

September 23, 2025

Memorandum

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

SUBJECT: 2026 District 7 Duds to Dazzle

EVENT DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

LOCATION: St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall
607 Bennie Street
Rowena, Texas 76875
(Scan QR Codes provided on Event page for directions)

ENTRY DEADLINE: **DUE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY: March 9th 2026**

- Team Entry Form – Submit via District Webpage
- Judges Form – Submit via District Webpage

4-H Online: Opens: February 23rd – Closes: March 9th

Any entries made after closing date of 4-H Online will incur a \$50 late fee in addition to the original contest fee.

(Pending late entry is approved based on timeline needed for contest preparation)

Fee: \$10 Per Contestant (No Lunch)

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 Specialist – 4-H & Youth Development

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DISTRICT 7 4-H DUDS TO DAZZLE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE DIVISIONS

The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2025**:

- JUNIOR – minimum age 8 and in the 3rd grade- 5th grade
- INTERMEDIATE – grades 6th- 8th
- SENIOR –grades 9th- 12th (Maximum age- 18 as of August 31, 2025)

REGISTRATION & FEE

All contestants must be entered on 4-H ONLINE.

The registration fee will be \$10 per individual which covers the cost of location, insurance and contest materials.

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 four members. Juniors may compete on an intermediate team. No other mixing of ages will be allowed.

Policy for accommodation requests for events:

- Requests for accommodations must be submitted to the District Office from the County Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- This request must be accompanied by official documentation in one of the following options for why the request is being submitted:
 - A) Official doctor's note from a licensed medical professional
 - B) School documentation and/or evaluation from a public institution
 - C) Official evaluation from a licensed professional therapist and/or diagnostician
- Note: The documentation and request are required within the appropriate timeline outlined for the event in order for the accommodation to be considered but does not guarantee that the requested accommodation can be made.
- The request will be reviewed by the district office (and when necessary, in consultation with the state office).
- Request and documentation will be kept confidential within the appropriate county/district staff and event administrators.

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

Teams will be randomly assigned to a category: 1) Wearable, 2) Accessory/Jewelry, 3) Non-wearable, 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.

Teams must use the startup textile item(s) for their assigned category and create a garment/item using them. A minimum of 50% of the visible final product must include the initial startup textile.

Resource Materials

A Planning and Presentation Worksheet will be provided for each team at the contest. No other resource materials will be allowed. The following resources are available for teams to use in preparation for competition: *Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing, Laundry on Your Own, Hand Stitching, Pricing Tips and Tricks, Safety Guide, and Simple Seaming Techniques, and How Does Fast Fashion Affect the Environment?* These are available on the State 4-H Website.

JUDGES

Please submit the name and E-MAIL address of the judges on the judge's form found on our website and submit to the District Office by the deadline.

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.

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. **Please review the sewing kit list for 2025-2026 year.**

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Please see following pages for complete Contest Schedule.

Final schedule will be announced after all entries have been received!

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

****Committee will meet at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall to set up for the contest either day before or morning of.

Time: TBA

AWARDS

Determined by contest officials