



Happy Valentines Day!

# KLEBERG-KENEDY 4-H NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

Congratulations to all exhibitors who participated in the 74th Annual Kleberg-Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show!

THANK YOU to the numerous volunteers for dedicating their time and hard work to making this event not only possible but, a success!

Good luck to each of our 4-H families at the Major Shows!

The Kleberg-Kenedy County 4-H Newsletter contains information on activities, events, and deadlines that allows families to select their interest in the respective project(s). Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office Kleberg & Kenedy Counties 729 East Yoakum Avenue P.O. Box 1119 Kingsville, Texas 78364 Telephone: 361.595.8566 Website: <u>http://kleberg.agrilife.org</u> Email: kleberg-tx@tamu.edu

# Coming Up

- Kleberg-Kenedy County Photography DEADLINE 2/24
- Clothing & Textiles/ Roundup Workday 2/23
- 4-H Hamburger Fundraiser 3/1
- San Antonio Livestock Show 2/4-2/23

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#### Americans with Disability Act of 1990:

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in any 4-H event are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office (361.595.8566) at least two weeks in advance of the program to see how reasonable accommodations can be made.

#### School Eligibility:

Kleberg-Kenedy County AgriLife Extension Service complies with the law set forth by legislature regarding eligibility and school absences. Members competing or simply participating in a 4-H event (judging events, presentations, livestock shows, etc.) must be certified as eligible to participate by their respective school. School Officials will be provided with a list of students entered in competitive/non-competitive 4-H events. Should a student be ineligible according to their school, 4-H members will be notified in writing of their ineligibility statues by our office.

## <u>4-H Council Meetings for the year:</u>

Dates:

September 16th November 4th January 13th March 3rd May 5th

• All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension office.

• Club managers make your council delegates aware of the council meetings during your regular monthly club meetings.

## POP THE TOP

Save your pull tabs to make a difference for kids and their families.

Contest begins with the new 4-H year on September 1.

You will have the entire 4-H year to collect your tabs!

All tabs are due to the Extension Office at the May 6, 2025 County Council meeting.

## AgStart Loan Program at Capital Farm Credit

Is your family interested in participating in youth livestock projects, but rising input costs have prevented you from taking the next step? Capital Farm Credit offers a loan program that may be your solution. The <u>AgStart Loan</u> program provides youth interested in agriculture projects with the tools and resources they need to prepare for a successful career in the agricultural industry. This loan program is available to 4-H and FFA members involved junior market, breeding and commercial livestock projects.

The funds can be used to purchase and care for a junior livestock project or for a general purpose youth agricultural loan and must be repaid following the sale of the animal(s). The AgStart Loan Program is designed to offer educational and financial awareness to youth while supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

For more information, visit <u>AgStart Loan Program | Capital Farm Credit</u> or contact Kendall Huey at <u>Kendall.Huey@CapitalFarmCredit.com</u>.

## **District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show**

#### **NOVEMBER 22, 2025 - DIMMIT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

District 12 4-H is announcing the District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show! The prospect show will be open to 4-H and FFA members 3rd through 12th grade!

We will be hosting a clinic in the morning for cattle, lambs, goats, and hogs with a prospect show to follow lunch!

Rabbits and Poultry will have clinics in the morning (no prospect show)!

#### 2024 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Important Dates:

November 1, 2024 – Application will be available online February 15, 2025, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply April 25-27, 2025 – Interviews in College Station May 2025 – Award Notifications June 2025 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station



https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/



fleberg-fenedy County 4-H IRGER EU (1/3 lb. burger, chips, drink, condiments) Saturday, March 1st 11 AM- 3 PM J.K. Northway Expo Center **Outdoor Arena** e-In or Drive Thru) **Donation: \$10** Contact your favorite 4-H member for tickets!



# Kleberg-Kenedy County 4-H Photography Contest

Information on the photography contest can be retrieved at: <u>https://agrilife.org/d124h/4-h-event/photography/</u>

Age Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

4-H members interested in submitting a photo entry must email entry to: Kleberg-tx@tamu.edu by <u>February 24th</u>

Entries with competition will be judged at the county level with winner advancing to district. Entries without competition will automatically advance to the district level.

District entries must be submitted by: March 7th

Please do not enter on 4-HOnline until you have been notified of advancement to district level.



#### TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

#### SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Photography Contest

District 12 will be hosting its annual 4-H Photography Contest for 4-H'ers in District 12. The contest will be open to all three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) and the theme will be "*Patriotic*". The contest will be done on-line including submission of photos and judging. The 2025 District 12 4-H Photography Contest Rules are attached and currently available on the District 12 4-H website at http://d124-h.tamu.edu.

#### # of Entries per County

Each county is allowed 1 photo entry per category in each of the three age divisions for a total of 57 eligible photos. Counties should plan on hosting a county photography contest to determine which entries will qualify for the District contest. Entering multiple photos in the same category will result in disqualifying entries for that category and age division.

Age Division	# of Entries
Junior (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	19 (1 per category)
Intermediate (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	19 (1 per category)
Senior (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	19 (1 per category)
Total Per County	57 Entries Max

#### Please take note of any changes before hosting your county contests.

#### Registration, Fees and Deadline

Each 4-H'er entering photos for the District 4-H Photography Contest must register online through <u>4-</u> <u>H Online</u>. The registration fee will be \$8.00 per photo entry. Online registration will open February 3, 2025 and will end March 7, 2025. Payment must be made on <u>4-H Online</u> at the time of registration. Payments made by 4-H check must be postmarked within three business days of registration submission.

There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

#### Submitting Photos

All photos must be submitted through 4-H Online as part of the registration process. Please read

these submission rules and requirements very carefully to prevent disqualification of entries. <u>Photos must be in the correct format for proper evaluation</u>. Entry steps, categories and other submission requirements are attached under the District 12 4-H Rules and Guidelines. Submit your photo(s) online between February 3, 2025 and March 7, 2025 as part of the registration process.

#### This contest is INDEPENDENT of the Texas 4-H Photography Contest. Deadlines, submission, and entries are different. Please make note of this when hosting a county contest.

#### Judging and Judges

All entries with submitted eligible photos will be judged between March 18th and March 29th via an online evaluation process. To ensure uniformity in the judging process all state judging criteria will be used for all submitted photographs. Be sure to review the attached judging guidelines. All judges will be able to evaluate entries and provide individual feedback for respective photos.

#### Awards

Awards will be given out at least one week after the judging period concludes. The award structure will be as follows for all eligible photos:

- Participation All receive a Certificate
- Quality Award All receive a Blue, Red, or White quality award ribbon
- Best of Class One class winner per category and age division receive a rosette
- Best of Show One winner per age division. Special award will be given (see flyer).
- Grand Champion One special award among the Best of Show winners (see flyer).

The awards will be distributed at a later date. 4-H members can contact county offices after that date to receive their respective awards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Grace Marshall District 12 4-H Specialist 4-H Youth Development

Ruben J. Saldana, Ed.D District Extension Administrator District 12



To: District 12 County Extension Agents

#### Subject: 2025 District 12 4-H Food Show

The District 12 4-H Food Show will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 in Carrizo Springs, Texas at Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The theme for this years' Food Show will be "*Cooking Through the Decades.*"

Specific details about the District 12 4-H Food Show are in the enclosed Food Show Packet. The packet includes rules, examples, and guidelines for participation in the District 12 4-H Food Show. Additional resources are also available on the District 12 4-H website <a href="http://d124-htttp://d124-http://d124-http://d124-http://d124-http:/

Parents will be directed to a designated waiting area. Agents, please advise parents that they are not permitted in the judging area while youth are being judged. Any food prep, dish display prep and plating prep must be done by the 4-H member alone. Seniors will **not** be making their dish on site.

#### FOOD SHOW SCHEDULE:

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Junior and Intermediate Registration
8:30 am- 9:00 am	Participant & Judge's Orientation
9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Junior Participant Judging
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	District 12 4-H Council Meeting
1:00 pm- 1:30 pm	Senior Registration
1:30 pm- 4:00 pm	Senior Judging
5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony (Food Show, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making)

**REGISTRATION, FEES & DEADLINE:** Each 4-Her participating in the District 12 4-H Food Show must register online through <u>4-H Online</u>. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 per contestant. Registration will open February 24<sup>th</sup> through the deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Counties must have all entries approved by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

<u>There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration</u>. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.



#### CEA RESPONSIBILITIES/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Please see (Attachment F) for a

detailed list of agent assignments. All assigned agents are responsible for reviewing information and preparing for their specific assignment.

County Extension Agents will submit names and information of two (2) confirmed adult leaders (not agents) to assist during the District 12 4-H Food Show. A link is provided on the District 4-H website (Food Show page) to submit this information. You may use **(Attachment G)** to organize the information; however, the online submission must be completed by **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Leader/volunteers are to serve as judges - these individuals must be willing and qualified to serve as a judge.

Be sure to read this letter in its entirety and share the necessary information with county faculty, 4-H'ers, parents and leaders. Recruit the appropriate people needed to fulfill any responsibilities and submit the requested information by the **deadline of March 20**<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or need any assistance or guidance, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

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Grace Marshall District 12 4-H Specialist Texas 4-H

Ruben J. Saldana, Ed. D. District Extension Administrator District 12



To: District 12 County Extension Agents

#### Subject: 2025 DISTRICT 12 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE

The District 12 4-H Food Challenge will be held on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, in Carrizo Springs, Texas at Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834.

Specific details about the District 12 4-H Food Challenge are in the enclosed Food Challenge Packet. The packet includes rules, agenda, agent assignments and guidelines for participation in the District 12 4-H Food Challenge. It is also available on the District 12 4-H website (http://d124-h.tamu.edu). Additional resources are available on the Food & Nutrition page of the Texas 4-H website https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/. Please contact the District Office if you have any questions about these resources.

Parents will be directed to a designated waiting area. Agents, please advise parents that they are not allowed in the judging area while youth are being judged.

#### FOOD CHALLENGE SCHEDULE:

8:00 am - 10:30 am	Senior Registration
8:30 am- 9:00 am	Judge's Orientation
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Senior Food Challenge Competition
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	District 12 4-H Council Meeting
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Junior & Intermediate Registration
1:30 pm – 5: 30 pm	Junior & Intermediate Food Challenge Competition
5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony (Food Show, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making)

**Registration, Fees & Deadline:** Each 4-Her participating in the District 12 4-H Food Challenge must register online through <u>4-H Online</u>. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 per contestant. Registration will open February 24<sup>th</sup> through the deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Counties must have all entries approved by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

#### **Team Information:**

- There will be 3 age divisions this year.
  - Seniors (9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> graders only)
  - o Intermediates (6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> graders\*) \* Juniors may be on an Intermediate team.



- Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Senior teams must consist of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders **only** and must compete at District to be eligible to advance to the State competition.
- Teams consist of at least (3) three but no more than (4) four team members.
- Counties may enter a maximum of 2 Junior teams, 2 Intermediate teams and 2 Senior teams.

• A mixed team of Junior and Intermediate team members can compete but must do so in the Intermediate division.

**Supply Boxes:** Every team must complete, sign, and turn in the <u>Supply Box Certification Form</u> (Attachment B) when they arrive at the contest. It must be signed by a team member and a parent/leader for the respective team affirming that their supply box includes only those items listed in the 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Food Challenge Manual. <u>There are changes from the previous year</u>.

Upon arrival, one team member must submit the form to the Supply Box Check-in Superintendent. Each team will be randomly selected for a complete inspection of their supply box. Other teams will not be required to undergo the inspection; however, spot inspectors will be monitoring all teams for compliance. Any team that is out of compliance will receive penalty points or may be disqualified.

Each team will be responsible for purchasing and bringing their own pantry items that are part of their supply box. Pantry items are listed on the Supply Box Certification Form (Attachment B). No additional pantry items may be included in their supply box, only what is on the list.

**Supplies:** Every team will receive a "key" ingredient for the contest category (Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, or Healthy Dessert). Teams will have access to a grocery which should be combined with the team's "key" ingredient to create an original recipe/dish during the contest. Grocery items will include items commonly found in grocery stores and or home pantries, including items such as produce, seasonings, oils, etc. Teams must use at least 2 additional items from the grocery store to create their dish.

**<u>Rules:</u>** Team members should familiarize themselves with the "Rules of Play" as stated in the 2024-2025 Texas Food Challenge Manual. There is a "<u>no cell phone</u>" policy for team members during the contest. Cell phones are not permitted at any time during the contest, including use as a calculator. Any participant caught using a cell phone, for any purpose, will be automatically disqualified from the team and asked to wait in the parent/volunteer waiting area.

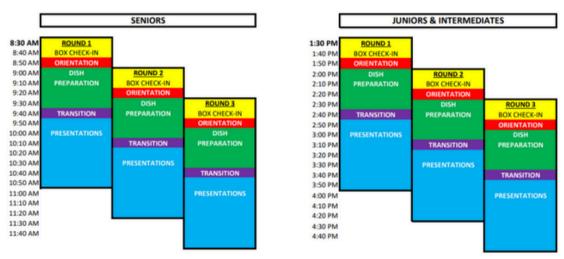
Finished dishes MAY NOT leave the preparation/judging areas. Dishes will be discarded after teams complete the judging process to ensure teams in the following heats do not see what ingredients are available to take advantage of.

<u>CEA Responsibilities/Volunteer Information:</u> Please see (Attachment C) for a detailed list of agent assignments. All assigned agents are responsible for reviewing information and preparing for their specific assignment.



**Volunteers:** The County Extension Agent from each participating county must contact, confirm and submit the names and information of two (2) adult leaders to assist as judges during the District 12 4-H Food Challenge. A link is provided on the District 4-H website (Food Challenge page) to submit this information. You may use (**Attachment D**) to organize the information; however, the online submission must be completed by **March 20th**.

**Schedule:** This year, food challenge teams will compete in heats to assist with electricity, help with continuity of judging, and have less sitting time for the 4-H'ers. The counties will be contacted the week of Food Challenge to let them know what Heat # to report to. More heats may be added depending on the number of teams competing. <u>Once 4-H'ers go into the judging area, no food</u> will be allowed to come out of the food challenge competition or judging area. An agent will be responsible for taking team photos with their dish as 4-H'ers will then immediately dispose of their dish so that no teams will be at an advantage or disadvantage in the various heats of competition.



\*The schedule provided above is tentative and may be altered by the District 12 Food Challenge planning committee based upon the number of participants and facilities. It was developed to cut down on wait time of participants.

Be sure to read this letter in its entirety and share the necessary information with county faculty, 4-H'ers, parents and leaders. Recruit the appropriate people needed to fulfill any responsibilities and submit the requested information by the **deadline of March 20, 2025**.

If you have any questions or need any assistance or guidance, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Grace Marshall

Grace Marshall District 12 4-H Specialist Texas 4-H

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Ruben J. Saldana, Ed. D. District Extension Administrator District 12





# save the date SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

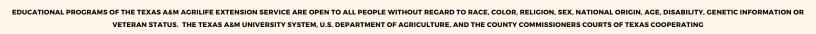
# AT 4:30 P.M., TAMUK

# **Learning Sessions will include:**

- Duds to Dazzle Presentation
- Basic Sewing Skills
- Interview Skills (what to expect)
- Fashion Storyboard
- What is the difference between Buying & Construction in Fashion Show?

# NOTE: County Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle Contests

Sunday, March 16, 2025 2-4 p.m. Location: Texas A&M University-Kingsville



#### 2025 District 12 Fashion Sensation



#### MEMORANDUM

To: District 12 County Extension Agents

Subject:

2025 District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation

- FASHION SHOW
- NATURAL FIBER CONTEST
- DUDS TO DAZZLE

The District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation event will consist of the Fashion Show and the three related contests and will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2025** in Carrizo Springs, Texas at Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. This year's Fashion Sensation will include the Fashion Show: Buying and Construction, Natural Fiber Contest, and Duds to Dazzle. All contests are to be treated as separate events. The enclosed information is for your use and reference in preparation for this event as well as to support the Fashion Show in your County and District level.

**<u>Registration, Fees & Deadlines</u>:** Each 4-H'er planning to participate in any of the District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation events must register online via 4-H

Online through a single listed event of "2025 District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation (Carrizo Springs – Apr 4)." Registration will be open February 24, 2025, through the deadline of March 19, 2025.

- Fashion Show \$15 per contestant
- Natural Fiber Contest \$15 per participant
- Duds to Dazzle \$15 per participant

There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

**Judging Order:** Once entries are received, a judging order for Fashion Show will be compiled to facilitate a smooth transition for 4-H'ers participating in the various contests (i.e. Fashion Show to Duds to Dazzle.) The District office will release the information on various platforms.

**CEA Responsibilities:** The County Extension Agent serving as the 4-H coordinator must submit the names and the contact information of the three (3) leaders <u>willing and qualified</u> to serve as judges, timekeepers or runners. You should provide these judges ample notice and training on what to expect at the event well in advance. Please submit the contact information on the fashion show web page by the <u>deadline of March 20, 2025</u>. If for same reason the judge originally selected is unable to attend, it is the agent's responsibility to obtain another qualified judge and notify the District 12 4-H Specialist immediately.



# Kleberg-Kenedy 4-H Round Up Workday

# save the date SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

AT 5:30 P.M., TAMUK

Come join us to learn what is 4-H Roundup?





NOTE: County 4-H Roundup Contest Sunday, March 16, 2025 4 p.m. Location: Texas A&M University-Kingsville





To: District 12 County Extension Agents

#### Subject: 2025 District 12 4-H Roundup Educational Presentations+

The District 12 4-H Roundup event will consist of the Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Talent Showcase, and other similar events and will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. This letter, the attached District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines, and registration information are presented for your use in preparing for the district contests. Check the dates of your county contests to make sure that you can meet the district deadlines provided in this correspondence. All events on April 4th will be held concurrently starting in the afternoon.

#### **Contest and Registration Information:**

Registration for all Roundup events will be through <u>4-H Online</u> and will require individual registration, along with certification at the county and district levels. The registration fee will be **\$15.00 per person per contest.** Every effort will be made to accommodate conflicts between Group A & Group B events, but there is no guarantee that 4-H members will get to do both. Individual online registration will be open February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Check-in on the day of Roundup will begin at 12:00 pm., participant/judge's orientation will follow at 12:30 p.m. and the contests will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Here are a few other details about specific contests:

- <u>4-H Talent Showcase</u>: Contestants **must provide their own music, instruments (including pianos/keyboards), stands, props**, etc. A multi-channel mixer/PA system will be available to contestants. Special needs must be communicated well in advance to discuss availability. You can find more information in Rules and Guidelines.
- <u>Educational Presentations</u>: County Extension Agents must ensure contestants have appropriate audio / visual equipment (i.e., laptops, projectors), if needed for their presentations. You can find more information in the rules and guidelines.

There will NOT be a late registration period for this event. NO REFUNDS will be given to any county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event.

# If you have a pending balance on 4-H Online, you will NOT be able to participate in any District 4-H or State 4-H event until the balance is paid in full.

#### Age Eligibility:

Age divisions for all contests will follow the Texas 4-H age categories of Senior, Intermediate and Junior based on grade level. Any 4-H'er who meets the minimum 4-H grade requirements by the registration deadline may participate in this district contest.

#### **Rules and Guidelines:**

Roundup Rules and Guidelines and the 2025 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the contestants/parents to know the rules, time limits, etc. for the contests in which they plan on competing.

**NEW!** There are new changes to the Talent Showcase Guide. Please review them before selecting a category.

#### CEA Responsibilities:

All assigned agents are expected to attend and assist during District 12 4-H Roundup so please make plans to be there. A County Extension Agent will serve as the superintendent of each judging committee, which will be made up of volunteers and other agents. *Superintendent and judging assignments will be made immediately after the entry deadline*.

Each judging committee may be assigned one or more contests based on the number of entries. It is the superintendent's responsibility (prior to the contest date) to gather and prepare any resources necessary to conduct the contest and ensure that the contest is conducted in accordance with the rules and guidelines.

#### Volunteer Support:

The 4-H Coordinator must submit the names and contact information of two (2) leaders willing and qualified to serve as judges at the event on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The information should be submitted to the District 12 4-H Specialist by the deadline of Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. With the help of volunteers, we will be able to help balance out job responsibilities on the day of.

#### Awards:

All contest awards will be presented during the general assembly awards program. One award will be presented for each age division in which there are at least two presentations (in two different categories) in the respective age divisions. We are no longer doing Sweepstakes.

#### Selecting a contest:

- We will be going back to selecting group A & group B method for the 2025 Educational Presentation contest. All **GROUP A** & **GROUP B** contests will take place simultaneously. Based on entries, if it is possible to manipulate Group A & B contests to allow participating in both, we will oblige, but make no guarantees. Contestants should work with their County Extension Agent if they have questions about Group A & Group B contests.
- Due to "Senior Qualifiers" the following applies to Senior Qualifying contests:
  - To participate in 1 (one) contest, a 4-H member may select a contest from either Group A or Group B.
  - To participate in 2 (two) contests, a 4-H member may select only 1 contest from Group A and only 1 contest from Group B. There may be judging delays for all 4-H events because of 4-H'ers entering contests from both groups, so expect that. Also, it is possible that a 4-H member may not be able to participate in the other contest if the conflicts negatively impact other contestants.
- Please note, participants can only participate in one event per day at Texas 4-H Round-up. District 12 4-H also reserves the right to cancel a contest if insufficient participation per contest.
- District 12 will be offering the following in Group A Contest:
  - Ag Product ID \*
  - Livestock Skill-a-thon \*
  - Horse Quiz Bowl\*\*
  - Livestock Quiz Bowl\*\*
  - o Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl
  - Leaders4Life Skill-a-thon
  - Range & Pasture Grass ID
  - District 12 will be offering the following Group B Contest:
    - Educational Presentation \*\*Please Educational Presentation guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.
    - 4-H Talent Showcase: \*\*Please Talent Showcase guide for categories, participants can only compete in one category.
    - Public Speaking
    - Vet Science Skill-a-thon



# 2025 DISTRICT 12 4-H **TRAP, SKEET & WHIZBANG** SHOOT





#### TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

Subject: 2025 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whiz-Bang Shoot

The District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whizbang Shoot will be held as a single-match event open to 4-H members statewide to be held March 22, 2025 at Mission Skeet & Trap Club, 1306 S. Conway Ave., Mission, Texas.

Awards will be provided for each age division to include Senior 2, Senior 1, Intermediate, and Junior. There will **not** be a Ladies awards for HOA as has been done in the past. The course of fire will include three events: Trap, Skeet, and a Whiz-Bang qualifying match for a total of 150 targets combined.

Registration for this event will take place on <u>4-H Online</u> by selecting the "2025 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz-Bang Shoot (March 22 – Mission)" event as well as completing the iClays online squadding registration. The registration period will be February 10 – March 10, 2025. Registration and fee information are also included in the flyer for your reference. The registration fee will be \$180 per contestant (150 targets). Only enrolled 4-H members (statewide) can complete online registration. We will only be accepting the first 100 entries!

This event is open to 4-H members statewide. <u>There will not be a late registration period or on-</u><u>site registration</u>. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

An announcement flyer is also available to assist you in marketing this opportunity locally and among other 4-H shooting sports members. If you have any questions please contact the District 12 Office at 956-968-5581.

Sincerely,

Grace Morshall

Grace Marshall District 12 4-H Specialist Texas 4-H

Ruben J. Saldana, Ed. D. District Extension Administrator District 12



TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

#### SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

The 2025 District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest will be held on April 3, 2025 at 8:00 AM at the Dimmit County Rodeo Areana Conference Center located at 539 Industrial Blvd. Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Contestants and teams will check-in between 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. Judging will start with the Junior and Intermediate divisions at 9:00 AM. The Senior Division will start at 1 PM.

If you are competing in Food Show or Food Challenge, please note that you will be able to compete in all the contests. More information will be provided upon check-in. Registration information and details about the contest are provided below.

#### Contest and Registration Information:

All 4-H members will register individually, online through <u>4-H Online</u>. All registrations will require approval at the county by March 19, 2025. Online registration will be open from February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee will be \$12.00 per contestant. Team designations will be made on-site by coaches/volunteers the day of the event. An awards program will be held at 5:30 PM. The contest will consist of 6 to 8 placing classes according to the 2025 Consumer Decision Making Study Guide (last year's), one set/class of oral reasons for Intermediates, and two sets/classes of oral reasons for Senior contestants.

<u>There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration</u>. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.

#### Age Eligibility:

Age divisions will follow the Texas 4-H age categories based on their grade level as of August 31, 2024 as follows:

Seniors (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) Intermediates (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) - \* Juniors may be on an Intermediate team. Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Juniors may be on an Intermediate team; however, they must check-in and participate in the Intermediate Division. Senior contestants/teams must be exclusively Senior-age members. All Senior teams must compete at the district level to be eligible for a state qualifying spot.

#### Schedule:

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Consumer Decision Making Registration
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Junior and Intermediate Contest
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Senior Contest
5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony (Food Show, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making)

#### Rules and Guidelines:

The District 12 4-H Roundup - Consumer Decision Making Contest will be held in accordance with the state guidelines as outlined in the 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide (https://texas4h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/). In addition, the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Guide



(http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/) will serve as the contest rules, except as noted in this letter.

#### CEA RESPONSIBILITIES/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Please see 2025 District 12 Agent Assignments

for a detailed list of agent assignments. All assigned agents are responsible for reviewing information and preparing for their specific assignment. Be sure to read this letter in its entirety and share the necessary information with county faculty, 4-H'ers, parents and leaders. Recruit the appropriate people needed to fulfill any responsibilities and submit the requested information by the **deadline of March 20**, **2025**.

If you have any questions or need any assistance or guidance, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

Grace Worshall

Grace Marshall District 12 4-H Specialist Texas 4-H

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Ruben J. Saldana, Ed. D. District Extension Administrator District 12

#### ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be obtained from TCFA by contacting Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at membership@tcfa.org. Feel free to cal the TCFA office at (806) 358-3682. Icnty forms are also available at www.tcfa.org.

> The TCFA Allied industries Committee conducts the contest. If you would like a personal visit by a representative, please contact TCFA at (806) 358-3681.





#### IMPORTANT DATES

<u>February 28</u>: Earliest date steers can be validated.

> March 21: Last date steers can be purchased and validated.

<u>April 7:</u> Entry form, validation information and entry fee must be received by TCFA.

July 8 - 11: Final steer closeout weights.

July 11: Steers delivery location Lonestar Stockyards, Wildorado, TX check-in by 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

July 16: Digital record book due and emailed by 5:00 p.m.

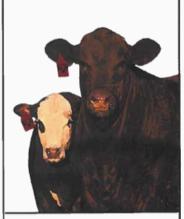
July 25: Contest Day at West Texas A&M University

Junior/Senior participants check in from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Contest begins at 8:00 a.m. Winners to be announced that afternoon following the contest.



Texas Cartle Feeders Association 5011-40 West - Amarila, TX 79105 (806) 358-3681 - FAX (806) 352-6026 www.tcfa.org - membership@tcfa.org

## 2025 TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE



#### July 25, 2025

Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences West Texas A&M University Canyon, Texas

#### TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE

The objective of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge is to encourage young people to goin practical experience in feeding commercial beef cattle. This program stresses the importance of proper animal husbandry and financial management.

#### INFORMATION

Steers must be validated between February 28 and March 21. Official entry deadline is April 7 and must include the validation dete, photo of the steer with the TCFA ear tag visible, scale tickets and a \$35.00 per person entry fee. For entry information and to obtain an Official Rule Book, 4-H, FFA leaders and feedyard managers should contact

For entry information and to obtain an Official Bule Book, 44, FAF leaders and feedyard managers should contact Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at (806) 358-3681. Contestants or the adult leader may contact TCFA to order contest ear tags. (Allow o minimum of one week lead time before wolidotion deedline).

After entries are received by TCFA, the adult leader and contestants will be sent details for the written exam and oral interview/presentations.

#### OVERALL SCORING

(Possible Point	ts, Part of Total)
Steer Points (pen tota	4) 100
Record Keeping	100
Digital Record Boo	k 20 pts.
Steer Photos	10 pts.
Feed Samples	30 pts-
	(10 pts. each x 3)
Weight Tickets	20 pts.
	(10 pts. start/end weight)
Online BQA Certific	ate 10 pts.
Orug Certificate	10 pts.
Interview/Presentation	n 150
Written Exam	_150
	TOTAL 500
STEER	POINTS
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ld Grades P	ime/Choice Select

Prime/Choce	Select
40	30
39.30	29-20
29.20	19-10
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Carcasses grading Average Choice will receive 2 extra points. Those grading High Choice will receive 5 extra points, carcasses grading Prime will receive 10 outs points (up to the maximum of 150 carcass points for the pan of there). A maximum of 7.5 points will be awarded for prformance based on average daily gain.

#### SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Senior Divi	sion.	
0	hampion Overall	\$5,000
F	Reserve Overall	\$3,000
F	irst Runner-Up	\$2,000

Best Written Exam	\$500 prize
Best Oral Interview	\$500 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$500 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$500 prize
Top Rookie	\$500 prize

#### JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

An achievement award will be presented to the overall winner.

TOP				

Overall Junior Champion	\$350 prize
Best Written Exam	\$250 prize
Best Presentation	\$250 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$250 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$250 prize
Top Rookie	\$250 prize

The top Senior and top Junior contestants in each event will be recognized with a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate of excellence.

# CHALLENGE WINNERS

**2024 JUNIOR FED BEEF** 



Sr. Division Overall Champion Kade Lawrence Canyon, TX



Jr. Division Overall Champion Jenna Stevenson Earth, TX



Kleberg- Kenedy County 4-H Club Information						
Animal Round-Up 4-H	Christina Gonzalez	(361) 720-1819	тва	TBA	Contact Manager	
Country Wranglers 4-H	Christina Titus	(361) 522-7707	2nd Sunday	7:00 PM	Ricardo Baptist Church	
Douglass Youth Center 4-H	Lisa Clore	(361) 522-5257	2nd Sunday	5:00 PM	Douglass Youth Center	
	Nichole Saenz	(361) 522-4718				
Lil Bit of Everything 4-H	Victoria Guevara	(361) 522-1869	3rd Sunday	3:00 PM	Riviera VFD	
	Crystal Jimenez	(361) 455-2570				
Lone Star 4-H	Stacie Ewers	(361) 522-7421	2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	184 E CR 2120, Kingsville	
Outdoor Country 4-H	Jennifer Alexander	(361) 455-6053	3rd Sunday	3:00 PM	347 Brenda Lane	
Ricardo JackRabbits 4-H	Elias Arredondo	(361) 449-0987	1st Sunday	4:00 PM	Ricardo Jackrabbits Headquaters 232 W CR 2163	
Ricardo Lucky Leaf 4-H	Carmen Tankersley	(361) 455-0106	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Ricardo School Cafeteria	
	Leslie Cortez	(361) 228-3995				
Santa Gertrudis 4-H	Julie De La Rosa	(361) 522-5997	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Santa Gertrudis High School	
Sarita Vaqueros 4-H	Leroy Salinas	(361) 296-4562	1st Sunday	2:00 PM	Sarita School Cafeteria	
	Juli Salinas	(361)-296-4636				
South Texas Junior Leaders 4-H	Cynthia Bustamante	(361) 228-1288	2nd Sunday	2:00 PM	KC Hall on 14th Street/Zoom	
TJLAers 4-H	Tracy Beadle	(361) 296-4667			Prospect Shows - Please contact for Date/Time/Place	
Trailblazers 4-H	Melissa Green	(361) 455-1224	2nd Sunday	4:30 PM	Kleberg County Extension Office	
Wild Horse Desert 4-H	Angela Bull	(361) 443-5262	3rd Sunday	4:00 PM		

2024-2025 Kleberg- Kenedy County 4-H Club Information

Updated: 08/13/2024

## Livestock Project Scales:

There are several sets of scales located throughout the community for 4-H members to use to weigh their lamb, goat, steer and swine projects. Rabbit Scales and Clippers are also available at the Extension Office.

- $\cdot$  2 sets at the County Extension Office
- $\cdot$  1 set in Sarita for Kenedy County 4-H'ers

 $\cdot$  1 set (steer scale) at Eva Martinez's Residence (419 E FM 1118 in Ricardo) Please call before arriving (361-228-0487)



2024-2025 District 12 4-H Event Planning Calendar

		Revis	ed 9/9/2024			
Event Code	Event Title/Description	Event Committee Chairperson	Event Date	Location	Information Letter Release Date	Event 4-H Online Registration Dates
SSC	Shooting Sports Coach's Training	Nikolo Guerra	9/20-9/22/24	Encino	7/15/24	Open: 8/15/2024 Close: 9/15/2024
SS-A	Shooting Sports Modified 420 & 3-D Archery Match	Frank Escobedo/Marco Ponce	12/7/24	Benavides	9/1/24	Open: 10/30/24 Close: 11/20/24
RU-HJ	Roundup - Horse Judging	Georgina Macias/Jeffery Hester	2/10/25	San Antonio	9/1/24	Open: 11/1/2024 Close: 12/1/2024
RU-MJ	Roundup - Meat Judging	Phyllishia Lopez	2/17/25	San Antonio	9/1/24	Open: 11/1/2024 Close: 12/1/2024
FA	Fashion Sensation - Fashion Storyboard	Angie Sifuentes/JoAnn Ureste	1/10/2025	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 12/19/2024 Close: 1/8/2025
SS-P	Shooting Sports - Postal League	Christy Lansford/Jesus Rodriguez	3/1/25 thru 3/31/25	Tilden	9/1/24	Open: 1/20/2025 Close: 2/17/2025
РН	Photography	Leslie Dominguez/ Andrea Valdez	3/18-3/29/25	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 2/3/2025 Close: 3/7/2025
SS-S	Shooting Sports Trap, Skeet & WhizBang Shoot	Omar Montemayor/ Brianna Gonzales	3/22/25	Mission	9/1/24	Open: 2/10/2025 Close: 3/10/2025
FS	Food Show	Neida Martinez/Ashlie Slayton	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
FC	Food Challenge	Stephanie Salinas/Lilan Mezquida	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-CDM	Roundup - Consumer Decision Making	Dale Rankin	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
FA	Fashion Sensation - Fashion Show, Duds-to-Dazzle, Natural Fiber	Angie Sifuentes/ JoAnn Ureste	4/4/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-EP	Roundup - Educational Presentations +	Alyssa Cruz/Carissa Munoz	4/4/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-LJ	Roundup - Livestock Judging	Teresa Lopez/Frank Escobedo	4/10/25	Alice	9/1/24	Open: 3/12/2024 Close: 4/2/2024
SS-R	Shooting Sports 3-P & Silhouette Rifle Match	Rogelio Mercado/Hector Soto	4/26/25	Benavides	9/1/24	Open: 3/17/2025 Close: 4/11/2025
u	Leadership Lab	Leslie Dominguez/ Teresa Lopez	6/11 to 6/13/25	Kingsville (TBD)	9/1/24	Open: 5/1/2025 Close: 5/23/2025
EC	Election Convention Candidacy, Voter Registration & Election	Georgina Macias/ Karina Sauceda	6/13/25	Kingsville (TBD)	9/1/24	Open: 5/1/2025 Close: 5/31/2025
RB	Record Book Judging	Phyllishia Lopez/ Jesus Rodriguez	7/2/25	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 6/1/2025 Close: 6/26/2025



#### 2025 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement When: June 14-15, 2025 (Saturday/Sunday) Where: Long Acres Ranch, Richmond

#### **Registration:**

Contest- 4-H Connect (<u>https://texas.4honline.com</u>), Registration timeline is April 1 - May 15, 2025. Registration fee is \$60 per contestant. Registration is limited to the first 130 contestants due to space limitation. Teams must be complete with both members: registered before hitting the cap of 130. It

members registered before hitting the cap of 130. It would be wise to coordinate team member registration for the same time.

Lodging & Meals- Lodging and Meals are the responsibility of the contestant family. More information on any onsite food will be posted later.

#### Rules and Resources Guide:

General information is found in the <u>4-H Outdoor</u> <u>Challenge Rules and Resources Guide</u> and the upcoming Video Orientation to be posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <u>http://texas4-</u> h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/.

> Outdoor Skills Rifle Shooting

**Biologist Skills** 

Outdoor Gear Selection

#### 10 Events for 2025 will be:

Outdoor Safety
Paddling (kayak)
Archery Shooting
Outdoor First Aid
Off Road Biking

Find the descriptions of each event along with Study Resources in the <u>4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources</u> <u>Guide</u>.

Fishing

The Fishing Event will be held on the banks of Lake Moore on Long Acres Ranch which is small with grass covered banks and deep water throughout. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass and hybrid bluegill sunfish. Fishing licenses are not required as it is a grivate pond.



Two Day Schedule: Saturday, June 14 7:30-8:00 a.m.: Check-In 7:30-8:30 a.m.: Gear Judging Event 9:00 a.m.: First Rotation of 3 Events Lunch Break After Lunch: Second Rotation of 3 Events Sunday, June 15 8:00 a.m.: Third Rotation of 3 Events Final Tabulations Early Afternoon: Awards Depart for Home







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ENTRY FEE \$30 DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024 CHECK IN: 8-12 PM REGISTER THROUGH OUR WEBSITE!

BREED FORMAT AMERICAN- BRITISH- EXOTIC UNDER 24 MONTHS OF AGE (PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED) CONTACT US

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