December 1, 2015

Memo To: District 1 County Extension Agents - (Ag, FCS & 4-H)  
District 1 4-H Program Assistants

Subject: 2016 District 1 4-H Fashion Show

Enclosed are the guidelines for the 2016 District 1 Fashion Show. Please read all guidelines carefully. The District 1 Fashion Show will be held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX.

1. The 2016 Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Please note a change in location:
   a. The Fashion Show and Trashion Show Display will be held in the Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom and interviews for Fashion Show and Natural Fibers will be held in the Classroom Complex located on the West Texas A&M Campus. Maps are included.

2. 4-H Connect will open on March 18, 2016, and participants must have entries submitted on 4-H Connect by midnight on April 7, 2016. Counties must have entries certified by April 11, 2016, by 5:00 p.m. All fees will double after April 11th. There will be an entry fee of $10.00.

3. For questions, comments or concerns, please contact: Amy Wagner -District 1 Clothing and Textiles Committee Chair 806-468-5543 or AEWagner@ag.tamu.edu

4. Attached, you will find lists of resources, contest rules and guidelines, schedule for the day of the contest, important dates, and other contest specifics.

If you have suggestions or comments, please notify Amy Wagner or Shawnte Clawson as soon as possible. We look forward to a quality 4-H experience for everyone!

Sincerely,

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Clothing and Textiles Contests - Important Dates and Other Information for 2016

March 18 – April 7  4-H Connect open and closing dates for Spring Big Fun in D1.

April 1  Trashion Design State entry submitted and Kay Rogers, Amy Wagner and Linda Bice notified of intent to display at District Fashion Show.

April 4  Submit Storyboard judges’ names (2 judges from each county) Email names to kwrogers@ag.tamu.edu

April 11  Counties must certify all Spring Big Fun in D1 4-H Connect Entries.  **All fees double after April 11th (excluding Storyboards).**
Submit judge’s information sheets (2 judges from each county). Fax or email forms to aewagner@ag.tamu.edu

April 12  Fashion Show Paperwork and Fashion Storyboard entries are due in District 1 office by 9:30 a.m. Judges’ orientation begins at 10:15 a.m. **This is the Clothing and Textiles workday. All committee members, FCS agents and 4-H agents required to help.**

April 21  9:30 A.M. – Duds to Dazzle Set-Up & Contest and Fashion Storyboard Display. **All committee members are required to attend and help.**

April 23  Fashion Show Contest and Trashion Show Display. Trashion Show display can be set up at 2:00 PM in the Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom.

May 2016  State Clothing and Textiles Contest paperwork due to State Office.

**Deadlines for State Clothing Contests**
The deadlines listed are the dates that applications and entries need to be postmarked.

- 4-H Clothing and Textile Advisory Board Applications (4-H members, volunteer leaders and agents)
- Trashion Show Video Application
  - April 1, 2016
- 4-H Quilt Challenge
  - April 15, 2016 by midnight
- Fashion Show Paperwork due
  - May 20, 2016
  - Submit paperwork online
- Fashion Storyboard Check-in
  - Day of the event (TBA)
**Contest:**

Please keep in mind that these times are tentative and subject to change.

The District Fashion Show and Trashion Show Display will be held at West Texas A&M University Classroom Complex and Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The schedule for the day is as follows:

1:00 P.M.  Agent Orientation & Judges Orientation & Set Up of Judging Classrooms – Classroom Complex
1:15 P.M.  Arrival & check-in of Fashion Show contestants. All contestants will need to check in at the registration table, dressing rooms will be designated the day of the event at the registration table. – Classroom Complex
1:30 P.M.  Judging Begins – Classroom Complex
2:00 P.M.  Set-up of Trashion Show Displays – Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom
4:00 P.M.  Style Show Practice – Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom
4:30 P.M.  Style Show and awards – Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom

- Rules and Guidelines are below:
2016 District 4-H Fashion Show: Buying & Construction
General Rules & Guidelines

**Age Requirements:**
Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve.

- **Junior Division:** Grades 3, 4, and 5
- **Intermediate Division:** Grades 6, 7, and 8
- **Senior Division:** Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

**Fashion Show Categories:**

**Junior & Intermediate Construction:**
Casual, Dressy, Special Interest, ReFashion:
- One piece of clothing must be constructed (i.e., constructed pajama pants and purchased t-shirt)

**Junior & Intermediate Buying:**
Casual, Dressy, Special Interest, Fantastic Fashions under $25:
- The 4-Her may purchase or embellish a single item such as shorts, a skirt, or a blouse and purchase other garments as accessories. Accessory garments may be a sweater, blouse, t-shirt, etc. Other accessories that may be purchased include belts, shoes, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, hats, etc.

**Category Descriptions**

- **Casual:** for school and casual after-school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts each with a top; jumpsuit, casual or sporty dress, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.

- **Dressy:** for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, weddings and/or graduations. Examples are dressy dresses, church clothing and dressy coats.

- **Special Interest:** limited to athletic and special-purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; sleep wear; historical period garments and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes; aprons, etc. Garments in the category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

- **ReFashion:** the result of modifying existing clothing or fabric item (such as table cloth or curtain) into something more fashionable. The main purpose of ReFashion is creativity, as well as sewing skills. The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used garments or fabric item. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alteration. (Examples: neck ties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt).
**Fantastic Fashions Under $25:** This category is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to include different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other retail business. Receipts are required for everything that is visible during the interview, except shoes. Receipts for garage sales can be handwritten. This includes jewelry and accessories. Do not need to account for sales tax.

**Senior Construction:** Everyday Living, ReFashion, Semi-Formal to Formal, Theatre/Costume

1. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.

2. All garments worn (garments that are visible - i.e., blouse under jacket or vest) during the interview process must be constructed.

3. In Construction, first place winners may enter the same category in which they have previously been awarded a first place entry at State.

**Senior Buying:** Business/Interview Attire, Fantastic Fashions under $25, Semi-Formal to Formal, Special Interest

1. All garments worn (garments that are visible - i.e., blouse under jacket or vest) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet.

2. In Buying, first place winners may enter the same category in which they have previously been awarded a first place entry at State.

3. **All Senior rules, paperwork, scorecards, and possible interview questions can be found at:** [http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/](http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/), under Texas 4-H Fashion Show.

**Registration:**
Each county may allow one contestant from each age and fashion show category to register for District competition. All participants in District Fashion Show must have competed on the County level. April 11, 2016.

**Judging Criteria:**
Fashion Show judging is based on the 2016 Buying and Construction Fashion Show Score Sheets. Judges will evaluate and score entries based on paperwork and interviews. Juniors and Intermediates will have 5 minutes for their interviews and Seniors will have 7 minutes for their interviews. Remember, this is an interview and not a presentation (no time is allowed for a prepared speech).
Record Forms:
The proper paperwork for each entry will be placed in a file folder with the following information in the TOP RIGHT-HAND corner of the folder (as if you were looking at folder in the file drawer):

Name
County
Age Division
Category

- **TWO sets of paperwork, which includes a score card and the record form (stapled together) and fashion show script on a 3x5 card, will be submitted in the folder.**
- **If participant is entering the Natural Fibers contest check the appropriate box on the entry form and include two copies of the Natural Fibers score card IN A SEPARATE FOLDER.**
- **Score cards must be printed/copied on the following colors of paper:**
  - Junior- GREEN
  - Intermediate – PINK
  - Senior – WHITE

**Fashion Show Script**
On a 3x5 card, submit a 30 to 50 word script that will be read at the District Fashion Show. The script needs to include and be in paragraph format:
1. Name and county of 4-H member and phonetic spelling of name
2. What do they like about 4-H
3. What was a community service project or activity they participated in during their clothing project; or state an interesting fact about them.

Example: Susie Clover is from Green county and she has been in the Clothing Project for 2 years. Susie likes participating in 4-H because she likes doing things with her friends. This year Susie’s county group donated toiletry items to help people staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

**On the other side of the 3x5 card** (you can print off on a mailing label) place the name, county, age, and category of the participant.
2016 Texas 4-H Fashion Show: Natural Fiber Contest
General Rules and Guidelines

OVERVIEW
4-H members participating in the Natural Fiber Contest are encouraged to study, promote and use cotton, wool, and mohair—natural fibers produced in Texas.

PURPOSE
The purpose of the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Contest is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair. To recognize 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool, and mohair.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
1. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. The entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry.
2. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.
3. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.
4. If the Fashion Show Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.
5. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.


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| Wool/Mohair/Alpaca | Each garment entered must contain a minimum of:  
• 60% wool and 40% other fiber  
• 60% mohair and 40% other fiber  
• 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber  
• 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable |

NECESSARY FORMS
For Seniors, the 2016 Texas 4-H Fashion Natural Fiber Entry Form is required for participation at the District 1 4-H Fashion Show. Juniors and Intermediates must check the Cotton or Wool box on their entry form and include the fiber content of their garment on their entry form to be eligible to participate in the Natural Fibers contest. Agent will submit 2 copies of the natural fiber score card in the participant folder.
**JUDGING CRITERIA**
For Seniors, the Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2016 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. Juniors and Intermediates will be judged on their knowledge of fiber characteristics, fiber, fabric, and garment care, appearance, fit and fashion ability of the garment entered.

For more information on the senior level Natural Fiber contest please go to the following website:

**2016 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project**
The Quilt Challenge and Community Service project will provide youth with the opportunity to utilize their sewing skills gained in the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project to complete a blanket that will be donated to a charity for someone in need. The quilt portion of the challenge allows 4-H members to expand their sewing skills to include quilt design and construction.


**District 1 Community Service Activity**
**Socks for Veterans:** This year’s District 1 Clothing and Textiles Community Service project will be to collect socks for veterans. The socks may be donated to the organization of your choice. The number of pairs of socks each county donates must be turned in at registration the day of the District 1 Fashion Show. Please let us know the organization/group the socks are donated to. The county with the most pairs of socks donated will win the traveling trophy. You can find more information on the socks for veterans at: http://www.amarillo.va.gov/giving/Needs.asp