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GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

EVENT INFORMATION

District 11 4-H Roundup will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at St. Joseph High School, Victoria, TX.

District Roundup Contests include:
- Educational Presentations
- Public Speaking Contest
- Share-the-Fun Contest
- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- Leaders 4-Life Skillathon (Seniors ONLY)
- Discover Scientific Method Poster Competition
- 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 14\textsuperscript{th} birthday but not have had their 19\textsuperscript{th} birthday as of August 31, 2013.
- **Intermediate Division** – Contestants must have passed their 11\textsuperscript{th} birthday, but not have had their 14\textsuperscript{th} birthday as of August 31, 2013.
- **Junior Division** – Contestants must have passed their 9\textsuperscript{th} birthday (or be 8 and in the third grade) and not have had their 11\textsuperscript{th} birthday as of August 31, 2013.

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 14\textsuperscript{th} birthday but not have had their 19\textsuperscript{th} birthday as of August 31, 2013.
- **Junior Division** – Contestants must have passed their 9\textsuperscript{th} birthday (or be 8 and in the third grade) and not have had their 14\textsuperscript{th} birthday as of August 31, 2013.

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 age 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 three (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 (3) entries (team/individual) per age division from each county may participate in any contest at District Roundup.

SENIORS ONLY –

Please note the Texas 4-H Roundup rule change: 4-H members MAY enter the same category in which they have previously been part of a first place entry at Texas 4-H Roundup; including the category in which they won first.

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 (on-line registration system). The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on March 1 through 12:00 midnight on March 21, 2014. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period. Late registration will be allowed from March 22 through April 4 for an additional late registration fee of $25.00. All entries on 4-H CONNECT must be certified by the respective county Extension agent within two (2) business days following the registration deadline. It is important to be aware that registration will close at Midnight on April 4 and will NOT re-open. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REGISTER.

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of $10.00 per INDIVIDUAL will be charged for all contests. An additional late registration fee of $25 will be added from March 22 – April 4, 2014. 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 April 1, 2014 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 (3) 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 21st registration deadline.

NUMBER OF CONTESTS

Senior members may only compete in one “Tuesday” contest, one “Wednesday” contest and one “Thursday” contest (see list below).

- Tuesday contests at Texas 4-H Roundup are: Quiz Bowls, Fashion Show, Trashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Leaders for Life, Recipe Rally.
- Wednesday contests at Texas 4-H Roundup are: Judging Contests and Food Challenge.
- Thursday contests at Texas 4-H Roundup are: Share-the-Fun, Food Show, Public Speaking, Discover Scientific Method Poster Competition 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

Photography 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 photography 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.

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District 11 senior members can qualify to compete in one Tuesday, one Wednesday, and one Thursday contest 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 MUST be approved through the District Office.

PRIOR COMPETITION:

Effective September 1, 2013:
A change is being implemented to allow most state winning teams and individuals the opportunity to come back and participate in state events and contests after winning 1st place (as an individual or member of a team). This includes some judging contests, recordbook judging, fashion show, food challenge, shooting sports, and others. The current rule that restricts youth from participating in the same category will also be revoked. Examples of this include: Fashion Show, Food Show, and Share-the-Fun. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in the same category after winning state the previous year.

**ALL STATE ROUNDUP RULES WILL SUPERCEDE DISTRICT ROUNDUP RULES**