

PANHANDLE DISTRICT 1 4-H FASHION SHOW

Bushland High School, Bushland, Texas

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Participant Guide

All forms are available on the web and can be filled out and saved on your computer. Click on the following link for the forms:

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

1. OBJECTIVES:

To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise in front of others.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND AGE CRITERIA:

Membership - the contestant must be enrolled and actively participating as a 4-H member. The 4-H member must also be actively participating in a 4-H Clothing program. To participate in the District 1 4-H Fashion Show, a participant must place first at his or her county level fashion show and/or be certified by his or her county Extension agent. Only one entry per age level, division and category per county may advance to the District 1 4-H Fashion Show.

Age is based on the 2008-2009 4-H year:

Junior – must be 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 & 10 years of age on August 31, 2008. Birth date is between September 1, 1997 - August 21, 2000.

Intermediate – 11, 12, 13 as of August 31, 2008. Birth date is between September 1, 1994 - August 31, 1997.

Senior – 14-18 as of August 31, 2008. Birth date is between September 1, 1989 - August 31, 1994.

All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2008 and the district contest.

3. JUDGING DIVISIONS:

The District Fashion Show will have two divisions for seniors: **Buying** and **Construction**; and three divisions for juniors and intermediates: **Buying, Construction, and Embellished/Recycled**. **JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE CONTESTANTS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FROM ONE CATEGORY TO ANOTHER BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT SHOW AT THE AGENT'S DISCRETION, however, garments must meet category requirements as stated below.** Judges will have the final decision as to whether or not a garment is suitable for category. If garment is not suitable, participant will not be eligible for top category winners recognition.

Construction

Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased. **Seniors: All garments worn (garments that are visible - i.e.: blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be constructed.** Juniors and Intermediates: A minimum of one garment is all that is necessary to enter the construction category. Other garments worn

with the garment entered may be purchased or constructed.

Buying

Comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, internet, outlet stores, discount stores, resale shops, garage sales, thrift stores and professional seamstresses.

Three different sources or stores must be used, not three sections of a single store. Be sure to include all costs related to the garment, for instance, if an alteration or mending is needed to make the garment wearable, include the cost of labor and supplies for a professional seamstress to make the adjustment/repair.

During comparison shopping, if it is determined that **paying a professional seamstress (at normal retail cost)** to construct an ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, any other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column heading "Garment/Ensemble Selected" on the Buying Division Worksheet.

Seniors: All garments worn (garments that are visible - ie: blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be purchased and included on the buying worksheet.

Juniors and Intermediates: A minimum of one garment is all that is necessary to enter the buying category. Other garments worn with the garment entered may be purchased or constructed.

Embellished/Recycled - JUNIORS AND INTERMEDIATES ONLY

Any purchased or constructed garment that has been embellished with various trims, beads, paints, etc. or has been re-made for another purpose or look. Iron-ons are allowed if used with other embellishments. (This is a division and category in and of itself; there is no garment category designation. Only one entry per age division per county will advance to the District 1 4-H Fashion Show.) No additional garments may be carried with the exception of props (ie: show stick, tennis racquet, golf club, corsage, teddy bear). The 4-Her may construct, purchase or embellish a single item such as shorts, a skirt, or a blouse and purchase other garments as accessories. Accessory garments may be a sweater, blouse, t-shirt, etc. Other accessories that may be purchased include belts, shoes, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, hats, etc.

Judging Criteria: Appearance, quality of workmanship, wardrobe coordination, appropriateness of care requirements and selection of pattern, fabric and construction techniques will be judged. Adult judges will ask questions about the garment and its construction. This is an interview, not a presentation. You may introduce yourself, but let the judges conduct an interview.

Special Awards: Judges will select the Best Model from each age division during the public viewing. A best Model Awards will be given to a Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

4. **CATEGORIES:**

Junior & Intermediate Categories: REMEMBER, THESE CATEGORIES APPLY FOR BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND BUYING!

ACTIVE - garments suitable for strenuous outdoor activities and exercise. Ensembles should be accessorized appropriately. Garments in this category would be: jogging suits and shorts, jams, swimsuits, tennis ensembles, leotards, and ski-wear.

CASUAL- (school) garments should be appropriate for school or to wear to spectator sports. Such garments are: walking shorts, culottes, skirts, vests, blouses, pants, big shirts, dresses. This includes plain denim and chambray garments

DRESSY- this includes garments appropriate to wear to a wedding as a guest, recitals, receptions, church, teas and showers. This would also include lace, denim, and chambray garments.

SPECIALTY- garments in this category should require extra time, work, and/or special fabric or construction techniques. Such garments are formals, pageant dresses, tuxedos, wedding party attire, costumes, sleepwear, tailored suits.

Senior Categories:

CASUAL, for school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirt, or shorts each with a top, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dresses, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.

DRESSY, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men's and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.

FORMAL, limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and bridesmaids dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

SPECIALITY, limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jogging suits, swim suits, leotards, and ski-wear; sleep wear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Texas 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber Competition, Requires Texas Natural Fiber Competition Entry form, Fashion Show Information Sheet, Division Worksheet (Buying or Construction) & 2 Natural Fiber Score Cards in a folder for each entry. A natural fiber wool/mohair or cotton winner will advance to State only if they are a first place winner in their construction/buying category. Contestant must meet all requirements for the Texas 4-H Fashion Show and must wear an ensemble that meets the fiber content requirements for the fiber competition being entered. The garment or ensemble must meet one of the following criteria:

- A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of eligible fashion fabric. Example: Jacket and pants made of wool. Shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.
- A full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric. It may be worn over a garment of any fiber content.
- Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

Judging of the Natural Fiber Competition will based on participants knowledge of fiber characteristics as apposed to knowledge of construction/buying of garment.

Note: Scorecard is located on the Sate Website along with competition information.

Cost. There are no cost limits, so there is no need to attach receipts or list expenses for either construction or buying division. The Construction Division and Buying Division Worksheets include a space to provide the total cost of your garment/ensemble.

More specific rules for senior fashion show are included in "Texas 4-H Clothing Program, 2008 Opportunities and Guidelines." Unless exceptions are made in this letter, state requirements and criteria will be observed!

5. **REGISTRATION ON 4-H CONNECT:**

Each District Fashion Show participant will be required to register on-line at 4-H Connect (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect.htm>) and pay the registration fee of \$7.50 at that time. This fee is transferable but is non-refundable. **Online registration for the District 1 4-H Fashion Show is due on 4-H Connect Wednesday, April 8, 2009.** Entry materials will not be processed without the entry fee. Instructions for entering contestants through 4-H Connect are available at your county AgriLife Extension office. Please communicate with your county AgriLife Extension office regarding online registration and payment.

6. **Written Work:**

Completed (with name, County, category etc.) Appropriate Scorecard (attached below-please use

appropriate score card which is labeled at the top of the scorecard. Note: There are scorecards for each division, construction and buying. Please attach the correct one.)

Seniors on white paper (2 copies)

Intermediates on pink paper (2 copies)

Juniors on green paper (2 copies)

2009 Texas Fashion Show Information Sheet (Be sure and use the 2009 online forms that can be found at the state 4-H website).

***Junior (green) and Intermediate (pink) no photo required**

***Senior (white) Requires 1 full-length photo in competition garment**

2009 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Construction or Buying Division Worksheet. (Note: Construction Division Worksheet requires fabric swatch. This form can be found on the state website as well.)

7. JUDGES QUESTIONS:

The questions that the judges will ask are located on the scorecards. The questions have been matched with specific judging criteria. Other possible questions are located on the bottom of the scorecards. Judges will be oriented to ask participants questions. The modeling and interview will be 6 minutes for Seniors and 4 minutes for Juniors and Intermediates. Judges will be given 4 minutes to score the contestants and to write quality comments. Please keep your modeling to a maximum of 20 seconds to allow more time for the interview.

8. SCORING:

Scoring for all entries will be by a panel of 2 adult judges, using the enclosed Fashion Show scorecard (buying OR construction OR embellished/recycled) which is enclosed. **Notice: This scorecard is not the scorecard included in the state fashion show packet, however the point values are the same! The Natural Fiber Scorecard IS NOT included, however, but you can find it on the state website.**

9. SENIOR DISTRICT WINNERS:

A packet of information will be given to you after you have received your award. Please go over this packet with you County Extension Agent so that you can make sure your paperwork is sent to the State Office in a timely and orderly fashion.

Attachments: (Note: These are new scorecards. Please look over them. Judges questions are included on the scorecards so please study the scorecard.)

1. Junior/Intermediate Scorecards - Construction, Buying and Embellished/Recycled
2. Senior Scorecards - Construction and Buying
3. Fabric & Fashion Design Questions - Scorecard is located at the state website