

# 2019 Washington Co. 4-H Invitational CDM Contest

**Saturday, February 23rd**

**Washington Co. Fairgrounds  
1305 E. Blue Bell Rd. Brenham, TX 77833**

**8:30am: Registration  
9:00am Contest Orientation**

**Awards In Each Division:  
Top Ten Individuals  
Top 5 Teams**

**Age Divisions:  
Junior: 3rd-5th grade  
Intermediate: 6th-8th grade  
Senior: 9th-12th grade**

**Oral Reasons:  
Junior: None  
Intermediate: 1 set  
Senior: 2 sets**

**Registration Deadline: February 15th  
Team: \$40  
Individual: \$10**

**Please mail entry forms with payment to:  
Washington County 4-H  
1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, TX 77833  
Please make checks out to 4-H Fund**

**Late Registration will be available until the morning of  
the contest for \$60 per Team and \$20 per Individual.**

**For more information, contact the Washington County Extension  
Office at 979-277-6212.**

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# **Washington County 4-H Invitational CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST Information & Guidelines**

## **EVENT INFORMATION**

The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a competitive event that enables 4-H members to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and four available marketplace options. This contest is an opportunity to practice marketplace skills and compare decisions with a panel of judges who are knowledgeable about today's marketplace and the goods and services available.

The 2019 Washington County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Invitational Contest will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds – Event Center. Registration will be at the VIP Building beginning at 8:30 am on February 23, 2019. The contest orientation will begin at 9:00am

## **CONTEST OBJECTIVES**

As a result of participating in the Consumer Decision making Contest, 4-H members will:

- Demonstrate skill in making decisions based on facts;
- Apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations;
- Experience making choices among selected marketplace options;
- Develop and strengthen their reasoning ability in consumer skills;
- Demonstrate their ability to organize thoughts and express them orally in a clear, confident manner.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

No limit is set for team entries per age division from each county/club participating in the Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Contest. If a county/club does not have a team entering the CDM contest, the county may send one or two individual contestants for that age division. Three individuals in the same age division must be declared as a team.

## **TEAM COMPOSITE**

A Consumer Decision Making Team is made up of three (3) to four (4) members. Team designations will be made upon arrival at the contest.

## CONTEST CATEGORIES

In order to prepare for the contest, 4-H members should refer to the 2018-2019 4-H Consumer Decision Making Guides. These study guides and additional resources are available on the web at:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

The following study guides are available on the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide. Classes will be chosen from the following lists for all age divisions

- Athletic Shoes
- Activewear
- Sunglasses
- Handsfree Bluetooth Car Kits
- Computers
- Digital Cameras
- Fast Food Meals
- Cookware
- Outdoor Equipment
- Outdoor Backpacks

## CONTEST PROCEDURE

### Pre-Contest:

- Participant orientation will be conducted. Following participant orientation, contestants will be divided into judging groups according to contestant numbers. Contestants will remain in these groups throughout the judging of classes, rotating through six classes and two rest periods. Contestants must remain with assigned group throughout the entire contest, including the study period prior to oral reasons presentation.
- Non-participants will be asked to leave the contest area following orientation.

### Judging of Classes:

- As contestants gather around the class table to be judged, each must face away from the table keeping his/her back to the table until instructed by the timer to start judging.
- Each group will get seven (7) minutes to judge each class. A two minute warning will be given prior to time. At the end of the seven minutes, participants should face away from the table.
- One minute is allowed for each group to rotate to the next class.
- To indicate the ranking of items in each class, contestants should very carefully fill in the appropriate bubble which appears next to the appropriate placing on the Scantron. No Scantrons will be returned for corrections to be made and/or if the Scantron is completed incorrectly.
- Contestants may handle products in each judging class unless announced otherwise. However, the products must be handled carefully so that the quality will not be changed or the labels removed.
- No talking is permitted, and contestants may not leave the room while the contest is in progress. Contestants will be given one warning for talking. Thereafter, the contestant's scantron will be confiscated and their score will not be included in the results.

### Reasons:

- Juniors will NOT give oral reasons.
- Intermediates are required to give oral reasons on one class.
- Seniors are required to give oral reasons on two classes.
- Reasons will be given in the scheduled order approximately 15 minutes after all classes have been judged.
- Two minutes are allowed for each set of reasons. Because some contestants may not take all of the allocated time for giving reasons, the next scheduled contestant should be ready as soon as the room monitor signals that the judges are ready.

- During the two rest periods of class judging, participants may begin preparing for oral reasons.
- Intermediate contestants may use a reason note card while giving oral reasons to judges but should only refer to the card when necessary.
- Seniors may not use a reason note card while giving oral reasons to judges. If so, scoring for oral reasons will begin at 30 points (instead of 50).
- Contestants who are waiting to give oral reasons must remain in the assigned study room/area. No talking is permitted, and quiet is required so that all contestants can concentrate.
- Upon completion of judging and giving all required oral reasons, contestants may be excused from the site.
- Contestants who leave the contest site before give all oral reasons will receive a score of zero (0) for reasons.

## **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented upon completion of tabulation.



**Washington County 4-H Invitational CDM Contest Registration Form**

Registration Deadline: February 15<sup>th</sup>

Mail Form To: Washington County 4-H

1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, TX 77833

Please make all checks payable to 4-H Fund

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teams (\$40)**

**Individuals (\$10)**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Junior Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Junior Individuals

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Intermediate Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Intermediate Individuals

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Senior Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Senior Individuals

\_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Individuals