MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2016

TO: D6 County Extension Agents

FROM: Charlene Belew
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

SUBJECT: 2016 D6 4-H Duds to Dazzle Contest

The D6 4-H Duds to Dazzle Contest will take place Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Upton County Park Building, 310 E 10th St., Rankin, Texas.

Schedule:
1:00-1:30 p.m. Registration and Team Kit Check-in
1:45 p.m. Team, Judges and Group Leader Orientations
2:00 p.m. Team Preparation Begins
3:15 p.m. Team Presentation Begins
4:30 p.m. (approx.) Awards Program
5:00 p.m. Clean-up and Travel Home

The Texas 4-H Duds to Dazzle (D2D) Rules & Guidelines will be followed for the district competition unless otherwise noted in this letter. The guide and a list of possible interview questions are attached. These documents, along with many additional D2D resources, can be found online at http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/.

All youth should be registered, approved and paid 4-H members on 4-H Connect, and should be participants of their county 4-H Clothing & Textiles project. Contestant entry will be made via 4-H Connect, https://texas.4honline.com/, during the timeframe of March 7-18, 2016. The registration fee is $10 per contestant. The team name and team member names will need to be provided. It is the county’s responsibility to review and accept participant registration. No late entries will be accepted.

The contest is graciously being sponsored by the D6 Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA). Each contestant will be asked to write a thank you on-site at the registration table prior to competition. The District Extension Office will be responsible for providing and mailing the cards.

For emergencies the day of the contest, please contact Charlene Belew at 432.268.3937.

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Each county may send three teams per age division; Junior/Intermediate and Senior. A county may have a maximum of 6 teams competing. **Age division is based on the current 2016 - 2016 4-H year.**

- Junior/Intermediate: Grades 3-8
- Senior: Grades 9-12
- Minimum age – 8, in addition to being in the 3rd grade
- Maximum age – 18 as of August 31, 2015

A Junior/Intermediate team may consist of 1) both junior and intermediate 4-Hers, 2) only juniors, or 3) only intermediates. Only seniors may constitute a senior team since it is a qualifying contest.

All senior teams will be judged against each other and placed (not judged according to contest categories as in the Junior/Intermediate Division). The top three senior teams advance to state competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, June 9, 2016. No final challenge will be completed on the district level.

Once a team is judged and has had their photo taken, they shall bring their finished product to a designated area for public display. Items will remain on display until the conclusion of the awards program. It is the responsibility of the team to retrieve their item immediately following the awards program.

**Each county with a current 4-H Clothing & Textile project is asked to attempt to provide a minimum of one volunteer to serve as a judge. A minimum of 8-12 volunteers is needed.** A judge could constitute a CEA without an assigned job responsibility, an adult volunteer, or a senior 4-H member with experience in the 4-H Clothing & Textile project. Volunteers will need to submit their information online via the following link, [http://d64-h.tamu.edu/duds-to-dazzle-county-submission-form/](http://d64-h.tamu.edu/duds-to-dazzle-county-submission-form/), by the deadline of Friday, March 18th. Selected judges will be e-mailed their assignments prior to the contest. It is the responsibility of the CEA to:

- Ensure judges know of their selection and provide resources/training
- Secure another qualified judge, and notify Charlene Belew of the change, if the original judge cannot perform their duties.

Ribbons will be awarded to each participant. The top three teams in each age division/category will be recognized. Additional prizes may be provided at the discretion of the contest committee.

**Protest Guidelines:**

- $25 cash, and must be submitted in writing to the committee chair, Charlene Belew
- Should be received no later than 30 minutes after the awards program has concluded
- The Protest Committee will consist of the contest committee members
- The committee will meet in private to review and make judgment
- All decisions of the committee will be final

Contest information, team photos and results can be found on the D6 4-H Website at, [http://d64-h.tamu.edu/](http://d64-h.tamu.edu/). Click on the Contests/Events tab, followed by the Duds to Dazzle link.
ASSIGNMENTS

Duds to Dazzle Contest Committee:
Charlene Belew (chair), Jesse Schneider (assistant chair), Candace Carter and Christina Nass

The committee will meet on-site with Corey Owens at 9:30 a.m. the morning of the event to set up and orient.

- Logistics – Charlene Belew and Jamie Horton, D6 Extension Office
- Start Up Textiles and Sewing Closet Items – Charlene
- Awards – Charlene
- Team Orientation – Charlene
- Judge and Group Leaders Orientation – Jesse Schneider
- Registration, Team Photos and Awards Program – Courtni Munson and/or Chase McPhaul and available D6 4-H Council Officers
- Check Supply Boxes:
  Group I – Evans Walker and Kailey Roberts
  Group II – Emilee Yanez and Melissa Deeter
- Preparation Timekeeper – Abigail Pritchard
- Junior/Intermediate Group Leader – Jacquelyn Warnock
- Senior Group Leader – Karan Heffelfinger
- Team Preparation Judges
  o Junior/Intermediate (2-3)
  o Senior (2-3)
- Team Presentation Judges
  o Junior/Intermediate (2-3)
    ▪ Room Timekeeper – Kailey
    ▪ Runner (bring completed scorecards to tabulation) – Evans
  o Senior (2-3)
    ▪ Room Timekeeper – Melissa
    ▪ Runner (bring completed scorecards to tabulation) – Emilee
- Tabulation – Jesse, Candace, Christina and Abigail