

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

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 Contest Superintendent Co-Chair District 4-H Specialist

Subject: **District 1 Soil Judging Contest**

Contest Date: **April 11, 2026**

Location: **WTAMU (Exact location will be announced in February)**

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

Schedule: **Check-in: 9:00 a.m.**
Contest Start Time: 9:30 a.m.
Awards: Approximately 30 minutes following contest completion

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

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

Contestants will judge 4 soil profiles with 20 minutes allowed for each. They will then determine the soil characteristics of the profiles and make interpretations based on observation.

Contest Resources can be found at:

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_contest_soil_judging_guidelines_2023.pdf
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14HSoilJudging>

Score card: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/soil_judging_cards_2020.pdf



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