



## Dallas County 4-H Youth Development Program

### Educational Presentations Memo

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Location: North Government Building  
6820 LBJ Fwy  
Dallas, TX 75230

Check-In: 8:00 am

Orientation: 8:30 am

Contest: Begins following orientation

**Registration.** Each participating member is required to register at the following link: [Educational Presentation Registration](#). No registration fee is required. Registration will open on January 5, 2026 and close at midnight on February 2, 2026. No late registrations will be accepted.

**Participation.** Participation is open to Dallas, Denton & Collin County youth and current 4-H members. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to [UIL rules](#)) to compete on the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member of a team. This contest is not a qualifier for District or State contest, although, it is encouraged for all Dallas 4-H members for participation and practice. [District IV Competition](#) is on April 10, 2026. Must be a 4-H member to participate in District IV.

**Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1, 2025. Age divisions for this contest are:

Junior	Ages 8-10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Intermediate	Ages 11-13 (Grades 6, 7, 8)
Senior	Ages 14-18 (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

**Eligibility.** Educational Presentations may be an individual effort or conducted by a team of two participants.

**Originality.** Educational Presentations **MUST** be the original work of the youth participant. Youth may **NOT** share/utilize the same presentations delivered by other's in the past.

**Topic Subject:** Subjects in the educational presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. Some contests provide a suggested list of topics that the educational presentation may cover along with a resource list. Senior contestants are encouraged to research these emerging and/or current issues to develop presentations. See the links below for the topic categories.

**Accuracy of Information/Resources.** With the computer and internet being used heavily in educational presentations, participants must know the difference between research and non-research based information. Contestants are required to use information that is factual and can be supported through adequate documentation. Examples of such websites are federal, state, and local governments, independent research sites, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service websites. Internet information that is questionable includes personal documentation sites, chat rooms, message boards, etc. Participants must prepare a list of references (i.e. bibliography, works cited) for their presentation.

**Subject Matter.** The skills and knowledge used in any 4-H contest should be the result of experiences in a project in which the participant has participated. A presentation must relate to the contest entered, contain current information, and not be better suited for another contest. It should also be appropriate for the participant's age and experience. Appropriate credit must be given for references used.

### **Educational Presentations Contest Rules**

**Time Limits.** A time limit of 12 minutes will be allowed for each educational presentation. An additional nine 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. Following the presentation, there may be up to 5 minutes of question and answer period by the judges.

**Visuals.** Charts, photographs, computer graphics, and other visual materials are permitted and should enhance the presentation by clearly supporting the participant's message. Visuals must be appealing, easy to read, and easily seen by the audience—choose materials with this in mind.

While posters or pictures of restricted items are allowed, the following may **not** be used in any Roundup contest: firearms, weapons, fireworks, open flames, live ammunition, or live animals. Choose your visual taking that into consideration.

**Judges' Questions.** Judges may ask contestants questions at the end of their presentation. Following the presentation, there may be up to 5 minutes of question-and answer period by the judges. Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants.

**Score Sheets.** 4-H Educational Presentation Score Sheet, V 2023 will be used by contest judges in scoring educational presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, or speech). Separate score sheets are used in public speaking. All score sheets are available on the Texas 4-H Youth Development website.

**Judges' Gifts/Handouts.** Gifts of any kind MAY NOT be presented to the judges in any contest. Handouts may be made available to the entire audience.

**Use of Firearms, Weapons, Fireworks, Open-Flamed Burners and/or Ammunition.** No firearms, weapons, fireworks, open-flamed burners or live ammunition are allowed to be used in any Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are allowed and encouraged. No items and/or props that are combustible, flammable, or under extreme pressure can be used in any Roundup contest. These include camp stoves, propane tanks, and/or open flames.

**Live Animals, Insects, and Reptiles.** No pets or live animals/insects/reptiles are permitted for use by contestants in a contest. Service animals are permitted in accordance with ADA regulations. If you have questions on other items that may not be allowed, it is highly recommended you contact the local County Extension Agent and/or the District IV Extension Program Specialist – 4-H Youth Development.

**Service Animals.** Service animals that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities are permitted at the event. Non-service animals are not allowed. Comfort or emotional support animals are not service animals.

**Equipment.** There are limitations or recommendations for juniors and intermediates as it relates to equipment and visual aids. Outlined below are the age-division specific rules for educational presentations:

Juniors	Intermediates	Seniors
No computer aided/projected presentation equipment allowed. Posters and an easel are a suitable and recommended alternative. Props and other visual aids are allowed.	Computer-aided presentation equipment is allowed, but posters are highly recommended and encouraged. Props and other visual aids are allowed.	Any type of presentation equipment, props, and visual aids are allowed (if also allowed by state rules).

Participants are required to bring 100% of their own equipment (props, posters, easels, personal computer, visual aids, extension cords, etc.), with the exception of a screen, table and projector, which will be available in each presentation room. It is also encouraged to bring your own adapter in case your computer does not have a HDMI port.

Take into consideration that Internet connectivity may not be available. Be prepared to incorporate any video or other graphics that may require Internet to be directly embedded in the presentation. Make sure the image/video is included as part of the thumb drive or method used to provide your presentation to the contest Superintendent/Coordinator.

Contest officials will not have any equipment such as computers, projectors, or video adapters available. It is the contestant's sole responsibility to secure and bring all necessary equipment, and to know how to operate and troubleshoot it. Please have your presentation pre-loaded on your computer.

**FYI to Senior Contestants that advance on to Texas 4-H Roundup ..... All presentations must be in some form of Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, or Excel). All fonts used must be true type. These fonts specifically include Arial and Times New Roman (See Texas 4-H Roundup Rules & Guidelines for more information). Dallas County 4-H Roundup is not a prequalifier for Texas 4-H Roundup.**

**Awards.** Quality Awards: Blue, Red, and White Participation quality awards will be given based on the total score value. Best of Division: Best of Division Rossett will be awarded to one participant in each age division and category. Score ranges for each award are outlined on the attached score sheet.

County Roundup is not a prequalifier for District IV Competition. 4-H Member participants can view District IV Educational Presentation rules [here](#). It is the member's responsibility to register for the contest on [4-H Online](#). District competitors must be enrolled in 4-H.

**Participants with Disabilities.** If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Elver Pardo at 469-224-4701 or [elver.pardo@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:elver.pardo@ag.tamu.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the program or note such needs when registering on the Google Form.

Resource Links. <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

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