

2008 NORTH DAKOTA 4-H CONSUMER CHOICES

When & Where: The state 4-H Consumer Choices contest will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at the North Dakota State Fair in Minot.

AM Group
9:00 am – Registration
9:30 am – Contest

PM Group
12:30 pm – Registration
1:00 pm – Contest

Eligibility: Participants must be enrolled in 4-H in the county they represent. Members (three top scores) of a winning team from a previous state contest or participants in a national contest are not eligible. Each county may enter one team in each of the senior and junior divisions, a maximum of two teams of up to five members. The senior team will include teen members, and participants must be 13-18 years of age before September 1, 2007. The second team will include preteen members, and participants must be 10-13 years of age before September 1, 2007. Up to three counties may combine to make a team provided that none of the counties involved have more than two members participating in Consumer Choices judging in that division. Note: Members 13 years of age before last September 1 may judge in either category. To be eligible for the National contest, senior team members must be 14 by January 1, 2008.

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 is not in dress code.

Classes: Six (6) classes will be placed. Two classes will be selected from each of the following topics: Backpacks, Fast foods, and Gift cards. Oral reasons will be given in each topic area for a total of three sets. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for judging 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 ties, the person with the higher reasons score will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, ties will be broken by total points of non-reasons classes in the contest. The top three members' scores will be used to determine the overall team score.

Awards: Placing ribbons will be given to the top 10 individuals and to the top five teams and their coaches. In each division ribbons are provided by the State Fair. The North Dakota Association of Family and Community Educators will provide a memento for each member of the winning team. The first place team (three members plus alternate) will be provided an opportunity to attend the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest at the Western 4-H Roundup in Denver, Colorado. Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be provided by the 4-H Foundation toward expenses for the trip. In addition, the NDSU Extension Service will provide \$500 toward the cost of transportation. The second place team may design a consumer-based trip and, if taken, will receive \$400 from the 4-H Foundation and the \$500 transportation expenses from the NDSU Extension Service.

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

References: Please refer to CC616, *4-H Consumer Choices*, for information and help on this event. CC618, *2008 4-H Consumer Choices Study Guide*, provides further information on the topic. The following website has been created to assist you: www.ext.nodak.edu/county/williams/4-H/consumerchoices.htm.

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