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MEMORANDUM

To: County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers

Subject: 2nd Annual MJ Hanna Foundation Open Invitational Contest

Saturday, April 10, 2021 – M J Hanna Ranch located on Hanna Ranch Rd., Gatesville, Texas 76528.

 **4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant Identification Contest**

 **4-H Range Evaluation Contest**

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This will be the 2nd Annual Open Invitational 4-H and FFA Contest sponsored by the MJ Hanna Foundation in Coryell County. The MJ Hanna Foundation supports youth education through various activities and will be awarding the top individuals with scholarships.

The top 5 Senior level 4-H teams will be endorsed by Texas 4-H to compete in the National Land & Range Evaluation Judging Contest to be held May 4-6, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK. This contest will serve to select teams for the 2019-2020 Texas 4-H year due to the cancellation of 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup. 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup will serve to quality teams for the 2022 National contest.

**A total of *$16,000* in scholarships will be given out to the top individuals of each contest!!**

***LUNCH* will be included!!**

Date: Saturday April 10, 2021

Location: MJ Hanna Ranch on Hanna Ranch Rd, Gatesville, Texas 76528

Eligible Participants: All 4-H and FFA members in the following age divisions

 **Junior Division – 3rd-8th grade**

 **Senior Division – 9th-12th grade**

Entry Fee: Registration Fee received by April 5, 2021

 **Teams - $40**

 **Individuals - $20**

 On-site Registration Fee

 **Team - $60**

 **Individuals - $30**

**Contest Schedule**

Registration 8:30-9:00 a.m. at M J Hanna Education Building

Orientation 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Contest Start 9:30 a.m.

Review of Contest Following the completion of each contest

Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Awards Program 2:00 p.m.

**Entry Materials**

Entry materials can be obtained at the following locations:

Coryell County Extension Office – 303 Veteran’s Memorial Dr.

Website: <https://coryell.agrilife.org/>

Email: Becky Coward Becky.Coward@ag.tamu.edu or Andy James Andy.James@tamu.edu

**Awards**

*Junior Division*

Range and Pasture Plant ID & Range Evaluation Contests

Junior High Point Individual - $1,500

2nd Place Individual - $500

Team prizes for top 3 teams

*Senior Division*

Range and Pasture Plant ID & Range Evaluation Contests

Senior High Point Individual - $5,000

2nd Place Individual - $1,000

Team prizes for top 3 teams

**MJ Hanna Foundation Invitational 4-H and FFA Contest Rules**

**General Rules**

*All general rules apply to both contests.*

1. Number of Teams – There is no limit to the number of teams that may be entered by a County Extension Agent of Agricultural Science Teacher.
2. Age Divisions – Junior Division (3rd – 8th grade), Senior Division (9th – 12th grade)
3. Participants
	1. Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members in the same age division. Scores of the 3 highest team members will comprise the team score.
	2. Individual participants may compete and contend for individual awards.
	3. Current 4-H and FFA membership is required for participation.
	4. The High Point Senior Division participant is not eligible to receive more than 1 high point scholarship. In the event that a high point senior wins the contest more than once, the scholarships will be awarded to 2nd-3rd place individuals.
4. Entry Materials
	1. All entries must be signed and sent in together with one check by the Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent. Entries will NOT be accepted by other individuals.
5. Contest Study Resources
	1. Plants may be mounted or live specimens
	2. A master plant list with characteristics of each plant may be obtained by contacting Dr. Barron Rector, Contest Coordinator, Extension Range Specialist. (979) 845-2755
	3. Resource materials are also available at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>
6. Participants must bring a clipboard and 2 pencils.
7. Current Covid-19 Safety Guidelines will be followed by all attendees. In the event of cancellation due to Covid-19, refunds will be issued to entrants.

**Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Specific Rules**

1. The contest involves identification of a minimum of 60 plants that may be either grasses, forbs, legumes, or woody plants from the master plant list.
2. Each participant will use a scantron (provided by Coryell County) to score the contest.
3. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant and record their answer.

**Range Evaluation Contest Specific Rules**

1. This contest involves the following contest components and will follow the 4-H Range Evaluation Contest Rules:
	1. Part I – Identification of 20-40 plants from the master plant list.
	2. Part II – Evaluation of a marked range site
	3. Part III – Judge 4 marked range plots to evaluate range health and answering plot specific questions
2. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant and record their answer on Part I.
3. Contestants will have 20 minutes to complete Parts II and III.

**MJ Hanna Foundation Invitational**

**4-H and FFA Contest Entry Form**



**Return Entry Form and Fees to: Entry Fee – Received by April 5, 2021**

Coryell County Extension Office Teams - $40

303 Veteran’s Memorial Dr Individuals - $20

Gatesville, TX 76528 **On-Site Entry Fee**

(254) 865-2414 Teams - $60

 Individuals - $30

**No Refunds after April 5, 2021**

**Checks Payable to Coryell County 4-H**

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