

Johnson County 4-H Roundup is around the corner! It will be held **April 7, 6 p.m. at the Cleburne Conference Center**. Check in will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Cross Timbers Room with Contestant Orientation at 6 p.m. Details about the contest are listed below.

Public Speaking Project Group

If you are interested in learning more about public speaking and related contests, classes are currently being held **on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office** (109 W Chambers St, Cleburne). They will be held each Tuesday leading up to the contest, are open to all Johnson County 4-H members and will be led by Mrs. Gwen Welty. You can also visit with your club manager, project leaders in your club or contact the Extension Agents with any questions you have or help you need with preparing speeches. There are many volunteer leaders willing to help with this outstanding project!

County Contest Entry Deadline & Signups

Entries for educational presentations, public speaking and talent showcase contests are due Tuesday, March 24.

Enter online

here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k9TKsPF02x4FSt_2L6cSf4jrft8CTq71L-nJnCwRzbU/edit?usp=sharing

This is a google form that can be edited by anyone with the link. You can easily use the drop down boxes to find your age division, contest/category then add your name(s), club, presentation title and description and any special requests to the entry list. **If we find that any 4-H member or parent has edited another 4-H member's entry in this form, it will be cause for disqualification of the member from the county contest.**

- Presentation Title & Description are REQUIRED – do not skip this part.
- There is a limit to the number of entries an individual can have per contest and the number of entries that can advance to District. (See information below.)
- Special Needs Requested: This section of the sign up can include special needs for accommodations, schedule requests, etc. We will have a computer/projector/screen set up and table in each room so that does not need to be requested. A piano will not be available at the county or district contests

so if you plan to play piano music, you must provide a keyboard. If you have a private request, you can email that to me or call.

Age Divisions

Clover Kids – Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Junior – 3rd grade – 5th grade

Intermediate – 6th grade – 8th grade

Senior – 9th grade – 12th grade

Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has true Intermediates (based upon grades listed above) on it. No other age division changes are allowed.

Contests and Categories

➤ **Educational Presentations:** Individual or Team of 2; Up to 12 minute time limit; visual aids allowed; educational and informative speech; Must fit into one of the contest categories

- Link to guide: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/educational_presentation_guide_2026.pdf

- Link to categories: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/educational_presentation_descriptions.pdf

- Scoresheet: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_educational_presentation_score_sheet_2024.pdf

➤ **Public Speaking:** All topics – not divided into categories; individuals only; 5-8 minute time limit; no visual aids allowed; platform/current issues speech that serves to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern.

- Link to guide: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_public_speaking.pdf

- Scoresheet: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/public_speaking_score_sheet_2024.pdf

➤ **Talent Showcase (previously Share-the-Fun):** Talent and performing arts competitions; Individuals or Team up to 9 youth; 6 minute time limit with 4 minutes for set up and take down; props allowed; Must fit into one of the categories listed below. Full category descriptions and state guidelines can be found here: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_talent_showcase_guide_2026.pdf. The guidelines are for the state contest so many of them do not apply for county and district. If you have questions about the guidelines, please call! Categories are:

- 4-H Skit
- Variety Show
- Poetry/Prose
- Choreographed Routines
- Musical/Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Vocal

Multiple Entries

For county roundup, a 4-Her may participate in multiple events. **A 4-Her may enter a maximum of one event per column listed below.** This is due to a rule at Texas 4-H Roundup allowing only 1 contest per day that is also followed by District and County.

| Column A | Column B |
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| TS Choreographed Routines | Ag & Natural Resources Ed Pres |
| TS Variety Show | Animal Science Ed Pres |
| TS Musical/Instrumental | Beef Ed Pres |
| TS Vocal | Family & Consumer Education Ed Pres |
| | Health & Wellness Ed Pres |
| | Horse Ed Pres |

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| Open Ed Pres |
| Promote 4-H Ed Pres |
| Safety & Injury Prevention Ed Pres |
| Sheep & Goat Ed Pres |
| STEM Ed Pres |
| Swine Ed Pres |
| Public Speaking |
| TS 4-H Skit |
| TS Poetry/Prose |
| TS Solo/Band |

Qualifying for District Contest

**Clover Kids do not advance to the District Contest. All other age divisions follow these guidelines:

- Public Speaking: The top 3 placings per age division will advance to District.
- Educational Presentation: The top 3 placings per age division per category will advance to District.
- Talent Showcase: The top 2 placings per age division per category will advance to District.

The **District Contest** will be held Friday, April 17 at Cowboy Church of Ellis County in Waxahachie, Texas. You will need to know by the date of the county contest if you will attend District if you qualify. District entries will be completed by the County Extension Office.

Resources

For full district and state guidelines and other information please use the links below.

- District 4-H Roundup page: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/roundup/>

- Texas 4-H Roundup page: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

If you have any questions about these contests or the public speaking project group, please contact us at the Extension Office. We are looking forward to another great year of public speaking and performance arts in Johnson County!