 4-H Wool Judging and Texas 4-H Mohair Judging Contests were combined into one contest opportunity. Texas 4-H members will be able to earn awards as high point in wool, mohair, and a combined overall of both contests. Contestants may participate in all components of the contest or select only wool or mohair.

SKILL-A-THON / IDENTIFICATION CONTESTS:

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Ms. Hayley Meyer
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Tuesday
National Contest Opportunity

This contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating agricultural products grown in Texas. At least 20, no more than 30 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following the product identification, each station has one multiple-choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions can be general to the industry that produced the product (i.e., Texas' national ranking, the economic impact to Texas, general nutrition content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e., cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).

Contest

Superintendent
Participation
Qualifying or Invitational
Contest Day
National Advancement

Description

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ENTOMOLOGY IDENTIFICATION

Dr. Robert Puckett
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Wednesday

This contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to explore the exciting world of insects and helps them become familiar with common insects in their area. It introduces members to the concept of classification and grouping objects or living organisms according to the physical characteristics they share. The additional bonus is that while learning the name of each insect, 4-H members gain an understanding of its biology and behavior. 4-H members will identify selected insects and complete a written examination on insects. Questions will be selected primarily from "Study Materials for 4-H Entomology Contests".

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Mrs. Denita Young
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Thursday
National Contest Advancement

The Healthy Lifestyles contest provides youth the opportunity to utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in 4-H Health and Personal Safety project. The contest consists of two parts: (1) judging – participants will be presented a scenario and a class of four products/choices. Participants must rank the four products/choices based on the situation at hand; (2) presentation–teams are presented with a scenario and must work together within a given amount of time to analyze the situation, develop a solution and make a team presentation to a panel of judges.

HIPPOLOGY

Ms. Carrie Sharp
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Thursday
National Contest Advancement

The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

Mr. Marty Vahlenkamp
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

The Livestock Skill-a-thon contest tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to gain and develop production livestock skills and life skills through a competitive environment.

Contest

Superintendent
Participation
Qualifying or Invitational
Contest Day
National Advancement

Description

Full contest rules and guidelines for each contest are located at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>. The information in this document is just an overview of the contests.

LEADERS 4 LIFE

Mr. Garry Branham
Team of 4 to 6
Qualifying
Tuesday
National Contest Advancement

Leaders 4 Life is a competition to challenge county teams in their leadership skills, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and service learning activities. County 4-H councils, 4-H club officers or leadership project clubs will be trained by Extension agents and/or adult advisors or leadership project leaders on a variety of leadership topics and in-depth parliamentary procedure throughout the year.

**RANGE AND PASTURE
GRASS IDENTIFICATION**

Dr. Barron Rector
Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Invitational
Tuesday

The Range and Pasture Grass Identification Contest is typically held indoors and involves contestants using a 50-grass scorecard to identify and classify grass specimens based on their characteristics. Participants must correctly spell the grass names and categorize each specimen according to its life span, growth season, origin, and suitability for livestock and wildlife. This contest tests participants' knowledge of grasses and their ability to assess important attributes for various uses, promoting expertise in the field of plant science and agriculture.

**VETERINARY SCIENCE
SKILLATHON**

Mr. David Sessum
Individual
Invitational
Thursday

The Vet Science Skillathon is an engaging and educational competition designed to test the knowledge, skills, and problem-solving abilities of participants interested in veterinary science and animal health.

WILDLIFE CHALLENGE

Mr. Larry Hysmith
Individual
Invitational
Thursday

The Wildlife Challenge covers material found within five 4-H Natural Resources projects; Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP), the Hunting & Wildlife Discipline in Shooting Sports, Entomology, Forestry, and Sportfishing. Contestants will have the opportunity to explore all five of these projects while preparing for the challenge.

Contest	Description
Superintendent Participation Qualifying or Invitational Contest Day National Advancement	Full contest rules and guidelines for each contest are located at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/ . The information in this document is just an overview of the contests.

FOODS & NUTRITION CONTESTS:

FOOD CHALLENGE

Dr. Julie Gardner
Team of 3 to 4
Qualifying
Wednesday
National Contest Advancement

The 4-H Food Challenge Contest is a culinary competition designed to foster cooking skills, teamwork, nutrition knowledge, and creativity among 4-H youth. In this contest, participants work in teams to prepare a nutritious meal using a set of provided ingredients, which may include both common and unfamiliar items. Teams must plan, cook, and present their meals within a limited time frame, often under the supervision of judges. The first place team in each category will compete in a "Final Food Challenge" following the Food Challenge on Wednesday afternoon. Participants should be certain to reference the current year's Food Challenge manual when preparing for the contest.

FOOD SHOW

Mrs. Tina Bryant
Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain
Mrs. Rebecca Dittmar
Individual
Qualifying
Tuesday

The goal of the Texas 4-H Food Show is to provide an opportunity for 4-H contestants to highlight their food preparation, food safety, nutrition skills, and Communication. This contest challenges members to not only select and create a dish using healthy ingredients, but it allows them to demonstrate their kitchen skills and knowledge through a hands-on demonstration and quiz. Annually, the food show theme changes to allow youth to expand their food, planning, and nutrition expertise. See the Food Show Rules and Guidelines for theme and other information.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH (STEM)

SCIENCE FAIR

Mr. David Smith
Individual or
Team of 2
Invitational
Thursday

The 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Research Method Poster contest) provides youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H project work through the application of scientific research, engineering, technology, and/or experimentation. Participants will 1) construct a poster, 2) deliver a short oral presentation, and 3) respond to judges' interview questions. Projects should follow either the scientific method or engineering design process and the poster formatted accordingly. Posters will be set up for public viewing, followed by judges' interviews and scoring.

ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Mr. Derrick Bruton
Team of 2-3
Invitational
Tuesday

The Robotics Challenge is structured as a sumo-style competition. The sumo format will test teams' strategy, engineering design, and programming skills. Teams will bring a fully assembled and programmed robot to compete against others in the tournament until a winner is declared. Two robots will "wrestle" in a dohyō (sumo ring) designed for robots. As with human Sumo wrestling, the goal of sumo-style robotics is to gain leverage over an opponent and force it out of the ring. Please note, this is NOT a "battle bots" style competition. In other words, intentionally destructive robots are not allowed.

SHOOTING SPORTS

ARCHERY

Mr. Larry Perez
Individual
Invitational
Tuesday

Participants in this contest must be in a supervised 4-H archery program to participate. Coach's information must be provided at registration and verified before approving to shoot at the State level. The archery match will follow 4-H rules posted on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports web page and be held at the Brazos County Outdoor Shooting Range.

INDOOR RIFLE MATCH

Mr. Larry Perez
Team of 3 or 4
Qualifying
(May 29-31, 2026 in TBD)

The Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match is a qualifying event for senior age 4-H members only. Participants must qualify from their respective District rifle contests. Each District may allow their top three teams and top three individuals (not from a team) to register for this event. Each participant of the Texas 4-H Roundup Indoor Rifle Match must be either

- 1) a member of one of the top three teams or
- 2) one of the top three individuals (not from a team) who competed in their District rifle contest in the current 4-H year.

Each shooter in this contest will receive an individual score and is eligible for High Individual placings. This 3-position smallbore rifle match will follow the NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules rulebook except as noted in this match bulletin. The NRA rulebook can be found on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project webpage under Rules. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>.

****This contest is not held in College Station** But top 3 teams and Individuals will be recognized during the Tuesday Assembly of Texas 4-H Roundup.**

NATIONAL CONTESTS

NOTE: All National Contest Opportunities are subject to change based on the qualifications set by the groups hosting the national contest. Teams will be notified at Texas 4-H Roundup of the contest opportunity they have qualified for which may differ from the below.

Recognized National Contests and Implications for Teams Advancing in the Below Table: Contestants will adhere to the rules and guidelines set by the National Contest. The rules of the national contest supersede those set by Texas 4-H Roundup. The following contests are considered the “Recognized National Contests” for each of Texas’ state winning teams in the related contest fields. **Individuals who participate in Texas 4-H Roundup and then go on to compete in the following National contests are INELIGIBLE to compete again at Texas 4-H Roundup and any National 4-H Contest associated with that specific contest.**

Youth competing in National Contests must be registered as active 4-H members in 4HOnline at the time of competition. All national contest registration forms must be certified by the Texas 4-H Office before entering. **Starting in 2023, if the 1st place team of the highlighted contests decides not to accept the opportunity, 2nd place would be allowed to compete. But the 2nd place team would lose their eligibility to return to Texas 4-H Roundup the following year in that contest area since they competed at the national level.**

CONTEST	TEAM/INDIVIDUAL	STATE PLACING	NATIONAL EVENT
Consumer Decision Making	Team	1st	4-H FCS National Championship
Dairy Judging	Team	1st	World Dairy Expo
Fashion Revue (Fashion Show)	Individual	1st	4-H FCS National Championship
FCS Educational Presentation	Team/Individual	1st & 2nd	4-H FCS National Championship
Food Challenge	Team	1st - 4th	State Fair of Texas (1st-2nd Overall) Great American Seafood Challenge (3rd-4th)
FCS Skill-A-Thon (Healthy Lifestyles Invitational)	Team	1st	4-H FCS National Championship
Hippology	Team	1st	Western National Roundup
Horse Quiz Bowl	Team	1st	Western National Roundup
Horse Presentation	Team of 2 or Individual	1st	Western National Roundup
Horse Judging	Team	1st	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Livestock Judging	Team	1st	North American International Livestock Exposition
Livestock Quiz Bowl	Team	1st	Western National Roundup
Livestock Skill-A-Thon	Team	1st	North American International Livestock Exposition
FCS Bowl (FCH Quiz Bowl)	Team	1st	4-H FCS National Championship
Meat Judging & Identification	Team	1st	American Royal
Parliamentary Procedure (Leaders 4 Life)	Team	1st	Western National Roundup
Prepared Public Speaking	Individual	1st	Western National Roundup
Poultry Judging	Team	1st	National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference
Range Evaluation	Team	1st	National Land & Range Judging Contest (Occurs the May AFTER Roundup)
Soil Judging	Team	1st	National Land & Range Judging Contest (Occurs the May AFTER Roundup)
Wool Judging	Team	1st	State Fair of Texas

Recognized National Contests and Implications for Teams Placing Second through Fifth. The following contests are considered the “Recognized National Contests” for each of Texas’ second through sixth place teams (where applicable). Individuals who participate at Texas 4-H Roundup and then go on to compete in one of the following contests are ineligible to compete in that specific National 4-H Contest in the future. However, they are eligible to compete again at Texas 4-H Roundup. For further clarification or specific questions, please contact Jana Barrett jbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

CONTEST	TEAM/INDIVIDUAL	STATE PLACING	NATIONAL EVENT
Dairy Judging (Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Dairy Judging Contest serves as the qualifying contest)	Team	2nd	North American International Livestock Exposition
Hippology	Team	2nd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Horse Demonstration (Educational Presentation)	Team/Individual	2nd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Horse Judging	Team	2nd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Horse Quiz Bowl	Team	2nd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Livestock Quiz Bowl	Team	2nd	North American International Livestock Exposition
Livestock Judging	Team	2nd	Western National Roundup
Meat Judging & Identification	Team	2nd	Western National Roundup
Wool Judging (If win Nationals, you would no longer be eligible to compete at Texas 4-H Roundup Wool Judging)	Team	2nd - 4th	State Fair of Texas
Horse Team Presentation (Educational Presentation)	Team/Individual	3rd - 4th	Southern Regional Horse Championship
Horse Judging	Team	3rd	Western National Roundup
Horse Quiz Bowl	Team	3rd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Hippology	Team	3rd	All American Quarter Horse Congress
Livestock Judging	Team	3rd	American Royal
Horse Judging	Team	4th - 5th	Southern Regional Horse Championship or Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
Horse Quiz Bowl	Team	4th - 5th	Southern Regional Horse Championship
Hippology	Team	4th - 5th	Southern Regional Horse Championship
Livestock Judging	Team	4th - 6th	Askarben
Soil Judging	Team	2nd - 5th	National Land & Range Judging Contest (May 2025)

Tentative Dates for National Contest Qualifiers

- Askarben - September
- State Fair of Texas – Late September/October
- All American Quarter Horse Congress - October
- American Royal - End of October
- Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup – November
- Great American Seafood Challenge – Early August
- Southern Regional Horse Championship – Late July
- National Land & Range Judging Contest - May
- National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference – November
- 4-H FCS National Conference - January
- North American International Livestock Exposition - November
- Western National Roundup – Early January

ADDITIONAL ROUNDUP DETAILS

THANK YOU NOTES

All Texas 4-H Roundup contestants are encouraged to prepare a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of their contest and/or general Roundup sponsors. Notes should thank donors for their continued support of the contest or the overall event. Thank you notes may be written on any form of stationery and should be reviewed by a parent or adult leader prior to submission. All notes must be placed in a donor-addressed, STAMPED, and sealed envelope. Notes may be mailed directly by the contestant or turned in at the Roundup Registration area in Reed Arena or to the contest superintendent. Any notes turned in will be mailed to donors by the Texas 4-H Office following Roundup. The official list of contest and event donors will be posted on the Texas 4-H Roundup website and distributed by email to all County Extension Offices and agents on or around May 22, 2026.

ROUNDUP MERCHANDISE

Commemorative apparel items will be available for purchase through a separate online ordering system and cannot be purchased through 4HOnline registration. Ordering details will be provided once designs are finalized in late April or early May. All apparel orders must be picked up in person during Texas 4-H Roundup. If the purchaser is unable to attend, they are responsible for arranging for another individual to pick up their order. Shipping of apparel items will not be available. **Any items not claimed by July 1, without prior arrangements for pickup or shipping, will become the property of the Texas 4-H Program and may be used as needed.**

PARKING

Parking permits for Texas 4-H Roundup are virtual through Texas A&M University and must be purchased directly from Texas A&M Transportation Services. Individuals will need the license plate number of the vehicle they plan to bring when completing the online purchase. Permit costs are determined by Texas A&M Transportation Services. Parking in any lot other than those designated on the Texas 4-H Roundup Parking Permit may result in a citation issued by Texas A&M Transportation Services. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Roundup are not responsible for parking violations and will not assist in their dismissal. For the safety of youth participants, members are not permitted to drive themselves to Texas 4-H Roundup..

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There will not be a printed program. Due to facility scheduling, some contest locations are subject to change at the last minute. If you want a paper copy of the schedule, you will need to print and bring it with you to the event. The schedule and information will be available via our website. A final, printable schedule will be posted on Friday, May 29, 2026 on the Texas 4-H website, Roundup Event page, if you wish to print from home.

DINING

- On-Campus Dining: There are several on-campus dining locations. Visit Dine on Campus at Texas A&M University at <https://dineoncampus.com/tamu/> for a complete list. All dining locations accept cash and major credit and debit cards.
- Local Restaurants/Entertainment venues: This year local restaurants and entertainment venues will be offering discounts to attendees through the “Show Your Badge” program. A complete list of discounts will be available on the Texas 4-H Roundup event website.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

In case of an emergency, all participants are asked to first contact their assigned chaperone or County Extension Agent before contacting Roundup Headquarters.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

- Be aware of your surroundings. Being aware of where you are and what is happening around you can help you to understand how information, events, and your own actions will impact your safety and your ability to protect yourself, both now and in the near future.
- Protect yourself. Based upon your assessment of the situation, use your best judgment to protect yourself and, if possible, others.
- Call for help. Any emergency service can be summoned by calling 911.
- Help others. Once you are safely away from the danger, warn others of the hazard and help if you can without putting yourself in danger.

YOUR SAFETY WHILE AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

<https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/procedures/personalSafety.html>

To ensure safety while on campus, please always remember the following:

- DO NOT accept rides from anyone!
- DO NOT walk across campus by yourself!
- DO NOT leave campus with anyone but your designated agent/chaperone!
- DO NOT tamper with any fire alarm. Tampering with fire alarms is against the law, and if caught, you will be prosecuted.
- DO report any unusual activities to any Roundup staff member or any county Extension agent immediately!

There are over 100 blue light phones located throughout the Texas A&M campus. These phones are distinguished pole with the blue light on top and “Emergency” written on the front and sides. Call panels may vary slightly.

In an emergency, follow the instructions on the phone. The University Police dispatcher will immediately know your exact location. Talk directly into the speaker in the center of the phone.

For more information about TAMU EMERGENCY PROCEDURES <https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/procedures/index.html>

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY INTERACTIVE CAMPUS MAP

<https://www.tamu.edu/map/index.html>

Roundup organizers are making every effort to ensure participants, volunteers, and Extension faculty and staff have all the resources they need to have an enjoyable experience. Please use the following link to search the campus of Texas A&M University to locate all contest locations, Reed Arena, dining locations, and workshop locations. The link can be found at: <http://transport.tamu.edu/maps.aspx>. Maps that are incorporated with your GPS systems are also available via the 4-H Roundup smartphone app.

MEDICAL CARE

<https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/procedures/medical.html>

EMERGENCY CARE AND SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

Limited, secondary medical/accidental care insurance covering non-existing conditions/illnesses is provided for registered Roundup youth participants and approved volunteers. Please notify Roundup Headquarters immediately of all emergency care.

Procedures for filing a medical claim (these must be adhered to exactly or the claim will not be paid).

1. Assist the individual and call 911 if emergency medical assistance is needed. Report all serious injuries and safety hazards to the local police department (if applicable), District Extension Administrator or Program Leader.
2. The AgriLife Employee involved in, observing or discovering the injury/property damage is responsible for completing this report. Relate only to the facts on this form. Do not give this form to the injured person to complete. Do not contact the injured person later to obtain information. Be observant. Attempt to get as much information as possible at the time of the incident.
3. Do not discuss the accident with anyone except the police authority, District Extension Administrator or Program Leader.
4. District Extension Administrator or Program Leader should file the incident report with AgriLife Ethics & Compliance.
5. Must be received in the Texas 4-H Office by July 1, 2026.

EVENT CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS

ALL YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. All Chaperone (Volunteer Screening) requirements apply. County offices, you will be responsible for determining what adults will be chaperoning the youth attending from your county. If the youth are attending with their parent/guardian and they will not be responsible for other youth, then volunteer screening is not a requirement of that parent.

EVERYONE attending Texas 4-H Roundup must register (either pre-register or register on-site) and have valid event identification on at all times. This is a requirement of the event for safety, liability, and insurance purposes in the event of an emergency. Credentials will be required to attend the evening assembly at Reed Arena.

Those not enrolled as a volunteer in 4HOnline will have the opportunity to register onsite the week of the event. Registration will also be available for a youth assembly pass for those coming with their family/agents but are not Senior level 4-H members.

CHAPERONE RATIO

All youth attending Texas 4-H Roundup must be accompanied by an adult. This adult can be a parent/guardian, a Texas 4-H Approved Volunteer, or their County Extension Agent. If serving as a chaperone, remember to adhere to the 1 adult to 8 youth ratio. All chaperone ratios must adhere to gender (i.e. if you send 4 males and 4 females, then you need 1 male chaperone and 1 female chaperone). All youth will be required to declare who will serve as their primary chaperone during the registration process on 4HOnline. Youth not naming an adult chaperone in the registration process will not be accepted.

Chaperones will always need to have the following forms with them for each youth that are in their care:

1. Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form
2. Health and Safety Statement Form (HSS)
3. Medication forms (if applicable)

Your County Extension Office will be able to help you download #1 and #2 from their event registration. The medication forms will need to be collected by the chaperones. Reach out to your County Extension Agent to provide those forms to the youth who will be in your care. Visit our Texas 4-H: Program for Minors Website for more information: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/minors/>

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

All adults chaperoning youth during Roundup must be an AgriLife employee or volunteer screened and approved through the Youth Protection Standards Program. **Deadline to submit the volunteer screening application is Thursday, April 16, 2026.** Complete the form on 4HOnline. This will ensure your profile status will be approved and allow you register before the deadline.

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

CHAPERONE/ADULT EXPECTATIONS

- Your delegation will need one male chaperone for every eight (8) male youth delegates and one female chaperone for every eight (8) female youth delegates. It is the responsibility of the county to arrange chaperones for all youth participants, not the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.
- If you are willing to commit to actively encouraging the development of the youth during Texas 4-H Roundup, you are well on your way to being an excellent chaperone. Chaperones are a vital part of making Texas 4-H Roundup a success.
- Chaperones must be over 21 years of age, have been approved as a 4-H volunteer leader through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program, and willing to supervise and encourage youth delegates.
- A chaperone's goal is to supervise and encourage safe and active event participation of all delegates under his/her care.
- Chaperones are responsible for the safety and well-being of the youth delegates in their care from the time they leave the care of their parent/guardian until they return.
- Chaperones need to make themselves available to their youth participants.
- A chaperone should participate in the county travel meeting and find time to learn a little about each participant before arriving at Texas 4-H Roundup.

During Texas 4-H Roundup, chaperones should always know the location of each youth under their care at all times.

- Chaperones are expected to lead by example and attend all sessions and planned activities.
- Chaperones must report and correct any wrongdoing among ALL 4-H members, not just members from their county. This is for the safety of all youth and the event.
- Texas 4-H Roundup expects all adults to serve as responsible chaperones and supervise youth. This includes making sure that the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct are being followed.
- Print a copy of the Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form and Health and Safety Statement (HSS) for each youth and maintain with you at all times in case of an emergency.
- Collect the completed Authorization for Dispensing Medication Form (ADM) for any youth bringing medication.

Chaperones who do not wish to accept the responsibility or volunteer their help in making Texas 4-H Roundup a memorable experience for our 4-H members should reconsider attending before registering for Texas 4-H Roundup! Above all, chaperones need to promote having fun while adhering to the 4-H Code of Conduct, Consequences of Misbehavior, Dress Code, and Contest Rules. A chaperone makes an essential contribution to what each delegate gains from Texas 4-H Roundup.

YOUTH EXPECTATIONS

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and staff want every youth to have the best possible experience at the event. We ask that each youth carefully read and make every effort to abide by these guidelines while at Texas 4-H Roundup in order to have a great and enjoyable time.

- Behave in a respectable manner and serve as a role model for those around you.
- Abide by all the rules for Roundup, including the 4-H Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct.
- Any conduct deemed unacceptable will result in immediate removal from Texas 4-H Roundup. In addition, other actions (i.e. removal from Texas 4-H Program, banning from Future Roundups) may result at the conclusion of Texas 4-H Roundup.
- Abide by the Texas 4-H dress code.
- Understand the guidelines and rules for Texas 4-H Roundup are designed to allow participants to have the best possible experience as you serve as positive representatives of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.
- Commit to being an active participant in all activities.
- Understand that in attending the event, you can only get what you put into it, and you commit to make the most of the experience at Texas 4-H Roundup.
- Meet friends (new and old), learn new things that will help you be a better leader and role model in your community, and have a great time!

DRESS CODE

The primary responsibility for the grooming and appearance of each participant rests with the parents, county Extension agents, and participants. At the same time, it is the professional belief of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program that proper dress contributes to good citizenship. It becomes the responsibility of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program to ensure that each participant's appearance does not jeopardize the individual's health and safety, nor that of others, and does not interfere or create disruptions during Texas 4-H Roundup.

To ensure that the health standards, safety conditions, and proper educational process are maintained, the following grooming guidelines will apply:

- Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events.
- Articles of clothing that display profanity, products, or slogans promoting tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation, is prohibited.
- All participants must wear shoes.
- Items of clothing that expose midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than two inches are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts that expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
 - Failure to follow the dress code may lead to being dismissed from the event.
 - Exception to the dress code will only be made for the purpose of fashion show and if a certain uniform/prop is needed for a contest. At all other times, the dress code will be enforced.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Community activities at Texas 4-H Roundup are provided for the entertainment and recreation of the registered delegates. In order to continue with this fun and exciting time of networking and meeting new friends across the state, the following guidelines have been established:

During my Texas 4-H Roundup involvement...

1. I am expected to attend all sessions that are part of the planned program for all activities. I will inform staff if I am not able to attend.
2. I will exercise good judgment by dressing appropriately for the occasion and adhere to any attire requirements stipulated for the event/activity I am attending. All clothing shall be neat and clean. Articles of clothing that display profanity, products or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and/or are revealing are prohibited.
3. Language must be controlled, appropriate, and not socially offensive.
4. Except for planned tours and outings, I will not leave an activity any time without permission of the chaperone and/or staff responsible for the event/activity.
5. I will not smoke, use tobacco products and/or e-cigarettes or be in possession of such products.
6. I will not be in possession of, use alcohol or drugs, or be associated with or remain in the presence of others when they are being used. Drugs prescribed by a doctor must be accompanied by the appropriate ADM, OTC, or SAP waivers.
7. I will not be in possession of, use, or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force, or language.
8. I will respect the rights of privacy of those attending an activity. I will also be courteous and exhibit good manners.
9. I will observe hours established by the staff and be in my room. No boys in girls' rooms, no girls in boys' rooms.
10. I will avoid unnecessary roughness to room furnishings, furniture, equipment, etc. Towels or other items in the room are not to be taken. Occupants of a room or conveyance are financially responsible for any damage or results of misconduct.
11. I will use my social media and other technology platforms in a positive manner to reflect the values of the Texas 4-H Program. Posts or language that is negative or derogatory in manner are prohibited.
12. As a leader, I understand that there are more responsibilities and greater expectations as I serve as a positive role model to others within the program.
13. Any participant at an official 4-H activity who observes a breach of the code of conduct has the responsibility and obligation to report the misbehavior to appropriate chaperones.