

PANHANDLE - DISTRICT 1 4-H

To: County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: **2026 District 1 4-H Archery Contest**

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CONTEST DATE: **April 16 - 18, 2026**

LOCATION: **Armstrong County Activities Bldg. 901 Hurley Ave. Claude, TX**

Registration: **Registration March 2 – March 31 on 4-HOnline Fee: \$20**
 Late Registration April 1 - 3 Late Fee: \$50

Schedule: **6:30 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday**

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- **Junior** – Grades 3, 4 & 5
- **Intermediate** – Grades 6, 7, & 8
- **Senior** – Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Tina Bryant tina.bryant@ag.tamu.edu by March 31, 2026.

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.



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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Every competitor must be a current member of a 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Project and have been coached by a Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Coach. A responsible adult will be required to chaperone each competitor regardless of age division.

Contest Resources

- Texas 4-H Shooting Sports web site: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>
- Texas 4-H Archery Rules https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/shooting_sports_rules_archery.pdf
- Each county must utilize 4-H trained and certified coach volunteers.

Time Preference:

You will be asked to choose a preferred time (Friday night, Saturday morning, noon or afternoon) to shoot. We will try to accommodate your request but due to the availability of space, you may not be assigned the time slot you prefer. Please list any major conflicts with any time slots. **The lines will be capped at 22 shooters per line – first come, first served.**

Equipment Classes:

- **Bare Bow** (Longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Mechanical release aids are not permitted.
- **Compound Aided**- Bows may be equipped with magnified sights. Mechanical release aids are permitted. Stabilizers are allowed.
- **Compound Unaided** – (compound, universal or NASP/Genesis bows) – Bows may not be equipped with sights, releases or stabilizers. Any style of arrow rest will be allowed. Mechanical release aids are not permitted.
- **Arrows** – Arrows consist of a shaft with a head,nock, fletching and personal identification markings. Arrows must not be any larger in diameter than 23/64" including the point.
 - a. Adequate supply - Each archer must provide an adequate number of arrows to complete the required course of fire.
 - b. Individual identification - Each archer's arrows will be marked with his or her name, initials, other insignia or cresting to permit identification.
 - c. Safety - Arrows must be sound and properly spined for the bow.
 - d. AMO standards - Arrows must meet Archery Manufacturer's Organization standard of six (6) grains per pound of peak draw weight. Arrow weight may be checked at the discretion of shoot management or upon request of any competitor.
 - e. Shaft materials - Any safe shaft material may be used. All arrows must be inspected for soundness, particularly graphite shafts.
 - f. Arrow points - Only target or field points may be used in 4-H archery events unless other point types are specifically required.
 - g. Illuminated nocks – Illuminated nocks are not allowed.

Targets:

- **Paper Targets Options:** 40cm 10 ring- 1 spot target, or a 5 color 3 spot target for more experienced shooters (you will be given the option on registration through 4-HOnline).
 - All Shooters will get 2 ends of (3) arrows for a practice round (practice will be 2 ends of 3)
 - **Juniors-** (Shoot at 10 yards) 10 ends of (3) arrows
 - **Intermediates-** (Shoot at 20 yards) 10 ends of (3) arrows
 - **Seniors-** (Shoot at 20 yards) 10 ends of (3) arrows

***Whistle Commands will be used**

***After Official Practice Rounds-** No coaching will be allowed.

Scoring: **Scantrons will not be used** – Shooters will work together to score targets. Range officials will be available to resolve questions. Arrows are scored as they lie in the target or by the identifiable hole if they passed through or bounced out on paper targets. If there is a disagreement or any question on a score, it is resolved by calling a range official before any arrow is pulled.

Tie Breakers:

- Number of X's, then number of 10's, then number of 9's etc.

Time Limits:

- **Practice Round** – Shooters will have a total of 2 minutes per practice round to fire 3 arrows.
- **Competition** – Shooters have a total of two minutes to fire each three arrow end.
- Arrows that remain un-shot will be counted as misses.

Dress Requirement:

- Close-toed shoes **are required** unless for a medical reason.
- All other standard 4-H Dress Code rules apply.

Safe and respectful behavior is expected of Shooters, Coaches and Spectators at all times. Disorderly, unsafe, or abusive conduct has no place on the Shooting Sports Range and will not be permitted! Any problems can and may lead to disqualification and/or removal from the premises.

All certified archery coaches are encouraged to help with the contest.