TO: District 3 County Extension Agents – FCS
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4-H & Youth Development

SUBJECT: 2016 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING JUDGING CONTEST

Enclosed you will find the 2016 District 3 4-H Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest information.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2016
Agents arrive at 12:00 pm
Registration at 1:00 pm
See attached schedule for details

Location: Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium
2100 Yamparika Street
Vernon, Texas 76384
940/553-3901

Entry Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2016
✓ To Kay White at District 3 Office
✓ Registration for Teams
✓ Volunteer Information

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee due to generous financial support of the Motel/Hotel Tax Committee from the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Thank you notes can be sent to Motel/Hotel Tax Committee, Vernon Chamber of Commerce, 1614 Main St., Vernon, Texas 76384.

Lunch: Participants are responsible for providing their own lunch during short break between Roundup and before the start of the Consumer Decision Contest.
Agent Responsibilities

**Consumer Decision Making Committee**
Sherri Halsell, Chairman  
Elsie Lacy, Kathryn Carnes & Maranda Revell

**Physical Arrangements**
Jennifer Trufan & Sherri Halsell

**Contest Set-Up**
Committee Members & FCS Agents developing classes will set classes up after Roundup.

**Registration**
Junior – Elsie Lacy  
Intermediate – Tanya Davis  
Senior – Alinda Cox

**Group Leader Orientation**
Sherri Halsell

**Participant Orientation**
Junior & Intermediate – Beth Whitener  
Senior – Kathryn Carnes

**Superintendent/Room Monitors/Time Keepers**
Junior – Lorrie Coop  
Intermediate – Jennifer Trufan  
Senior – Kathryn Carnes

**Group Leaders (15)**
Junior – Dawn Dockter, Kendra Conley, DaLinda Black  
Intermediate – Kathy Smith, Maranda Revell, Sumer Burns  
Senior – Kayla Neill, Chrissy Karrer  
*Each agent listed above should bring 1 volunteer to help as group leaders.*

**Tabulation**
Lynette Babcock, Coordinator  
Junior – Sherri Halsell, Tanya Davis  
Intermediate – Alinda Cox, Monica Walker  
Senior – Beth Whitener, Lynette Babcock  
As needed - Elsie Lacy

**Oral Reasons Judges**
Seth Hall, Judges Coordinator  
Sr. Judge – David Graf  
Int. Judge – Michael Bowman  
Sr. Judge – Bill Holcombe  
Jr. Judge – Jay Kingston  
Alternate Judge – Langdon Reagan & Justin Hansard

**Card Collector**
Elsie Lacy and 1-2 Montague County Volunteers
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.

Superintendent/Room Monitor/Time Keeper – 3 needed
- Keep contest running on time, as much as possible.
- Answer any questions of Group Leaders.
- Tell the contestants to start judging, on each class.
- Notify contestants when they have two minutes remaining to judge the class.
- Notify contestants when the 7 minutes have ended.
- Tell the contestants to move to the next class.
- Upon completion of judging, have group leader line up contestants in order, according to schedule for oral reasons presentation.
- Assign an agent to help with timing reasons presentation. Two (2) minutes is allowed for each contestant.

Group Leaders During Judging of Classes – 15 group leaders needed
- Remain with assigned group until class judging is completed, at the judges tables
- Read situations to any special needs 4-H member and direct 4-H members to the next table.
- Re-Organize table for next class before rotation 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 placing cards from each of the contestants upon completion of judging. Look at each card as you collect it to make sure the contestant marked it.
- Give placing cards to the Card Collectors upon completion of judging.
- Do not let contestants touch or handle items in classes.

Group Leaders During Reasons Judging –
- 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 judge.

Card Collectors/Runners –
- Pick up placing cards after each class is judged.
- Place cards in numerical order to help tabulators.

Oral Reasons Coordinator –
- Make sure to get reasons cards from tabulation room for oral reason judge to score.
- Orientate judgers (call day before to remind them).
- Organize judging rooms – make sure Room Superintendent has reasons order list.
1. **Participation:** Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H & Youth and Development county program and actively participating in the Consumer Education Project.

2. **Age Divisions:** Age divisions are determined by a participant’s age as of **August 31, 2015** as follows:

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<td>Intermediate</td>
<td>6th, 7th, and 8th grades</td>
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<td>Senior</td>
<td>9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades</td>
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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 4 (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 3 individuals want to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.*

**DO NOT MIX AGE GROUPS**

4. **Teams per county:** A county may enter a maximum of **four (4) teams per age division** in the district contest. If a county has more teams then they should conduct a county contest to narrow the teams down to 4.

5. **Classes:** Classes will be selected by the Consumer Decision Making Committee members and chosen using criteria included in the current and past Consumer Decision Making Study Guides. There will be seven (7) minutes allowed for judging of each class. The following is a list of classes for the 2016 3D Contest:

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<th>Junior/Intermediate</th>
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<td>1. Outdoor Backpacks</td>
<td>Seniors will judge six (6) classes total with two (2)</td>
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<td>2. Nutritious Snacks</td>
<td>“Mystery” Classes. Classes will be from the current State Consumer Decision Making Guide. “Mystery” classes may or may not come from the guide.</td>
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<td>3. Athletic Shoes</td>
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<td>5. Mystery Class</td>
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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. Copies of the correct placing, cuts, and situations, will be emailed to each County Extension Agent and later posted on the District 3 4-H website at: [http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/website/consumer_lessons/consumer_lessons.zip](http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/website/consumer_lessons/consumer_lessons.zip) 4-H members and adult leaders may obtain a copy from their agent.

7. **What to Bring:** Placing cards will be provided to each contestant. Each 4-H member should bring their own calculator, clipboard, and at least two #2 pencils to mark their cards and for note-taking.

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. Two (2) minutes will be allowed to give reasons.

   - **Juniors:** Juniors will present one (1) set of reasons. Juniors will receive two (2) sheets of paper to write their placings and can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons.
   
   - **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.
   
   - 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. **Tie Breaker:** Ties will be broken based on high reasons scores on individual and teams. For a secondary tie breaker, contest official will designate class(es) to break ties before judging begins.

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 4:30 pm. All teams compete for team and individual awards. The top five (5) teams, top five (5) reasons and top five (5) individuals in each age division will receive awards. Top three (3) senior teams will advance to state. Top three (3) high point senior individuals will qualify for State even if they were not a member of a team.

    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.

**Note to Agents:** Contestants will not be allowed to leave the building until after the awards presentation. Agents should encourage 4-Hers to bring books, hand held games, etc., to occupy their time after they have completed their set(s) of reasons.
## Contest Schedule

**May 18, 2016**

**Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, Vernon, TX**

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<td>Agent, Participant &amp; Group Leaders Orientation</td>
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<td>Judging of Classes</td>
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<td>Oral Reasons Begin</td>
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<td>About 4:15 pm</td>
<td>Participants &amp; Parents view class placing’s.</td>
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<td>Awards Presentation <em>(Approximate time!)</em></td>
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Lunch will not be provided. Please plan to bring your own lunch or snacks if you plan to compete in Roundup Contest in the morning and then stay for the Consumer Decision Making Contest.
Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika Street, Vernon, TX 76384, 940/553-3901

DIRECTIONS FROM GOOGLE MAPS

From Wichita Falls
- From Central Fwy. North take the ramp on the left onto 1-44 E/US-277 N/US-281 N/US 287 N
- Take exit 3A on the left toward US-287 N/Vernon/Amarillo
- Merge onto US-287 N and drive 44.2 miles
- Exit on the left onto TX-488 Spur W/US287 Bus N and drive 3 miles
- Turn left onto Main St.
- Turn right onto Yamparika St. and destination will be on the right

From Quanah
- From S. Main St. going east turn left onto US-287 S/E 11th St. and continue to follow US-287 S for 28.5 miles
- Take slight right onto the ramp to US-183 S/US-283 S/Seymour/Altus and continue straight into Vernon
- Turn right onto Main St.
- Turn right onto Yamparika St. and destination will be on the right

From Seymour
- Going north on N. Main St. toward E. California St. continue onto US-82 E for 1.2 miles
- Turn left onto the US-183 N/US-277 N/US-283 N/US-82 E ramp
- Turn left onto US-183 N/US-283 N and drive 36 miles to Vernon
- Turn left onto Yamparika St. and destination will be on the right
RETURN THIS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE NO LATER THAN **MAY 1, 2016**

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*AGENTS: Make sure your 4-Hers are in the appropriate age division*

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INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

Team A
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Team B
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Team C
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Team D
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Agent Signature ________________________________________
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**SENIOR TEAMS**

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Agent Signature______________________________________________


Volunteer Information

COUNTY: ________________________________

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We need 10-12 volunteer leaders for this contest please send a list of confirmed volunteers willing to help.

1. Name: ______________________________________
   Address: ____________________________________
   Town: _______________________________________
   Email: ______________________________________
   Phone #: ________________________________

2. Name: ______________________________________
   Address: ____________________________________
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