D8 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

District Contest Information

Event Date: Monday, April 15, 2024
See attached schedule for details

Location: Cleburne Conference Center
1501 W Henderson St, Cleburne, TX 76033
817-556-8860
http://www.cleburne.net/97/Conference-Center

Resources: D8 4-H CDM - http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making
Texas 4-H CDM – http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at https://texas.4honline.com
March 18th-April 5th, 2024. Contact your County Extension Agent for county specific deadlines: http://counties.agrilife.org

Entry Fee: $12 per member

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- $20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours (Monday at noon) after the regular contest deadline.
- $50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours, but up to the time of check-in on-site at an event

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Contest Rules & Assignments

1. **Participation**. Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H & Youth Development county program and actively participating in the Consumer Education project.

2. **Age Divisions**. Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of August 31, 2023, as follows:

Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	**Must be at least 8 years old*
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	**Must not be older than 18 years old*

3. **Members per team.** This is a team event; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least 3 and no more than 4 members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

   Note: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

   Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has a true Intermediate (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

4. **Teams per county.** There are no limits on the number of teams a county may bring.

5. **Classes.** Classes will be selected by the Consumer Decision Making Committee members and chosen using criteria included in the current Consumer Decision Making Study Guide. There will be 7 minutes allowed for judging of each class.

   Junior and Intermediate age divisions will judge a total of 6 classes from the current Texas 4-H Categories and Descriptions. Senior age division will judge a total of 7 classes - 6 from the current Texas 4-H Categories and Descriptions and 1 mystery. The following is a list of classes for the 2024 D8 contest:

Junior/Intermediate	Senior
Televisions	Televisions
Athletic Shoes	Athletic Shoes
Dental Products	Dental Products
Fitness Equipment	Fitness Equipment
Headphones/Earbuds	Headphones/Earbuds
Mystery	Active Wear
	Mystery

6. **Class Placings.** All classes will be placed, and cuts will be determined, by contest committee members, using the current 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide, with the exception of the mystery classes, which will be selected by the committee. Copies of the correct placings, cuts, and situations, will be emailed to each County Extension Agent and later posted on the District 8 4-H website at http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making/. 4-H members and adult leaders may obtain a copy from their agent. Scan sheets will NOT be returned to the participants or to any County Extension Agent.

7. **What to Bring.** Scan sheets will be used for tabulation and one will be provided to each contestant. Each 4-H member should bring their own **calculator, clipboard, manila folder**, and at least **2, #2 pencils** to mark their scan sheet and for notetaking. 4-H members must be careful not to make any stray or extra marks to prevent problems when the scan sheets are scored. An example of the scan sheet is attached.

8. **What Not to Bring.** Paper will be provided on the day of the contest. ***NO additional paper*** materials will be allowed in the judging area. ***Talking and cell phones*** will **NOT** be permitted during the contest. Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification from the District Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest. Cell phones will not be allowed to be used as calculators. ***No apparel that includes county name will be allowed this year***, and participants will be asked to cover this if they arrive wearing items with their county name.

9. **Reasons.** The reason class(es) will be determined by the Consumer Decision Making Committee and will be announced at the contest during orientation. Paper will be provided to each contestant for notetaking during judging of the classes.

   - *Juniors*. ***Juniors will not give reasons.*** Juniors will receive 2 sheets of paper to write their placings.

   - *Intermediates*. ***Intermediates will present 1 set of reasons*** and can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons. Intermediates will receive 2 sheets of paper.

   - *Seniors*. ***Seniors will present oral reasons on 2 classes***. Paper is allowed only for notetaking and studying but will not be allowed when presenting reasons. Seniors will receive 3 sheets of paper.

   - To make the reasons judging and line-up run smoothly, a reasons order will be developed prior to the contest to be followed when participants are giving oral reasons.

10. **Scan Sheets.** The Universal Form A Scan Sheet will be used. The District Office will provide scan sheets. Participants do not need to bring their own. An example follows in this letter or may be found at the following link: http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/Universal-Scan-Sheet-705A-12.pdf

11. **Scan Sheets (cont).** There will be no correcting of missing or incorrect team numbers or contestant names in the tabulation room. The way in which the scantron arrives to tabulation, is the way in which it will be processed. Those with missing or incorrect team numbers will be disqualified and will not count towards their team score, and will no longer be eligible for individual awards. Those scantrons will be placed in a separate event on judgingcard.com titled, “DQ”.

12. **Contest Study Materials.** Refer to the following website for study materials and additional guidelines: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/

    If you cannot print your own guidelines, please contact your County Extension Agent.

13. **Award Information**. The presentation of awards will be held at approximately 12:15 p.m. All teams compete for team and individual awards. The top 3 teams and top 5 individuals in each age division will receive awards. Officials and results will be posted on https://www.judgingcard.com following the contest. No results will be distributed at the contest. All results are official and final as announced during the awards presentation. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure accuracy of results before the awards presentation.

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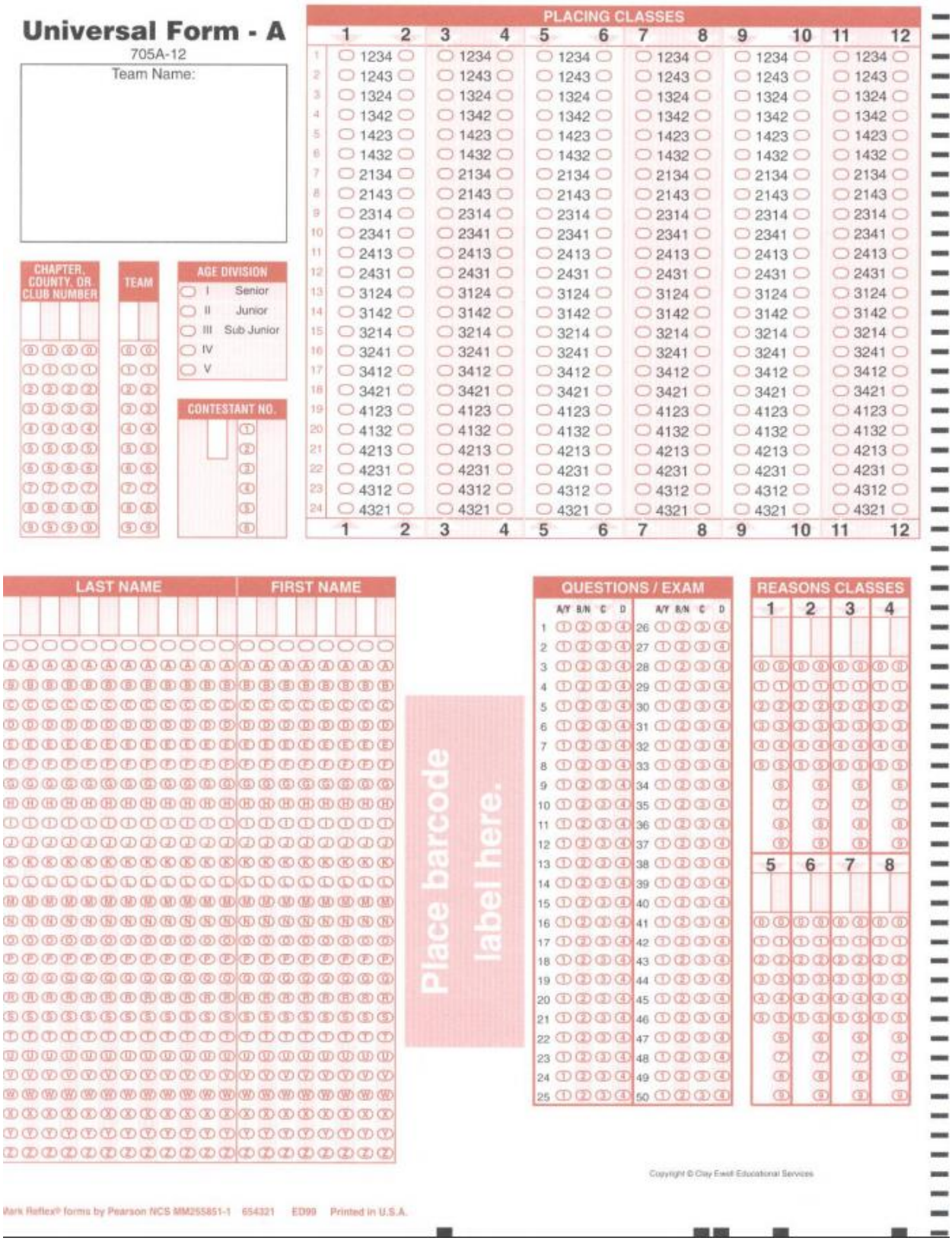
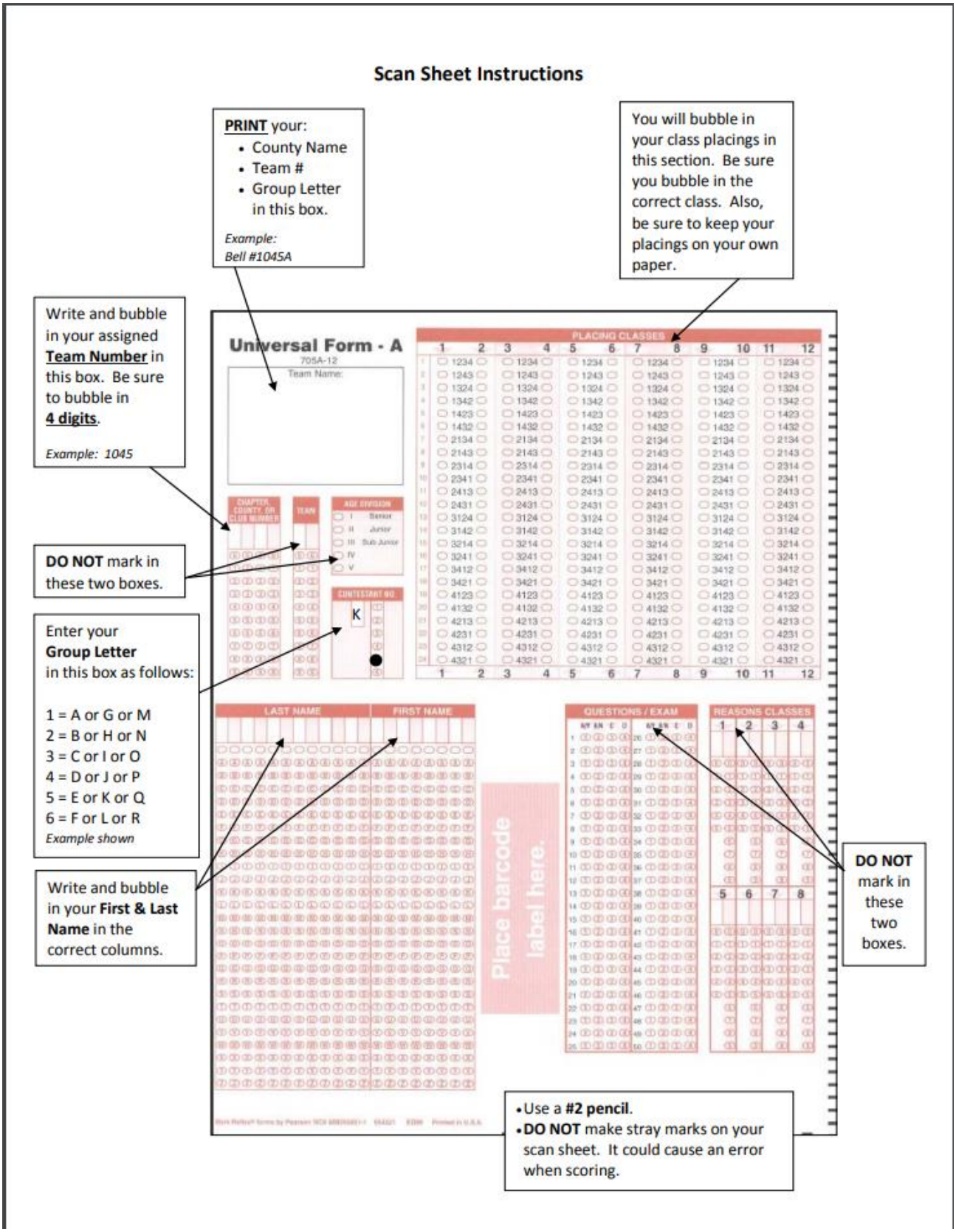
Tentative Contest Schedule

Monday, April 15, 2024

7:30 am	Agents Arrival & Committee Set-up
7:45-8:00 am	Registration – Lobby Participants and parents wait in Auditorium
8:00 – 8:15 am	Group Leader Orientation – Cross Timbers Branch
8:15 – 8:30 am	Participant Orientation - Auditorium Group Leaders take participants to contest rooms
8:30- 10:10 am	Judging of Classes ▪ Jr & Int ▪ Sr
10:10 am	Oral Reasons • Int • Sr
Approx 12:15 pm	Awards Presentation – Theater/Auditorium Post classes

Lunch will <u>not</u> be provided. *You are welcome to bring your own food or visit one of the nearby restaurants, if you plan to stay for the Fashion contests.*

Sample Scan Sheet



Scan Sheet Instructions