

March 4, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2019 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Event Planning Committee

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The 2019 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held in cooperation with the District 10 Livestock Judging Contest at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds in Fredericksburg on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest, except as noted within this and related correspondence.

Registration

Registration for this event will be through 4-H Connect starting on March 19th through the registration deadline of April 9th. Registration should be completed by individual 4-H members. The registration fee will be \$20 per contestant.

Contest Details

The contest and registration will be hosted in Fredericksburg at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds (see attached map) in the Livestock Barn. Registration will begin at 7:30a.m.-8:00 a.m. with a mandatory orientation for all contestants at 8:30a.m., so be prompt. The contest will begin immediately after orientation. Team designations will be made on-site by coaches/volunteers on the day of the event. Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate in the Intermediate Division. Seniors must compete in this contest to be eligible for a state qualifying position. Participants will be using standard livestock judging scanner forms which will be provided by the contest. The judging contest will be held in cooperation with District 10. However, results will be independent between districts through separate awards programs immediately after the contest results are available.



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Contest Format

Please note that the structure of this contest may change without notice based on availability of quality livestock and species to ensure a high-quality contest and experience. Below are details related to classes that will be part of the contest:

- 9 or 10 classes including both market and breeding classes (Mkt Steer, Mkt Lamb, Mkt Goat, Mkt Hog, Brdg Ewes, Brdg Gilts, Brdg Heifers, Brdg Bulls w/ EPDs). There may be a dorper sheep class. This may change without notice, but we will still make every effort to communicate classes closer to the event.
- Seniors – 4 sets of reasons (1-Brdg, 3-Mkt)
- Intermediates – 1 set of reasons (Mkt) and one set of questions.
- Juniors – 1 set of questions (Mkt). This will be calculated into their overall score and will likely be 5 questions.

What to Bring

All contestants should bring the following to the contest:

- Clipboard
- Several sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers
- Blank paper for note-taking

It is important to remember that cell phones are strictly prohibited while competing, so please be sure your contestants know this and keep their cell phones tucked away until they are done competing. A light snack will be provided for all contestants as they transition from judging classes to preparing for reasons/questions (Int & Sr). Please communicate this with your 4-H contestants.

Agent & Volunteer Support

This event is hosted along with agents and volunteers from District 10. There is an expectation that agents be available prior to and during the event to assist with a range of duties. Some agents (committee or others) will need to be available on Friday, April 12th from 8am-5pm, or at an alternate day/time, to prepare the facilities in advance of the contest. During the contest, agents will assist by keeping loose livestock moving and visible, serving as group leaders, scribes, collecting scan forms or in other capacities. After the contest, some agents need to assist in tearing down pens, panels and loading livestock.

Volunteers may be needed to serve as group leaders, so please consider asking/encouraging a few of your leaders in advance to assist. We will confirm needs as soon before the contest as possible. We may only need 1 or 2 from District 12 participating counties. Please submit the names of volunteers that are willing to help by April 5, 2019 to the District Office.

District 12 4-H Spirit Shirt

A custom-designed event t-shirt is available to be purchased by anyone online. The T-shirts will be distributed to agents at the event. All proceeds from shirt sales are used to support District 12 4-H Events and Council leadership and service activities. Link: <https://agrilife.org/d124h/store/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



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2019 District 12 4-H Roundup – Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - Gillespie County Fairgrounds - Fredericksburg, Texas

DIRECTIONS & MAP

The Gillespie County Fairgrounds are located at 530 Fair Dr., Fredericksburg, Texas. It is located southeast of Fredericksburg off State Highway 16 adjacent to the Gillespie County Airport and the Race Park. There are two entrances to the fairgrounds: 1) off HW16, turn West into Fair Drive and follow it around (head north...right) the racetrack to the livestock barns; 2) off of HW16, turn West onto FM2093 (Friendship Lane) and travel about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to Fair Dr. turning left (south) and follow it around (head south...left) towards the livestock barns.

