Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents-FCS and 4-H
    AG; Burnet, Callahan, Fisher, Mills, Nolan, Shackelford

SUBJECT: 2016 District 7 Duds to Dazzle

EVENT DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2016

LOCATION: Bill Franklin Center
            Coleman, Texas

ENTRY DEADLINE: DUE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY March 22, 2016:
    • Team Entry Form – Submit via E-mail
    • Judges Form – Submit via E-mail

4-H Connect: Opens March 7th – Closes March 21st

Late Registration: Opens March 22nd – Closes March 25th

Fee: $5 Per Contestant (Late Fee $10 Per Contestant)

Please find the Guidelines, Rules and Regulations for this event on the following pages. Please contact the District 7 Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Garry Branham
District Specialist – 4-H & Youth Development

Cc: Marty Gibbs

enclosure
AGE DIVISIONS
The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2015**:
- **JUNIOR** – age 8 and grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- **INTERMEDIATE** – grades 6th, 7th, and 8th
- **SENIOR** – Grades 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th (contestant must not have reached their 18th birthday on or before August 31)

REGISTRATION & FEE
All contestants must be entered on 4-H Connect.
The **registration fee will be $5 per individual** which covers the cost of location, insurance and contest materials.

Late registration fee will be $10 per individual. There will be absolutely NO REFUNDS for individual/teams that do not show up to the contest.

TEAMS PER COUNTY/MEMBERS PER TEAM
Each county may enter a maximum of two Junior, two Intermediate teams and two Senior teams.

Each team will have at least three and no more than five members. Juniors may compete on an intermediate team. No other mixing of ages will be allowed.

SUBSTITUTION OF TEAM MEMBERS
Substitution of team members should be made only if necessary. Only the same number of 4-H members qualifying at the county level will be eligible to participate at the district level. No more than two team members may be substituted, up to the day of the Duds to Dazzle Competition.

DESIGN CATEGORIES
There will be three categories in each age division: 1) Wearable, 2) Accessory/Jewelry, 3) Non-wearable. Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, but assignments will not be announced until check-in the morning of the contest.

A. Wearable is clothing that is suitable to be worn by people or pets.
   Ex: shirt, coat, vest, dress, costume, leggings, swimsuit cover, etc.

B. Accessory/Jewelry is an article or set of articles that can be added to an outfit to make it more useful, versatile, or attractive.
   Ex: earrings, purse, scarf, headband, hat, belt, necklace, etc.

C. Non-wearable is an item that is not suitable to be worn.
   Ex: pillow, towel, jewelry pouch, cellphone or iPad case, stuffed animal, doll clothes, Christmas stocking, etc.

JUDGES
Please submit the name and E-MAIL address of the judges on the judges form found on our website and submit to the District Office by the deadline. The number of judges required by each county is listed on the bottom portion of the form.

It is the Agent’s responsibility to identify capable, qualified judges. The district office will make judging assignments and send contest information to the judges by e-mail. In the event a judge from your county cancels, you are responsible for securing a qualified replacement.

No Adult/Parents or Agents without an assignment are allowed in the contest area.

No Pictures are allowed to be taken during the contest.
ATTIRE
Each team will have the option of wearing coordinated clothing appropriate for construction and team presentation.

RESOURCE MATERIALS PROVIDED AT CONTEST
The following resources will be provided at the contest:
- Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing
- Laundry on Your Own
- Hand Stitching
- Pricing
- Safety Guide
- Simple Seaming Techniques

(No other resource materials will be allowed. Team may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest)

SEWING KIT
Each team must supply their own equipment for the competition. Teams may bring only the supplies listed in the sewing kit section. Kits will be checked by contest officials as team check in for the contest. Any extra equipment will be confiscated and the team may be disqualified. Please review the sewing kit list for 2015-2016.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Please see following pages for complete Contest Schedule. Final schedule will be announced after all entries have been received!

8:30 AM Agents Arrive

ASSIGNMENTS
Chairman: Sandy Committee: Karen, Melissa, and Melanie.

ALL FCS and 4-H agents will attend the contest.

****Committee will meet on April 6th in Coleman at the Bill Franklin Center at 10:00 am to set up for the contest.

AWARDS
- All participants will receive participant ribbons.
- 1st – 6th place ribbons for teams in each age division (for each member)
1st place medals for teams in each age division (for each member)