

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: **May 1, 2025**

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

Registration: **March 10 – April 9 on 4-H Online Fee: \$15
Late Registration April 14 – 16 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.

Accommodations

- Requests for accommodations must be submitted to the District Office from the County Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- This request must be accompanied by official documentation in one of the following options for why the request is being submitted:
 - A) Official doctor's note from a licensed medical professional
 - B) School documentation and/or evaluation from a public institution
 - C) Official evaluation from a licensed professional therapist and/or diagnostician
- Note: The documentation and request are required within the appropriate timeline outlined for the event in order for the accommodation to be considered but does not guarantee that the requested accommodation can be made.
- The request will be reviewed by the district office (and when necessary, in consultation with the state office).
- Request and documentation will be kept confidential within the appropriate county/district staff and event administrators.

Awards/Placings

- 1st through 3rd place individual awards in each age division
- 1st through 3rd 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 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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