



## **2013 Smith County 4-H Roundup Newsletter**

### **General Information and Rules for County 4-H Contest**

1. Junior and Intermediate members (under 14 years) may participate ONLY in county and district contests.  
Clover Kids may only compete on the county level.
2. Senior members (14 years & up) may participate in county, district and state contests. (Ages as of August 31, 2012.)  
! The first and second place district winners in each of the five (5) categories qualify for State 4-H Roundup, and may be from the same county.  
! At State level, 4-H'ers may not enter the same category in which they have previously been part of a first place entry at State; however, they may choose one of the other categories.
3. **The County contest will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** and includes:
  - Educational Presentations (Method Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks)
  - Photography Contest
4. Top three county winners in each Educational Presentation and Share-the-Fun category will be eligible to compete at the District 5 4-H Roundup on April 27, 2013 at Angelina College in Lufkin.  
  
First place county winners in Fashion Show/Fabric & Fashion Design will be eligible to compete at the District 5 4-H Fashion Show on April 27th at Angelina College in Lufkin.
5. You MUST pre-register for ALL county 4-H contests. To pre-register, complete the enclosed check sheet by marking the contests you wish to enter, and return your check sheet to the County Extension office by **March 20, 2012**.  
\* **NOTE — 5 points will be deducted from your paperwork score if you turn them in after the deadline or incomplete.**
6. An individual may enter Educational Presentations (Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talks) **or** Share-the-Fun. In addition to either of these contests, you may also enter the Fashion Show, Fabric & Fashion Design Contest, and/or the Photo Contest.

## SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTESTS

### Extension Auditorium

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**\*ROUNDUP** (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking & Photography)—**Saturday, March 5, 2011:** All contestants arrive at 1:00 p.m. in the Extension Auditorium.

**Immediately following the judging, we will have the Awards Program and presentation of ribbons.**

### What's It All About?

#### Educational Presentations

A **Educational Presentation** is like an adult form of “show and tell”. Participants are limited to twelve minutes to present their topic and show their visual aids. Visual aids may include: posters, charts, and equipment.

With the exception of “Family Life Education Activity”, Method Demonstrations are limited to individuals or teams of up to five (5) members.

**Public Speaking** contests are similar to Method Demonstrations, except there is a five to seven minute time limit, and no visual aids are allowed, and limited to individuals only — no teams.

NOTE: Method Demonstrations are one of the most valuable tools we have to help 4-H'ers later in life. It is also the most sure way of earning a trip to State Roundup at Texas A&M! Encourage your members to participate in this event!

**For Categories, Descriptions and suggested topics for Educational Presentations, see web link <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/02/2013RulesandGuidelinesedited.pdf>**

**. We have two file boxes at the Extension office with many scripts written for a variety of Method Demonstrations. Come by and take a look.**

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#### SHARE-THE-FUN

Here is a chance for you and your friends to show off your talents! Dances, dramas, and vocal/musical groups are just examples of the acts that can include from one to nine members. Use your imagination, get your “act” together, and Share-the-Fun!

#### Categories for Share-the-Fun:

Choreographed Routines—Individual or Group Entry—Maximum of nine (9) participants. No speaking to form a skit or story line. *The act requires choreography and can be demonstrated through twirling, pom pom squad routines, jump rope teams, basketball dribbling exhibitions, or dance (Jazz, tap, country & Western, ballroom, etc.).* Sign language presentations to music have been added to choreographed routines. However, if a participant is SINGING and SIGNING, this entry should be entered in the Vocal Category. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, uniformity, creativity, showmanship, and costuming. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Poetry/Prose—Individual or Group Entry— **maximum of nine (9) participants.** Acts which showcase poetry or prose are required. The act may **NOT** incorporate vocal, musical, and/or choreographed routine. This category does not require 4-H related material, however, if an original poem or prose piece showcasing 4-H is written, this would be acceptable. **Every 4-H member entered in the category must be a part of the performance on stage.** Judged on material chosen, message, talent, presentation, style, props/costuming. Four (4) minutes total for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Vocal—Individual or group entry—Maximum of nine (9) participants. Vocal presentation may be done acapella, with an accompaniment tape, with an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see rule #13) or musical instruments. **Bands may NOT enter this category. All members of the group MUST BE SINGING!** No lip sync will be allowed. No skit or story line will be permitted. Sign language may be added to enhance the performance, but entries which strictly showcase sign language without vocal presentation are not permitted in this category. They must be entered in Choreographed routines. Judged on talent, showmanship, vocal presentation and material chosen. Four (4) minutes set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Musical/Band—Individual or Group Entry—Maximum of nine (9) participants. Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background tape or an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see rule #13) playing a musical instrument.. **Band presentation may include vocal performance. Bands will not be permitted to utilize an accompanist. No lip sync will be permitted in this category. No skit or story line will be permitted.** Judged on talent, showmanship, vocal presentation and material chosen. Four (4) minutes set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Celebrate 4-H—Individual or Group Entry—Maximum of nine (9) participants. May be a 4-H based story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project or activity, or a celebration of the Texas 4-H Centennial. ***This category ay also address a specific youth issue, current event or world affair and present ways in which this issue can be addressed.*** May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or dance, but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. Skits can be humorous, creative and make fun of but not degrade Extension employees or the 4-H program. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes and props. Four (4) minutes for set-up and breakdown; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.



## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

1. Photographs must have been taken between March 2012 and February 2013.
2. Entries must be in the Digital format as per the District Instructions
3. These instructions will be attached to this document.
4. Entries must be in by **March 20, 2013. Email to Deana Miller [DLMiller@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:DLMiller@ag.tamu.edu)**



**COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP**  
**Entry Form—(Due by March 5, 2012)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of 4-H Club you are a member of \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Category:** Clover (Age 5--2nd grade) Junior (3rd grade—10 years)  
Intermediate (11-13 years) Senior (14 years and over)

I want to enter the following 4-H contest(s):  
(Please check/complete the appropriate blanks.)

**Educational Presentation** (Method Demonstration / Illustrated Talk)

Check which category you will be entering:

<i>Beef</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Clothing &amp; Textiles</i>	<i>Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources</i>
<i>Companion Animals</i>	<i>Family and Consumer Science</i>
<i>Family Life</i>	<i>Promote 4-H</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Public Speaking</i>
<i>Horse</i>	<i>Safety &amp; Accident Prevention</i>
	<i>Sheep and/or Goats</i>

Exact Title of Presentation (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your presentation—what points will you discuss? (required): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Team Members (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Share-the-Fun**

Check which category you will be entering:

*Choreographed Routine*  
*Poetry/Prose*  
*Musical/Band*  
*Vocal*  
*Celebrate 4-H*

Briefly describe your performance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Team Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**See reverse side for further instructions.**

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service**  
**DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

*This information is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code  
and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local public school board policies.*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN/COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT – Complete this Section**

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our Extension office, I respectfully request (check one):

√ Academic eligibility information only

Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school

Date: March 17, 2012 Name of Activity: County 4-H Roundup

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of 4-H in Smith  
County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the  
Texas cooperative extension faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Extension Agent

**PRINCIPAL – Complete This Section**

Check (√) one:

I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned extracurricular activity.

I do not certify the student because he/she is NOT academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned extracurricular activity.

Check (√) one:

An excused absence will be granted.

An excused absence will not be granted.

Does not apply.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School

**Instructions:** Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension office.

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County