

SOUTH PLAINS - DISTRICT 2 4-H



DATE: January 27, 2025

MEMO TO: All South Plains District 2 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2025 District 2 4-H Soil Judging Contest

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CONTEST DATE: Monday, April 7, 2025

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 10 – March 24, 2025

< 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 2024-2025 4-H year age requirements effective as of 09/01/24.

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

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/>
STATE QUALIFIERS - Soil Judging is an invitational contest at the state level. Entry in district is not required to advance to state.

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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 Cari Snider (cari.snider@ag.tamu.edu) two weeks prior to the event. If possible, please put accommodations in 4-HOnline when registering for contest.

*Medical release, waiver, indemnification, and code of conduct forms must be completed on 4-H Connect.

CONTEST RESOURCES

- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040
- Project Page - <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>

ATTACHMENTS

- Soil Judging Scorecard 5.040

CC: DEA