

2008 District 11 4-H Roundup
April 12, 2008
Nazareth Academy, Victoria
 206 West Convent Street
 (4-H Roundup Entrance on Church Street - parking on street)

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

EVENT INFORMATION

District 11 4-H Roundup will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Nazareth Academy in Victoria.

District Roundup Contests include:

- Educational Presentations (formerly known as method demonstrations/illustrated talks)
- Public Speaking Contest
- Swine Skill-a-thon
- Share-the-Fun Contest
- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- Photography Display (junior and intermediate entries only)

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

Please make sure all participants are entered in the correct division. Descriptions of age divisions are:

Senior Division - Contestants must have passed their 14th birthday but not have had their 19th birthday as of August 31, 2007.

Intermediate Division - Contestants must have passed their 11th birthday, but not have had their 14th birthday as of August 31, 2007.

Junior Division - Contestants must have passed their 9th birthday (or be 8 and in the third grade) and not have had their 11th birthday as of August 31, 2007.

For all quiz bowl contests, there are only **two** age divisions: Junior and Senior. Descriptions are as follows:

Senior Division - Contestants must have passed their 14th birthday but not have had their 19th birthday as of August 31, 2007.

Junior Division - Contestants must have passed their 9th birthday (or be 8 and in the third grade) and not have had their 14th birthday as of August 31, 2007.

For educational presentations and share-the fun entries that are composed of teams, Junior 4-H members may compete as a member of an Intermediate team. However, intermediates may **not** compete on a Junior team. Only senior aged members can compete on senior teams since members must meet age criteria to advance to State Roundup.

CERTIFICATION

Participants must be certified by their county Extension agent as one of the top 3 scoring individuals/teams for each contest in order to compete at District Roundup.

ELIGIBILITY

All contestants must be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating as a 4-H member. Team members must have competed as a complete entry at the county level to be eligible for the district contest.

The top three entries (team/individual) per age division from each county may participate in any contest at District Roundup.

SENIORS ONLY - Once a contestant has won first place at Texas 4-H Roundup in one contest, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that contest. For example, if an individual has won first place in the Beef Contest at Texas 4-H Roundup, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that contest. The same rule applies to Share-the-Fun and Quiz Bowl Contests.

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a Saturday.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”

or

Name of 4-H'er must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, their parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

CONTEST REGISTRATION

Participants will be **REQUIRED** to register for all District 11 4-H Roundup Contests on 4-H CONNECT (online registration system). The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on March 1st thru 12:00 Midnight on March 28th. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period. All entries on 4-H CONNECT must be certified by the respective county Extension agent within 2 business days following the registration deadline. It is important to be aware that registration will close at Midnight on March 28th and will NOT re-open. Therefore, late entries will not be accepted. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REGISTER.**

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of \$7.00 per INDIVIDUAL will be charged for all contests. **No refunds will be given for any reason!**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Individuals who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate need to contact the District 11 Office at 361/265-9203 no later than March 28, 2008, in order for proper arrangements to be made.

JUDGE RECRUITMENT

Each county is required to submit the names and addresses of a minimum of **THREE** qualified individuals

that are available to serve as judges. This will be done on the attached Judges Recruitment Form. Please submit only names of adult leaders or mature 4-H members who have agreed to serve as judges and who will be present for the orientation. County Extension Agents are also assigned to attend this event and serve as a judge where assigned. Assignments will be sent shortly after the March 28 registration deadline.

NUMBER OF CONTESTS

Members may only compete in one “Wednesday” contest and one “Thursday” contest (see list below). Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a Wednesday Contest at Texas 4-H Roundup; therefore, members may compete in Nutrition Quiz Bowl AND an Educational Presentation Contest OR certain divisions of Share-the-Fun. Since Educational Presentation and some divisions of Share-the-Fun Contests are held on the same day (Thursday) at Texas 4-H Roundup, members cannot compete in contests of the same day at District Roundup. Only one entry of Share The Fun contest is allowed, regardless of the competition day.

“Wednesday” Contests at Texas 4-H Roundup are: Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Meat Judging, Range and Pasture ID, Soil Judging, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Range Evaluation, Dairy Cattle Judging, Entomology Contest, Mohair Judging and Evaluation, Wool Judging and Evaluation, Fashion Show and Share the Fun (vocal, poetry/prose, & choreographed routine). “Thursday” Contests at Texas 4-H Roundup are: Beef Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, Share-the-Fun (musical/band and Celebrate 4-H), Food Show, Public Speaking, and all Educational Presentation Contests.

PERFORMANCE ORDER

There will be no assigned order of performance for all Roundup contests. However, if a 4-H member is involved in another 4-H contest during Roundup, he/she needs to notify both Contest Superintendents and make arrangements to perform first in one contest in order to go to the other contest.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOTAPING

Photograph and videotaping equipment are not allowed in contest rooms and/or facilities unless used as props in a presentation. Contest Superintendents will take up and hold all photograph and videotaping equipment found in contest rooms until completion of the contest.

TECHNOLOGICAL DISTRACTIONS

Beepers, cellular phones, laser pointers and PDA’s, etc., may be disruptive to the presenter or judges and are strictly forbidden in all contest rooms or facilities. Please make sure all items are turned OFF during the contest.

PROPS

No firearms, weapons, fireworks or live ammunition are allowed to be used in any District Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are allowed. This rule also applies to the Shooting Sports Educational Presentation Contest.

RESULTS/AWARDS

Results will be announced, and awards presented, in the individual contest rooms, immediately following

judging and tabulation of results. Once announced, all results are final.

STATE QUALIFIERS (SENIORS ONLY)

Senior 4-H members are the only age division eligible to qualify for Texas 4-H Roundup. The following number of entries will qualify for Texas 4-H Roundup.

Educational Presentations	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place from each contest
Quiz Bowls	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place from each
Share-the-Fun	1 st and 2 nd place from each category

District 11 senior members can qualify to compete in one Wednesday and one Thursday contest at Texas 4-H Roundup.

The FIRST District Contest that a senior 4-H member qualifies in will be the contest in which he/she competes at Texas 4-H Roundup. Once a senior 4-H member qualifies at the district level for a Wednesday Texas 4-H Roundup Contest, he/she may NOT compete in another district contest which would be held on Wednesday at Texas 4-H Roundup. Likewise, once a senior 4-H member qualifies at the district level for a Thursday Texas 4-H Roundup Contest, he/she may NOT compete in another district contest which would be held on Thursday at Texas 4-H Roundup.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Only the 4-H members and the number of 4-H members who qualify at district, qualify for state. Substitutions should be used only as a means of keeping a team active when members have been forced to drop out for unexpected reasons (i.e. major illness, death). Substituting for the purpose of having one or more team members compete in another contest is not an unexpected reason and is unacceptable. Any substitutions have to be approved through the District Office.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION CONTESTS AND GUIDELINES

Educational Presentation Contests can be entered as an individual or a team of up to five (5) members.

Educational presentations consist of method demonstrations, illustrated talks or public speeches.

The following is a list of educational presentation contests that will be held at District 11 4-H Roundup. For a description of each contest, please refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.

- Agronomy
- Beef
- Clothing and Textiles
- Companion Animals
- Computer Technology (NEW)
- Consumer Life Skills
- Family Life
- Farm and Ranch Economics
- Food and Nutrition
- Health
- Horse
- Horticulture
- Housing and Home Environment
- Meat Science
- Natural Resources
- Open
- Promote 4-H
- Safety and Injury Prevention
- Sheep and/or Goats
- Shooting Sports

TOPIC SUBJECT

Subjects in education presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. A suggested list of topics, along with a resource list, is available in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION/RESOURCES

When the internet is used in preparation of an education presentation, it is important that 4-H members must know the difference between research and non-research based information. Contestants are required to use information that is factual and can be supported through adequate documentation. Examples of such websites are federal, state, and local governments, independent research sites, and Cooperative Extension websites. Internet information that is questionable includes personal documentation sites, chat rooms, message boards, etc. 4-H members should prepare a list of references (i.e. bibliography, references) for their presentation.

SUBJECT MATTER

The skills and knowledge used in any 4-H contest should be the result of experiences in a project in which the member has participated. A presentation should relate to the contest entered, should contain information and should not be more suited for another contest. It should be appropriate for the 4-H member's age and experience. Appropriate credit should be given for references used.

TIME LIMITS

A time limit of 12 minutes will be allowed for each educational presentation. An additional nine (9) minutes will be provided for on-stage arrangements and cleanup in connection with the presentation. A penalty of two points per minute, or partial minute, overtime will be deducted from the final score. Adults are permitted to assist the 4-H members with the on-stage arrangements and cleanup.

VISUALS

The use of charts, photographs, computer graphics/programs and other visual materials are permitted. Visuals should contribute to the presentation. Each presentation is an example of the participant's ability to communicate an idea. Participants will be expected to provide all materials used including projection screens, extension cords, computers, projectors, easels, etc.

VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DISPLAY EQUIPMENT

Participants are responsible for all video and audio equipment used in a contest. Set up of the equipment will be included in the set-up and take-down time of the participants. Video and audio equipment includes: computers, video projectors, extension cords, viewing screens, compact disc players, easels, etc. Adults are allowed to assist with the set-up of computer equipment (i.e. setting up computer, screen, extension cords, etc.) and must remain in the nine (9) minutes time requirement for set-up and take-down.

JUDGES' QUESTIONS

Judges and/or Superintendents may ask contestants questions at the end of the presentation. This will be done on the judge's time. Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants, not other 4-H members and/or leaders.

JUDGES GIFTS/HANDOUTS

Gifts of any kind may not be presented to the judges in any contest. Handouts may be available to the entire audience.

SCORECARDS

4-H Educational Presentation Score Sheet (4-H 3-5.041 - Revised August 2005) will be used by contest judges in scoring educational presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, etc.). Separate scorecards are used in the Public Speaking and Share-the-Fun Contests. All scoresheets are available on the Texas 4-H and Youth Development publication website.

SWEEPSTAKES

One or more Sweepstakes Awards will be presented in each age group for all Educational Presentation and Public Speaking Contests. Share-the-Fun and Quiz Bowls are not eligible for Sweepstakes Awards. The number of awards and the categories will be determined after entries are received in the District Office. The contest categories will be grouped as best as possible according to subject matter, such as Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Science, etc. One team of judges will evaluate all the presentations within this group. Individual contest category awards will be presented as before and then the judges will select the best, overall presentation to receive the Sweepstakes Award for that group of contests.

Note: Contestants must be present at the Awards Assembly (in the contest room) to be eligible for the Sweepstakes Award.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES

ENTRY

The public speaking contest is limited to an individual (one person) entry.

TIME LIMIT

Individuals must present a five (5) to seven (7) minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast.

PROPS

Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used.

QUESTIONS

Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation. Judges and/or Superintendents may ask contestants questions at the end of the presentation. This will be done on the judge's time. Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants, not other 4-H members and/or leaders.

SCORING/SCORECARDS

Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet (revised August 2005) specific to the Public Speaking Contest. A copy of the scorecard is available on the Texas 4-H Publications Website.

SWEEPSTAKES

4-H members entered in the Public Speaking Contest are eligible for the Sweepstakes Award. An overview of this award program is provided on page 7.

SWINE SKILL-A-THON CONTEST INFORMATION

CONTEST INFORMATION

The Swine Skill-a-thon is an academic competition that includes a written test, demonstration of knowledge through demonstrating skills, individual quiz bowl competition, and a public speech. Scores from each portion of the contest will be added together to determine high point individuals.

ENTRY

Entry into the Swine Skill-a-thon Contest is on an individual basis only.

CONTEST RESOURCE

Department of Animal Science Website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> (Youth Projects Link)

SHARE-THE-FUN CONTEST INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVES

- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop a spirit of cooperation through working together to develop self-confidence through public appearance.
- To stimulate interest and encourage a broad-based recreation program in Texas 4-H at the club and county level.
- To encourage 4-H members to discover and develop their talents.
- To provide for social, cultural, and leadership development of 4-H youth.

RULES

NEW THIS YEAR! There are five (5) categories, each with a separate description and score card. Category descriptions are listed below and also included in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. The five categories are:

- Poet/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical or Band
- Choreographed Routines
- Celebrate 4-H

The **first, second, and third place winners** from each category at the county contest will qualify for the district contest.

SENIORS: 4-H members may not enter the same category in which they have previously been part of a first place entry at state; however, they may choose one of the other categories.

To determine category for entry, please refer to the category descriptions. County Extension Agents are strongly encouraged to review entries for proper category and appropriateness of material, and ensure that all other rules and regulations are followed.

Judges will determine if an entry is in the correct category.

Regulations for props should be followed. Props utilized must be able to go through doors that are 6 feet wide and 7 feet tall. Space at the district and state contest is limited.

The following materials may not be used in any category: talcum powder, flour, pies, water, oil, feathers or other substances which are hard to clean up, may cause damage, or be dangerous to participants. No roller skates, shoes with spikes, cleats, motorized vehicles, live animals or real fire arms are allowed.

Time limits for all categories will be strictly enforced. All categories will have a time limit of six (6) minutes for presentation and four (4) minutes for set-up and break-down. A penalty of five (5) points per minute, or partial minute, over the time limit will be deducted from the total score.

Only adult coaches will be allowed backstage, in the vicinity of the storage area for props, and to assist with set-up and break-down of props and equipment. *4-H members or other youth who are not a part of the team will not be allowed to assist with set-up and break-down.*

Defining Accompanist: An accompanist may be used for any of the categories to provide music

via piano, guitar, or other musical instrument where a vocalist is performing in an act. An accompanist may also provide musical back up when a musician is performing in an act. ***An accompanist MUST be an adult, at least 18 years of age, AND not a current 4-H member.*** The accompanist will not be judged as part of the act. Remember that if the entry is entered in any of the categories besides vocal or musical, the act may not be more than 50% vocal or musical. ***EXCEPTION: In the musical/band category, a band will not be permitted to use an accompanist .***

During a performance, adult coaches may give cues for music backstage or help with costume/prop changes backstage. They are NOT allowed to participate in any other form while the act is going on. Any voices heard during the performance from back stage must be either a participant OR a taped voice.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

- **POETRY/PROSE**– Individual or Group Entry – **maximum of nine (9) participants.** Acts which showcase poetry or prose are required. The act may **NOT** incorporate vocal, musical, and/or choreographed routine. This category does not require 4-H related material, however, if an original poem or prose piece showcasing 4-H is written, this would be acceptable. **Every 4-H member entered in the category must be a part of the performance on stage.** Judged on material chosen, message, talent, presentation, style, props/costuming. Four (4) minutes total for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Defining Poetry and Prose: Poetry is generally characterized by structured meter and rhyme that tells a story or provides a message to the reader. Prose is distinguished from poetry by its greater variety of rhythm and its closer resemblance to the patterns of everyday speech. Another description might be an excerpt from a larger piece such as a play or book. Contestants in Poetry/Prose are not required to memorize their presentation and may read from their printed copy but performance will be judged on how well the contestant can balance between using the script, keeping eye contact with the audience and interpreting the piece through character development.

- **VOCAL** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. Vocal presentation may be done a cappella, with an accompaniment tape, with an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see definition above) or musical instruments. **Bands may NOT enter this category. All members of the group MUST BE SINGING!** No lip sinc will be allowed. No skit or story line will be permitted. Sign language may be added to enhance the performance, but entries that strictly showcase sign language without vocal presentation are not permitted in this category. They must be entered in Choreographed routines. Judged on talent, showmanship, vocal presentation, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
- **MUSICAL/BAND** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background tape or an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see definition above) playing a musical instrument. **Band presentation may include vocal performance. Bands will not be permitted to utilize an accompanist. No lip sinc will be permitted in this category. No skit or story line will be permitted.**

All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the musical or band act. Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, vocal presentation when applicable, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

- **CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. No speaking to form a skit or story line. The act requires choreography and can be demonstrated through twirling, pom pom squad routines, jump rope teams, basketball dribbling exhibitions, or dance (jazz, tap, country & western, ballroom, etc.) . Sign language presentations to music have been added to choreographed routines. However, if a participant is SINGING and SIGNING, this entry should be entered in the Vocal Category. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, uniformity, creativity, showmanship, costuming, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
- **CELEBRATE 4-H** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. May be a 4-H based story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project or activity, or a celebration of the Texas 4-H Centennial. ***This category may also address a specific youth issue, current event or world affair and present ways in which this issue can be addressed.*** May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or dance but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. Skits can be humorous, creative and make fun of but not degrade Extension employees or the 4-H program. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes and props. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

QUIZ BOWL INFORMATION BEEF, HORSE & NUTRITION

All quiz bowl contests will be played as double elimination tournaments. If there are not significant teams registered for the district contest (i.e. only one Junior and one Senior team), the teams will still be required to participate in the bowl contest. For example, a double elimination tournament may be conducted between the Junior and Senior teams.

The Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide is available at:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/Project/quizbowl/16083106-4H32030.pdf>

BEEF QUIZ BOWL

The Beef Quiz Bowl is an exciting, fast paced opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the beef industry and the science surrounding beef cattle. The contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the 1999 revision of the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide, 4-H 3-2.030.

Contest Resource:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/Project/beef/Beef_Quiz_Bowl_Supplement.pdf

HORSE QUIZ BOWL

This contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the 1999 revision of the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide, 4-H 3-2.030. Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement, 4-h 302.031, should be utilized for support information. Official references utilized for contest preparation should be from the Fall 2002 reference list.

Texas 4-H Horse Project Team Website:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/Project/horse/16083106-4H32031.pdf>

NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL

This contest helps participants increase knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and nutrition and health. This contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the 1999 revision of the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide, 4-H 3-2.030. Nutrition Quiz Bowl Supplement, 4-H 3-2.021 should be utilized for support information.

Contest Resources: http://fcs.tamu.edu/food_and_nutrition/4-h_youth.php

District 11 4-H Roundup Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins	
8:30 a.m.	Judges Orientation (Educational Presentations)	Library
8:30 a.m.	Share-the-Fun Orientation for 4-H members and coaches	Playroom (G208)
	Judges' Orientation immediately follows	
9:00 a.m.	"Pep Rally" and Orientation for all 4-H members/contestants	Gym
9:30 a.m.	Judging begins in contest rooms Awards will be presented in each contest room, immediately following tabulation	
11:30 a.m.	Adult Leader Association Meeting	Library