

September 18, 2023

Food Show Planning Committee:

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MEMORANDUM

To: District 12 County Extension Agents

Subject: 2024 DISTRICT 12 4-H FOOD SHOW

The District 12 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in Falfurrias, Texas at Falfurrias High School located at 100 Jersey Dr., Falfurrias, Texas. The theme for this years' Food Show will be ***"Cooking Through the Decades."***

Specific details about the District 12 4-H Food Show are in the enclosed Food Show Packet. The packet includes rules, examples, and guidelines for participation in the District 12 4-H Food Show. Additional resources are also available on the District 12 4-H website <http://d124-h.tamu.edu>. Please keep in mind that the State 4-H Food Show information was developed for Senior 4-H members attending State and there are District guidelines that differ slightly. Please contact the District Office if you have any questions about these resources.

Parents will be directed to a designated waiting area. Agents, please advise parents that they are not permitted in the judging area while youth are being judged. Any food prep, dish display prep and plating prep must be done by the 4-H member alone. Seniors will **not** be making their dish on site.

FOOD SHOW SCHEDULE:

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Junior and Intermediate Registration
8:30 am- 9:00 am	Participant & Judge's Orientation
9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Junior Participant Judging
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	District 12 4-H Council Meeting
1:00 pm- 1:30 pm	Senior Registration
1:30 pm- 4:00 pm	Senior Judging
5:30 pm	Awards Ceremony (Food Show, Food Challenge, Consumer Decision Making)

REGISTRATION, FEES & DEADLINE: Each 4-Her participating in the District 12 4-H Food Show must register online through **4-H Online**. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 per contestant. Registration will open October 1st through the deadline of October 30th. Counties must have all entries confirmed on **4-H Online** by November 1st.

There will not be a late registration period. **NO REFUNDS** will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event.

CEA RESPONSIBILITIES/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Please see **(Attachment F)** for a detailed list of agent assignments. All assigned agents are responsible for reviewing information and preparing for their specific assignment.

County Extension Agents will submit names and information of two (2) confirmed adult leaders (not agents) to assist during the District 12 4-H Food Show. A link is provided on the District 4-H website (Food Show page) to submit this information. You may use **(Attachment G)** to organize the information; however, the online submission must be completed by **November 1st**. Leader/volunteers are to serve as judges - these individuals must be willing and qualified to serve as a judge.

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 November 1st**.

If you have any questions or need any assistance or guidance, please contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



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