Dallas County 4-H Youth Development Program

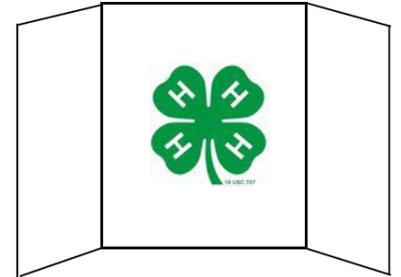# 4-H Project Spotlight Tabletop Edition

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Location: North Government Building
6820 LBJ Fwy
Dallas, TX 75240

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:
4-H Project Spotlight Tabletop Edition

No registration fee is required.
Registration will open on January 5, 2026, and close at midnight on February 16, 2026. No late registrations will be accepted.

Participation. Participation is open to Dallas 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.

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

Cloverbuds	Ages 5-7 (Grades K, 1, 2)
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)

Originality. 4-H Tabletop Member Exhibits MUST be the original work of the youth participant. Adult guidance is allowed.

Categories with Example Topics. A list of example topics is attached. If you have an idea for another topic that fits within these categories—or if you're unsure whether it does—please reach out to your Extension Agent for the Dallas County 4-H Office: 469-224-4701.

Accuracy of Information/Resources. 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 exhibit.

Subject Matter. The exhibit must relate to the project area entered, include current and accurate information, and be appropriate for the member's age and experience level. Exhibits should be original and fit in the category. Proper credit must be given for all references and sources used.

4-H Tabletop Member Exhibit Contest Rules

- One entry per exhibitor
- Open to clover buds, juniors, intermediates and seniors.
- Tri-fold Board up to 36" x 48" accepted
- All tabletop exhibits must demonstrate one main theme or idea and teach about the project.
- The entry may include items that represent the project or have been created by the exhibitor to be displayed in front of the tri-fold board.
- Exhibits will be judged on both visual quality and content including drawing attention to viewers, well planned/organized and pleasing appearance and appropriate content for project and age of 4-H member.
- Entries must be original each year and must be created by the 4-H member entering the exhibit.
- The back of the display should include Member Name, County, 4-H Club, 4-H Age, and Category.
- A 4-H emblem, AgriLife, Prairie View & Dallas County logo must be included somewhere on the exhibit. (See attached logos)
- Include citations for sources of information and photos either at the bottom of the front or on the back of the display board.
- **No flammable, combustible, or sharp items** are allowed in any Roundup contest to display. This includes firearms, weapons, fireworks, camp stoves, propane tanks, open flames, or pressurized containers. Pictures of these items are allowed and encouraged.
- **No live animals or insects**.

Service Animals. Service animals trained to assist individuals with disabilities are allowed at the event in accordance with ADA regulations. Comfort or emotional support animals are not considered service animals and are not permitted. If you have questions about what is allowed, please contact your County Extension Agent.

Score Sheets. The attached score sheet will be used during judging for the Tabletop Member Exhibit competition. The judging criteria outlined will give you a general idea of what evaluators will be looking for in your display.

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.

Awards: Quality Awards: Blue, Red, White & Participation quality awards will be given based on the total score value. Best of Division: Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded to one participant in each age division. Score ranges for each award are outlined on the attached score sheet. A Best of Category Ribbon will be presented to the top blue-ribbon entry within each category.

 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 elver.pardo@ag.tamu.edu or the Dallas County 4-H office at 469-224-4701, at least 2 weeks prior to the program or note such needs when registering on the Google Form.

Categories with Example Topics:

Agriculture & Livestock
 	
• Animal Science
• Pets
  (dogs, cats, birds, fish, rats, snakes, & turtles)
• Small Animals
  (chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs)
• Horses
• Veterinary Science
	STEM
	
	• Aerospace
	• Computer Science
	• Electricity
	• Robotics
	• Engines
	• Weather and Climate
	• Woodworking

Plants and Gardening
 	
• Any Plant Science Related
  (Fruits, flowers, & vegetables)
  (Soil health, pest management, propagation, ecology)
	Natural Resources
	
	• Entomology
	• Outdoor education
	• Environmental Science
	• Marine and Aquatic Science
	• Shooting Sports
	• Wildlife
	• Natural Resources
	• Fishing
	• Water and Land Use
	• Forestry
	• Mycology

Leadership & Citizenship • Citizenship • Global Education • Leadership Development • Workforce Preparation • Theater & Performance Arts • Communication and Media Arts	

Logos Required for Exhibit
(Your County logo if not Dallas County - Dallas 4-H Logo only for DC4-H members)
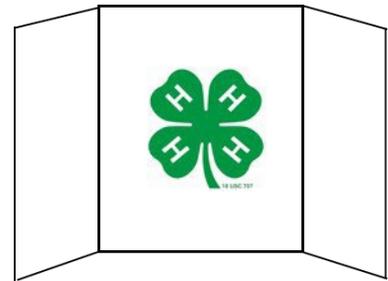## 2026 Dallas County Roundup Contest

Tabletop Member Exhibit Score Sheet

Exhibitor Name:

Category:

Age Division: CB   JR   INT   SR

4-H Club: _____

Judging Criteria Description	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Includes one main theme or topic (Clear Message)	20	
Display effectively educates viewer on the topic (Appropriate Content)	30	
Attractive use of color and design to attract viewers (Artistic Design)	10	
Well planned and Organized Presentation (Organized Presentation)	20	
Age Appropriate Content and Depth suited to age of exhibitor	10	
Overall Quality Neat, Clean, Well-Assembled, No Spelling Errors	10	
Total Score	100	

Judges Notes: