

## SOUTH PLAINS - DISTRICT 2 4-H



**DATE:** January 15, 2019  
**MEMO TO:** All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents  
**SUBJECT:** **2019 District 2 4-H Soils Judging Contest**  
**FROM:** Andy Hart  
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**CONTEST DATE:** Thursday, April 25, 2019  
**CONTEST LOCATION:** Stanley Schaffer Agriculture Education Learning Lab, WTAMU, Canyon  
**CHECK IN:** 12:30 p.m.  
**ORIENTATION:** 12:45 p.m.  
**CONTEST BEGINS:** 1:00 p.m.  
**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Approximately 30 minutes following contest completion  
**4-H CONNECT**  
    < Registration April 1 – April 15, 2019  
    < Late Registration April 16 – April 18, 2019  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$10/Late \$20  
**CONTACT:** Andy Hart, (806) 746-6101



Participants should bring #2 pencils, and a clipboard. Participants may also want to bring a water bottle and hand towel for soil texturing purposes. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS** - Age is based on 2018-2019 4-H year age requirements effective as of 09/01/18.

- **Junior** – Grades 3, 4 & 5 (and minimum age of 8)
- **Intermediate** – Grades 6, 7 & 8
- **Senior** – Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

It is the responsibility of agents to validate birthdates of participants and correct placement of youth in age categories. It is also the responsibility of agents to certify eligibility of contestants and substitutes.

Counties may enter as many teams as they wish. Counties may move Juniors up to Intermediates, but Intermediates will NOT be allowed to move down to Juniors.

**CONTEST FORMAT** - Contestants will judge four soil profiles with 20 minutes allowed for each. They will then determine the soil characteristics of the profiles and make interpretations based on observation.

All contests follow the Texas 4-H Roundup Contest Guidelines: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

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**STATE QUALIFIERS** - Soil Judging is an invitational contest at the state level, entry in district is not required to advance to state.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the county office or Andy Hart, (806) 746-6101 two weeks prior to the event.

\*Medical release, waiver, indemnification, and code of conduct forms must be completed on 4-H Connect. If forms are not completed on 4-H Connect the 4-H member is responsible to bring a completed copy of all forms to registration to be eligible to participate in the contest.

#### **CONTEST RESOURCES**

- Land Judging In Texas by B.L. Harris & J.F. Mills  
<https://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/d84h/files/2010/07/B-1103-color.pdf>
- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040  
<https://www.agrilifebookstore.org/Soil-Judging-Scorecard-p/eagr-5.040.htm>
- Project Page - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Map from I-27 to the Stanley Schaffer Agriculture Education Building
- Map of WTAMU Campus
- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040

CC: Michael Clawson