OBJECTIVES


ELIGIBILITY

Each county may enter one team composed or three or four senior 4-H members in the 4-H FCS Skill-a-thon activity at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama. If four members participate, the lowest score will be dropped. No individual or member of a team who previously won first place in this activity is eligible to compete.

Counties unable to form a team may enter one 4-H member to compete as an individual. Scores of individual competitors will be ranked individually along with scores of individual team members.

ACTIVITY

All team members and individual competitors will participate in three identification classes and one judging class. The competition is comprised of the following:

1. Sewing & Clothing Identification: Identify from a provided list fabrics, fasteners, seams, design/cut, and other items related to apparel, fashion design, and/or sewing. Fifteen minutes are allowed to identify 25 items (50 points).

2. Interior Design & Housing Identification: Identify from a provided list decorating techniques, colors, patterns, design elements and/or layouts. Fifteen minutes are allowed to identify 25 items (50 points).

3. Food & Cooking Identification: Identify from a provided list appliances, utensils, spices, herbs and/or other food related items. Fifteen minutes are allowed to identify 25 items (50 points).

4. Food & Nutrition Judging Classes: Participants will judge two food and nutrition judging classes with four items in each class, based on a scenario provided. Classes may include snacks, menus and/or specific food items. Contestants will have 15 minutes to place the two classes using standard placing cards.
SCORING

Scoring for the three identification classes (Sewing & Clothing, Interior Design & Housing, and Food & Cooking) will be 50 points each for a total of 150 points from identification classes. Food and Nutrition Judging classes will be 100 points (two classes, 50 points each). Total points possible in the FCS Skill-a-thon are 250 points.

The team score will be calculated from the combined top three scores on individual events. Individual rank is determined by combined scores from all FCS Skill-a-thon activities.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

FCS Skill-a-thon study materials are posted at http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/applications.aspx#stateevents

Fabric samples to prepare for Sewing & Interior Design Identification are available for purchase: Nasco Fabric File: http://www.enasco.com/product/WA24060H#

AWARDS

The high-point individual will receive a trophy. Individuals scoring second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-place will receive ribbons. Individual trophies will be given to each member of the first-place team. Each member of the second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place teams will receive ribbons. All others will receive participation ribbons.

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