

# District IV 4-H Entomology Contest

**Subject:** 2024-2025 District IV 4-H Entomology Contest

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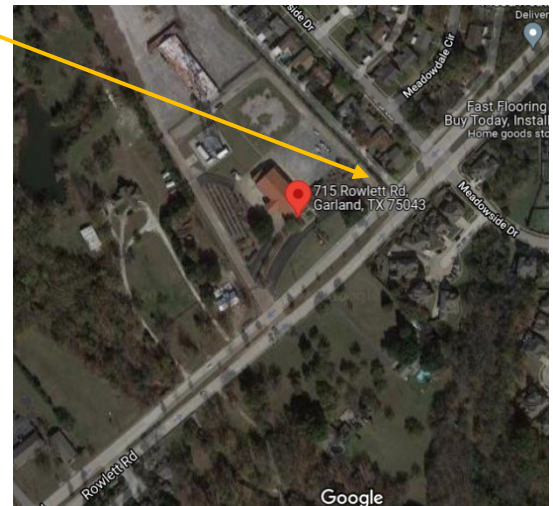
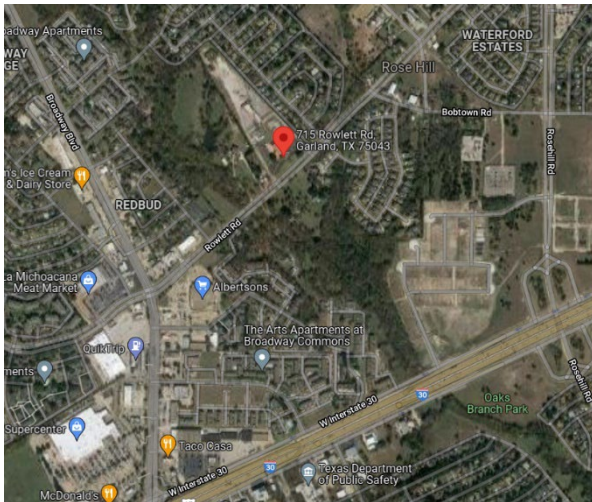
**Contests:** **Individual Only**

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.

**Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2025

**Time:** Registration: 8:30 a.m.  
Contest: 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Dallas County District 1 Road & Bridge Office, 715 Rowlett Rd, Garland, TX  
Enter through the East Gate, main entrance to building. See below for further directions.



**Registration.** Each participating member is required to register on 4-H Online and pay the district \$15.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on **February 5, 2025 and close at midnight February 19, 2025.** **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.

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

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

**Awards/Placings.** 1<sup>st</sup> through 5th place individual awards in each age division.

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**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**.

See the “Study List of Common Insects in Texas” available on the Texas 4-H Entomology website for potential specimens or photographs in the contest.

## Written Exam

The written exam may include question formats such as true/false, matching or completion questions, short answer, or fill-in-the-blank.

See 4-H Curriculum “Good Bugs & Bad Bugs”, “Adaptations of Insects”, or other study materials on the Texas 4-H Entomology website as study guide material for the written exam.

	Written Exam	Identification of Insects
Junior	10 questions	10 insects
Intermediate	25 questions	15 insects
Senior	50 questions	25 insects

**Tie-Breakers.** Five specimens or photographs will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. If ties still remain, winners will be determined by a method designated by the contest officials.

**Preparation.** Resources can be found at <https://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/4-h-entomology-contest-guidelines/>

**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 at 972-952-9252 or [djyoung@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the program or note such needs when registering on 4-H Online.