

PANHANDLE DISTRICT 1 4-H

Memo To: District 1 County Extension Agents (Ag, FCS, & 4-H)  
 District 1 Program Assistants

Subject: 2016 District 1 4-H Swine Skillathon  
 November 5, 2016  
 West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas

The Swine Skillathon will be an opportunity for 4-H'ers to show their knowledge related to the Swine Industry. It will be a non-qualifying invitational state event. Please read all guidelines carefully as changes have been made.

- The 2016 District 1 4-H Swine Skillathon will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas.
- Entry fee will be \$10.00 for each participant.
- 4-H Connect will open on October 1, 2016, and will close on October 21, 2016, at midnight. Counties must have entries certified by October 24, 2016, at 5:00 pm. Late registration will open October 25 and close October 28. Late registration fees will double. There will be no onsite registration. There will be no refunds.
- For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:  
 Marcel Fischbacher - District 1 Swine Skillathon Superintendent  
 (806) 935-2594 – [mhfischbacher@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mhfischbacher@ag.tamu.edu)  
 Shawnte Clawson – Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development  
 (806) 677-5600 – [sfclawson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sfclawson@ag.tamu.edu)
- Attached, you will find contests rules and guidelines, schedule for the day of the contest, important dates, and other contest specifics.

If you have suggestions or comments, please notify Marcel Fischbacher or Shawnte Clawson as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a quality 4-H experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

Shawnte Clawson  
 Extension Specialist  
 4-H Youth Development

Marcel Fischbacher  
 CEA/ANR Moore County  
 Swine Skillathon Superintendent



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**RULES:** The Swine Skill-a-Thon will consist of a preliminary round with a written exam, four “skills” stations. The top five individuals in each division will then compete in the finals. Seniors and Intermediates will give a five minute impromptu presentation on a topic assigned at the event, and Juniors will take part in a five minute interview with a series of questions being asked.

### **1) AGE DIVISIONS**

Contestants must be currently enrolled 4-H member, and academically eligible. Ages will be determined as of August 31, 2016. Age divisions are:

- Juniors – Youth will be minimum age 8 and in the third grade, grades 3, 4 and 5
- Intermediates – Grades 6, 7 and 8
- Seniors – Youth will be maximum age 18, grades 9, 10,11 and 12

**2) No late entries will be accepted.** Substitutions must be verified by the County Extension Agent using a substitution form.

### **3) Substitutions**

Substitutions should be used only as a means of keeping an entry active when members have been forced to drop out for unexpected reasons (i.e. major illness, death or other conflicts). All substitutions must be approved by the county Extension agent in charge of the project area. The form may be signed, completed and brought to the contest site. Once the contest check-in closes no substitutions may be made.

### **4) Contest**

#### *Preliminary Rounds*

#### **A) Written Exam - 100 points per person**

Questions are derived from the vast amount of information available in the study guides as well as from knowledge and skills that can be obtained actually raising the project pig. The Exam will be made up of multiple choice or True/ False questions. The test may have 100, 1 point questions or 50, 2 point questions.

#### **B) Skills Stations - 100 points per person**

Four skill stations will be done individually by contestants. A score sheet for each student with portions identified for each station. A score sheet with a total of 25 points for each station, with points listed that the evaluator/station moderator can circle for partial credit.

#### *Finals*

#### **C) Interview/Presentation - 100 points per individual**

The top five individuals in each division will be called back for the finals. Juniors will take part in a five minute interview over the swine industry. A series of questions will be asked and they will be ranked based on their ability to accurately and confidently answer the questions. Intermediates and Seniors will be assigned a topic

related to the swine industry and asked to prepare a five minute presentation related to that topic. They will have fifteen minutes to prepare.

**7) Awards**

The top three individuals in each age division will receive medals - gold for first, silver for second and bronze for third.

**8) Contest Superintendent:**

Questions can be directed to Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension Agent, Moore County – (806) 935-2594.

**9) Location of contest:**

Swine Skillathon	1:00	11/5/16	CC 401, 406, 407, 408
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