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TO: District 8 County Extension Agents – FCS
District 8 County Extension Agents – 4-H

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SUBJECT: 2019 DISTRICT 8 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING JUDGING CONTEST

Enclosed you will find the 2019 District 8 4-H Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest information.

Event Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019
Agents arrive at 8:00am
See attached schedule for details

Location: McLennan Community College Emergency Services Education Center
7601 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, TX 76708
http://www.mclennan.edu/emergency-services-education/
254-299-6502

Resources: http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making/
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at https://texas.4honline.com/.
Opens: Monday, January 21, 2019
Closes: Friday, February 8, 2019

County Approvals: County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, February 11, 2019.

Entry Fee: $10 per member
Late Entries:
Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- $20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours (Monday at noon) after the regular contest deadline.
- $50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours, but up to the time of check-in on-site at an event

Volunteer & Agent Information
Each county is expected to send:

- 2 volunteers to serve as group leaders
- County Extension Agents

Information should be uploaded to the Google Sheet by Friday, February 8, 2019:

- [http://tinyurl.com/2019CDM](http://tinyurl.com/2019CDM)

Or if that doesn’t work, try this:

- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EJnseNpO5du53vliEF3pZmIe0h_qKWIWgl7Sfg2wvE8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EJnseNpO5du53vliEF3pZmIe0h_qKWIWgl7Sfg2wvE8/edit?usp=sharing)
Agent Assignments

Each county is responsible to secure at least two (2) volunteers to serve as Group Leaders and County Extension Agents with entries are expected to attend. Please submit your adult leaders’ names on the Google Sheet.

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- [http://tinyurl.com/2019CDM](http://tinyurl.com/2019CDM)
- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EJnseNpO5du53vliEF3pZml0h_qKWIWgI7Sfg2wvE8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EJnseNpO5du53vliEF3pZml0h_qKWIWgI7Sfg2wvE8/edit?usp=sharing)

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D8 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Contest Responsibilities

A copy of these responsibilities will be made available to those assigned on the day of the contest, to provide ease and clarification when fulfilling duties.

**Room Monitor/Time Keeper** - 3-time keepers needed
- Keep contest running on time, as much as possible.
- Answer any questions of Group Leaders.
- Have contestants stand with their back to the class until it is time to begin.
- Tell the contestants to start judging when everyone is ready.
- Notify contestants when they have two minutes remaining to judge the class.
- Notify contestants when the 7 minutes have ended.
- Tell the contestants to rotate to the next class.

- **Junior Room Monitor** – Upon completion of judging, collect scan sheets from each Group Leader and turn in to tabulation.
- **Intermediate Room Monitor** – Upon completion of judging, line the contestants up in reasons order around the room. Collect the scan sheets IN ORDER AFTER they are lined up.
- **Senior Room Monitor** – Upon completion of judging, divide the contestants into Room A and Room B for reasons. Line the contestants up in reasons order around the room. Collect the scan sheets IN ORDER AFTER they are lined up. You will have two separate stacks – Room A & Room B.

**Group Leaders During Judging of Classes** - 18 group leaders are needed
- Remain with assigned group at the judging tables until class judging and reasons are complete.
- Read situations at the beginning of each class.
- When the Room Monitor indicates it is time to rotate classes, direct 4-H members to the next table.
- Reorganize table for the next group before rotating to next class.
- Assure that only ONE warning for talking is given before being dismissed from the contest.
- No shoving or being rude will be allowed.
- Answer contestants' questions as much as possible without actually helping them place the class. If you cannot answer a question, direct it to the Room Monitor.
- Double check clipboard before contest starts to ensure no outside materials.
- Pass out paper to contestants upon entry into contest room.
  *(Juniors & Intermediates – 2 sheets of paper. Seniors – 3 sheets of paper.)*
- Collect the scan sheets from each of the contestants upon completion of judging.
- Give scan sheets to the Room Monitor upon completion of judging for tabulation or reasons.

**Group Leaders During Reasons Judging** – Intermediate and Seniors will give reasons
- Monitor contestants during reasons judging (while contestants are studying) to ensure no talking or communication between contestants.
- Stay with youth until all contestants have given oral reasons.
- Line up contestants in order, according to schedule, for oral reasons judging.
- Direct youth contestants to their reasons room.
- Some Group Leaders may need to stay in the room while others help with the flow in the hallways.
**District Contest Information**

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Saturday, February 23, 2019  
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Contest Rules & Assignments

1. **Participation.** Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H & Youth Development county program and actively participating in the Consumer Education project.

2. **Age Divisions.** Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of August 31, 2018, as follows:

   | Division     | Grades          | *Must be at least 8 years old* | *Must not be older than 18 years old*
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3. **Members per team.** This is a team event; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

   *Note:* A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

   Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has a true Intermediate (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

4. **Teams per county.** A county may enter a maximum of three (3) teams per age division in the district contest.

5. **Classes.** Classes will be selected by the Consumer Decision Making Committee members and chosen using criteria included in the current Consumer Decision Making Study Guide. There will be seven (7) minutes allowed for judging of each class.

   Junior and Intermediate age divisions will judge six classes, with one class being a “Mystery.” Senior age division will judge **seven** classes, with on class being a “Mystery.” The following is a list of classes for the 2019 D8 contest:

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6. **Class Placings.** All classes will be placed, and cuts will be determined, by contest committee members, using the current 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide, with the exception of the mystery classes which will be selected by the committee. Copies of the correct placings, cuts, and situations, will be emailed to each County Extension Agent and later posted on the District 8 4-H website at [http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making/](http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making/). 4-H members and adult leaders may obtain a copy from their agent. Scan sheets will NOT be returned to the contestants or to any County Extension Agent.

7. **What to Bring.** Scan sheets will be used for tabulation and one will be provided to each contestant. Each 4-H member should bring their own calculator, clipboard, manila folder, and at least two #2 pencils to mark their scan sheet and for note-taking. 4-H members must be careful not to make any stray or extra marks to prevent problems when the scan sheets are scored. An example of the scan sheet is attached.

8. **What Not to Bring.** Paper will be provided on the day of the contest. NO additional paper materials will be allowed in the judging area. **Talking and cell phones will NOT be permitted during the contest.** Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification from the District Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest. Cell phones will not be allowed to be used as calculators.

9. **Reasons.** The reason class(es) will be determined by the Consumer Decision Making Committee and will be announced at the contest during orientation. Paper will be provided to each contestant for note-taking during judging of the classes.

   - **Juniors.** Juniors will not give reasons. Juniors will receive two (2) sheets of paper to write their placings.
   
   - **Intermediates.** Intermediates will present one (1) set of reasons and can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons. Intermediates will receive two (2) sheets of paper.
   
   - **Seniors.** Seniors will present oral reasons on two (2) classes. Paper is allowed only for note-taking and studying, but will not be allowed when presenting reasons. Seniors will receive three (3) sheets of paper.

   **Note.** Seniors will judge **ALL** seven (7) classes and **THEN** will talk their two (2) sets of reasons following judging. They will not be broken into separate rooms.

   - In order to make the reasons judging and line-up run smoothly, a reasons order will be developed prior to the contest to be followed when contestants are giving oral reasons.

10. **Scan Sheets.** The Universal Form A Scan Sheet will be used. The District Office will provide scan sheets. Contestants do not need to bring their own. An example follows in this letter or may be found at the following link: [http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/Universal-Scan-Sheet-705A-12.pdf](http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/Universal-Scan-Sheet-705A-12.pdf)

11. **Contest Study Materials.** Refer to the following website for study materials and additional guidelines: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/)

    If you cannot print your own guidelines, please contact your County Extension Agent.
12. **Award Information.** The presentation of awards will be held at approximately 12:45 p.m. All teams compete for team and individual awards. The top three (3) teams and top five (5) individuals in each age division will receive awards.

Officials and results will be posted on [https://www.judgingcard.com/](https://www.judgingcard.com/) following the contest. No results will be distributed at the contest. All results are official and final as announced during the awards presentation. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure accuracy of results before the awards presentation.
Contest Schedule

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.     Agent Arrival & Committee Set-up
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.     Registration
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.     Participant Orientation
                     Group Leaders (Class Monitor) Orientation
9:50 - 10:40 a.m.    Judging of Classes
11:15 a.m.           Oral Reasons Begin for Intermediates & Senior

Note. Seniors will judge ALL seven (7) classes and THEN will talk their two (2) sets of reasons following judging. They will not be broken into separate rooms.

About 12:30 p.m.     After Reasons are complete: Public Viewing of Classes (Approximate time!)
About 1:00 p.m.      Awards Presentation (Approximate time!)

Lunch will not be provided. There are very few restaurants nearby the facilities. Please plan to bring your own lunch or snacks if you plan to stay for the Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest.
Scan Sheet Instructions

PRINT your:
- County Name
- Team #
- Group Letter in this box.

Example: Bell #1045A

You will bubble in your class placings in this section. Be sure you bubble in the correct class. Also, be sure to keep your placings on your own paper.

Write and bubble in your assigned Team Number in this box. Be sure to bubble in 4 digits.

Example: 1045

DO NOT mark in these two boxes.

Enter your Group Letter in this box as follows:

1 = A or G or M
2 = B or H or N
3 = C or I or O
4 = D or J or P
5 = E or K or Q
6 = F or L or R

Example shown

Write and bubble in your First & Last Name in the correct columns.

Place barcode label here.

DO NOT mark in these two boxes.

• Use a #2 pencil.
• DO NOT make stray marks on your scan sheet. It could cause an error when scoring.
DIRECTIONS FROM GOOGLE MAPS

From Southbound I-35
(From Hillsboro)
- Exit 339 toward TX-340 Loop/Farm to Market Rd 3051/Lake Waco/Lake Shore Dr.
- Turn Right onto Industrial Blvd E/Texas Loop 340. Drive 0.6 miles.
- Continue onto Farm to Market Rd 3051/Lake Shore Dr. Drive 2.6 miles.
- Slight right at Farm-To-Market Rd 3051/Steinbeck Bend Dr. Drive 3.7 miles.

From Northbound I-35
(From Belton)
- Exit 335C at MLK Blvd/Lake Brazos Pkwy.
- Turn left onto MLK Blvd/Lake Brazos Pkwy. Drive 3.9 miles.
- Continue onto FM 3051/Steinbeck Bend Road. Drive 3.6 miles.

From Southbound Hwy 6
(From Clifton, Valley Mills)
- Hwy 6 South towards Waco
- Turn Left onto FM 185/N River Crossing. Drive 4.4 miles.
  (shown only on top map on left)
- Continue onto China Spring Road/FM 1637. Drive 5.2 miles.
- Turn Right onto FM 3051/Steinbeck Bend Road. Drive 0.9 miles.

From Northbound Hwy 6
(From Marlin)
- Turn Right on Texas Loop 340. Drive 5.3 miles
- Continue onto Farm to Market Rd 3051/Lake Shore Dr. Drive 2.6 miles.
- Slight right at Farm-To-Market Rd 3051/Steinbeck Bend Dr. Drive 3.7 miles.

From Westbound Hwy 84
(From Mexia)
- Turn Right on Texas Loop 340. Drive 1.4 miles
- Continue onto Farm to Market Rd 3051/Lake Shore Dr. Drive 2.6 miles.
- Slight right at Farm-To-Market Rd 3051/Steinbeck Bend Dr. Drive 3.7 miles.