

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2015

TO: D6 County Extension Agents

FROM:   
Charlene Belew  
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

SUBJECT: 2015 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Val Verde County Extension office. The physical address is 300 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Del Rio, TX 78840.  
<http://www.mapquest.com/us/texas/business-del-rio/state-of-texas-texas-cooperative-extension-service-9801535>.

Schedule:

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| 9:15 a.m.            | Registration                                |
| 10:00 a.m.           | Grass Identification Begins                 |
| 11:00 a.m.           | Depart to Range Evaluation Contest Location |
| 12:30 p.m. (approx.) | Awards Program                              |

The 2015 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/roundup/>. Resources to help prepare for the contests can be accessed at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project\\_range/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_range/).

Contestant entry will be made via 4-H Connect, <https://texas.4honline.com/>, during the timeframe of March 23-April 2, 2015. The registration fee is \$10 per contestant. The team name (e.g. Martin County Senior Team #1) and team member names will need to be provided.

THE CONTESTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM VAL VERDE WOOL & MOHAIR CO., AND DR. AND MRS. LAMAR SMITH.

For emergencies the day of the contest, please contact Alyson McDonald, contest chair, at 432.290.3096.

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Fort Stockton, Texas 79735  
Tel. 432.336.8585 | Fax. 432.336.3813

## 2015 D6 4-H RANGE & PASTURE GRASS ID AND RANGE EVALUATION CONTESTS INFORMATION

There is no limit on the amount of teams a county may enter.

### **Age division is based on the current 2014 - 2015 4-H year:**

- Junior Ages: 8 and in the 3rd grade, 9 & 10  
Birth dates between: Sept 1, 2003 – Aug 31, 2006
- Intermediate Ages: 11 to 13  
Birth dates between: Sept 1, 2000 – Aug 31, 2003
- Senior Ages: 14 to 18  
Birth dates between: Sept 1, 1995 – Aug 31, 2000

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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, 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.

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

**ENTRIES THAT DO NOT MEET THE DEADLINES AND/OR REGISTER ON 4-H CONNECT PROPERLY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Youth contestants are asked to write a thank you to each donor. Letters should be in an envelope, addressed and stamped, and turned in on-site at registration the morning of contest.

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| Val Verde Wool & Mohair Co. | Dr. & Mrs. Lamar Smith |
| Scott McWilliams            | 4505 Private Rd. 4910  |
| P.O. Box 4290               | Del Rio, TX 78840      |
| Del Rio, TX 78841           |                        |

The Range & Pasture Grass ID and Range Evaluation Contests Committee includes: Alyson McDonald (Chair), Jesse Schneider, Houston Dobbin and Logan Boswell.