2015 NORTH DAKOTA 4-H CONSUMER CHOICES

When & Where: The state 4-H Consumer Choices contest will be held on Tuesday, July 21, in the Atrium of the State Fair Center at the North Dakota State Fair in Minot.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Registration
10:45 a.m. – Contest
Approximately 3:30 p.m. – Awards

Eligibility: Participants must be enrolled in 4-H in the county they represent. Members (three top scores) of a winning team from a previous state contest or participants in a national contest are not eligible. New in 2014 - Counties may enter more than one team in each of the senior and junior divisions. Each team is allowed up to five members per team. Substitution and changes of county team members can be made at registration.

Senior Teams – Participants on senior teams must be 13-18 years of age before September 1, 2014.
Note: Members 13 years of age before September 1, 2014 may judge in either category. To be eligible for the National contest, senior team members must be 14 by January 1, 2015. The team eligible for the National contest will be made up of the top four scorers from the winning team.

Junior Teams – Participants on junior teams must be 10-13 years of age before September 1, 2014.

Individual Judgers – 4-H members are eligible to judge as an individual if their county does not have enough participants to make up a team. The top 10 judgers will be recognized at the state contest. (Individual judgers are not eligible to represent North Dakota in the National Contest.)

County Combination Teams - Up to three counties may combine to make a team provided that none of the counties involved have more than two members participating in Consumer Choices judging on that team. Combined county teams must be pre-registered together. No combination teams will be formed at registration.

Dress Code: The 4-H dress code will be observed. Participants will be neatly dressed and must wear a solid colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt or blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed and fastened securely on the front. A 25 point deduction will be made per individual and 25 points will be deducted from the team’s score if any participant is not in dress code.

Classes: Six (6) classes will be placed. Two classes will be selected from each of the following topics: Fast Food, Headphones and Jeans. Oral reasons will be given in each topic area for a total of three sets. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for judging a class.

Scoring: Each class will have a value of 50 points for the correct placing. In addition, oral reasons will also have a value of 50 points. In the event of ties, the person with the higher reasons score will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, ties will be broken by total points of non-reasons classes in the contest. The top three members’ scores will be used to determine the overall team score.

Awards: Placing ribbons will be given to the top 10 individuals and to the top five teams in each age division. Ribbons are provided by the North Dakota State Fair. The first place team (three members plus alternate) may represent North Dakota in the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest at the Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, Colorado. Five hundred dollars ($500) will be provided by the 4-H Foundation toward expenses for the trip. In addition, the NDSU Extension Service will provide $500 toward the cost of transportation.

Note: Participants are to bring a pencil with an eraser for the contest (mechanical pencils work well since they need not be sharpened.) No cell phones will be allowed at the state contest. Paper will be provided.

References: Please refer to CC616, 4-H Consumer Choices, for information and help on this event. CC618, 4-H Consumer Choices Study Guide, provides further information on the topic.

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