

DATE: February 1, 2024

MEMO TO: All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: **2024 District 2 4-H Entomology Contest**

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CONTEST DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2024

CONTEST LOCATION: Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 E Farm to Market Rd 1294, Lubbock, TX 79403

CHECK IN: 9:30 a.m.

CONTEST BEGINS: 10:00 a.m.

4-H ONLINE

< Registration April 4 – April 25, 2024

< Late Registration Not Available

ENTRY FEE: \$15

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4-H Entomology Project and Identification Contest

- What group of organisms are the most numerous on Earth?
- What group of organisms are our greatest competitors for food and shelter?
- What group of organisms destroys or damages more of our world food supply than any other organisms?
- What group of organisms is found in virtually every environment on Earth?

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Insects

Understanding insects and recognizing key species is important because insects significantly affect crop production, livestock, human health, buildings, and our food. Insects are important in food webs and are critical organisms in the recycling of materials in the environment. Studying insects is well justified with all the significant things that are impacted by insects. Collecting and identifying insects is fun and exciting. Insects come in thousands of different colors, shapes, and sizes. Insects have many different characteristics which make them different from other organisms. Learn about these unique organisms with the 4-H Entomology Project and Identification contest at Roundup.

AGE REQUIREMENTS - Based on 2023-2024 4-H year age requirements effective as of 09/01/23.

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

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 Bailee Wright, bailee.wright@ag.tamu.edu two weeks prior to the event.

*Medical release, waiver, indemnification, and code of conduct forms must be completed on 4-H Online. If forms are not completed on 4-H Online 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

Texas 4-H website:

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

Texas A&M University Department of Entomology web site:

- <http://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/youth/4-h/4h-contest/>
- <http://www.texasinsects.org/insect-collecting.html>

CC: Michael Clawson