TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2026 District 4-H Roundup Contests

EVENT DATE: Friday, April 24th, 2026

LOCATION: San Angelo Fairgrounds

OFFICAL LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF EVENT

FEE: $10.00

Any entries made after the closing date of 4-HOnline will incur a $50 late fee in addition to the original contest fee. (Pending late entry is approved based on timeline needed for contest preparation)

ENTRY DEADLINE: 4-H ONLINE Opens – March 23rd and Closes April 6th
4-Her's will need to enter on 4-HOnline.

- **THERE WILL NOT BE A COUNTY ENTRY FORM FOR THIS CONTEST, we will strictly go off of 4-H Online registrations.**
- **Judges Form – (website form), Due April 6th**

Please find the Guidelines, Rules and Regulations for this event on the following pages. Please contact the District 7 Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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DISTRICT 7 4-H ROUNDUP CONTESTS
GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE DIVISIONS

The following contestant ages are as of August 31, 2025:

- JUNIOR – age 8 and in the 3rd grade to 8th grade
- SENIOR – 9th – 12th grades (Max age 18 as of August 31)

All counties must be entered on 4-HOnline.

PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPETE WITH THE SAME PRESENTATION/ENTRY AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION – COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND STATE.

Participants may FINE-TUNE performances/presentations based on critiques from county and district judging but changing material/content completely is prohibited.

There will be NO REFUNDS for teams/individuals that don't show up to the contest. If you miss the registration deadline you will be required to pay the late registration fee.

***NEW policy for accommodations requests for events:**

- **Requests for accommodations must be submitted to the District Office from the County Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**
- **This request must be accompanied by official documentation in one of the following options for why the request is being submitted :**
  - **A) Official doctor's note from a licensed medical professional**
  - **B) School documentation and/or evaluation from a public institution**
  - **C) Official evaluation from a licensed professional therapist and/or diagnostician**
- **Note: The documentation and request are required within the appropriate timeline outlined for the event in order for the accommodation to be considered but does not guarantee that the requested accommodation can be made.**
- **The request will be reviewed by the district office (and when necessary, in consultation with the state office).**
- **Request and documentation will be kept confidential within the appropriate county/district staff and event administrators.**

NUMBER OF CONTESTS A 4-H MEMBER CAN ENTER

A 4-H member can only enter one (1) contest per day at Texas 4-H Roundup (State).
See Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for a schedule

*PLEASE NOTE: Contestants are permitted to compete in a maximum of two **(2)** Contests at District Roundup.*
*Option 1: This can be **one (1)** Educational Presentation/Public Speaking and **one (1)** 4-H Talent Showcase Presentation*
OR
*Option 2: **one (1)** 4-H Talent Showcase Presentation from these categories: Choreographed Routine / Variety Show / Musical-Instrumental / Vocal*
*and **one (1)** 4-H Talent Showcase Presentation from these categories: 4-H Skit / Poetry-Prose / Solo-Band*

REMINDER: For Senior participants competing at Texas 4-H Roundup, the 2nd set of 4-H Talent Showcase categories listed above are the same day as Educational Presentations so a participant would not be able to do both at state.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

The following Roundup Contests will be held at District Roundup. Each county may have the number of entries in each of the contests as indicated below:

- **Educational Presentations**
  - Junior Teams (1 to 2 members)/Individuals — any number of entries per category
  - Senior Teams (1 or 2 members)/Individuals — 3 entries per category

- **Public Speaking**
  - Junior Individuals — any number of entries per county
  - Senior Individuals — 3 entries per county

- **4-H Talent Showcase (Formerly Share the Fun)**
  - Junior Teams (2 to 9 members)/Individuals — 2 entries per category per county
  - Senior Teams (2 to 9 members)/Individuals — 2 entries per category per county

NUMBER OF SENIOR TEAMS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE COMPETITION

In contests that allow three entries, the top three (3) senior entries will advance, of which, one, two, or all three entries could possibly come from the same county within the district. Mixing of individuals from various counties to create district "all-star" team(s) is not allowed.

NUMBER OF SENIOR INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE COMPETITION

In judging and identification contests, the three (3) highest scoring senior individuals in the district contest may participate. A county is allowed to advance a maximum of two (2) individuals. If a county has three individuals wishing to compete at the county/district level they must be declared as a team entry. EXCEPTION –Duds to Dazzle, Food Challenge, Quiz Bowls and Leaders 4 Life do not allow individual entries.

CONTEST TIME LIMITS

There is no minimum time for Junior or Senior presentations. Maximum time is as follows (which ***may*** be a factor in judging):

- Educational Presentations — 12 minutes for presentation; 9 minutes for set-up/tear-down
- Public Speaking — 5-8 minutes for presentation
- 4-H Talent Showcase — 6 minutes for presentation; 4 minutes for set-up/tear-down

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for specific rules for each Educational Presentation contest.

Contest categories are as follows:

- Animal Science Educational Presentation
- Agriculture & Natural Resources Educational Presentation
- Beef Educational Presentation
- Family & Consumer Educational Presentation
- Health & Wellness Educational Presentation
- Horse Educational Presentation
- Open Educational Presentation
- Promote 4-H Educational Presentation
- Sheep and Goat Educational Presentation
- Safety & Injury Prevention Educational Presentation
- STEM Educational Presentation
- Swine Educational Presentation

Awards: Educational Presentations in each room will compete against each other for a Division Champion Award. One Division Champion Award will be presented in each contest ROOM for each age group for **educational presentations only.**

VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DISPLAY EQUIPMENT: A laptop and projector will be provided in each Educational Presentation Room. If you want to use the equipment on-site, you will need to bring your presentation on a jump drive. **Please note that there is always the risk of technical difficulties.** You are welcome to bring all of your own equipment (computer, projector, and extension cord) if you feel more comfortable using your own equipment. Keep in mind you either have to use the equipment on-site **or** bring your own – we cannot connect your computer to their projector.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for specific rules for this contest.

4-H Talent Showcase (Formerly Share the Fun)

4-H Talent Showcase Contest allows for two entries per category from each district. Refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide for specific rules for each Share-the-Fun category. There are no guarantees as far as room set-up available features, such as flooring, acoustics, space, etc.

- 7 categories:
  1. 4-H Skit
  2. Choreographed Routines
  3. Variety Show

4. Musical/Instrumental
5. Poetry/Prose
6. Solo/Band Performance
7. Vocal

The *first and second place senior district winners* in each of the seven (7) categories qualify for State 4-H Roundup.

- The first and second place entries in each category from District advancing to State may be from the same county.

All 4-H Talent Showcase Teams/Individuals need to supply all necessary stage equipment and props (i.e. microphone stands, radio/tape/cd players, etc.). **A piano will be available for use this year**.

Coaches and agents of 4-H Talent Showcase Teams/Individuals should make sure that the skit meets the category guidelines as addressed in the 4-H Talent Showcase section of the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines.

JUDGES/JUDGING

Volunteers and County agents will serve as judges for the district roundup. Any volunteer judges can be submitted using the online judge's form. The district office will make judging assignments and information will be provided to the judges.

Preferably, Judges should be individuals qualified to judge Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, or 4-H Talent Showcase presentations. They should have experience working with these contests and/or have particular expertise in an area. Ideally, the best judge would meet both criteria.

ASSIGNMENTS

Information regarding agent assignments, contest room location, etc. will be sent to all agents after receiving registration materials and reviewing the number of entries in each contest.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Contest superintendents are responsible for conducting their respective contests. Orientation will be provided for judges while superintendents are preparing for contests.

Contest superintendents are to ask participants and parents/leaders to remain in their designated contest room until all Educational Presentations have been given. This will ensure an audience for all participants as well as provide an opportunity for all 4-H members to observe their competition.

AGENT/PARENT/LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

It is important that all 4-H members participating in District Roundup be under the supervision of parents or leaders from the time they are dismissed from their contests until the Awards Assembly begins.

Roundup contests should provide positive experiences for 4-H members. The contests are designed to provide 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate project skills and help them develop poise and self-confidence in making 4-H presentations. We know you will encourage participation in all Roundup contests.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM Building open for unloading 4-H Talent Showcase props & skit materials
- 8:30 AM Contest Superintendents pick up contest packets
- 8:45 AM Judges Orientation
  (4-H Talent Showcase judges report to contest room for orientation)
- 8:45 AM Contestants and Coaches report to contest rooms
- 9:00 AM Contests begin
- No Lunch Break
- TBA- Awards Assembly – San Angelo Fairgrounds

AWARDS

Determined by contest officials