

CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

National Contest Advancement highlighted

Invitational Contest

SPEAKING

CONTEST SUPERINTENDENT PARTICIPATION QUALIFYING or INVITATIONAL CONTEST DAY NATIONAL ADVANCEMENT (see pg 25)	DESCRIPTION
AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY & FARM SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION	Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biotechnology • Biogenetics • Bioengineering • Mechanical engineering • Farm safety
Mrs. Amber Walden Individual or Team of 2 Thursday Qualifying	Use of technology, research, laser, satellites or advancements made in agricultural practices through the use of technology, computer systems, or cutting-edge ideas.
ANIMAL SCIENCE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION	Any current or future subject that addresses any aspects of the dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, or specialty animal industries such as embryo transfer and invitro- fertilization. Beef related presentations would fall under the beef category.
Ms. Hayley Meyer Individual or Team of 2 Thursday Qualifying	
BEEF EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION	Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproductive technologies • Nutritional management • Health • Breeding and genetic considerations • Behavior • Beef carcasses and end-products • Production costs • General management aspects • Cattle marketing Presentations may target cow-calf, stocker, or feedlot industry sectors.
Dr. Shane McLellan Individual or Team of 2 Qualifying Thursday	
SCIENCE FAIR	The 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Research Method Poster contest) provides youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H project work through the application of scientific research, engineering, technology and/or experimentation. Participants will 1) construct a poster, 2) deliver a short oral presentation, and 3) respond to judges' interview questions. Projects should follow either the Scientific Method or Engineering Design Process and the poster formatted accordingly.
Mr. David Smith Individual or Team of 2 Invitational Thursday	Posters will be set up for public viewing, followed by judges' interviews and scoring.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Alice Kirk

Individual or Team of 2 Qualifying
Thursday

Presentations should focus on healthy lifestyles, chronic disease prevention and wellness, not illness/treatment. It is suggested that project experiences in this area include topics aimed at youth health/wellness, the promotion of active living, and chronic disease prevention. Educational presentations should be shared with youth groups in the community and include a call to action promoting healthy lifestyles.

All presentations must be supported by science-based and current medical/health journal articles (e.g., Journal of the American Medical Association, Annals of Internal Medicine) or research-based websites. Preference should be given to .gov and .edu over .com resources. Additional resources can come from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Texas Department of State Health Services.

Suggested presentation topics:

- Increasing physical activity
- Tobacco prevention
- Alcohol prevention
- Sun safety
- Preventing the spread of the cold and flu
- Sleep
- Reducing stress

HORSE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jennifer Zoller
Dr. Chelsie Huseman

Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
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Presentation is to cover the theory and/or practical skills learned in the 4-H horse project and should be appropriate for presentation at a 4-H club meeting. After hearing the presentation, the audience should be able to put information into practice to improve their production, management, training, or horse use knowledge and/or skills.

*One may choose to do a presentation without props. Those will be judged as horse public speaking using the public speaking score sheet. However for top awards, they will still be ranked with those giving educational presentations which allow use of props in the presentation.

OPEN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain
Mr. Seth Hall

Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

Youth will relate information to skills learned in a project in which the 4-H member has been involved.

Make sure your presentation is not better suited for another category.

OPEN – AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Brandon Gregson Ms.
Kara Matheney

Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Before entering this category, make sure the presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

Topics may include:

- Agronomy/crop production
- Farm and ranch economics
- Horticulture
- Meat science
- Shooting sports related fields
- Other ANR field of study

OPEN – FAMILY AND CONSUMER EDUCATION

Ms. Dianne Gertson Ms.
Tonya Poncik

Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

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Youth will relate information to knowledge or skills learned in the field of Family Consumer Education. Before entering this category, make sure the presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

Topics may include:

- Financial management
- Food and Nutrition
- Clothing and Textiles
- Housing and home environment
- Family Life
- Food Science
- Food Safety
- Consumer life skills
- Other FCH field of study

*Health related topics, which could include such things as increasing physical activity, tobacco and alcohol prevention, sun safety, preventing spread of colds and flu, sleep, and reducing stress, should compete under Health & Wellness educational presentation.

PROMOTE 4-H EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Matt Miranda

Individual or Team of 2
Qualifying
Thursday

The purpose of this contest is to:

- Encourage 4-H members to develop promotion and marketing skills as they market and interpret 4-H through various types of media and presentations.
- Increase the promotion of 4-H to non-4-H audiences in Texas.
- Increase the number of people who join and support the 4-H program.

The 4-H promotion should convey a contemporary image of 4-H in a changing society. Promotional methods might include: radio, television, illustrated talks, method demonstrations, newspaper, posters, projected images, exhibits, photographs, slide/tape presentations, puppets, PSA's, speeches, drama, skits, videos, computer programs, etc. Contestants identify a non- 4-H audience and demonstrate a promotional method which communicates the ideas or ideals of the 4-H program. Before entering this category make sure your presentation does not fit any other related educational presentation category.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. Luis Saldana

Individual Qualifying
Thursday

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Individuals will present a **5 to 8 minute** talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. The presentation should serve to persuade others regarding a particular issue or concern. Props and visual aids are not permitted, and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation.

Contestants selected as finalists will then repeat their presentations in a final round.

First place individuals will be asked to present their speech at the Thursday night assembly.

Suggested presentation topics: Current events, youth issues, or other topics related to youth

Topic resources:

- Print media (e.g. newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals)
 - Broadcast media (e.g. television, cable, radio)
 - E-media (email, internet, websites)
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**SAFETY AND INJURY
PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATION**

Ms. Rachel Walker

Individual or Team of 2 Qualifying
Thursday

Youth will relate information to safe equipment designs and safe procedures or methods associated with the prevention of accidents in work, home, or recreational environments. Topics may include accident prevention when operating motor vehicles, boats, home, farm or yard machinery. Also included are safety topics on handling chemicals and animals and prevention of accidents relative to falls, fire, electricity, hunting and natural disasters.

Suggested presentation topics:

- Drinking and driving
- Distracted driving
- Personal safety
- ATV safety
- Agri-terrorism
- General farm safety
- Pesticide safety
- Natural disasters (flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, etc.)

Safety as it relates to agriculture would fall under Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety category.
