



Range and Pasture Grass Identification Contest Memo

Date: April 10, 2026

Location: Grayson College
6101 Grayson Drive
Denison, Texas 75020

Check In: 8:30 a.m.

Contest: 9:00 a.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 **March 4, 2026 and closes at midnight on March 18, 2026.**

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.

Academic Eligibility. According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”
OR
- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

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District IV 4-H Youth Development Program



- Contact your local county extension office for the process used by YOUR county.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter/email, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

Eligibility forms will be returned to and remain in the county offices

Entries per county. Counties can enter as many teams as they like.

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.

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.

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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