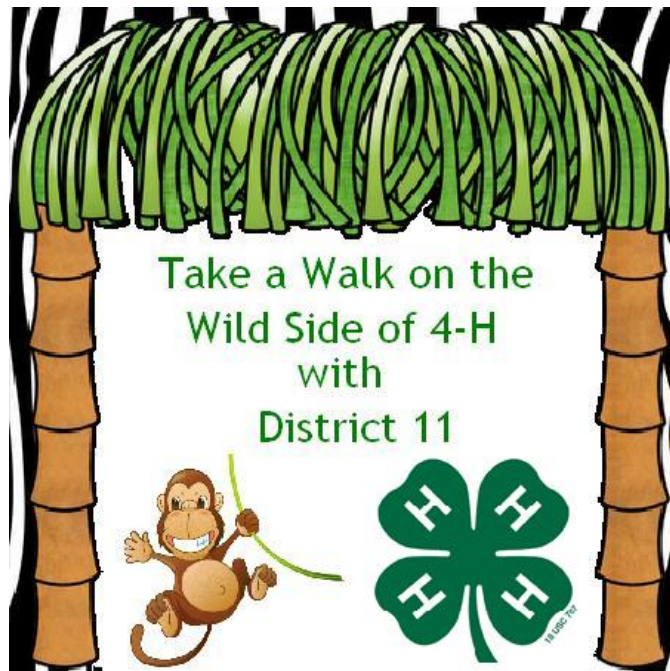


District 11 4-H  
Food & Nutrition Contests  
Food Show & Food Challenge



Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations

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# Coastal Bend District 11

## 4-H Food & Nutrition Contests

December 1, 2012

Wharton County Fairgrounds - Wharton, TX

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**Coastal Bend District 11**  
**4-H Food Show**  
December 1, 2012  
Wharton County Fairgrounds - Wharton, TX  
*Healthy Holidays*

**INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

**FOOD SHOW EVENT INFORMATION**

The theme for the Food Show is "Healthy Holidays". This gives you an opportunity to pick your favorite holiday – think of foods typically served during that holiday – and improve on a recipe to make it healthier. Good luck and enjoy!

This activity is open to all 4-H members. The Food Show provides for educational and personal development and recognizes youth who excel in the 4-H Food and Nutrition program. The state level competition is open to senior 4-H members and is held during 4-H Roundup. There are similar processes at county and district levels. Refer to "State 4-H Food Show: Guidelines, Rules and Regulations," sent to each county Extension office, for the current year information or access the information online at <http://fcs.tamu.edu>

**OBJECTIVES**

Additional objectives of the 4-H Food Show are:

- To promote a sound image of the 4-H Food and Nutrition Program, both within Texas AgriLife Extension and throughout Coastal Bend District 11
- To provide 4-H members an opportunity for additional learning experiences
- To provide 4-H members an opportunity to be recognized for their achievements in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Program
- Practice recommended food preparation skills including food safety
- Understand connection of foods to holidays, while also learning about how to make them healthier through substitutions or limiting to healthy portions
- Learn the nutrients in your dish and the health benefits they provide to your body

**AGE DIVISIONS (see note below)**

Membership - Contestant must be enrolled and actively participating as a 4-H member. The 4-H member must also be actively participating in a 4-H Food and Nutrition Educational Program.

Senior Division - Contestants must have passed their 14th birthday but not have passed their 19th birthday as of August 31, 2012.

Intermediate Division - Contestants must have passed their 11th birthday, but not have passed their 14th birthday as of August 31, 2012.

Junior Division - Contestants must have passed their 9th birthday (or be in the third grade) and not have passed their 11th birthday as of August 31, 2012.

**NOTE- for the 2012 District Contest: Junior & Intermediate may only participate in ONE Food & Nutrition Contest (Food Show OR Food Challenge). Seniors may compete in BOTH Food Show & Food Challenge if they so choose.**

## CERTIFICATION

Participants must be certified by their county Extension agent as one of the top three scoring individuals in one of the four entry categories in the junior, intermediate or senior division of the County 4-H Food Show for district participation. This is a total of thirty six (36) contestants from each county. Each participant must “exhibit” the same food in the same entry category at the county and district level. Only the top scoring individual in each of the Senior classes will advance to State 4-H Food Show at Texas 4-H Roundup. 4-H participants who have won first place in any category, in any year, at the State 4-H Food Show are ineligible to participate in any category at State Food Show.

## ELIGIBILITY

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a Saturday.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”

or

Name of 4-H'er must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, their parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, they should be referred to the school administrator.

## ENTRY PROCESS

Participants will also be **REQUIRED** to register for the District 11 4-H Food Show on 4-H CONNECT. The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on October 1 thru 12:00 Midnight on Monday, November 19. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period.

All entries on 4-H CONNECT must be certified by the respective county Extension agent. County Extension Agents must certify all food show entries on 4-H CONNECT within two business days following registration deadlines.

Submitting an entry on 4-H CONNECT is only part of the registration process. All required entry materials must be sent to the District Office, with a postmark deadline of Wednesday, November 21, 2012.

## ENTRY FEE

Each 4-H Food Show participant must pay an entry fee of \$10.00 when registering via 4-H CONNECT. Participants have the option to pay by credit card, personal e-check or club/county check. 4-H members that register but do not attend the Food Show are still obligated to pay the \$10.00 entry fee. No refunds will be given for any reason!

## LATE FEE POLICY

A late fee will be assessed for all 4-H events and contests after the close of normal registration on 4-H CONNECT. The late fee will be \$25.00 per individual per event. After regular registration ends, late registration will remain until 24 hours before the event. This will allow more youth to participate should they miss the deadline.

## COUNTY DEADLINES

Counties may set individual deadlines as needed. However, all counties are required to adhere to the district deadline. Therefore, it is important that counties conduct their County Food Show accordingly, to allow for district entries to be submitted on time.

## JUDGE RECRUITMENT

**All counties** are asked to recruit 2-3 volunteers to serve as judges for the Food Show. Each person recommended to judge should be qualified to serve as a judge of the District Food Show, with prior judging experience (on the county level). Names and addresses should be submitted on the Judge Recruitment Form to the District Office, postmarked by **November 21, 2012**. Please submit only names of adult leaders who have agreed to serve as judges and who will be present for the orientation at 9:00 a.m.

## REQUIRED ENTRY MATERIALS

Please enclose required entry materials for each contestant in a plain manila folder with the following information in the upper right hand corner (folder positioned as it would be in a file drawer):

Name County Category Age Division
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### Senior Contestants:

- Texas State 4-H Food Show Personal Information Page and Certification Form
- Texas State 4-H Food Show Entry Form
- **Three** copies of the 2013 4-H Food Show Scorecard with contestant information completed

### Junior and Intermediate Contestants:

- Texas State 4-H Food Show Entry Form
- **Two** copies of the 2013 4-H Food Show Scorecard with contestant information completed

## ENTRY CATEGORIES – All Age Groups

Four entry categories allow for presentation of a variety of foods in the Food Show. The categories also provide an opportunity for contestants to exhibit a variety of food preparation principles.

**It is strongly urged that 4-H'ers choose recipes that are relatively simple (i.e. less than 7 ingredients, 1 dish meals, etc.). All four food categories may use ovens during food preparation. A 75 minute oven baking time limit exists for State Food Show contestants for all recipes in all categories.**

Many recipes can be entered in more than one category. Participants should consult with the website <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/> when selecting a recipe category. Examples are salad bread bowl, broccoli cheese casserole, vegetable soup, and macaroni and cheese. Participants need to be prepared to explain their recipe category if asked by a judge. Participants should consult with their county Extension agent and project leader when selecting a recipe category.

- **Protein** – All foods made from meat, poultry, seafood, beans and peas, eggs processed soy products, nuts and soy products, nuts, and seeds are considered part of the Protein Foods Group. Beans and peas are also part of the Vegetable Group.
  - EX: Dishes that contain meat or meat alternative such as eggs, dry beans, peas or peanut butter.
- **Fruit and Vegetable** – Any fruit or 100% fruit juice counts as part of the Fruit Group. Fruits may be fresh, canned, frozen, or dried, and may be whole, cut-up or pureed. Any vegetable or 100% vegetable juice counts as a member of the Vegetable Group. Vegetables may be raw or cooked; fresh, frozen, canned, or dried/dehydrated; and may be whole, cut-up or mashed. Vegetables are organized into 5 subgroups, based on their nutrient content.
  - EX: Dishes that accompany a main dish (salads, relish trays, cooked fruits and vegetables.
- **Grains** – Any food made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal, barley or another cereal grain is a grain product. Bread, pasta, oatmeal, breakfast cereals, tortillas, and grits are examples of grain products. Grains are divided into two subgroups. Whole Grains and Refined Grains. Whole grains contain the entire grain kernel – the bran, germ, and endosperm.
  - EX: Quick, yeast, bread mixes, rice pasta
- **Dairy** – All fluid milk products and many foods made from milk are considered part of this food group. Most Dairy Group choices should be fat-free or low-fat. Foods made from milk that retain their calcium content are part of the group. Foods made from milk that have little to no calcium, such as cream cheese, cream, and butter, are not. Calcium-fortified soymilk (soy beverage) is also part of the Dairy Group.
  - EX: Dishes selected must contain a minimum of a half serving of dairy (macaroni and cheese, drinks, custards, cheese logs, etc.)

### Note on Ingredients:

- When choosing a recipe, Senior contestants need to keep in mind what ingredients will be available in College Station in June.
- No alcohol or alcohol-containing ingredients can be used.

### PREPARATION OF 4-H MEMBER

**NOTE:** Encourage contestants to select recipes that follow sound dietary practices. A healthy diet is described in the consumer brochure, *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010*. 4-H participants should be familiar with the information contained in this brochure.

The consumer brochure is available at:

<http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf>

Contestants should also be familiar with the information contained in the new documents and information related to MyPlate <http://www.choosemyplate.gov>

### PREPARATION OF FOOD

- All food displayed must be prepared prior to the Food Show. EXCEPTION: Members may only add garnishes or stir dishes upon arrival at District Food Show.
- There will not be a preparation area or time designated for preparation.
- Contestants are expected to prepare their own dish; last minute preparation/assistance on-site of the Food Show may only come from other 4-H members - NO ADULTS!
- All garnishes must be edible.

### PRESENTING THE DISH TO BE JUDGED

The contestant's dish will be presented in a serving dish, or if appropriate, the dish in which the food was cooked or baked. In some instances, it is not necessary to present the entire recipe. For example, if a recipe makes a 9" x 13" casserole, the dish could be divided and baked in an 8" x 8" dish.

Senior contestants are to bring the entire dish being entered in the food show. Juniors and Intermediates have the option of bringing one serving of the entry dish, instead of the entire dish. For example, a participant may bring one serving (glass) of a fruit smoothie, rather than bringing an entire pitcher of fruit smoothie.

Fancy or elaborate placemats, linens, centerpieces, candles, etc., are not to be included with the dish as it is presented for judging interviews.

Contestants should use only serving dishes and utensils appropriate and necessary to present and serve the dish to be judged.

## JUDGING PROCESS

Total judging time: 7 minutes

All contestants from the same county will be called to line up prior to going into the judging room. At the designated judging time, the county group will then be escorted into the judging room.

The contestant will come to the team of judges with the entry display. The 4-H'er may stand or sit behind the display while the judges sit facing the participant across the table. Entry display may only consist of the entry serving dish, serving utensil and napkin for serving utensil.

To start the interview, each participant will introduce him-/herself to the judges with his/her name and the entry dish name. Following the introduction, each participant is allowed a **maximum of three minutes** to present information on any combination of the following topics. It will be an oral presentation with no handouts or visuals.

- Project activities from current year's project
- Special learning experiences from current year's project
- Leadership activities from current year's project
- Career options explored in current year's project
- Dietary lifestyle choices explored in current year's project (Examples: new foods experienced, special diet information, special food needs, why the entry dish was selected, category selection - why the dish was chosen to be submitted in a certain category, etc.)

**NOTE:** This three-minute oral presentation is **required** of all senior participants. However, it is **optional** for junior and intermediate participants.

The judging team will have four minutes following the participant presentation to address topics listed below, as well as topics listed above that was not addressed by the participant. All participants are encouraged to review the scoresheet in order to be prepared for topics of questions. Some topics include:

- Preparation principle(s) or critical step(s) in preparation of dish
- Function of ingredient(s) in entry dish
- Substitutions made (or that could be made) for ingredient(s) in entry dish
- Nutrients and nutrient functions as they relate to the food groups and entry dish
- Relationship of the entry dish to Dietary Guidelines as explained in the consumer brochure, *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010*
- Approximate calorie content and cost for a serving of the entry dish
- Food safety concerns during the purchasing, preparing, serving and storing of the entry dish
- Menu ideas to complement the entry dish

**Seniors Only:** Serving of the entry dish will also occur during the judging time. Participants should serve judges only a small portion of the dish. Juniors and Intermediates will NOT serve the judges. Tasting of food will not be allowed at the District 11 4-H Food Show.

Upon completion of the interview, the contestant will leave the judging station and position his/her food on the assigned display table.



## DISH DISPLAY

No individual place settings, tablecloths, placemats, or table decorations will be allowed. **Displays for the public viewing may be more elaborate.** Please remember that each contestant is allowed a space of approximately 24 inches wide and 12 inches deep. Large table cloths, silver trays, etc. are not appropriate for the display because of these space limitations.

At a designated time, the display area will be open for public viewing. All exhibits must stay on display until the awards program has ended. No exhibit will be allowed to leave the area until that time.

## SCORING AND PLACING

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior placing (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be determined by rank. The judges will collectively decide upon the rankings, and the superintendent at the judging station will turn the placing sheet and entry folders into tabulation.

**Once announced, all placings are final!**

## TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE

If ties should occur, the ties shall be broken using scores of various categories on the scorecard. The order followed will be: Interview and Contestant Presentation (45 points), Project Record Form (25 points), Communication Skills (15 points), Food (10 points), and Recipe (5 points).

## PICTURES

Pictures will be taken of county groups just before the awards ceremony for publicity in local newspapers. All contestants should report to the photograph area when their county is called. The pictures will be posted on the District 11 4-H website after the Food Show.

## AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards program is scheduled to begin around 1:00 p.m. (This is an *approximate* time!)

Awards will be presented to the first place contestants of each category.

Rosettes will be awarded to the second and third place contestants of each category.

If available, participation ribbons may be awarded to other contestants in the Food Show.

## APPEALS COMMITTEE

Should a discrepancy/problem arise, it shall be referred to the Appeals Committee for a ruling. All rulings by the Appeals Committee are final. The Appeals Committee shall be made up of the Food Show Committee, with the District Extension Administrator and 4-H Specialist serving as Ex-officio members (present, not voting).

# Coastal Bend District 11

## 4-H Food Challenge

December 1, 2012

Wharton County Fairgrounds - Wharton, TX

### INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

#### FOOD CHALLENGE EVENT INFORMATION

This year at the District Food Show, you will have a unique opportunity to participate in a fun and innovative food and nutrition competition. The 4-H Food Challenge was developed by county Extension agents to address the need for a new, "highly charged" foods experience. This contest, modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's "Iron Chef," challenges teams of 4-H members to create a dish using only a predetermined number of ingredients. From these ingredients, team members must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the judges. The presentation will include information about the serving size, nutritional value, and cost of the dish. The 4-H Food Challenge allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary and food safety skills to judges and observers.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Provide opportunities for participants to exhibit their knowledge and skill when preparing and presenting a dish
- Provide opportunities for participants to learn from other team members
- Promote teamwork
- Give participants opportunities for public speaking
- Provide leadership opportunities
- Give 4-H members the opportunity to participate in a new, exciting, competitive event

#### CONTEST RESOURCES

All Food Challenge Contest resources can be found at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

#### PARTICIPATION

Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development county program and actively participating in the Food and Nutrition project.

#### AGE DIVISIONS

Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year. There is **ONLY TWO AGE DIVISIONS IN FOOD CHALLENGE**.

Junior/Intermediate Division: 8 years old and in 3rd grade (or 9 yrs old) to 13 years old

Senior Division: 14 to 18 years old

**NOTE~ For the 2012 District Contest:** Junior & Intermediate may only participate in ONE Food & Nutrition Contest (Food Show OR Food Challenge). Seniors may compete in BOTH Food Show & Food Challenge if they so choose.

### TEAMS PER COUNTY

Each county may enter a maximum of three Junior/Intermediate teams and a maximum of two Senior teams. At the county contest, this will require that all teams within one age division be judged against each other and placed (not judged and placed according to food category).

### MEMBERS PER TEAM

Each team will have at least three and no more than five members. Teams may not include members in different age divisions. See AGE DIVISIONS above.

### 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.

### ENTRY PROCESS

Participants will be **REQUIRED** to register for the District 11 4-H Food Challenge on 4-H CONNECT. The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on **October 1 thru 12:00 Midnight on Monday, November 19**. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period.

All entries on 4-H CONNECT must be certified by the respective county Extension agent. County Extension Agents must certify all Food Show entries on 4-H CONNECT within two business days following registration deadlines.

### ENTRY FEE

Each participant will be required to pay a registration fee of \$10.00 when registering via 4-H CONNECT to cover the cost of ingredients and awards for the contest.

### FOOD CATEGORIES

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

### ATTIRE

Each team will have the option of wearing coordinated clothing, aprons or hair coverings.

### RESOURCE MATERIALS PROVIDED AT CONTEST

Resource materials will be provided for each team at the contest. These include *Choose MyPlate – 10 Tips to a Great Plate*, *FightBac*, *Nutrient Needs at a Glance*, *Altering Recipes for Good Health*, *Food Challenge Worksheet*, and copies of grocery receipts. No other resource materials will be allowed. Teams may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest.

## 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 refer to the supply list posted on page 6 of the Food Challenge Manual at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

## AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the first place contestants/teams of each category. Rosettes will be awarded to the second and third place contestant/teams of each category.

## ADVANCING TO STATE CONTEST

Four senior teams may advance to state from the district contest. It will be determined prior to the event how those 4 teams will be selected (top four teams overall or first place team in each food category) based on the number of senior teams entered at district. Teams advancing will not automatically be assigned the same category as they were at district. At the state contest, Food Challenge will be a Wednesday contest.

## RULES OF PLAY

1. Teams will report to the designated location for check-in.
2. An orientation will be provided for all participants.
3. Each team will be directed to a cooking/preparation station. There will be a set of ingredients at each station, but no recipe. The ingredients will represent a recipe from one of the following categories: Main Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Bread and Cereal, and Nutritious Snacks.
4. General guidelines, resources and instructions will be located at each station to assist the team.
5. Each team will have 40 minutes to prepare the dish, plan a presentation, and clean up the preparation area.
6. Only participants and contest officials will be allowed in food preparation areas.
7. Teams that may experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies from another team, leaders, volunteers, county Extension agents or contest officials. Instead, team members must work together and be creative in completing preparation without the malfunctioning equipment.
8. Preparation: Each team will be provided with a set of ingredients reflective of the assigned category, and will create a dish using them. The AMOUNTS of ingredients, based upon a recipe, and a CLUE will be at each station to assist the team.
  - a. The ingredients provided to each team are based upon a recipe; however, teams are challenged with being creative and developing their own recipe with the ingredients provided.
  - b. Teams must incorporate each ingredient into the dish. However, teams may determine the exact amount of each ingredient to use.
  - c. 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.
  - d. The ingredients provided to each team may also be used to garnish the dish. Additional garnishing items will not be provided.
  - e. Note cards and the Food Challenge Worksheet may be used to write down the recipe that the team invents, along with notes related to nutrition, food safety, and cost analysis. Teams should be exact on ingredients used, preparation

steps, cooking time, temperature, etc.

9. Food safety: Each station will have food safety resources. Teams should follow the steps listed to ensure proper food safety and be prepared to discuss food safety practices used in the team presentation to the judges.

10. Nutrition: Each station will have a variety of nutrition resources/references. Each team should name key nutrients in their dish and their functions.

11. Cost analysis: Prices will be available for each ingredient provided to teams. Teams will need to find the ingredients on the list and calculate the price of the dish along with the price per serving. Teams will determine the number of servings per recipe.

12. Presentation: When time is called, each team will present their dish, according to the criteria on the score card, to a panel of at least two judges.

a. All team members must participate in the presentation, with at least three of them having a speaking role.

b. Judging time will include:

5 minutes for the presentation

3 minutes for judges' questions

4 minutes between team presentations for judges to score and write comments

c. Teams are allowed the use of note cards during the presentation but should not read from them, as this minimizes the effectiveness of their communication.

d. Judges may ask teams questions that are not directly related to the dish prepared. Instead, some questions may address general knowledge gained through the 4-H members' food and nutrition project learning experiences.

e. No talking and no writing are allowed among any team members while waiting to give the team presentation. Team members caught talking and/or writing will receive a warning. The second time, the team will be disqualified and asked to leave the contest facility. Team members should not have pens or pencils in their possession while waiting to give their presentation.

13. Clean-up: Teams must clean up their preparation areas. Clean-up time is included in the 40-minute preparation allotment. Teams should plan to not have access to a kitchen facility; therefore, dirty dishes should be placed in a plastic container or box to be cleaned at home. Left-over food should be disposed of properly.

14. Judges are not allowed to taste the foods prepared. No left-over food should be shared with any participant or the audience.

15. Placing will be based on rankings of teams by judges. Judges' results are final.

16. An awards program will be held at the conclusion of the judging process.

**DISTRICT 11 4-H FOOD & NUTRITION CONTESTS**  
**TIME SCHEDULE**  
**December 1, 2012**  
**Wharton County Fairgrounds - Wharton, TX**

**FOOD SHOW**

9:00 a.m.	Judges arrive - Crescent Hall Refreshments
9:15 a.m.	Judges' Orientation - Crescent Hall
9:30 a.m.	Participants Begin Arriving Check in at Crescent Hall
9:45 a.m.	Judging Begins*
9:45 a.m.	Wharton, Colorado, Matagorda, Austin, Jackson, Lavaca, Fayette, Washington, Victoria, DeWitt
10:30 a.m.	Calhoun, Refugio, Goliad, Karnes, Aransas, Bee, San Patricio, Nueces
12:30 p.m.	Dish Display - Crescent Hall
12:45 p.m.	County Pictures - Crescent Hall
1:00 p.m.	Awards Program - Crescent Hall (This is an approximate time!)

**FOOD CHALLENGE**

9:00 a.m.	Judges arrive - Crescent Hall Refreshments
9:15 a.m.	Room Monitors & Judges' Orientation – Crescent Community Center
9:20 a.m.	Senior Teams Check in - Crescent Hall
9:45 a.m.	Senior Food Challenge Begins – Crescent Community Center
10:30 a.m.	Junior/Intermediate Teams Check in - Crescent Hall
11:00 a.m.	Jr/Int Food Challenge Begins – Crescent Community Center
12:45 p.m.	County Pictures - Crescent Hall
1:00 p.m.	Awards Program - Crescent Hall (This is an approximate time!)

\* Scheduled judging times are approximate due to the allowance of each county to bring the top 3 individuals in each category and age group (potentially 36 participants per county).

All contestants are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the county's assigned judging time. A contestant who is late will be judged during an empty time slot or must wait until all judging is complete and then be judged depending on judging availability.

**NOTE TO PARENTS/GUESTS:** Only contestants and designated individuals will be allowed in the judging area. Noise levels must be kept to a minimum at all times.

**Limited drinks and snacks will be available at the event. The fairgrounds are approximately 8 miles from town. Please plan accordingly if you want food & drinks for yourself or participants.**

**MEMO TO:** Top Placing County Food Show & Food Challenge Participants

**SUBJECT:** District 11 4-H Food Show  
Saturday, December 1, 2012  
Wharton County Fairgrounds - Wharton, TX

Congratulations on placing as one of the top three individuals at your County 4-H Food Show or one of the top two teams of Seniors or top three teams of Juniors/Intermediates in Food Challenge. You have now earned the privilege to compete in the District 11 4-H Food Show, to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at the Wharton County Fairgrounds north of Wharton, Texas. A map is enclosed.

You are required to register for the District 11 4-H Food Show on 4-H CONNECT, an online registration system. Please note that you must register online **no later than Monday, November 19, 2012.**

Important information is enclosed in regard to the judging process at the District Food Show and Food Challenge. We encourage you to read this information carefully in order for you to be fully prepared. Also enclosed with this memo is a schedule of events that will take place at the District Food & Nutrition competitions. Please make a special note of your judging time. It is very important that you arrive in time to get ready for judging and so that the judging process can remain on time.

There are some references you may want to review prior to participating in the District Food Show, in order to prepare yourself for the judging interview. They are:

- ***Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010.*** This brochure is available at: <http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/>
- **Choose My Plate** found at <http://www.choosemyplate.gov>

Again, congratulations on your achievements within the 4-H Food and Nutrition Program. It is evident that you have worked hard to reach your goals, and have every right to be proud. Good luck at the District 4-H Food Show!

Sincerely,

Kathy Farrow, Chair  
D11 Food Show/Food Challenge Committee

Meredith Carter  
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

Enclosures:

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