**2017 CREATIVE COOKS CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

(ONE ENTRY PER FORM)       Saturday, February 18, 2017    DUE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017– Late Entries not accepted.
Return entry forms to: CSU Extension, Arapahoe County, 6934 S. Lima St., Suite B, Centennial, CO 80112 or you may email to Shaylen @ sflorez@arapahoegov.com.

Please use ONE form for each Individual, Team and Group contest entry (copy this form as needed). Each member may enter a total of two events. (i.e. one individual and one team, one team and one group or one group and one individual). Cloverbuds may not enter as part of a team with members, ages 8 thru 18. NOTE: All ages are as of December 31, 2016. Late entries will not be accepted. Individuals may not participate as an individual and as a team member at the State Fair. If you are participating in the Colorado Specialty Foods division, please check it off as well as your age division.

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**TEAM (2 people): Teams must enter the age group of the oldest member of the team.**

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**CLUB GROUP: Groups do not move on to State Fair. There will be no limit on group size.**

Name of Club ________________________________

Club Contact (member) ________________________________

Address ________________________________

Phone ________________________________

E-mail address: ________________________________

ATTACH MAIN RECIPE TO THE ENTRY FORM
2017 CREATIVE COOKS CONTEST GUIDELINES
Arapahoe County

1. The purpose of the contest is to learn about meal planning, food safety and nutrition.

2. Each 4-H’er can enter one or two events - individual division (1 person), team division (2 people) or club group (no limit) but they may participate in only one event at State Fair, either as an individual or as a team member. **Group contestants do not participate at the state level.** Please check the box on the entry form if you are entering two divisions in the County Contest.

3. Please include your main recipe with your entry form. Contestants using Wild Game Meat (deer or elk meat) must have a copy of the test results for Chronic Wasting Disease attached to their entry form, even if it was purchased at a meat market.

4. **Registration begins at 8 a.m. and judging at 9 a.m.** Everyone must be set-up and be ready by 9 a.m. Plan to stay until 2 p.m. We may finish earlier or later, depending on the number of entries. The contest will be an Arapahoe County contest.

5. **Members are to do all set up and food preparation by themselves.** Adults cannot help contestant set up their display. To do so may forfeit all awards. This includes helping prepare foods in the kitchen, verbal coaching, and etc. A helper will be available in the warming kitchen to assist contestants using the microwave, or for other needs, but assistance will not be allowed from family members or friends. Adults may assist in carrying items into and out of the building and during clean up in order to expedite the conclusion of the contest.

6. **Cloverbud guidelines differ slightly. Please read further for those guidelines.**

7. Entrants are required to thoroughly clean their space at the conclusion of the contest. Be sure to bring all necessary cleaning supplies. When you clean up your spot, please make sure you pull up the blue painter’s tape that is on the floor and throw it away.

CREATIVE COOKS PROCEDURES

1. Plan a menu for a meal (for example, but not limited to, breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, barbecue, picnic, high tea, campout, sports game, holiday or birthday party).

2. Set one place setting appropriate for the meal selected. Each contestant will be allowed a 48” square for a display area. Groups will be allowed a larger space. All props must fit within the designated space. No food, real or artificial, will be used as a centerpiece or part of the centerpiece. Contestant/Team must provide a card table it needed as part of presentation. A poster, foam core board or display board detailing the entire menu must be included (no larger than 8-1/2” x 11”). It is helpful if the menu is on a sturdy material that stands alone. A menu in a picture frame could also be used.

3. Exhibitors will prepare a food item in advance and be ready to exhibit the food item during a scheduled time before the judge(s) at the Contest. The judge(s) briefly interview participants regarding exhibits, and what they have learned in preparing the exhibit. The participant should not begin or end with a prepared speech or demonstration without being asked to by the judge(s).

4. Exhibitors are asked to display one serving of their prepared food in the proper dish. Exhibitors are encouraged to garnish the one serving as it might be served. The judge should not be served from this displayed serving, but rather given a taste from another serving. Disposable dishes and utensils should be used (not a part of your table service) to serve a sample of your food item to the judges.

5. Preparation guidelines:
   
   **A.** Prepare and bring only one food item from your menu (individual), two food items (Teams-county level only, State requires 1 item for Teams), and one item per participant (Group)
   
   **B.** No commercially prepared food items are acceptable.
   
   **C.** Be prepared to serve food item(s) to judge(s) on separate disposable serving dishes/pieces. Do not use any part of your table setting for serving.
   
   **D.** Do not provide samples of the food to the general public due to public health codes.
E. If hands are going to touch food while serving to the judge, exhibitor should use disposable plastic gloves. Do not use disposable gloves throughout the set up and judging process. They do not remain sanitary very long under such conditions.

6. Food – all food used for Creative Cooks should be brought from home. In selecting the item to be prepared, consider how the item will be transported to the Contest safely and attractively. Judges may refuse to sample any food items they feel are unsafe to eat.

7. Kitchen – the kitchen at the Contest is a “warming kitchen” and is extremely limited so do as much food preparation as possible at home. A microwave is available to be used for warming only. There is also a refrigerator available if needed. Leave the kitchen clean when finished.

8. Judging will be based on:
   A. Exhibitor – well groomed; understands meal planning
   B. Menu – balance for flavor, color, texture, shape and nutrition
   C. Prepared dish – appearance, flavor and quality
   D. Table Setting – attractive; suitable for meal
   E. Knowledge of nutrition
   F. Food safety
   G. Creativity

Adults cannot help contestant do prep work in the kitchen or set up display. To do so may forfeit all awards won. They may help transport heavy or breakable items, boxes, etc., as needed.

NOTE: Juniors and Intermediates are not to prepare deep fat fried foods due to safety concerns.

SAMPLE MENU

**Fiesta Burrito**
**Spanish rice**
**Spicy Avocado**
**Lemon Water**
**Churro**

The ages of the participant(s) will be considered. Judges may ask the contestant(s) questions such as:

"Have you served this meal to your family?"
"Why did you choose this centerpiece?"
"Tell me how your menu fits the food guide pyramid?"
"Would you tell me why you think this is a nutritious meal?"
"How would you get this dish to a picnic and be sure it would be safe to eat?"
"Why did you choose to prepare this dish instead of one of the other items on your menu?"

For a team:
"How did you divide the responsibility for preparing this meal?"

**Colorado Specialty Foods Division:**

Members entered in this category must use one or more of the Colorado Specialty foods listed below in their Creative Cooks exhibit. The product must be a major ingredient in the recipe to qualify for this division. Ingredients such as oil used to brown meat, as a garnish, or in a small amount in the recipe do not qualify as a major ingredient.

Wild game meat must be catchable in the wild. Therefore, buffalo would not qualify but rainbow trout would.

Colorado Specialty Foods are:
- Amaranth (grain)
- Anasazi Beans
- Blue Corn
- Quinoa (grain)
- Mung Beans (bean sprouts)
- Edible Soybeans (tofu)
- Sunflower Seeds
- Popped Wheat
• Sesame Seeds
• Black Turtle Beans
• Adzuki Beans
• Lamb
• Wild Game Meat (If using deer or elk meat, a copy of the test results for Chronic Wasting Disease is required, even if purchased at a meat market.)

These products are available in health and food specialty stores and some supermarkets. Additional information is available at the Extension Office and from commodity groups.

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO BRING

- serving pieces
- potholders
- menu display (poster)
- dish towels and dish cloths
- disposable dish & flatware to serve judges
- centerpiece
- card table (individual, teams & groups if needed)
- glassware
- cleaning supplies
- apron
- tableware
- appropriate linens
- copies of recipe
- prepared dish
- disposable gloves

AWARDS
Arapahoe County exhibitors in the contest will receive a participation prize. Champions and reserve champion ribbons will be awarded in each division. Individual and team champions in each division will have the opportunity to represent Arapahoe County at State Fair in August.

QUESTIONS
Call Shaylen Florez or Jean Walton at 303-730-1920.

CLOVERBUD CREATIVE COOKS GUIDELINES

Cloverbud members may enter Creative Cooks as an individual, or as a member of a cloverbud team or group or both. Cloverbuds may not enter as part of a team with members ages 8 thru 18. They will have an opportunity to talk to a judge, but will not be judged. Arapahoe County Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon and a "goody bag" at the conclusion of the contest. They are encouraged to stay for the awards ceremony.

Cloverbud Creative Cooks register at 8 a.m. and must be set-up by 9 a.m. Cloverbuds must follow the same guidelines as for older 4-H members, keeping in mind the abilities of the children.

☼ Cloverbuds must supply their own table. ☼

A 36” card table is needed for individuals and teams and a larger table for group entries. Parents may help Cloverbuds only! They may help with their cloverbud’s set-up and take-down but may not be there during judging.

TALKING TO THE JUDGE
The Cloverbud judge will ask the members to share information about their entry. These are samples of questions that may be asked:

"Tell me about your exhibit (theme, food, etc.)"
"Who helped you prepare your exhibit?"
"Did you have fun fixing the food?"
"What do you like about cooking?"
"What part of the pyramid are your foods from?"

QUESTIONS
For Cloverbud questions, call Shaylen Florez, 303-730-1920.