

**ROLLING PLAINS 3 DISTRICT OFFICE**

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MEMO TO: County Extension Agents - Rolling Plains 3

SUBJECT: **LETTER #1 - 2008 District 4-H Roundup & Horse Quiz Bowl**

The District 3 4-H Roundup Contests including Horse and Beef Quiz Bowls will be held in Vernon at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Vernon Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

There will be Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions in Educational Presentations. There will only be junior and senior age divisions in Share-The-Fun. Please refer to the attached documents for further explanations on the Educational Presentations. Also, Educational Presentations may have up to five members on a team.

Counties will **NOT** be limited on the number of senior teams they can send to Roundup in Method Demonstrations, Quiz Bowls, and Share-the-Fun. The top three entries (regardless of county) in Educational Presentations and Quiz Bowls will advance to state.

**NEW FOR 2008 : The top two placing entries** will advance to State Roundup in each Share the Fun contest.

County Roundups are still highly encouraged.

Ages for each division are:

Seniors - 14 - 18 as of August 31, 2007

Intermediates - 11, 12, 13 as of August 31, 2007

Juniors - 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 & 10 as of August 31, 2007

Please note carefully that the eligibility **IS NOT** as of the contest date, but the eligibility age is as of August 31, 2007.

Requirements for all contests are given in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide, which you will be receiving. **READ THE 2008 ROUNDUP GUIDE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS ON EACH CONTEST AND NOTE ANY CHANGES. Participants are required to participate in District Roundup to qualify for State Roundup. Senior 4-H members must be eligible for State Roundup to participate at District Roundup. You are responsible for checking to be sure the members are properly entered according to the rules of the contest concerned.**

This year District 3 will be awarding medallions to all first place individuals and teams. The Vernon Chamber of Commerce has donated the medallions, therefore, there will be no entry fees.

Attached are the following:

- \* A form which we would appreciate you completing, listing leaders from your county who would assist with the judging. Please check with these leaders before listing them and return to this office by **April 13**. Keep in mind that it may not be necessary to use all leaders submitted. Our objective is to try to have three judges per contest. Contest Entry Forms will be sent to you based on your check sheet response; so be sure we receive it on time.

Registration for District will be completed on the Excell file that will be emailed to you. Please fill in your entries and email back to Kay White at the District Office by **April 1**. You will enter all entries in all contests **advancing to state** on 4-H Connect. The program is labeled **4-H Registration** on your program menu. If you have any question about this program, contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Kelli Lehman  
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

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- Attachments:
- 1) Form Requesting Adult Judges for Contests
  - 2) Junior Division in District Contests
  - 3) Educational Presentation Document
  - 4) Educational Presentation Scoresheet
  - 5) Map

## JUNIOR DIVISION IN DISTRICT CONTESTS

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The purpose of a Junior Division in District Contests is to provide 4-H members nine years of age or in the third grade with:

- ★ experience in presenting information to an audience
- ★ an opportunity to share knowledge and skills with others
- ★ involvement in talks or demonstrations as an educational experience, yet an enjoyable experience

All efforts for juniors should be toward encouraging them to participate in Educational Presentations. Talks and presentations can be one of the most worthwhile experiences a member may have in 4-H

The rules as outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide are for Seniors – members ages fourteen (14) and over on August 31, 2007. To better meet the needs and interests of Junior 4-H members, the following modifications are suggested:

1. Suggested times
  - ⇒ Educational Presentations, four to six minutes
  - ⇒ public speaking, three to five minutes
  - ⇒ participants will not be penalized for longer talks or demonstrations
2. Any Educational Presentation contest may have one or more members to make an entry.
3. Any Educational Presentation contest may:
  - ⇒ show steps of a process
  - ⇒ be an illustrated talk
  - ⇒ may demonstrate skills (examples: food preparation or using a needle and thread)

(Juniors are not limited by the description given in the State Roundup Guide)
4. May use note cards

Juniors will be divided into the same educational presentations contest categories as Seniors.