

September 2016

# Memorandum

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

SUBJECT: 2017 District 7 Food Challenge

EVENT DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

LOCATION: San Angelo Fair Grounds–  
San Angelo, Texas

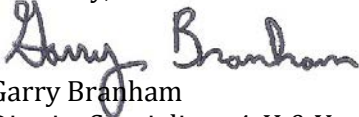
ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries completed on Judgingcard.com **by January 15, 2017**

## **County offices must make sure contestants have an active profile in 4-H Connect**

Fee: \$40 per team

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,



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## **DISTRICT 7 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2016**:

- JUNIOR – minimum age 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- INTERMEDIATE – grade 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- SENIOR – grade 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> (contestant must not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before August 31)

### **REGISTRATION & FEE**

All contestants must be entered on Judgingcard.com

The **registration fee will be** \$40 per team which covers the cost of location, insurance and contest materials.

### **TEAMS PER COUNTY/MEMBERS PER TEAM**

No limit to number of teams entered

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.

Senior teams that competed in the national contest are **NOT** eligible to come back and compete in the state contest.

### **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 Food Challenge. The substitute 4-H member must have participated in the county Food Challenge to be eligible.

### **FOOD CATEGORIES**

There will be four food categories in each age division: 1) Main Dish, 2) Fruits and Vegetables, 3) Bread and Cereal, and 4) Nutritious Snacks. Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, but assignments will not be announced until check-in the morning of the contest.

**Officials will determine structure of teams per category based on numbers of entries**

### **JUDGES**

Counties will be required to submit one judge for this contest. If you happen to have more than one who want to judge please list them under alternates.

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, aprons or hair coverings.

### **RESOURCE MATERIALS PROVIDED AT CONTEST**

In preparation for the Food Challenge, participants should not limit themselves to studying only the resources provided at the contest. Please see state Food Challenge Guide for available resources.

### **SUPPLY BOX**

Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge. Teams may bring only the supplies listed in the supply box section. Any extra equipment will be confiscated and the team may be disqualified. **Please review the supply box list for 2016-2017.**

### **State Qualifiers:**

The top four senior teams will be eligible to compete at state pending state eligibility requirements. The top four senior teams will be determined by structure used at district contest, pending the number of teams entered.

### **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**

**ALL FCS and 4-H agents will attend the contest. Please see following pages for Agent Responsibilities.**

\*Assignments subject to change after entries are received.

\*\*\*\*Committee will meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> (time TBD) in San Angelo at San Angelo Fair Ground, Wells Fargo Building to set up for the Food Challenge contest.

### **AWARDS**

Determined by the contest officials.