March 15, 2016

MEMO TO:        County Extension Agents - Rolling Plains 3

SUBJECT:       LETTER #1 - 2016 District 4-H Roundup

District 3 4-H Roundup will be held in Vernon at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Vernon Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, May 18, 2016.

Roundup Contests will include Share-the-Fun, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking and the Science, Engineering, & Technology Poster Contest.

Ages for each division are:
- Juniors – Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate – Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Please note that the eligibility is **NOT** as of the contest date, but the eligibility grade is as of August 31, 2015.

A [Contest Overview](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/) is attached and gives basic contest information and changes for 2016, however, more detailed contest requirements and information can be found on the Texas 4-H Roundup website at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/)

It is our hope that you will use the Contest Overview as a way to promote project areas and contests opportunities in your county. It is intended that counties hold a County Roundup prior to District Roundup to expand the quality of the local 4-H experience for youth.

Participants are required to participate in District Roundup to qualify for the qualifying contests at State Roundup. Some of the non-qualifying events such as the Science, Engineering, & Technology poster competition will be offered at District.

**Note:**
A change was implemented to allow most state winning teams and individuals the opportunity to come back and participate in state events and contests after winning 1st place (as an individual or member of a team). This includes some judging contests, recordbook judging, fashion show, food challenge, shooting sports, and others. The current rule that restricts youth from participating in the same category will also be revoked. Examples of this include: Fashion Show, Food Show, and Share-the-Fun. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in the same category after winning state the previous year.

*Some restrictions may apply. See Roundup Guide for “Recognized National Contest” on page 23.

Photos:
Photos are due April 1, 2016. See Photography contest letter for more information pertaining to photography contest.

Awards:
All first place individuals and teams will be awarded rosettes sponsored by the City of Vernon. Ribbons are sponsored by AEP and the District Office. Due to the continued support of the Vernon Hotel and Motel Tax Committee there is no entry fee.

Judges:
Counties are responsible for securing qualified volunteers to serve as judges. Please identify possible judges on the attached form. Please check with these individuals before listing them. Return form to the District office on or before May 1, 2016. Our objective is to have three judges per contest.

Registration:
Registration for District will be completed on the attached Excel file. Please fill in your entries and email back to Kay White at the District Office by May 1, 2016. The file is labeled “4-H Registration” on the program menu file. You will enter all entries in all contests advancing to state on 4-H Connect. The state deadline for regular registration is May 20th. If you have any question about this program, contact the District Office.

At District only, youth may enter multiple contests – Share the Fun, SET, and Educational Presentations. Note - Please note the contest days at State Roundup. Seniors advancing to state in more than one contest on same day must identify the contests they will choose to compete in by Thursday, May 19, 2016 by contacting the District Office. We will notify the next place so that they can participate at State. At State, youth may not participate in more than one contest in a day.

Share the Fun 2016*

Share-The-Fun will be split over two days at Texas 4-H Roundup!

Wednesday: Choreographed Routines, Dramedy, Poetry/Prose, and Vocal
Thursday: Celebrate 4-H, Musical/Instrumental, and Solo/Band Performance

At State Roundup, 4-H members will be able to participate in one Share-The-Fun category on Wednesday AND one Share-The-Fun category on Thursday! The District Roundup spreadsheet has been designed to accommodate SENIORS ONLY to participate in a Wednesday STF contest AND a Thursday STF contest at District Roundup. Agents, please review this carefully as you complete entries. The spreadsheet has age division and categories noted.

Contest Superintendents:
Contest set up will begin by 8:00 am. We will utilize the Auditorium for Share-The-Fun and the Boys and Girls Club for Educational Presentations. Superintendents will need bring LCD projector, screen and lap top computer to their assigned contest. A further detailed agent assignment list and job description for the event will be coming.
Recording and Photos: Photographing and videotaping equipment are not allowed in contest rooms and/or facilities during the contest unless used as props in a presentation. Contest Superintendents will take up and hold all photography and videotaping equipment found in contest rooms and/or facilities until completion of contest. 4-H members, parents, leaders, coaches, and/or county Extension agents caught taking photographs or videotaping contestants may result in a disqualification of an entry. Photos and video taping are acceptable during awards ceremony.

Sincerely,

Kelli Lehman
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

Attachments: 1) Form Requesting Adult Judges for Contests - Return May 1, 2016
2) Contest Schedule
3) Contest Overview
4) Excel Entry Form - Return May 1, 2016
Names and addresses of three or more men and/or women you have contacted and who indicate they will be willing to assist with the judging of the District Contests. Duplicate form as needed. We will confirm the appointment of judges directly from the Rolling Plains 3 District Office following assignments. It is not always possible to assign people to a specific contest but we will try to accommodate them. We try to avoid assigning judges to a contest where their county has a participant. Please help your leaders understand this!

RETURN TO DISTRICT OFFICE
NO LATER THAN May 1, 2016.

_____________________________ County

1. Name____________________
   Address____________________
   City____________________    Zip____
   Judging Preference _______________________________

2. Name____________________
   Address____________________
   City____________________    Zip____
   Judging Preference _______________________________

3. Name____________________
   Address____________________
   City____________________    Zip____
   Judging Preference _______________________________

4. Name____________________
   Address____________________
   City____________________    Zip____
   Judging Preference _______________________________

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DISTRICT 3 4-H ROUNDUP
VERNON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
WILBARGER AUDITORIUM

May 18, 2016

8:00 am
Educational Presentation Room Set-up..................................................Boys & Girls Club
Share the Fun Set-up .............................................................................Auditorium

8:30 am
Registration for Contest Superintendents & Judges ..................Auditorium Foyer
Registration of SET Poster.................................................................West End Foyer of Auditorium

9:00 am
Registration for Share-the-Fun ..........................................................Auditorium Foyer
Share the Fun Judges’ Orientation ....................................................Auditorium
Registration for Educational Presentations..................................Contest Rooms - Boys & Girls Club
Educational Presentation Judges’ Orientation .................................Boys & Girls Club

9:30 am
Share-the-Fun Contests Begin .........................................................Wilbarger Auditorium Assorted Rooms
Educational Presentations ....................................................................Boys & Girls Club

12:30 noon 
Awards Program ...........................................................................Wilbarger Auditorium

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Share-the-Fun
Qualifying Contest offered at District and State

- Two Age Divisions at District - Junior and Senior. Junior and Intermediate aged youth are combined into one Junior age division.
- Entries may consist of individuals or teams with 2-9 members.
- Counties are not limited to number of entries they can send to District
- Top (2) two senior placing entries in each category will advance to State Roundup. Advancing entries in each category may be from the same county.
- Please note the Texas 4-H Roundup rule change: 4-H members MAY enter the same category in which they have previously been part of a first place entry at Texas 4-H Roundup; including the category in which they won first.
- State Roundup - This year Share the Fun will be split into two days of competition. Wednesday’s categories include: Choreographed routines, Dramedy, Poetry/prose, and Vocal. Thursday’s categories include: Celebrate 4-H, Musical/instrumental, and Solo/ band performance. Only Seniors are eligible to compete in TWO Share the Fun contests per day at District and State and will based on contest day.
- NO Accompanist will be permitted for any category. If music is required, it must be on a CD, iPod, or other mp3 player or performed by the contestant.
- There are seven (7) categories a) Poetry/Prose, b)Vocal, c) Musical -- Instrumental, d) Solo/Band Performance, e) Choreographed Routines, f) Celebrate 4 –H, g) Dramedy.

Detailed information can be found on the State 4-H Roundup website under Contest Resources at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/roundup_sharethefun_2016.pdf
Educational Presentations
Qualifying Contest offered at District and State

- Age Division: Open to all ages at District - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- Entry of 1 - 5 team members
- Top 3 (three) senior placing entries in each category will advance to State Roundup
- *Note – At State Roundup - Categories are broken into morning and afternoon contests.
  **Morning:** Health, Horse, Open Ag and Natural Resources, Open Family and Consumer Sciences, Promote 4-H, Sheep and Goat.
  **Afternoon:** Beef, Clothing and Textiles, Companion Animals, Open, Safety & Injury Prevention

  Youth will be allowed to enter ONE Educational Presentation. Note the category you advance in and if that will be a morning or afternoon contest at State.

Subjects in the Educational Presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. A 12 minute presentation should relate to the contest entered, should contain current information, and should not be better suited for another contest. It should also be appropriate for the member’s age and experience. An additional nine (9) minutes will be provided for on-stage arrangements and cleanup in connection with the presentation. A penalty of two points per minute or partial minute overtime will be deducted from the final score. Appropriate credit should be given for references used. Participants will present presentation one time.

A complete list of contest areas can be found in the 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines at

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/educational_presentation.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/educational_presentation.pdf)

Public Speaking
Qualifying Contest offered at District and State

- Age Division: Open to all ages at District - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- Entry Team of 1 4-H member
- Top 3 (three) senior placing entries will advance to State Roundup

Individual presents a 5-to-7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular youth issue or concern. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet (revised Aug 2005) specific to the Public Speaking Contest. Contestants selected as finalists will repeat their presentations in a final round.

Suggested Presentation Topics are listed in the 2016 Roundup Guide be found on the State 4-H Roundup website under Resources at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/)
Discover Scientific Method: Science, Engineering & Technology Poster Competition
This is a non-qualifying contest offered at both District and State Roundup.

- Age Division: Open to all ages at District - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- Contest will be open to all Intermediates and Senior 4-Hers at State Roundup as a non-qualifying contest
- Open to Individuals or Teams of 2 – 3 (three) 4-H members
- No limit on the number of entries at District or State

This program is based on science and the scientific method using the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (S.E.T.) model. The 4-H Science experience is a program that is framed in science, engineering, and technology concepts. The objective is to implement science, engineering, and technology in the forefront of all 4-H project work. The Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Contest will allow youth to apply the scientific method to the subject matter they have learned through their 4-H projects. The scientific method is a process for experimentation that is used to explore observations and answer questions. Scientists use the scientific method to explore relationships in nature. The research poster contest will allow youth an opportunity to display and explain through the scientific method their project, research and observations.

AGENTS ONLY

COUNTY REPORT FORM
ROLLING PLAINS 3
ROUNDUP

County:___________________ County Extension Agent Reporting:_______________

COUNTY ROUNDUP:
Number of contestants in County Roundup:

   Junior Division: ________________
   Intermediate Division: ____________
   Senior Division: _________________

Number of persons observing COUNTY ROUNDUP (not participants)_____

Please return to your District Office by May 1, 2016. Thank you for your cooperation in compiling this report.

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Agent Signature