

**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**DATE:** December 7, 2020

**TO:** All District 5 County Extension Agents

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**SUBJECT:** 2021 District 5 4-H Food Challenge Contest  
 April 28, 2021 – Senior Teams  
 June 5, 2021 – Junior and Intermediate Teams  
 Cross Brand Cowboy Church, 11915 FM 2015, Tyler

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Due to recent COVID guidelines from AgriLife, the Food Challenge committee has met and decided to move the contest date back into spring. Please be sure to review the attached information and send the rules of play to your 4-H families.

**This document is internal information for CEAs.** The contest information should be copied and emailed/distributed to families desiring to participate in either contest. A marketing flyer is attached for your use. Be sure to add your county office contact information at the bottom.

## District 5 Event Guidelines

### Entry Requirements

- Enter individually on 4HOnline beginning December 4, 2020 at <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Contest Fee - \$12 per contestant
  - ✓ Food Challenge is a team event (3 or 4-member team)
  - ✓ When registering, ALL team members must be listed in 4HOnline.
- Late Entry Fee - \$25 per contestant

### District Deadlines

- Entry to 4HOnline and entry materials by **March 16, 2021**
- Soft due date for agents: **March 17, 2021** (only to be used for corrections to entries)
- Late entry – **March 18-20, 2021** (late fees apply)

### Entry Divisions (grade by August 31, 2020)

- Junior            Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate   Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior            Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

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## Team Entries Per County

- Each county may submit FIVE teams per age division.
- A total of 15 team entries per county may be submitted for the district contest.
- Teams may not include members in different age divisions.

## Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

## Awards

- Placing will be announced the week following the contest.
- Awards for each age division will be mailed to local county Extension offices for presentation.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> places will be presented a rosette and an award to be determined by committee.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name, photograph, and/or recipe as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

## Agent Assignments

Chair: Cindy VanDevender	Emily H.	Preston Sturdivant
Co-chair: Carolyn Tyler	Tasha Brent	Liz Buckner
Feleshia Thompson	Holly Black	Cherokee FCH Agent
Joel Redus	Clarissa Moon	Sandy Jenkins
Julie York	Angie Monk	Skyler Shively
Angela Hemphill	Willie Arnwine	
Awards: Arvitta Scott		

## Contest Committee Members

- The contest chair will let each committee member know the time he/she should arrive to support the contest.
- Committee members will be scheduled to work a specific age-division for a specified time.

## Help Desk

- Please direct people with questions to this area so that information provided is consistent and accurate.

## Judges

- Judging will be conducted via agent Food Challenge committee members.

## Score Sheet

- Complete one score sheet per Food Challenge team with name of county AND team name (please type). A fillable PDF form is available at the District 5 web page <https://d54-h.tamu.edu>
- Completed score sheets should be submitted to the district office via email to [carolyn.walton@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:carolyn.walton@ag.tamu.edu) by **March 5, 2021**.

### **Social Distance Guidelines**

- Your health is of utmost importance and as such some engagement may be minimized at the request of Texas 4-H based on health concerns associated with COVID-19.
- Maintain social distancing (6 feet) throughout the contest by households.
- Masks/face coverings must be worn (over the nose and mouth).
- Wash hands for 20 seconds often or use hand sanitizer.
- Stay home if sick.