



D3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

TEXAS 4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

December 19, 2024

TO: District 3 County Extension Agents – FCH
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& Throckmorton Counties

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SUBJECT: 2024 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING JUDGING CONTEST

Enclosed you will find the 2024 District 3 4-H Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest information.

Event Date: **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**
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: April 16, 2025 – 4-H Online
Registration for Teams / Individuals
Late registration will be April 17th – 23rd

Entry Fee: There will be a \$5 registration fee per participant for the CDM Contest. Late registration will require a \$25.00 late fee per team/individual entry plus the \$5.00 registration fee. This will help to cover tabulation and awards in addition to the 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.

Concessions / Lunch: **Lunch is not provided.** If lunch is desired, participants are responsible for providing their own during the short break between District Roundup and the start of the Consumer Decision Making Contest.

District 3 / 4-H & Youth Development
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
PO Box 2159
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Contest Rules & Guidelines

- 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.
- Age Divisions:** Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31, 2024 as follows:

Division	Grades
Junior	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grades
Intermediate	6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grades
Senior	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th grades

- 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 two (2) individual entries per age division. If three (3) individuals want to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

- 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 than four teams, they should conduct a county contest to narrow the teams down to four.
- 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. Junior and Intermediate participants will judge five (5) classes total. Seniors will judge six (6) classes. There will be seven (7) minutes allowed for judging of each class. Classes will not be announced prior to the 2024 D3 Contest:

Junior/Intermediate	Senior
Junior/Intermediates will have a total of five classes Four from the study guide, one mystery class	Seniors will have a total of six classes Four from the study guide, two mystery classes

- Class Placings:** All class placings and cuts will be determined by the contest committee 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.

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7. **What to Bring:** Each 4-H member should bring their own calculator, clipboard, and at least two #2 pencils to mark their cards and for taking notes.
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. No 'Smart Devices' will be allowed in the contest rooms.
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 taking notes 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. They can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons.
 - Intermediates: Intermediates will present one (1) set of reasons. They 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 taking notes 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 tiebreaker, 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: [Consumer Education - Texas 4-H \(tamu.edu\)](http://Consumer Education - Texas 4-H (tamu.edu)) If you cannot print your own guidelines, please contact your County Extension Agent.
12. **Award Information:** 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. There will be an Awards presentation after the contest.

Results are official and final as announced; all reasonable efforts will be made to ensure accuracy of results.
13. If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your County Agent by April 16th. County Agents will submit accommodation requests to the District Office for consideration of the contest committee.
14. All decisions made by the committee regarding issues/incidents during the contest are final.

Note to Agents: Contestants will not be allowed to leave the building until after they finish reasons judging. Agents should encourage 4-H'ers to bring books, handheld games, etc., to occupy their time while waiting for their turn to complete their set(s) of reasons. Worksheets for teams are attached **for planning purposes only; all entries must be made through 4-H Online.**

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****Contest Schedule April 30, 2025 Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, Vernon, TX***

Please note: Procedures may be updated as needed prior to the contest.

12:00 pm	Agents Arrival & Committee Set-up
1:00 pm	Registration
1:15 pm	Agent, Participant & Group Leaders Orientation
1:30 pm	Judging of Classes
2:45 pm	Oral Reasons Begin

Participants may leave after they have completed reasons judging.

An in person awards program will be held following scoring for those who wish to remain for the awards program.

Scores can be found at www.judgingcard.com

Lunch will not be provided. Please plan your day accordingly.



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Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika Street, Vernon, TX 76384, 940/553-3901

DIRECTIONS FROM GOOGLE MAPS

From Wichita Falls

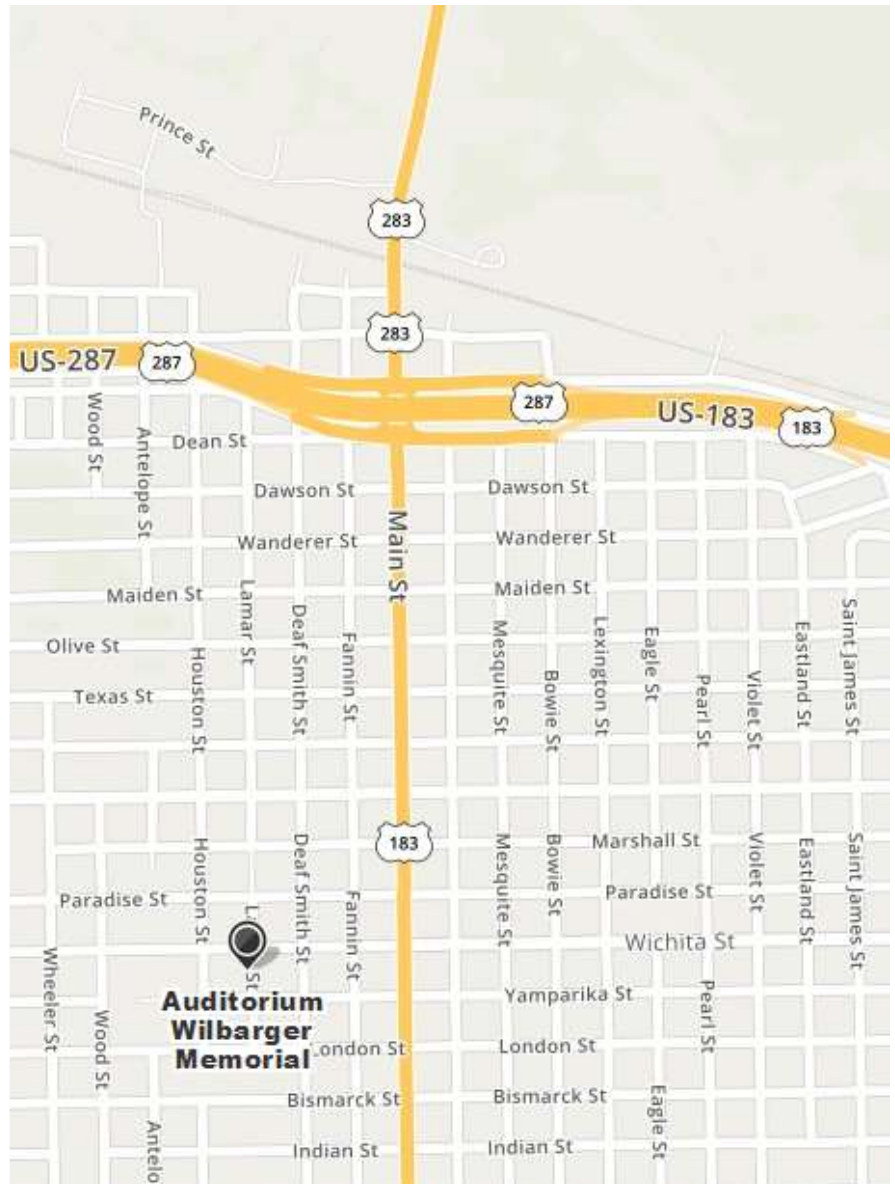
- From Central Fwy. North take the ramp on the left onto 1-44 E/US-277 N/US-281 N/US 287 N
- Take exit 3A on the left toward US-287 N/Vernon/Amarillo
- Merge onto US-287 N and drive 44.2 miles
- Exit on the left onto TX-488 Spur W/US287 Bus N and drive 3 miles
- Turn left onto Main St.
- Turn right onto 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
- Merge onto US-183/US-277/Us-283/US-82 and drive 6.6 miles
- 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





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COUNTY: _____

Worksheet Only
Complete Entries on 4-H Online

JUNIOR TEAMS

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D



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INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

Team A

Team C

Team B

Team D



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SENIOR TEAMS

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D
