Date: November 16, 2016

To: ALL CEA-4-H and Youth, CEA-FCS, and CEA-AG
District 1 County Offices & 4-H Program Assistants

Subject: 2016 District 1 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

The District 1 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest will be held Friday, April 22, 2016, at WTAMU. The location and time schedule will be released at a later date.

The Consumer Committee is looking forward to a successful contest and is hopeful that there will be 4-H’ers from your county participating.

The list of agent/leader assignments is NOT included in the packet at this time due to the new schedule and way the contest will be implemented this year. We will send the assignments out as soon as possible.

Please note the following three details:

1) Registration is $10.00 and is done via 4-H Connect: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu and click on "event registrations." Contestants may register via 4-H Connect from March 17th to April 7th.

2) All County Extension Agents are encouraged to have all entries in 4-H Connect by April 7th and to certify by the 11th. All fees will double for all late entries. Late entries will be accepted April 11-18, 2016. A confirmation list of teams will be sent to each CEA to confirm each team’s members.

3) Additional blank paper may be taken into the judging area for notes. This will be provided by the Consumer Committee.

After reviewing the enclosed Contest information, please call if you have any questions.

cc: DEA
Consumer Committee
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST
PANHANDLE DISTRICT
2016

The 2016 Consumer Decision Making Contest will utilize the study guides developed for the state contest. Each county can access the state issued study guides and other project resources at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/

All participants in the State Consumer Decision Making Contest are required to complete a Consumer Life Skills Project. Therefore; we recommend that 4-H'ers at all age levels complete activities from the Consumer Life Skills project materials. Many of them are easy to incorporate into Consumer Decision Making contest preparation.

RULES

1. AGE DIVISION
   All contestants must be 4-H members, currently enrolled.

   **Junior**- Youth will be minimum age 8 as of August 31, 2015, and in the third grade, grades 3, 4 and 5.
   **Intermediate**- Grades 6, 7 and 8.
   **Senior**- Youth will be maximum age 18 as of August 31, 2015, grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT
   **Senior**: Each county may enter up to three teams of 3 or 4 and as many individuals as desired.

   **Intermediates and Juniors**: Counties may enter as many teams of 3 or 4 members and/or individuals as desired.

   **Reasons** (Classes announced during orientation)
   **Juniors** Give one set of reasons. Category will be on display for contestant to view during reasons. Participant will not be scored; for experience only.

   **Intermediates** Give one set of reasons. May use note cards.

   **Seniors** Give two sets of reasons using NO note cards.

   **Classes** **All Ages** Five study classes plus one mystery class
Senior Division Only
The first, second, and third place senior teams will be this district’s representative at Texas 4-H Roundup in June. In addition, the three highest scoring individuals may participate in the contest. The basic rational is that the highest scoring members be allowed to participate at State if they were not members of a “team” at the district level contest and if a team from their county did not qualify for state. If three teams from one county qualify, it is possible that all three teams will advance to the state level.

Please stress to juniors, intermediates, and their parents that they are not eligible for state competition.

- Classes selected for reasons will be announced at orientation.
- Blank paper will be PROVIDED BY THE CONSUMER COMMITTEE for taking notes and developing reasons. No outside paper may be carried into the judging area.
- Blank clipboards may be used.
- Scantrons will not be returned prior to presentation of reasons.
- Placement decisions will be made, reported and scored using scantrons. All contestants are responsible for completing the entire scantron. Scantrons used are identical to the state scantrons.

PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN PENCILS, BLANK CLIPBOARDS, AND CALCULATORS (NOT CELL PHONES WITH CALCULATORS).

3. CATEGORIES
Junior, Intermediate & Senior (all judge same categories with age appropriate scenarios)
- Computers
- Fast Food
- Outdoor Equipment
- Athletic Shoes
- Digital Cameras
- Mystery Class

1. TIME
1. Seven minutes for placement of each class.
2. Two minutes to give reasons on each class.

2. TIME SCHEDULE and AGENT ASSIGNMENTS
To be announced at a later date.

2016 Consumer Committee: Billie Peden– Chair  Lizabeth Gresham – Co-Chair
Kay Rogers  Jill Killian
Amalia Mata
2016 CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST
ASSIGNMENTS
April 22, 2016

To be assigned at a later date.

REGISTRATION:
Registration Table

FACILITIES & CLASSES:

ORIENTATION:

REASONS:
Secure Judges
Senior Door/Runner Agents with teams competing
Intermediate/Junior Door/Runner Agents with teams competing

AWARDS PROGRAM:
HELP WITH CATEGORIES DURING JUDGING:
Group Leader/Monitor Agents with teams competing
Timer/Monitor Agents with teams competing
Runners/Monitor Agents with teams competing

TABULATION:
Computer Input

PUBLICITY:
Shawnte Clawson