2017 NORTH DAKOTA 4-H CONSUMER CHOICES

When & Where: The state 4-H Consumer Choices contest will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 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 of a first place team from a previous state contest or participants in a national contest are not eligible. Counties may bring an unlimited number of youth in both the junior and senior divisions to the state contest. Substitutions and changes of county participants can be made at registration on the day of the contest.

Senior Teams: Participants on senior teams must be 14-18 years of age as of December 31, 2016. The team eligible for the National contest will be made up of the top four scorers from the first place team. A team consists of at least three individuals from a county or county combination team.

Junior Teams: Participants on junior teams must be 10-13 years of age (age 10 before September 1, 2016, and up to age 13 as of December 31, 2016). Youth who are ages 8-9 years of age before September 1, 2016, MAY choose to participate in the junior division. A team consists of at least three individuals from a county or county combination team.

Individual Judges: 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 individual judgers will be recognized at the state contest. (Individual judgers are not eligible to represent North Dakota at the National contest.)

County Combination Teams: Two counties may combine to form a team provided that neither of the counties involved have more than two members participating in Consumer Choices judging on the team. Combined county teams must be pre-registered together. No combination teams will be formed at registration on the day of the contest.

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 does not observe the dress code.

Classes: Six (6) classes will be placed. Two (2) classes will be selected from each of the following topics: Smoothies, Outdoor Backpacks and Insulated Jackets/Vests. Oral reasons will be given in each of the three (3) topic areas for a total of three (3) sets of reasons. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for placing 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 a tie, the participant with the higher total reasons score will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by the total number of points in non-reasons classes. The top three participants’ scores from a county or county combination will be used to determine the overall team score.

Awards: Placing ribbons will be given to the top scoring 10 individuals and to the top scoring five teams in each age division. Ribbons are provided by the North Dakota State Fair. The first place senior team (three participants plus an alternate) may represent North Dakota in the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest at the Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, Colorado in January 2018. One thousand dollars ($1,000) will be provided by the 4-H Foundation toward expenses for the trip.

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

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References: Please refer to CC616, *4-H Consumer Choices*, for information and help on this event. CC617, *4-H Consumer Choices Beginner Study Guides* and CC618, *4-H Consumer Choices Junior/Senior Study Guides*, provide further information on the topic.