



Wildlife Challenge Invitational Contest Memo

Covid-19 Disclaimer: This is the date and time we are planning to hold this contest. However, due to the ever-changing Covid-19 conditions, we reserve the right to make changes in the date/time/location if necessary. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we navigate these circumstances.

Date: Friday, April 8, 2022

Location: Farmersville First Baptist Church – Farmersville, Texas
124 S. Washington St. – Farmersville, Texas 75442

Schedule: At each contestant's convenience anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$12.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on March 9, 2022 and close at midnight March 23, 2022. No late entries will be accepted.

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. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member on a team.

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

- Junior (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)
- Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades)

Entries per County. Each county may enter an unlimited number of individuals per age division listed above.

Suggested materials to bring for contest. Clipboard, blank paper, and pencils. No calculators allowed.

Awards. 1st through 5th place individual awards in each age division will be presented.

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Participants with Disabilities. Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office or Denita Young at djyoung@ag.tamu.edu or note when registering on 4-H Online, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

Contest Description. The District IV 4-H Wildlife Challenge Contest is an Invitational Event that tests participant's knowledge of information found within five 4-H Natural Resources projects: the Wildlife and Fisheries Project; the Hunting and Wildlife Project; the Entomology Project; the Forestry Project; and the Sportfishing Project. Preparing for this event will allow participants the opportunity to explore all five of these project areas.

Youth will compete as individuals for placing in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions.

The contest consists of two areas as described below. Each of the two areas may test participants over any of the specified information within the five Natural Resources project area resources posted.

Participants will need to bring a clipboard and several sharpened pencils to use during the contest.

No electronic devices (i.e. smart phones or smart watches are allowed to be in the possession of participants during the contest).

Contest Activities.

Identification – Contestants will identify animals and plants from pictures or actual specimens such as leaves, fruit/nuts, skulls, skins, wings, specimen mounts, tracks, calls, etc. Contestants will identify wildlife habitat concepts, wildlife habitat components, and wildlife management practices from photos. Contestants will identify equipment and equipment components that may be found within any of the project resources (i.e. fishing equipment, shooting/hunting equipment, insect collecting equipment, wildlife habitat management equipment, forestry equipment, etc.).

Knowledge and Skills Assessment – Contestants will answer multiple choice, yes/no, true/false questions related to knowledge and skills found within the five project areas. The skills could include, but are not limited to, those needed for fishing, hunting, insect collection and display, firearm handling, forest evaluation, and wildlife habitat evaluation.

Resources.

Contest material will be drawn from the specific resources listed on the 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Project webpage: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries>.

After opening the webpage, scroll to the 'Contests' title to find the 'Resources' list under Roundup Wildlife Challenge. Please note that specimens and/or specimen pictures may not necessarily be the same image found within the resources.



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Contestants will use the Universal A scan sheet to record their placings. Please make sure they are familiar with the sheet prior to judging. An example of one can be viewed here:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>

Contest Superintendents. Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Wildlife Challenge Invitational Contest should be directed to Brian Triplett at Brian.Triplett@ag.tamu.edu

COVID-19 NOTICE

This program will follow any directives by the local/county health officials, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service policies, and State requirements in effect at the time of the event as it relates to COVID-19. Participation in this event **REQUIRES** any attendee to follow those procedures to attend the event. This **MAY** include wearing face coverings, social distancing, any other preventative measures mandated or required by this program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in helping us provide this contest opportunity for your child.