

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

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Contest Chair District 4-H Specialist

Subject: **District 1 Grass ID Contest**

Contest Date: **April 9, 2026**

Location: **WTAMU Happy State Bank Academic & Research Building – Room 102**  
**600 WTAMU Drive**

Registration: **February 16- March 16 on 4-HOnline Fee: \$20**  
**Late Registration March 18-19 Late Fee: \$50**

Schedule: **Check-in: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Contest Start Time: 4:30 p.m.**  
**Awards: 6:00 p.m.**

Age Categories: **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Junior**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Intermediate**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Contest Format

The Grass Identification Contest will involve the identification of 40 to 50 live or mounted plant specimens from the Master Plant List. Contestants will classify each grass specimen according to their life span, season of growth, origin, and grazing value for livestock and wildlife. Contestants will be given 60 seconds to identify each plant.

The contest will use scantron (707-4), which will be provided to all participants.

Contestants need to bring a #2 pencil and a clipboard.

**State Qualifiers:** Counties may enter as many teams as they wish. This is an invitational contest at state.

**Contest Resources can be found at:**

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/range\\_pasture\\_grass\\_id\\_resource\\_training\\_selfstudy\\_practice\\_2025.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/range_pasture_grass_id_resource_training_selfstudy_practice_2025.pdf)

Plant Mounts are available from the Range Club. These may be ordered from the TAMU Range Club,  
<https://rangeclub.tamu.edu/range-club-plant-sales/>

**Scantron:** <https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/707-4.pdf>



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