Gila County 2019 Skillathon
Open Statewide November 16th, 2019 @ 9:30 AM
Gila County Fairgrounds

Registration starts at 8:45 am and ends at 9:15 am. Contest starts at 9:30 am.
Register by 31 October for $20 per team or $10 per individual.
Register after 31 October and cost goes to $25 per team or $15 per individual.

Prizes for top Senior and Junior Team and top two high points for Senior and Junior Individual

Great practice right before ANLS Skillathon

Team Structure and Contestant Eligibility

1. All 4-H members and FFA members who are presently enrolled and active are eligible.
2. Contestant will be classified as junior if aged 8 to 13 and as senior if aged 14 to 19. Classification is based on contestant’s age as of January 1, 2020.
3. All contestants must be assigned to a team within their age classification. Teams may consist of three or four members. If a person needs a team, the registrar will find an available space and place the individual. All members of a four-person team will compete. The member with the lowest overall score will automatically be declared the alternate.
4. Registration is open until 15 minutes prior contest time.

Contest Rules and Method of Conduct

1. This contest covers the understanding, practical application, and principles of Animal Sciences related to the beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats project areas.
2. Contestants will be required to compete in all individual and team classes.
3. Team and Individual activities will be set up in a round-robin style. All contestants will be assigned to a group that will then move from activity to activity. Each individual and team activity will be allotted 15 minutes to complete.
4. While completing the individual competition classes, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
5. Team members will complete one official answer sheet for each team class representing the combined effort of all team members. During the team
competition round of the contest, contestants will only be allowed to confer with their own team members during the time allowed for each class.

6. Contestants shall not wear any hats.
7. Casual 4-H dress code to include close toed shoes and long pants. No sleeveless shirts.
8. Contestants may bring a blank steno pad, clipboard, and blank paper. Contestants may also use a small pocket calculator (programmable calculators will not be permitted). The contestants may not bring books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference materials into the contest area.
9. Contestants found in contempt of any of these rules may be disqualified.

Contest Classes

Disclaimer: Stated classes are what is planned for the contest. The contest committee reserves the right to add to, subtract from, or alter planned classes to an event that might not be included in this list.

Individual Classes

1. Retail Meat Cut Identification: From a provided list, identify the uniformly accepted name of a combination of beef, pork, goat and lamb retail cuts on display, including the species, wholesale cut from which each retail cut originates and the retail cut.
2. Livestock Feed Identification: Identify the proper name for livestock feeds and identify each corresponding nutrient group. Feed samples and lists of feed names and nutrient groups will be provided.
3. Livestock Breed Identification: Identify from photographs or pictures, livestock (goat, cattle, swine, and sheep) breeds. Seniors must also match the breed with the most appropriate description supplied for each breed.
4. Quiz: Complete a multiple-choice quiz concerning topics relating to the livestock industry.

Team Classes

1. Quality Assurance Exercise: Demonstrate how to read an animal health product label, calculate dosage rates and withdrawal times, complete a treatment record, be familiar with administration routes, and make responsible management decisions regarding quality assurance.
2. Quiz: Complete a multiple-choice quiz concerning topics relating to the livestock industry.
3. Place the class of four heifers and write down reasoning for placement. Oral presentation of reasoning will only be required for tie breaker.
4. Economic Exercise. Evaluate some of the livestock calculations from information contained in a scenario.