

September 7, 2012

MEMO TO: District 11 County Extension Agents – FCS & 4-H

SUBJECT: Food Show / Food Challenge, December 1, 2012

Attached is information on the District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge contest, to be held at the Wharton County Fairgrounds outside of Wharton, Texas on Saturday December 1, 2012.

This packet contains important information and guidelines about events this year. You are HIGHLY encouraged to thoroughly read the information and distribute to your 4-H members as necessary. You may also refer to the "State 4-H Food Show: Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations" for the current year's information, by accessing the information online at <http://fcs.tamu.edu> and information on the Food Challenge can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Note: All participants – Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors – are to use the forms found in the State Food Show Guidelines, i.e. the 2013 Personal Information and Certification Form, Entry Form and Scorecard 2013.

Major Changes for 2012 – Food Show

- Categories are now a reflection of MyPlate: **Fruit & Vegetable, Grains, Protein Foods, and Dairy.**
- The theme for 2012 is **Healthy Holidays**. All recipes should reflect this theme.

Major Changes for 2012 – Food Challenge

- Addition to Supply Box – Electric Skillets are now to be included.
- Only ELECTRIC hot plates are allowed.
- **Teams will have access to a "pantry" of additional ingredients that may be incorporated into their recipe. The number of additional ingredients a team may get will be determined by contest officials and announced during participant orientation.**

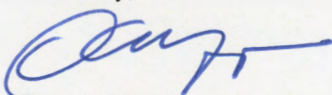
As in the past, Juniors & Intermediates will only be allowed to participate in Food Show or Food Challenge. Seniors will have the opportunity to do both.

All Food Show & Food Challenge contestants must register online via 4-H CONNECT. This can be done anytime between October 1 and November 19 for \$10.00. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for registrations between November 20 and November 28 in addition to the regular registration fee.

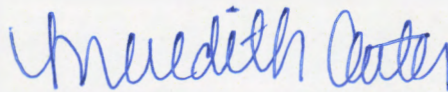
This memo will serve as your authorization to travel to D11 Food Show and Food Challenge charging expenses to your regular monthly travel allowance.

If you have any questions about this event, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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