



D3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

TEXAS 4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

January 1, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 3 County Extension Agents-FCH
District 3 County Extension Agents – 4-H
District 3 County Extension Agents – Ag in Dickens, Foard, Kent, Motley, Stonewall
& Throckmorton Counties

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SUBJECT: 2018 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING JUDGING CONTEST

Enclosed you will find the 2018 District 3 4-H Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest information.

Event Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
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 1 – April 13, 2018 – 4-H Connect
✓ Registration for Teams / Individuals
✓ Volunteer Google Doc

Entry Fee: There will be a \$5 registration fee for the CDM Contest. 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.

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

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Agent Responsibilities

Consumer Decision Making Committee

Sherri Halsell, Chairman,
Melanie Potter & Amy Griffin

Physical Arrangements

Jennifer Trufan & Sherri Halsell

Contest Set-Up

Committee Members & FCH Agents developing
classes will set classes up after Roundup.

Registration

Lynette Babcock, superintendent
Junior – Sherri Halsell
Intermediate – Tanya Davis
Senior – Alinda Cox

Group Leader Orientation

In rooms with each group by superintendents

Participant Orientation

Junior & Intermediate – Lorri Coop
Senior – Chrissy Karrer

Superintendent/Room Monitors/Time Keepers

Junior – Lorrie Coop
Intermediate – Jennifer Trufan
Senior – Chrissy Karrer

Group Leaders (16 needed)

Junior – Dawn Dockter, Kendra Conley, Tanya Davis, Alinda Cox
Intermediate – Maranda Revell, Sumer Russell, Darlene Hopkins,
Amy Griffin, Melanie Potter
Senior – Chrissy Karrer, Kathy Smith
*Each agent listed above should bring 1 volunteer to help as
group leaders.*

Tabulation

Jay Kington, Coordinator
Helpers: Monica Walker, Kayla Neill, Lynette Babcock

Oral Reasons Judges

Seth Hall, Judges Coordinator
Sr. Judge – David Graf Int. Judge – Michael Bowman
Sr. Judge – Bill Holcombe Jr. Judge – Justin Hansard
Alternate Judge – Langdon Reagan

Scantron Collector

Superintendents will collect the scantrons and bring them to the
tabulation room.

Volunteer Submission

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_km3gTNNJQYDnyclcrij8wAUgm7CH7QTfe-plQU-bw/edit?usp=sharing



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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 seven 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 scantron sheet from each of the contestant upon completion of judging. Look at each card as you collect it to make sure the contestant marked it.
- Give scantron sheets to the Superintendent 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.

Superintendent/Scantron sheets

- Pick up scantron sheets from group leaders after all classes are judged and reasons scored.
- Take scantron sheets to tabulation room to be scanned.

Oral Reasons Coordinator –

- Make sure participants have their scantron sheet before going into room for oral reason judge to score.
- Orientate judges (call day before to remind them).
- Organize judging rooms – make sure Room Superintendent has reasons orderlist.

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Contest Rules & Guidelines

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, 2017 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

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 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 2018 3D Contest:

Junior/Intermediate	Senior
1. Tennis Racket	Seniors will judge six (6) classes total with two (2)
2. Bicycle	"Mystery" Classes. Classes will be from the current State
3. Digital Camera	Consumer Decision Making Guide. "Mystery" classes
4. Livestock Feed	may or may not come from the guide.
5. Mystery Class	

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 4-H members and adult leaders may obtain a copy from their agent.
7. **What to Bring:** Scantrons 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.

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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 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:
<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.

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Contest Schedule *April 25, 2018* *Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, Vernon, TX*

- 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
- About 4:15 pm Participants & Parents view class placing's.
- About 5:00 pm Awards Presentation (*Approximate time!*) The awards program will begin as soon as tabulation is complete.

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.



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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 Connect

JUNIOR TEAMS

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D

Agent Signature _____



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INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D

Agent Signature _____



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SENIOR TEAMS

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D

Agent Signature _____