MEMORANDUM

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TO: D6 County Extension Agents

FROM: Charlene Belew
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4-H Youth Development
Committee Chair

SUBJECT: 2016 D6 4-H Range & Pasture Grass Identification and Range Evaluation Contests

The D6 4-H Range & Pasture Grass ID and Range Evaluation contests will take place Saturday, April 16th at the Val Verde County Extension office. The physical address is 300 E. 17th St., Del Rio, TX 78840.

Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Grass Identification Begins
10:30 a.m. Depart to Range Evaluation Contest Location
12:30 p.m. (approx.) Awards Program (Extension office)

The 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines will be followed. The document can be obtained on the Texas 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/. Resources to help prepare for the contests can be accessed at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/range-science/.

All youth should be registered, approved and paid 4-H members on 4-H Connect. Contestant entry will be made via 4-H Connect, https://texas4honline.com/, during the timeframe of March 14-25. The registration fee is $10 per contestant. Youth should be prepared to list their team members’ names when they register. It is the county’s responsibility to review and accept participant registration on 4-H Connect. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, and NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.

For questions, or emergencies the day of the contest, please contact Houston Dobbins at 210.862.1075.

The D6 4-H Range & Pasture Grass Identification and Range Evaluation Contests Committee consist of: Houston Dobbins (Chair), Logan Boswell (Assistant Chair), Raymond Quigg and Cathy Klein, assisted by Alyson McDonald
There is no limit on the amount of teams a county may enter.

Divisions are based on the current 2015 - 2016 4-H year:
- Junior: grades 3, 4 and 5; minimum age of 8, in addition to being in the 3rd grade  
  Birth dates between: Sept 1, 2003 – Aug 31, 2006
- Intermediate: grades 6, 7 and 8
- Senior: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; maximum age of 18 as of August 31, 2015

A team may consist of both junior and intermediate 4-Hers, but that team must compete on the intermediate level. Only seniors may constitute a senior team since it is a qualifying contest. The top three senior teams advance to state competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, June 8th.

No printed materials may be used as an aid during the contest. Scorecards will be provided. Contestants are ONLY allowed to bring/have:
- Range & Pasture Grass ID – 1) legal size clipboard, 2) #2 pencils, and 3) a magnifying glass with or without a light
- Range Evaluation – 1) clipboard, 2) #2 pencils, 3) calculator (not on phone), and 4) one 2-gallon Zip-lock bag for use if inclement weather occurs

The Range Evaluation contest is held outdoors. Dress in layers, bring a jacket, and wear close-toed shoes. A cap and sunscreen is optional.

Ribbons will be awarded to each participant. The top three teams and individuals in each division will be recognized. Additional prizes may be provided at the discretion of the contest committee.

Team photos (if taken) and final results will be made available following the contests on the D6 4-H website at, http://d64-h.tamu.edu/, under the Results tab.

Protest Guidelines:
- $25 cash, and must be submitted in writing to the committee chair, Houston Dobbins
- Must be received no later than 30 minutes after the awards program has concluded
- The Protest Committee will consist of the contest committee members, Alyson McDonald and 4-H Specialist
- The committee will meet in private to review and make judgment
- All decisions of the committee will be final

Help Needs:
If you or an adult volunteer in your county 4-H program plan to be at the contest and is willing to assist the committee, please contact Houston Dobbins by March 25th so appropriate plans can be made.