
4-H Food and Nutrition Project - Lubbock County - Fall 2021

Dear 4-H Family,

Your child is invited to participate in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project. There are many different opportunities that you will learn about in this newsletter.



What is a Food & Nutrition Project?

A "Project" is a series of meetings, led by a volunteer leader. At the meetings your child will be learning about food preparation, meal planning, food safety, nutrition and food buying. The "Project" may be conducted in a couple of sessions or all in one day. Please contact your club manager to find out when your club's project groups are meeting. If your club does not currently have a project group meeting, you may form your own project group, project activities may be done on an individual basis, or you may participate in the county opportunities found in this newsletter. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions or need assistance in coming up with project activities.

When participating, each child is asked to pay a fee, which covers the cost of expenses that project leaders have in conducting the project. Since 4-H'ers usually eat at these meetings, these costs are usually just barely enough to cover food costs. Please be prompt in paying these amounts, since the leaders are paying for it out of their own pockets and waiting to be reimbursed. Food and Nutrition project resource packets for 4-H'ers to complete on their own are also available from the Extension Office.

We also offer county-wide activities and tours that everyone is invited to participate in. You'll find these opportunities listed in this newsletter.

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H SKILLS WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 20-21 from 4:30 - 7 pm we will have the county-wide 4-H Workshops at the County Extension Office to assist 4-H'ers in preparing for the Food Show Skills tests. Stations will be set up for 4-H'ers to rotate through on the different related food and nutrition skills. Skills workshops will include: measuring liquid and dry ingredients, knife safety, types of knives, using small appliances, food safety, nutrition quiz, meal planning, and utensil identification. The workshops are come and go anytime between 4:30 and 7 pm. Senior 4-H'ers may also assist with the stations for leadership; just let Ronda know when you would like to come. There is no cost to participate.

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H TOUR

A county-wide food and nutrition project tour is planned for Thursday, October 28 at the Texas Tech Club. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 27; meet on the West side of the Texas Tech Football Stadium at the 1st floor parking lot entrance at 5:15 pm.

5:30 pm Texas Tech Club kitchen tour and interview with Executive Chef

ONE DAY 4-H

On Saturday, October 9 from 9-11 am, we will have a community service at the South Plains Food Bank Farm; the Farm is located at 304 76th. If there are weather issues, please check the 4-H Facebook page for cancellations or more information. We will be picking vegetables, hoeing weeds or whatever else farm tasks they need help with. We will be working outside, so be sure to dress appropriately. You will also have the opportunity to learn how the farm operates. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Thursday, October 7, if you plan to attend.

COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year, our county-wide community service will be supporting the “Meals on Wheels” Senior Hunger campaign with a canned food drive. Items to donate: non-perishable, individually packaged food items for Weekend Meal Program - instant oatmeal, cream of wheat, small boxes of cereal, pudding, soup-individual size, tuna, vienna sausage, cheese or peanut butter crackers, granola bars, cookies, snack cakes, tea, coffee, and cocoa. Please bring donation items by the Extension Office during October or to the County 4-H Food Show.



In December we will also be assisting with filling the weekend bags on Thursday, December 16 from 2:30 - 4 pm at the Meals on Wheels location - 2304 34th, which are distributed on Friday's to Meals on Wheels recipients. Please RSVP by December 13, if you plan to volunteer.

COUNTY FOOD SHOW

This is an optional competition, in which 4-H'ers prepare a food and participate in an interview with judges to demonstrate what they have learned through their project.

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 4
- Judging to begin at 6 pm in County Extension Office
- WHERE:** Lubbock County Ext. Office
916 Main, Suite 401,
Awards program held following completion of judging, in the Bank Lobby.
- ENTRY:** Entry and recipe are due
Wednesday, October 27 by 5 pm

If you have special circumstances for judging times or questions, please contact Ronda as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements.

FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

4-H'ers will:

- Develop healthy eating habits to reduce the risk of chronic disease.
- Develop food preparation, safety and nutrition skills.
- Provide leadership and public speaking opportunities.
- Provide opportunities for participants to connect MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines to their daily lives.
- Learn about nutrients and the health benefits they provide to the body.

FOOD SHOW INFORMATION

After your food show entry information has been submitted, you will receive a County Food Show Information letter, via email. It will include score cards (with questions to prepare for), a Food Show Information Schedule which will include an assigned judging time and specific information to help you prepare for the competition.

COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry materials for the food show are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, to the County Extension Office or you may email the entry forms to Ronda at rd-alexander@tamu.edu.

Participants must turn in:

- recipe (may be hand-written, typed or copied)
- entry form (included with this letter)
- project form (optional - may be downloaded from county website)

According to UIL rules for extracurricular activities, 4-H'ers must meet school eligibility requirements in order to participate in the food show or any competitive event.

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior - 3rd grade - 5th grade

Intermediate - 6th - 8th grade

Senior - 9th - 12th grade

Clover - K - 2nd grade; may participate, but do not advance to District; clovers will only prepare a dish and participate in the interview;

CATEGORIES - for 2021-22

This year's 4-H Food Show theme, "Backyard BBQ." Summer isn't the only time for a Backyard BBQ! Sometimes a backyard BBQ means you get to enjoy special dishes that you only see at a BBQ. The grill usually comes out and families have started gathering around to experiment with different flavors. Now is the time for you to get creative with flavors and recipes commonly found at a backyard BBQ. Any kind of outdoor SAFE outdoor cookery is allowed. You may even want to try a new piece of kitchen equipment such as a grill plate or indoor grill. Remember, not all backyard BBQ dishes even require a grill! Many backyard BBQ dish favorites can be prepared on the stovetop, in the oven, in non-cook methods, or using special equipment. Remember to keep in mind good nutrition and healthy preparation methods as you select your recipe.

All four food categories may use ovens during food preparation. However, oven time is limited to 75 minutes in all categories for Seniors. Seniors may use an outdoor grill for their D-2 entry, however ABSOLUTELY NO open flames or outdoor type grills will be allowed at the State Food Show.

MAIN DISH - The main dish is usually the heaviest, heartiest, and most substantial dish in a meal. In a meal consisting of several courses, the main dish is served during the main course and is the featured dish of the meal. The key ingredient is usually meat or another protein food, but they may contain other foods.

SIDE DISH - Side dishes are foods that are usually served along with a main dish or as accompaniments to the main course. Suggested dishes may include salads, cooked vegetables, cooked fruit, pasta or rice dishes and combination vegetables dishes.

APPETIZER - Traditionally an appetizer is a small dish or food that is eaten prior to the main course. When selecting recipes for this category, contestants should consider foods that are low in fat, sodium, and calories so as to not ruin one's appetite.

HEALTHY DESSERTS - Healthy can still mean delicious when it comes to desserts. Dishes in this category should be served at the end of the meal or for special occasions.

Contestants should modify traditional recipes with healthy substitutions and consider MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines when selecting recipes for this category.

Only edible garnishes will be allowed. If you have questions about what type of food goes in which category, please call Ronda. Elaborate displays are also not allowed (i.e. centerpieces, place mats, etc.)

Recipe Presentation and Judging

- For Junior and Intermediate participants, they will start with a maximum 2-minute presentation to introduce themselves and their dish, and should describe briefly their inspiration in choosing that dish based on the theme: Backyard BBQ. They will then have an additional 6 minutes to answer questions from the judges, related to the score card.
- Senior participants will start with a maximum 5-minute presentation to describe their inspiration in choosing their recipe, how the recipe relates to the current food show theme "Backyard BBQ" and other points listed on the score card. They will then have an additional 4 minutes to answer questions from the judges related to the scoresheet in the areas of: Knowledge of MyPlate, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation, and Food Safety concerns.
- Finally, participants will have 1 minute to serve the judges a portion of their dish. The dish should be presented in a serving dish, and garnished. Contestants should only use serving dishes and utensils appropriate and necessary to serve the dish; placemats, centerpieces or linens are not to be included. Gloves should only be used if necessary for the item to be served.
- Clovers will also participate in a practice-type interview, conducted by Senior 4-H members at the County Food Show.

Skill Showcase: Youth will also be judged on an assigned kitchen/cooking type skill. Youth will complete this skill at the end of the interview, when requested by the judges. All materials needed to demonstrate the skill will be provided for the contestant. Examples of the skills to be assigned include, but not limited to the workshop skills which will be available for practice at the County Workshop Skills practice to be held on October 20 and 21 from 4:30 - 7 pm at the County Extension Office.

Knowledge Showcase: Youth will need to employ their decision-making and knowledge related to food purchasing, preparation, nutrition and food safety to answer questions on a quiz. Food Show participants will take the quiz either prior to or immediately after their designated food show judging time (depending on available time schedule).

DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW

4-H'ers placing first in their age division category at the County Food Show are eligible to compete in the District 4-H Food Show which will be held in Sundown on Saturday, December 11.

For this competition 4-H'ers participate in the same process as at county. They prepare their dish ahead of time, take it with them to the Show, participate in an interview with judges and are then recognized for their participation in a formal awards ceremony.

First place winners in the senior age category will advance to the State 4-H Food Show which is held during State 4-H Roundup in June.



DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

All 4-H'ers are welcomed to prepare an educational exhibit related to Food and Nutrition to set up at the District Food Show. Participants must furnish their own table/easel and set up the exhibit. Please sign-up by November 29 if you would like to participate.

FCH QUIZ BOWL

The FCH Quiz Bowl is another opportunity available for 4-H'ers to get involved and learn about food and nutrition. Participants learn about food and nutrition, through participation in a game-type format, answering different related questions. Four 4-H'ers make up a team for this competition; you may recruit your own team members or teams may be made up from all 4-H'ers across the county. If you are interested in participating, please call the Extension Office as soon as possible to sign up and get started. Teams compete as Juniors, Intermediates (may be both juniors and intermediates) and Seniors. All teams may advance to the District Contest which will be held in Levelland on Saturday, December 11.



DISTRICT GRILLING GAMES

The District 2 Grilling Games will be held on Saturday, October 16 at the Patterson Park in Wolforth, beginning at 9 am. Registration is open until October 10, on 4-H Online; after October 10, late registration is available through October 14. The entry fee is \$5 per category: corn on the cob, boneless pork chop, hamburger patty, and chicken legs; late is \$50 and includes all 4 categories. Check the Facebook page: "District 2 4-H Grilling Games;" for rules and contest information.



PROJECT RECORD FORMS

The Project Record Form is available from the County website; it is listed under Publications - 4-H - Lubbock County 4-H Project Form. 4-H'ers are not required to turn in their completed project form, however it is a good idea to go ahead and turn it in when they enter the food show. For those not competing in the Food Show, they may turn one in at the end of any 4-H project. This helps 4-H'ers to begin developing their record-keeping skills and preparing a 4-H Record Book.



CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING PRACTICES

The Consumer Decision-Making project orientation will be held on Monday, October 18 at 5:30 pm at the County Extension Office (prior to the 4-H Parent Leaders Association and Teen Council meetings at 6:30 pm. This competition may be done as an individual, as well as with team members; teams are made up of 3-4 members. All age groups will practice together. The District Contest will be December 11 in Levelland. We will have a practice County Decision-Making Contest prior to the District event.

What Can Parents Do?

Parents can assist in many ways. Contact your project leader or club manager and ask them if there is anything that can be done to assist. Also, be timely in taking and picking up your kids from project meetings. You will also need to assist your children in preparing their entries for the Food Show, if they choose to participate. Please call if you have any questions.

4-H FOOD CHALLENGE

The Food Challenge is another food and nutrition project related activity that 4-H'ers may participate in. The 4-H Food Challenge is a contest that allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills. From a set of predetermined ingredients provided, teams of 3 to 4 4-H members must develop a recipe and prepare the dish within 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel, explaining the preparation steps, serving size, food safety concerns, nutrition value and cost of the dish. This year the District Contest will be held on Monday, November 8 in Levelland. Our county practice contest will be held on Sunday, October 17 in the Bank Lobby on the first floor of the County Extension Office Building. Please sign-up by Wednesday, October 13th if your team is planning on participating in the County practice; registration for the District competition is due by October 22 on 4-H Online. If you do not have a team, please contact Cory Edwards to see about participating on a county-wide team. This year teams may participate as a Junior, Intermediate (may include juniors) or Senior team. **Rules for Food Challenge have changed from previous years; if you do not have a copy, please contact Cory Edwards for updated information.**



YEAR-ROUND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Please save your grocery store paper sacks for the Meals on Wheels - Senior Hunger Campaign. Sacks should be barely used, with handles intact, stored flat. You may bring your donations by the Extension Office and we will deliver them. We especially need sacks for December and a Clover Project Community Service that we will be doing.

Sincerely,

Ronda Alexander

Ronda Alexander
CEA 4-H



LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW
ENTRY FORM - DUE OCTOBER 27

Name _____

Address _____

City, ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

School Name _____

Principal's Name _____

4-H Club _____

Date of Birth/Grade _____

Completed and Current 4-H Profile on 4-H Online - __ yes

Division Junior _____

Intermediate _____

Senior _____

Clover Kids _____

Category:

Main Dish _____

Appetizer _____

Side Dish _____

Healthy Desserts _____

Title of Recipe _____

(Attach a copy of recipe to this form)

Project Form Attached - optional

LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM - DUE OCTOBER 13

Division Junior _____
 Intermediate _____
 Senior _____

Team Name _____

- Team Members: _____

Coach(es) _____

Completed and Current 4-H Profile on 4-H Online for each
member - ___ yes