

Arapahoe County Consumer Choices Contest Guidelines

The Consumer Choices Judging Contest will be **Saturday, March 11, 2017** at CentrePoint Plaza, Aurora. We hope you will plan on participating in this contest.

The contest this year will be held at Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza, Aurora.

Registration will be at 8 AM. The Consumer Choices Contest will start at 8:30 AM. Following the completion of class judging and reasons, Senior teams will participate in a Group Think activity.

Entry forms are due by Friday, February 10, 2017

General Information:

- Volunteers are needed. (Please list on the enclosed registration form.)
- The contest classes will relate to topics of interest to today's youth. No prior studying is required to prepare for the contest.
- There will be five classes (4 placings and 1 reasons) judged by each individual. There will be five classes for juniors and five for seniors.
- Contestants will be given ten (10) minutes to judge each class and will be allowed two minutes to give each set of reasons. A ten (10) minute study time will be provided prior to each set of reasons.

Participant Eligibility:

- 4-H members between the ages of eight (8) and eighteen (18) as of December 31, 2016 may participate on a team.
- Team members will be scored individually.
- Teams may be composed of either three or four members (no more or less than that)
- A team of three from one County may not add an individual from another County.
- Individuals may be placed on a team if numbers permit.
- There is no limit to the number of 4-H members who may enter the contest.
- **Juniors (ages 8 – 13); Seniors (ages 14 – 18)**

Lunch:

- You may bring lunch with you to the contest or there are close restaurants/fast foods by CentrePoint Plaza.

Reasons Format:

- Contestants will be given a choice as to the format they wish to use. They may give a formal set of reasons or respond to questions posed to them by reasons judges (interview format).
- Preparation for either format will be the same, as they will need to think through their criteria and how the criteria applies to each item and their class placing.

Placing Classes:

- There are five classes for Juniors and five classes for Seniors. Juniors and Seniors will judge in separate areas of the building (the room will be divided).
- Each participant will need to read the class situation carefully as it will define the standards that the contestant should use for the class.
- Each contestant will evaluate the four alternatives provided base upon the standards identified and using their best judgment rank the choices first (best alternative) to fourth (worst alternative).

Reasons Classes:

- Reasons classes do not have a right or wrong placing.
- Contestants will need to determine their criteria by which they make their decisions.
- Contestants will be scored based on how well they establish and apply their criteria to the choices provided.

- No placing score will be awarded, only an oral reasons score.

Group Think Activity (Seniors):

The Group Think consists of 5 basic steps:

- ❖ Ascertain the issue or problem and state the facts
- ❖ Determine the alternative solutions to the problem
- ❖ List personal or social goals (or criteria) bearing on the problem
- ❖ Evaluate the alternatives according to the goals or criteria
- ❖ Make a decision based on the evaluation

Each Senior team will be given 10 minutes processing time. Teams will be taken into the judging room in random order. Upon entering the judging room, the team will be presented a situation. With the judges watching, the team will read and evaluate the problem, discuss their solution, and present a final statement of their decision. Recommended processing time is 3 minutes for read through, 3 minutes for discussion, and 2 minutes for the final statement.

Awards:

- Awards will be presented after tabulations are finished.
- High overall individual scores will be based on the total score of 4 placing classes and 1 set of reasons.
- Ties will be broken by total reasons score and a tie-breaker class.
- Tie-breaker – prior to the contest, two classes will be designated as tie-breakers. In the event a tie occurs that cannot be broken by the other criteria, the placing score from the classes will be used to break the tie.
- High overall team scores will be determined by adding the three highest scores on each individual judging class. The low scoring team members of each individual judging class will be dropped.
- Team ties will be broken by total team reasons, combined with scores of three members on individual reasons and combined scores of three members on tie-breaker class.
- If there is still a tie in the Senior division the Group Think activity score will be used.

Questions? If you have any further questions contact Shaylen Florez at 303-730-1920, fax 303-730-2764.

CONSUMER CHOICES CONTEST REGISTRATION

Saturday – March 11, 2017

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2017

(Late entries will not be accepted)

RETURN FORMS TO:

Arapahoe County Extension Office

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Centennial, CO 80112

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Each 4-H member participating must fill out a form. Make copies of the form if more than one member in the family needs to complete the form.

Please print or type:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Age as of Dec 31, 2016: _____ Birth Date: _____ 4-H Club: _____

E-mail address: _____

CIRCLE ONE:

Cloverbud

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

(Ages 5-7)

(Ages 8-10)

(Ages 11-13)

Ages (14-18)

CONSUMER CHOICES/JUDGING: (Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the contest begins at 8:30 AM)

I will be attending Consumer Choices Contest Day with my child and would be available to assist.
