**CONTEST INFORMATION**

**Date April 27, 2019**

**Schedule.**

* **Registration**                      7:00 to 7:15 a.m.
* **Contest Begins**               8:00 a.m.
* **Oral Reasons**                    Conclusion of judging
* **Awards**                             Approximately 1:15 (as soon as results are received)

**Registration.**Each participating member is required to register on 4-H Connect ([https://texas.4honline.com](https://texas.4honline.com/)) and pay the registration fee.  Registration for juniors will be $10.  Registration for intermediates and seniors will be $15.  The added $5 will cover the cost of lunch that will be provided for these two age division participants due to the extended time of giving reasons.  Registration will open on March 11, 2019 and close at midnight April 12, 2019.  Agents, please insure all team members have registered before certifying on the county level.   All county/team packets must be picked up by the CEA, coach or another adult representative and distributed to the appropriate members at the contest.

**If the county has multiple team entries, please denote team names on 4-H Connect using this naming structure**:

<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #1

<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #2

<County> Jr/Int/Sr Team #3

Example:  Bowie Int Team #2

Please no unique team names.

**Participation.**Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development county program in District IV.  Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest.

**Age.**Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.  Age divisions for this contest are:

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| Junior | 3rd, 4th or 5th grade (minimum age of 8) |
| Intermediate | 6th, 7th or 8th grade |
| Senior | 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (maximum age of 18) |

**Entries per county**. Each county may enter unlimited teams/individuals per age division listed above.

**Members per team**.   Teams consist of 3 or 4 members of the same age.  Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team.  Juniors and intermediates are not allowed to move up to the senior age division.  Only the top 3 total individual scores will count toward team awards.

**Awards.**1st through 5th place individual and team awards in each age category will be presented.  Awards for overall and individual reasons scores will be given.  The top 3 senior teams/individuals will qualify for state.

**Participants with disabilities.**If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Denita Young @ 972-952-9252 or [djyoung@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu). You can also contact Dr. Hurley Miller @ 972-952-9263 or hurley.miller@ag.tamu.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the program or note such needs when registering on 4-H Connect.

**Contest Details.**Eight classes will be judged, consisting of a combination of breeding and market cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.  Following judging, seniors will give 4 sets of reasons (2 cattle, 1 swine, 1 sheep), and intermediates 2 (1 market steer, 1 market sheep).   Juniors will not give any reasons.  Reasons classes are subject to change.  EPDs – Estimated Progeny Differences and a herd use description will be provided on the breeding cattle class.  The contest will be scored electronically; therefore, members should be familiar with the universal Scantron placing sheet.

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