

Big Time in D9 Veterinary Science Skill-A-Thon

2024 Invitational Contest Rules & Guidelines

Friday, April 26, 2024

OVERVIEW

The Veterinary Science Skill-A-Thon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through their involvement in a Veterinary Science project.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

1. This contest is an Invitational (non-qualifying) and is open to any eligible 4-H member in 3-12 grade.
2. Entries must be made through 4-H Online during the registration dates posted on the District 9 website.
3. This contest will be individual with members being sorted into age categories based on their 4-H enrollment as of September 1, 2023 school year. The categories are: Junior (3rd-5th grade), Intermediate (6th-8th grade), and Senior (9th-12th grade)
4. The contest will be held at the Lone Star College Campus- Montgomery, that is located in The Woodlands at **3200 College Park Drive, Conroe, TX 77384**.

CONTEST RULES

1. Scantron sheets, drop sheets, and identification list will be provided to contestants. Contestants must supply their own clipboards, #2 pencil, and may have unmarked scratch paper and/or an unmarked manila folder for use during the contest.
2. No books, notes, pamphlets, or reference material is allowed in the contest area. Contest officials reserve the right to check all contestant's clipboards to ensure they are unmarked and contain no reference material prior to the contest beginning. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
3. Contestants are not allowed to pick up or touch any items that are being identified or evaluated.
4. Communication between contestants is not allowed once contest has began. This includes the use of electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.)
5. Coaches are invited to review contest material in the contest area at the conclusion of the contest.



CONTEST CONDUCTION

1. Upon arrival to the Lone Star College Campus you may park in lots 6, 7, or the parking garage.
2. Registration will be located at the MCC Building where you MUST check in prior to reporting to your contest. During check in contestants will receive their name badge, along with District 9 swag.
3. After completing check in, contestants must report to B118 in Building B at least 15 minutes before 1:00 PM. Contest will begin promptly.
4. Junior and Intermediate contestants will complete three identification sections and a 25 question exam. Senior members will complete three identification sections, a 50 question exam, AND hands-on practicum.
5. Contestants will be sorted into groups in order to move through the stations in a timely manner. Contestants will be given 15 minutes per identification section, 45 minutes for exam, and SENIOR MEMBERS ONLY will have 10 minutes for practicum.

CONTEST FORMAT

1. Written Test
 - a. The test will consist of multiple choice questions and will come from the book: "Veterinary Science, Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant" by Floran C Faries, Jr. DVM, MS. Questions will be developed from chapters in the book: 10, 12, 14, and 16.
2. Identification
 - a. 25 Animal Breeds
 - b. 25 Equipment/Materials
 - c. 25 Parasites/Microscopic/Organs
3. Practicum Rotation (Only SENIOR Contestants)
 - a. Contestants should be prepared to assess written scenarios and determine correct solutions.
 - b. A list of ten possible practicums are published each year. Practicums MUST be recited verbally as well as demonstrated physically to receive full points.
4. Resources
 - a. Resources can be found in the 2024 Veterinary Science Resource Guide located at the Big Time in D9 landing page: <https://d94-h.tamu.edu/vet-science-skillathon/>

If you have any questions pertaining to the rules for this contest, please contact your County Extension Agent first before contacting the contest superintendents:

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