

**DATE:** February 1, 2024

**MEMO TO:** All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents

**SUBJECT:** 2024 District 2 4-H Soil Judging Contest

**FROM:** Bailee Wright  
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**CONTEST DATE:** Monday, April 22, 2024

**CONTEST LOCATION:** Hale County Extension Office (Check-in then caravan to contest location)  
225 Broadway St., Plainview, TX (entrance on Austin St.)

**CHECK IN:** 1:30 p.m.

**ORIENTATION:** 2:00 p.m.

**CONTEST BEGINS:** 2:15 p.m.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Approximately 30 minutes following contest completion

**4-HONLINE:**

< Registration March 22 – April 12, 2024  
< Late Registration Not Available

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15

**CONTACT:** Audra Guess, (806) 291-5267



Participants should bring #2 pencils, a clipboard, measuring tape, water bottle, screwdriver/trowel, and hand towel for soil texturing purposes. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS** - Age is 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

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.

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**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/>  
**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 Bailee Wright, (806) 723-8406, 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-HOnline, 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://agrififecdn.tamu.edu/d84h/files/2010/07/B-1103-color.pdf>
- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040
- Project Page - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040

CC: Michael Clawson