

September 22, 2023

**MEMO TO:** District 11 County Extension Agents

**SUBJECT:** Food Show / Food Challenge, December 13 & 14, 2023

Attached is information on the District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge contest, to be held at the Friar Ag Center & Anne Friar Thomas Homemaking Building in Cuero, TX on Wednesday & Thursday, December 13 & 14, 2023.

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** – All age divisions will use the Texas 4-H form for submission.

**Major Changes for 2023-2024 – Food Show & Food Challenge**

- Food Show is December 13th, Food Challenge is December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The theme for the Texas 4-H Food Show will remain the same for two years. The theme for 2023-2024 Food Show is **Cooking Through the Decades**. All recipes should reflect this theme.
- **FOOD SHOW: FOOD PREP JUDGING** at State, Seniors will be judged while preparing in the kitchen area.
- **FOOD CHALLENGE: AGE DIVISIONS** will be Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
- **FOOD CHALLENGE: JUNIOR TEAMS** will not be utilizing electricity at District.

All Food Show & Food Challenge contestants must register online via 4Honline 2.0. This can be done anytime between November 1 and November 20 for a \$15.00 contest management fee charged per individual and a \$5 registration fee per contest. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for registrations between November 21 and November 27 in addition to the management and registration fees.

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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