

PANHANDLE DISTRICT 1 4-H

To: County Extension Agents – ANR, FCH, 4-H

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Contest Superintendent District 4-H Specialist

Subject: **District 1 Entomology Identification Contest**

Contest Date: **April 18, 2024**

Location: **WTAMU Ag Science Complex – Room 101
600 WTAMU DR**

Registration: **Registration March 11 – April 4 on 4-H Online Fee: \$15
Late Registration April 8 – 11 Late Fee: \$50**

Schedule: **Check-in: 5:00 p.m.
Youth Orientation: 5:15 p.m.
Contest Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
Awards: 7 p.m. (Tentative)**

Age Categories: **3rd - 5th grade – Junior
6th – 8th grade – Intermediate
9th – 12th grade – Senior**

It is the responsibility of the agents to validate and correct placement of youth in age categories. Counties may move juniors up to intermediates, but intermediates can NOT be moved up to seniors or down to juniors.

Awards/Placings

1st through 5th place individual awards in each age division
1st through 5th place team awards in each age division

Contest Format

Images will be provided for the youth in place of actual specimens. The images will be high quality and to scale. Participants will also complete a written exam.

Teams

There is no limit to the number of teams counties may bring. Teams consist of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 youth.

State Qualifiers

Entomology ID is an invitational contest at Texas 4-H Roundup open to seniors.

Contest Format: 4-H members will identify selected insects and complete a written examination on insects. Each part is worth 50% of the total score.

Identification

Actual insect specimens or photographs will be used in the Identification portion of the contest. The identification portion will require a common name as well as the insect Order.

Written Exam

The written exam may include question formats such as true/false, matching or completion questions, short answer, or fill-in-the-blank.

Age Division	Written Exam	Identification of Insects
Junior	10 Questions	10 Insects
Intermediate	25 Questions	15 Insects
Senior	50 Questions	25 Insects

Tie-Breakers Five specimens or photographs will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. If ties still remain, winners will be determined by a method designated by the contest officials.

Contest Resources can be found at:

<https://entomology.tamu.edu/extension/youth/4-h/4h-contest/>

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>



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