

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

February 4, 2020

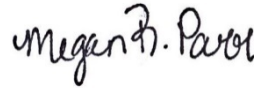
MEMORANDUM

TO: District 8 County Extension Agents

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SUBJECT: 2020 DISTRICT 8 4-H TARLETON SPRING JUDGING CONTESTS

Events: Range Evaluation
Range & Pasture Grass Identification
Wool Judging & Evaluation
Mohair Judging & Evaluation
Entomology Identification
Ag Product Identification
Livestock Skillathon

Event Date: Friday, April 3, 2020

Location: Tarleton State University
Agricultural Center
Ag Mechanics Building
County Road 518
Stephenville, TX 76401

The GPS coordinates you can use are [32.237415, -98.201903](https://goo.gl/maps/GKnfyxjCZBt).
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Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.
Opens: Monday, March 2, 2020
Closes: Friday, March 20, 2020

County Approvals: County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, March 23, 2020.

Entry Fee: \$10 per member per event

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Late Entries:

Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
- \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event

**Auxiliary Aids or
Special
Accommodations:**

If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time of entry.

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Schedule

Registration opens at 7:30 am and will be open all day.

Registration will be at the Ag Mechanics Building at the Tarleton Agricultural Center.

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 Agricultural Center
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	Check-in by:	Orientation/Contest Starts
Livestock Skillathon	“Come-and-Go Format” See rules for details.	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Entomology Identification	7:45 am	8:00 am
Mohair Judging & Evaluation	8:45 am	9:00 am
Range & Pasture Grass Identification (Plant ID)	8:45 am	9:00 am
Range Evaluation	9:45 am	10:00 am
Wool Judging & Evaluation	11:15 am	11:30 pm
Awards Ceremony #1	<i>Approximately 1:00 pm or immediately following completion of tabulation for Entomology, Mohair, Wool, Range Evaluation, Livestock Skillathon and Range & Pasture Grass (Plant ID) contests.</i>	
Ag Product Identification	1:45 pm	2:00 pm
Awards Ceremony #2	<i>Approximately 3:30 pm or immediately following completion of tabulation for Ag Product Identification.</i>	

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General Rules for all Tarleton-hosted contests

1. Rules and Guidelines

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 8 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. All contests listed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide will be included in District Contest, provided there are sufficient entries.

2. Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

3. Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of August 31, 2019 as follows:

Age Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in the qualifying contests.

4. Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

5. Team per county

There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

6. Members per team

These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

Note: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has true Intermediates (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. No individual may move down to a younger age division.

7. Multiple Entries at Tarleton Spring Judging Contests

4-H members may participate in multiple events. The schedule is built to allow youth to participate in multiple contests on the same day. Lunch will be on your own, so youth will need to be prepared if planning to compete in contests that are around lunch time.

8. Academic Eligibility of Participants

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. 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 member 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, his/her 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.

9. Entry Fee

There is a \$10 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

10. Late Fees

Late entries will be permitted with an additional \$20 late fee per 4-H member 60 hours after the regular contest deadline. \$50 late fee per member after 60 hours and up to the time of the check-in on-site at the event.

11. Awards

The top three (3) teams and the top five (5) individuals in each age division in each contest will receive awards.

12. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the same time that entry materials are due.

13. These are invitational only contests. These contests are invitational at Texas 4-H Roundup:

- Ag Product ID *open to intermediates*
- Entomology *open to intermediates*
- Livestock Skill-a-thon *open to intermediates*
- Range Evaluation *open to intermediates*
- Range & Pasture Grass Identification *open to intermediates*
- Wool Judging – Only Senior (9th – 12th grades).
- Mohair Judging - Only Senior (9th – 12th grades).

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Entomology Identification

1. Description of contest

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.

2. Contest Format

4-H members will identify selected insects and complete a written examination on insects. Each part is worth 50% of the total score.

Identification

Actual insect specimens or photographs will be used in the Identification portion of the contest. The identification portion will require a common name as well as the insect Order.

Written Exam

The written exam may include question formats such as true/false, matching or completion questions, short answer, or fill-in-the-blank. Questions will be prepared primarily from “Study Materials for 4-H Entomology Contests.”

Tie-breakers will be designated. If there are still ties, then spelling will be used.

	Written Exam	Identification of Insects
Junior	20 questions	5 insects
Intermediate	30 questions	10 insects
Senior	50 questions	25 insects

3. Contest Study Materials

<https://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/youth/4-h/4h-contest/>