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2024 NUECES COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP
CHECK IN AT 3:30 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
BALLROOM A, RICHARD M. BORCHARD REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
1213 TERRY SHAMSIE BOULEVARD
ROBSTOWN TEXAS 78380

COMPLETED ENTRIES DUE BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

EVENT INFORMATION. The Nueces County 4-H Roundup will be held beginning with check-in at 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, Ballroom A, 1213 Terry Shamsie Boulevard, Robstown, Texas 78380. The county Roundup contests include:

- Speaking
- Quiz Bowls – Family & Community Health (FCH), Horse, or Livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat)
- 4-H Talent Showcase

MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS. Descriptions of divisions are below.

- **Senior** Participants must be in the 9, 10, 11, or 12 grades as of September 1, 2023.
- **Intermediate** Participants must be in the 6, 7, or 8 grades as of September 1, 2023.
- **Junior** Participants must be in the 3, 4, or 5 grades as of September 1, 2023.

For all **Quiz Bowl** contests, there are only two divisions: Junior and Senior. Descriptions are as follows:

- **Senior** Participants must be in the 9, 10, 11, or 12 grades as of September 1, 2023.
- **Junior** Participants must be in the 3 through 8 grades as of September 1, 2023.

For educational presentations (speaking) and 4-H Talent Showcase, 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 school grade criteria to advance to State Roundup.

ELIGIBILITY. All participants must be active 4-H members in the Nueces County 4-H program. 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 11 Spring Spectacular (Roundup).

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 and the parents of the situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

PRIOR COMPETITION. Most state winning teams or individuals are allowed to 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. Competing at these national contests will make a team or individual INELIGIBLE to compete again at Texas 4-H Roundup in that respected contest.

CONTEST REGISTRATION. The completed Nueces County 4-H Roundup entry form must be submitted via fax, mail, or email to the Nueces County 4-H Office by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2024.**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Individuals who require an auxiliary service or accommodation to participate need to contact the Nueces County 4-H Office at 361.767.5220 for proper arrangements to be made.

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 will allow a member to participate in both days of the contest should they qualify in categories that are on different days.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES. The use of electronic devices, such as cell phones, Smart watches, laser pointers, etc., that may be disruptive to the presenter or judges are forbidden in all contest rooms/facilities.

FIREARMS, WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, OPEN FLAMED BURNERS, AND/OR LIVE AMMUNITION. No firearms, weapons, fireworks, open flamed burners, or live ammunition are allowed in any county Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are encouraged and allowed.

COMBUSTIBLE, FLAMMABLE, FLAMES, OR PRESSURIZED ITEMS/PROPS. No items and/or props that are combustible, flammable, or under extreme pressure can be used in any Roundup contest. These include camp stoves, propane tanks, and/or open flames.

AWARDS PROGRAM. Winners will be announced via email.

- Certificates of Participation will be provided to all event participants.
- Junior, Intermediate, and Senior winners will receive blue first-place rosettes.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS AND GUIDELINES

Educational presentation contests can be entered as an individual or a team of up to five (5) members and consist of a method demonstration or illustrated talk. Printed materials may be found on the Texas 4-H Youth Development website. Publications currently available online are: Public Speaking – 4-H Style; 4-H Public Presentation Guide: Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks.

The following is a list of educational presentation contests that will be held at the Nueces County 4-H Roundup. For a description of each contest, please refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. Educational Presentation categories are listed below and select the most appropriate category.

Agriculture & Natural Resources
Animal Science
Beef
Family & Consumer Education
Health & Wellness
Horse
Open
Promote 4-H
Public Speaking
Safety & Injury Prevention
Science, Engineering, Technology, & Math (STEM)
Sheep & Goat
Swine

TOPIC SUBJECT. Subjects in educational presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. Some contests provide a suggested list of topics that the presentation can cover along with a resource list. Contestants are encouraged to research these emerging and/or current issues to develop presentations.

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 Texas AgriLife Extension Service 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, contain current information, and not be better 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 LIMIT. 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.

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, projects, easels, etc. Firearms, weapons, fireworks, open flamed burners, live ammunition, or live animals are not allowed to be used by a contestant in any Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are allowed and encouraged.

VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DISPLAY EQUIPMENT. For District: Participants are responsible for all video and audio equipment used in a contest. The setting up of the equipment will be included in the set-up and take-down time of the participants. Video and audio equipment include 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. **For District and State competition:** Laptops, screens, extension cords, and projectors will be provided.

JUDGES' QUESTIONS. Judges may ask contestants questions at the end of the presentation. This will be done at the judge's time. Only official judges may ask questions of the contestants; no other 4-H members, adults, and/or leaders are allowed to do so.

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.

SCORE SHEETS. Score Sheet for Educational Presentations will be used by contest judges in scoring Educational Presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, or speech). Separate score sheets are used in the Public Speaking and Share-the-Fun. All score sheets are available on the Nueces County 4-H website <https://nueces.agrilife.org>.

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 eight (8) minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular youth issue or concern.

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

SCORING/SCORE SHEETS. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a Score Sheet for Public Speaking. All score sheets are available as part of this package or on the Nueces County 4-H website <https://nueces.agrilife.org>.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION TOPICS. Current events, youth issues, or other topics related to youth.

4-H TALENT SHOWCASE 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
- To develop self-confidence through public appearance.

RULES. There are seven categories, each with a separate description and score card. Category descriptions are listed below and included in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. The seven categories are:

- 4-H Skit
- Choreographed Routine
- Variety Show
- Musical/Instrumental
- Poetry/Prose
- Solo/Band
- Vocal

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

Participants must compete with the same material at all levels of competition (county, district, state). For example, you cannot choose one song for your act and then change songs between district and state. Acts may fine tune performances based on critiques from county and district judging, but changing material completely is prohibited.

To determine a 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.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS.

1. **4-H SKIT.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. 4-H based story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project, or activity. This category may also address a specific youth issue and present ways in which this issue can be addressed through 4-H efforts. Acts may incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines (not the primary focal point) through character dialogue, interaction, and storytelling. 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 breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
2. **CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINE.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. The act requires choreography which can be demonstrated through twirling, pompom 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. Acts may use recorded music on CD or digital music player but may not use an accompanist. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity,

showmanship, costuming, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

3. **VARIETY SHOW.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. This is an acting category. Variety Show, also known as variety arts or variety entertainment, is entertainment made up of a variety of acts including sketch comedy, magic, acrobatics, juggling, and ventriloquism and other acts that do not fit into the other six categories. Acts cannot incorporate 4-H related material or theme. (Otherwise, it would be categorized as 4-H Skit). Creativity is encouraged, but the degradation of any individual or organization is not permitted. Acts may incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines, not the primary focal point. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes, and props. Four (4) minutes for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
4. **MUSICAL/INSTRUMENTAL.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background recorded music or an instrumental performance only. No accompanist will be allowed. Participants may not sing or incorporate a skit, poetry, prose, or choreography with their act. Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
5. **POETRY/PROSE.** An entry may consist of one (1) to 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. All material must be memorized. No script may be used during the performance. Judged on material chosen, message, talent, presentation style, props/costuming. Four (4) minutes total for set-up and breakdown; 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.

6. **SOLO/BAND.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. This act incorporates a combination of vocal and musical/instrumental talents. Acts that are vocal only or musical/instrumental only are not to be entered in this category. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act by playing a musical instrument, singing, or both (solo performance must play an instrument and sing). Participants **MUST** incorporate singing in the acts, but cannot incorporate skits, poetry, or prose. They may, however, move around the stage and incorporate choreography with their presentation for the purpose of enhancing their showmanship. Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, vocal presentation when applicable, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
7. **VOCAL.** An entry may consist of one (1) to nine (9) participants. Vocal presentation may be done a Capella or with an accompaniment CD, iPod, or other mp3 player. No accompanist will be allowed for this category. All members in the act must be singing. No lip sync will be allowed. Contestants may not present skits, poetry, or other speaking during the act. They may, however, move around the stage

and incorporate choreography with their presentation for the purpose of enhancing their showmanship. 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 breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

QUIZ BOWLS CONTESTS INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

All quiz bowl contests may be played as a single or double elimination tournament (based on the number of teams entered). 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 tournament may be conducted between the Junior and Senior teams. Quiz Bowl teams will be made up of 4 team members.

- **Family Community Health (FCH) Quiz Bowl.** This contest helps participants increase their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and health. The contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide.
- **Horse Quiz Bowl.** The primary objective of the Horse Quiz Bowl contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting. The contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide.
- **Livestock Quiz Bowl.** The Livestock Quiz Bowl is an exciting, fast paced contest for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry and the science surrounding cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. The bowl is played as a double elimination tournament with teams of four players going head-to-head for top honors. The contest will follow the rules and procedures listed in the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide.

Contestants must be currently enrolled 4-H members and academically eligible. Ages will be determined based on grade as of September 1, 2023:

- Juniors (Juniors & Intermediates): Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

The Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide is available at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_rules_2024.pdf.

- **LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL** Contest Resources: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_livestock_resources_2024.pdf.
- **HORSE QUIZ BOWL** Contest Resources: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_horse_resources_2024.pdf.
- **FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH (FCH) QUIZ BOWL** Contest Resources Study Guide: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_fch_resources_2024.pdf.