

DATE: February 15, 2024

MEMO TO: All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2024 District 2 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon

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4-H & Youth Development Livestock Skill-a-Thon Committee Chair

CONTEST DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2024

CONTEST LOCATION: Texas Tech Animal Science Building

CHECK IN: 1:30 p.m. **CONTEST BEGINS:** 2:00 p.m.

4HOnline

< Early Registration May 2- May 16, 2024 < Late Registration May 20, 2024 (\$30)

ENTRY FEE: \$15

CONTACT: Andy Hart, (806) 291-5267



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. The top three scores will make up the team score.
- No limit as to the number of teams per county.
- Individuals may also enter and will be eligible for individual awards.
- Team members' names and divisions need to be designated when first entered.

DIVISIONS: In the invitational contest, there will be 3 divisions with awards for each division:

- Junior Grades 3, 4 & 5 (and 8 years old as of 8/31/2023)
- Intermediate Grades 6, 7 & 8 (juniors can compete as intermediates, but they will participate in ALL the intermediate activities)
- Senior Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

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CONTEST RESOURCES

- Texas 4-H Roundup Skillathon Guide (https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_livestock skillathon guide 2024.pdf)
 - Livestock Skill-a-Thon Powerpoint Study Guide (e-mail Andy Hart to get this)
 - Animal Pharmaceutical Labels (study random labels)
 - Feed Tags (for cattle, swine, goat & lamb- random labels)

CONTEST STRUCTURE (classes to possibly be offered for the contest)

- Meat Judging
- Meat I.D.
- Wool Judging
- Forage Evaluation (seniors only)
- Feedstuff I.D.
- Breed I.D.
- Equipment I.D.
- Feed Tag/Medicine Label Quiz
- General Livestock Quiz (intermediates and seniors only)

Team Exercises

For senior complete teams only. This area will not affect individual scores. Each team will complete 2 team exercises. Team members are allowed to collaborate on team exercises. Possible team exercises include: Keep /Cull, Livestock Performance and Marketing, Quality Assurance, and Nutrition and Feeding. Meats and Carcass evaluation, Reproduction.

** This contest is an Invitational Contest for seniors at Texas 4-H Roundup this year. Teams/individuals should register for Texas 4-H Roundup by May 12th (late registration to be announced in April. The State winner is eligible to participate at the National 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest in Louisville, KY, during the North American International Livestock Exposition.

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, (806) 746-6101, two weeks prior to the event.

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

CC: Michael Clawson