

January 23, 2025

MEMO TO: **County Extension Agents - Rolling Plains 3**

SUBJECT: **2023 Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Roundup**



FROM: **Seth Hall**
Extension Program Specialist - 4-H & Youth Development

District 3 4-H Roundup will be held in Vernon at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Vernon Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

Roundup Contests will include 4-H Talent Showcase Formerly 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, 2024.

A **Contest Overview** is attached and gives basic contest information and changes for 2025, however, more detailed contest requirements and additional contest information can be found on the Texas 4-H Roundup website at <https://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 contest 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.*

Senior age participants are required to participate in District Roundup to qualify for the qualifying contests at State Roundup. The Science, Engineering, & Technology poster competition will be the only non-qualifying event offered at District.

Note:

Most state winning teams or individuals are allowed to compete in the contests again (including the same category for that contest) after winning first place at Texas 4-H Roundup. The exception to this rule applies to those teams or individuals that participate in certain national contests. Competing at these national contests will make a team or individual INELIGIBLE to compete again at Texas 4-H Roundup in that respected contest.

Awards:

All first-place individuals and teams will be awarded rosettes sponsored by the City of Vernon.

Ribbons are sponsored by the District Contest Committees. The Awards ceremony will be held Live. Consumer Decision Making awards will be live on Facebook live.

Judges:

Counties are responsible for securing qualified volunteers to serve as judges. Please identify possible judges by April 16th at the google doc:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jKcoUVId9c5KQverqhmBT6gDue0CJg74r-CDTztWYk/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

Please check with these individuals before listing them. Our objective is to have three judges per contest.

Registration:

Registration for District Roundup will be completed on 4-H Online **January 1st – April 16th. Late Registration will be April 16th – April 23rd.** You will enter all entries in all contests **advancing to state** on 4-H Online. If you have any questions about this program, contact the District Office.

Registration Fee: \$5.00 Per Person Per Contest January 1st – April 16th Late Fee \$25 Plus \$5 regular registration.

New for 2025! At District Roundup all youth are limited to 1 speaking event entry (Public Speaking or Educational Presentation) and 2 Talent Showcase entries- 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 Monday, May 12th, 2025, by contacting the District Office.** We will notify the next place so that they can participate at State. At State Roundup, Youth **MAY NOT** participate in more than one contest in a day.

Contest Superintendents:

Contest set up will begin by 8:00 am. We will utilize the Auditorium for 4-H Talent Show and the Boys and Girls Club for Educational Presentations. **Superintendents will need to 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 the awards ceremony.

Accommodations:

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your County Agent by April 16th. County Agents will submit accommodation requests to the District Office for consideration of the contest committee.

All decisions made by the committee regarding issues/incidents during the contest are final.

- Attachments: 1) Contest Schedule
2) Contest Overview
3) Map

4-H Talent Showcase

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 the 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 that went into effect in 2013: 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 – 4-H Talent Showcase is broken into seven (7) categories that will be split into two days of competition.**

Wednesday's categories include: Choreographed Routines, Variety Show, Musical/Instrumental, and Vocal.

Thursday's categories include: 4-H Skit, Poetry/Prose, and Solo/ Band performance.

Only seniors are eligible to compete in TWO 4-H Talent Showcase contests at District. State Roundup Talent Showcase entry will be based on 1 (one) Wednesday contest category and/or 1 (one) Thursday contest category but not multiple categories the same 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) 4-H Skit, b) Choreographed Routines, c) Variety Show replaces Dramedy.- d) Musical/Instrumental, e) Poetry/Prose, f) Solo/Band Performance, & g) Vocal.

Detailed information can be found on the State 4-H Roundup website under Contest Resources at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Public Speaking

Qualifying Contest offered at District and State

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

Individuals will present a 5-to-8-minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular 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. Contestants selected as finalists will then repeat their presentations in a final round. First place individuals will be asked to present their speech at the Thursday night assembly. Suggested presentation topics: Current events, youth issues, or other topics related to youth Topic resources:

- Print media (e.g. newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals)
- Broadcast media (e.g. television, cable, radio)
- E-media (email, internet, websites)

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Educational Presentations

Qualifying Contest offered at District and State

- Age Division: Open to all ages at District - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- Individual or Team of 2
- Top 3 (three) senior placing entries in each category will advance to State Roundup

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.

*The Horse and Open FCH Educational Presentations are open to Individuals or Teams of 2 (two) due to the National Contest Opportunities available for these particular categories.

Detailed information and categories can be found on the State 4-H Roundup website under Contest Resources at <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 Team of 2 (two) 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.

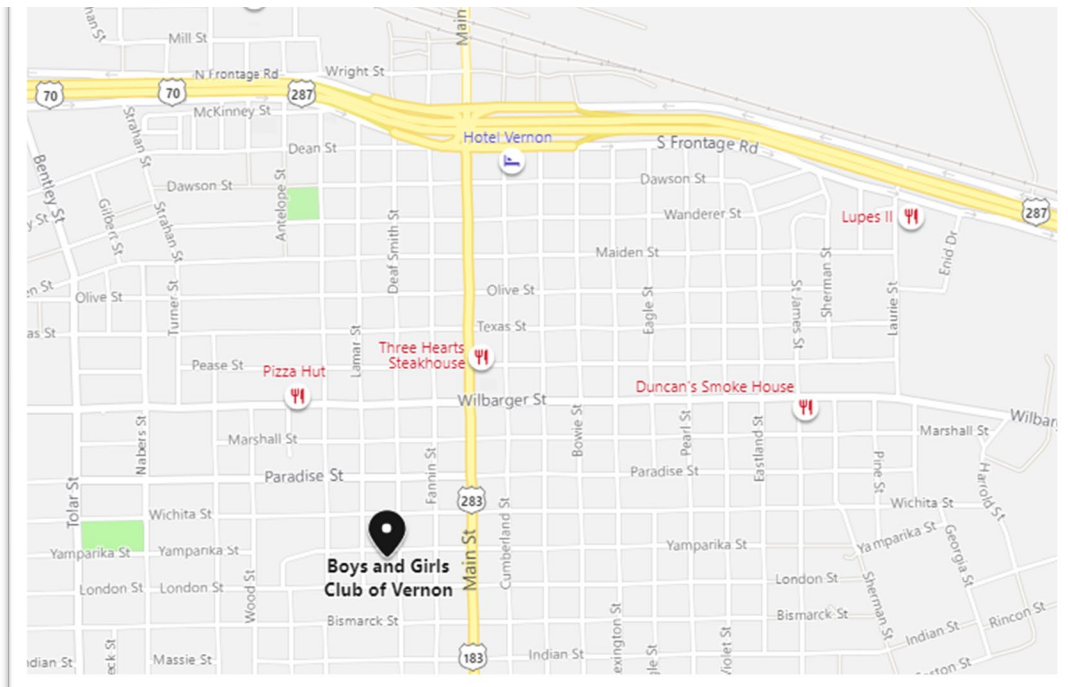
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Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium

2100 Yamparika St, Vernon, TX 76384

Boys and Girls Club of Vernon

2015 Yamparika St, Vernon, TX 76384



DISTRICT 3 4-H ROUNDUP
VERNON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
WILBARGER AUDITORIUM
Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

8:00 am

Educational Presentation / Public Speaking Room Set-upBoys & Girls Club Assorted Rooms

Share the Fun Set-upAuditorium Assorted Rooms

8:30 am

Share the Fun Judges' Orientation.....Auditorium Assorted Rooms

Educational Presentation / Public Speaking Judges' Orientation.....Boys & Girls Club Assorted Rooms

9:00 am -- 9:15 am : Check-In for all Contests

9:30 am : All contests begin

SET Poster Contest..... West End Foyer of Auditorium

Share-the-Fun Contest.....Wilbarger Auditorium Assorted Rooms

Educational Presentations & Public Speaking.....Boys & Girls Club Assorted Rooms

Awards Program at the conclusion of all Roundup Contests

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Map of Vernon Boys and Girls Club

