



Leaders for Life Contest Memo

LEADERS 4 LIFE • NEW The Service-Learning Interview has been eliminated from the contest. • NEW The Question portion will now consist of 12 questions • NEW Rotation of questions has changed. • NEW The 6 “required” motions are no longer a standard part of the presentation. • NEW The Score Sheet has been modified. • NEW Judges process has changed.

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Location: Texas A&M University-Commerce Rayburn Student Center
2200 Campbell Street
Commerce Texas 75428

Check-In: 1:00 p.m.

Orientation: 1:30 p.m.

Contest: Begins following orientation

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-H Online (<https://texas.4honline.com>) and pay the \$12.00 registration fee. Registration will open on **March 6, 2024 and close at midnight on March 20, 2024.**

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:

Junior	Grades 3, 4, 5
Intermediate	Grades 6, 7, 8
Senior	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Entries per County. Each county may enter unlimited teams/individuals per age division listed above. The top 3 senior teams and/or individuals (if they are not already on one of the top 3 teams) will advance to state.



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Members per Team. Teams consist of at least 4 and no more than 6 members of the same age. Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team. Intermediate members will be allowed to move up to the senior age division in order to complete a team, but please understand this “mixed senior” team will not be eligible to compete at the State level.

Team members must represent the following officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (at a minimum). Up to two additional team members can be in any position—such as reporter or recreation leader—or just act as members of the club. Officer positions are determined by the team in advance.

Contest Categories/Divisions. There will be two contest components for district:

- Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration:
 - The 6 “required” motions are no longer a standard part of the presentation.
 - Teams will still have to correctly perform /implement the appropriate motions called for in the 3 problems.
 - These problems may include any of the following:

Main Motion	Rise to a Point of Order
Lay on Table	Appeal to Decision of Chair
Amendment	Previous Question
Division of Assembly	Rescind a Motion
Take from the Table	Reconsider a Motion
Withdraw a Motion	Postpone a Motion Definitely
Division of a Question	Postpone a Motion Indefinitely
Refer Motion to a Committee	Object to Consideration of the Question

- Questions and Answers with the Judges
 - Will consist of 12 questions (worth up to 5 points each) for each team.
 - Questions will be rotated through the team members in this order: President/Vice President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Member 1. Etc. When all members have answered the first question, members will rotate through again until all 12 are answered.

Awards. The top five high-scoring teams in each age division will be recognized with awards. The **first, second, and third** place teams in the **senior** age division will qualify for state (if all members of each team qualify).



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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 Connect, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

Cell phones and talking. Cell phones or other digital devices are not allowed in any portion of the contest. Contestants are encouraged to leave their phones with their parents or coach. Once the contest orientation has been given, no talking will be allowed, except in contest rooms. Each infraction of this rule will result in the team losing 5 points from the total team score.

Contest Superintendents. Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Leaders for Life Contest directed to Kaycee Davis at kaycee.davis@ag.tamu.edu

Resources. For more details on the rules of play and teaching resources for this contest, please refer to this website: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/leaders_4_life_contest_guidelines.pdf

Additional Information:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/leadership/>

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/leaders_4_life_overview.pdf