



## Consumer Decision Making Contest Memo

Date:	Saturday, March 25, 2023
Location:	Farmersville First Baptist Church – Farmersville, Texas 124 S. Washington St. – Farmersville, Texas 75442
Schedule:	Tentative Schedule below. Times are subject to change.
Contest Check-In:	10:00 a.m.
Orientation:	10:30 a.m.
Judging Begins:	Following Orientation
Reasons:	Following Judging
Awards:	TBA

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$12.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on **February 22, 2023 and close at midnight March 8, 2023.** No late entries will be accepted.

**Participation.** Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development County program in District IV. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member on a team.

**Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Entries per County.** Each county may enter unlimited teams/individuals per age division listed above. The top 3 senior teams and/or individuals (if they are not already on one of the top 3 teams) will advance to state.

**Members per Team.** Teams consist of 3 or 4 members of the same age. Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team. Juniors and intermediates are not allowed to move up to the senior age division.

Suggested materials to bring for contest: Clipboard, blank paper, and pencils. No calculators allowed. **CDM Note Sheet will be available for all participants.**



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**Awards.** 1st through 5th place individual and team awards in each age division will be presented. Awards will be presented for placings, reasons, and overall scores for each age group.

**Participants with Disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office [or Denita Young at \[djyoung@ag.tamu.edu\]\(mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu\)](mailto:or Denita Young at djyoung@ag.tamu.edu) or note when registering on 4-H Online, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

**Contest Rules.** District IV follows the rules set forth in the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Guide. Contestants will judge 5 classes from the current category study guide (linked below) and one mystery class.

**Reasons:** Juniors will not give any reasons. Intermediates will give one set of reasons. Seniors will give two sets.

### Classes.

- Athletic Shoes
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Wireless Portable Speakers
- Outdoor Equipment
- Outdoor Backpacks
- Mystery

### Resources.

- [Texas 4-H Website for Consumer Decision Making](#)
- [Contest Categories](#)

Beyond the information found in the study guide, members are encouraged to research credible resources for additional consumer/product information.

- Tablets: <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/tablets/buying-guide.htm>
- Video Tips
  - [CDM Judging - Part 1](#)
  - [CDM Judging - Part 2](#)

Contestants will use the Universal A scan sheet to record their placings. Please make sure they are familiar with the sheet prior to judging. An example of one can be viewed here:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>

**Contest Superintendents.** Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest directed to Lou Ann Rollins at [larollins@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:larollins@ag.tamu.edu) or Laura Graves at [Laura.Graves@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Laura.Graves@ag.tamu.edu)