

Range and Pasture Grass Identification Contest Memo

Date: March 8, 2025

Location: Dallas County District 1 Road and Bridge Office
715 Rowlett Rd.
Garland, Texas

Time: Registration: 11:30 p.m.
Contest: 12:00 p.m.

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.

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-H Online (<https://texas.4honline.com>) and pay the \$15.00 registration fee. Registration will open on February 5, 2025 and closes at midnight on February 19, 2025.

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

Junior and Intermediate: Grades 3rd – 8th

Senior: Grades 9th – 12th

There will not be any distinction between 4-H juniors and intermediates in competition or awards. Junior and Intermediates may not move up to the senior division.

Entries per county. Counties can enter only two junior and two senior teams per county.

Members per team. Teams consist of three (3) members and one (1) alternate. The high three (3) scores will be the team score of the same age division.

Items to Bring: Pencils, long clipboard, and may have a small magnifying glass with or without a light.

Awards. 1st through 5th place individual and team awards in each category will be presented. The top 3 placed senior teams and/or individuals will advance to state.

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Rules:

1. Plants for the contest will be selected from the Master Plant List. The Master Plant List includes range and pasture plants that are adapted to the Texas conditions.
2. Contestants will be given scorecards and will have forty-five seconds to identify, write in the common name, and check the characteristics of each of the plants in the contest. Scoring will be by points. If the name is incorrect, no credit will be given for characteristics correctly identified. Plant samples used in the contest may be mounted or live specimens.

Study Resources:

- Plant ID Contest Scorecard Example
- Descriptions of Range & Pasture Plants and
- Master Plant List

can be found online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/> under "Range & Pasture Grass Identification Contest"

Other helpful study resources include:

- <https://rangeplants.tamu.edu/>
- <https://nobleapps.noble.org/plantimagegallery/>

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.

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