

January 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: District 12 County Extension Agents

Subject: **2023 District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation**

- **Fashion Show**
- **Natural Fiber Contest**
- **Duds To Dazzle**

The District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation event will consist of the Fashion Show and the three related contests and will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2023** at **Three Rivers Elementary School, 108 N. School Rd, Three Rivers, Texas 78071**. This year's **Fashion Sensation** will include the Fashion Show, Natural Fiber Contest, and Duds to Dazzle. All contests are to be treated as separate events. The enclosed information is for your use and reference in preparation for this event as well as to support the Fashion Show in your county.

Registration, Fees & Deadlines: Each 4-H'er planning to participate in any of the District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation events must register online via [4-H Online](#) through a single listed event of "*D12 4-H Fashion Sensation (April 9 - McAllen)*". Registration will be **open February 28th through March 21, 2023**.

- Fashion Show - \$15 per contestant
- Natural Fiber Contest - \$15 per participant
- Duds to Dazzle - \$15 per participant

Judging Order: Once entries are received, a judging order for Fashion Show will be compiled to facilitate a smooth transition for 4-H'ers participating in the various contests (i.e. Fashion Show to Duds to Dazzle.)

Parents and Guests: There will be a "waiting area" for parents and guests as they will not be allowed to wait with the participants during the contest.

CEA Responsibilities: The County Extension Agent serving as the 4-H Coordinator (from all counties, regardless of participation) must submit the names and the contact information of at least one, and up to 3, leaders willing and qualified to serve as judges. You should provide these judges ample notice and training on what to expect at the event well in advance. Please submit the contact information on the Fashion Sensation web page by the deadline of March 21, 2023. If for some reason the judge originally selected is unable to attend, it is the agent's responsibility to obtain another qualified judge and notify the district office immediately. Lunch will be on your own. We will be conducting a **District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation Briefing via MSTEams on Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 10am**.



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Reminders: Below is a list of very important things to remember for the District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation Contests. Additionally, details are included in the attachments in the Fashion Sensation packet. Please be sure to read these reminders as well as the packet in its entirety as there are some differences per age division.

Fashion Show:

- There will be a “*dress review*” followed by the awards program. There will not be any individual commentaries.
- Categories for Seniors are slightly different for Juniors/Intermediates. Be advised.
- Each county may have a maximum of 24 participants in the District 12 4-H Fashion Show (12 participants in Buying and 12 participants in Construction).
- Seniors will be required to submit their original Fashion Show Entry Form (paperwork/worksheet) via their 4-H Online registration by the registration deadline for pre-judging.
- Presentations by participants (all age groups) will not be permitted during the interview. They may introduce themselves (e.g. name, county, garment name being modeled) and wait for judge’s direction.
- Participants must be in the designated area by the time announced at the event in preparation for line-up before the Fashion Show Awards Program.
- Senior winners in the Fashion Show contest (Buying or Construction) are not able to compete in the Natural Fiber Contest at State unless they enter/win at the District level in the **district** Natural Fiber Contest.

Natural Fiber Contest:

- Natural Fiber Contest is a **Seniors only** competition. There are no teams, and each county is allowed a maximum of 2 contestants, one per category. Seniors must enter and win the respective contest in the **district** Natural Fiber contest to qualify for that event at State.

Duds to Dazzle:

- Each county is allowed 2 Junior/Intermediate teams and 2 Senior teams.

Be sure to read this letter in its entirety and share the necessary information with county faculty, 4-H’ers, parents and leaders. Recruit the appropriate people needed to fulfill any responsibilities and submit the requested information by the deadline of March 21, 2023.

Attachment A – District 12 4-H Fashion Show

Attachment B – District 12 4-H Natural Fiber Contest

Attachment C – Duds to Dazzle

Attachment D – Agent Responsibilities