



DISTRICT 10
FALL ROUNDUP

FOOD SHOW

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Kerrville, TX



Food Show

DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2024

LOCATION: Hill Country Youth Center ([3785 TX-27 Kerrville, TX 78028](#))

SCHEDULE

8:00-8:15 a.m.	Judges & Contestant Check-In Opens
8:15 a.m.	Judges Orientation
9:00 a.m.	Contest Begins
	Food Show Awards (following contest and tabulation)

CONTEST TYPE

Qualifying:

1. Counties may send one contestant per category, per age division, per county.
2. An alternate cannot participate in the District 10 Food Show.
3. District 1st place Seniors in each Food Show category will advance to State.
 - a. Seniors must compete at District to qualify for State.

CONTEST STRUCTURE


Individual ONLY: There are no team components to Food Show, this is an individual contest only.


THEME: *Cooking Through the Decades*

*The 2024 Texas 4-H Food Show theme this year is... **Cooking Through the Decades!** Take a trip back in time and explore different dishes that were popular in years past! Some of our most favorite recipes and dishes were made popular in a different decade than we live in today. Take time to explore past decades dishes, flavors, or cooking techniques that you aren't familiar with. Whether it be grandma's famous meatloaf from the 50's or a homemade version of a Pop tart made popular in the 90s, your tastebuds will experience a throwback trip through the decades. Dishes can be inspired from any past decade and should be recreated to be healthier, safer, and more nutritious. *NOTE: Seniors who qualify to attend State Food Show will need to keep in mind they will only have 75-minute oven time when preparing their dish at State ONLY. There will be no actual cooking preparation at the District Food Show.*

Reminder: The theme for the Texas 4-H Food Show will remain the same for two years. This gives counties an opportunity to provide education, workshops, etc. which target the theme. The same recipe cannot be entered more than once to the District/State Food Show

CONTEST RULES

1. **General Rules:** District 10 Food Show will follow the State 4-H Food Show Rules & Guidelines lines unless otherwise stated in these rules *Please pay special attention to modifications in this document. Click links below for PDF documents:
 - a. [2024-2025 Texas 4-H Food Show State Rules and Guidelines](#)
 - b. [2024-2025 Texas 4-H Food Show Recipe Submission Paperwork](#)
 - c. [2024-2025 Texas 4-H Food Show Resources List](#)
 - d. Additional Resources: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>
2. **Contest Components:** Each food show participant will execute the following:
 - a. **Dish (Pre-prepared) & Recipe Submission Paperwork** - (ALL Age Divisions - Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors will bring entire dish and serve one serving portion to judges.)
 - b. **Presentation & Interview (ALL Age Divisions)** - Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will give a 5-minute (maximum) Presentation on their dish. All age divisions will be asked interview questions after the presentation (3 minutes). Possible questions will be provided, but participants may be asked questions not on list.
 - c. Skills Showcase (**Intermediates/Seniors Only**)
 - d. Knowledge Showcase (**Seniors Only**)
3.  **NEW! Judging Time Limits** – To consistently match state rules the following time limits will be followed for all age divisions during the judging process:
 - 5 min presentation with introduction
 - 3 min Interview Q&A
 - 1 min serve
 - 2 min skills showcase (**Intermediates/Seniors Only**)
4. **Dish Categories:** The decision as to whether a dish qualifies in a category will be left entirely to the discretion of the County Extension Agent during judging at the county level.
 - a. **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 lower in fat, sodium, & calories to not ruin one's appetite.
 - b. **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.
 - c. **Side Dishes:** 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/or combination vegetable dishes.
 - d. **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.

5. **Dish Selection:** The selection and knowledge of the dish should highlight that the contestant has learned valuable skills and knowledge related to healthy eating and chronic disease prevention. Contestants should ensure they are choosing healthy recipes that follow guidance in the Recipes for Good Health Resource: [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)
6. **Attire:** Contestants should wear clothing consistent with professional & safe food handling.
7. **Cost:** The contestant's recipe will not have a cost limitation.
8. **Recipe Submission:**
 - a. All participants will upload a PDF copy of their Recipe when registering for competition on 4-HOnline (v2.4honline.com) for District 4-H Food Show.
 - b. Failure to upload the recipe at time of registration may result in disqualification.
 - c. Recipes should be typed in the standard Recipe Submission Paperwork found here: [DOWNLOAD Recipe Submission Paperwork](#)
 - d. Total dish serving size MUST be included at the bottom of the recipe. Please view RECIPE EXAMPLE resource: [DOWNLOAD](#)
9. **Cooking & Preparation:**
 - a. Contestants will select and prepare a dish at home and bring it to the contest.
 - b. There will be no actual cooking preparation at the District Food Show.
 - c. Contestants will NOT have access to electrical outlets, microwaves, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, sinks, etc. at the District Food Show.
 -  d. Garnish & Assembly: A prep area for dish assembly will be provided at the food show. No knives, cutting boards, or other materials to prepare or cook the dish will be allowed. Parents are allowed to assist their member with assembly.
10. **Dish Displays:** Contestants are encouraged to have an appealing "presentation," however, excessive décor, plating, etc. is not acceptable. Dishes may only be accompanied by the following:
 - i. A serving utensil
 - ii. An eating utensil (i.e. spoon, fork)
 - iii. Napkin
 - iv. Edible garnish
 - v. Serving Utility tray, not decorated (for transportation purposes ONLY).
 - vi. Both disposable and non-disposable serving dishes are acceptable.
11. **Dish Staging Area:**
 - a. Contestants will stage their dish in the assigned staging area as designated by contest officials.
 - b. Parents/guardians/etc. will NOT be allowed in the contest area (which includes staging and holding areas). If the contestant needs assistance preparing their dish for presentation, this should be done before entering the dish into the staging area.
 - c. Hot dishes should be accompanied by a thick place mat, a trivet, or liner prevent damage to the table or covering.
12. **Contestant Schedule:**
 - a. A Food Show contest schedule will be determined based on the number of entries and sent to contestants prior to the contest.

CONTEST JUDGING RULES & GUIDELINES

JUNIOR

Download [JUNIOR SCORECARD](#)

Presentation:

- a. Junior contestants will give a 5-minute (maximum) prepared presentation. ([DOWNLOAD](#) Food Show Resources Page to help youth develop presentation) The presentation should include the following:
 - i. Describe the inspiration in choosing the recipe
 - ii. How the recipe relates to the current theme
 - iii. Knowledge of MyPlate, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation and Food Safety Concerns.

Interview:

- a. 3-minute interview
- b. Judges will ask questions applicable to the scorecard. This includes but is not limited to basic nutrition, food safety, food preparation, chronic disease prevention, age related nutrition, or other areas of health, as well as project experiences.
- c. Judges may ask additional questions related to general food and health, food systems, food safety, or food/health issues.
- d. [DOWNLOAD](#) possible Junior/Intermediate questions list.

Serving:

- a. Junior participants will be required to bring their entire dish to the District Contest and will serve one serving to the judges from their serving dish to the judge's plate during their interview.
- b. Contestants will have one minute to serve the judges a portion of the dish. This allows judges to visually evaluate the dish prepared.
- c. Contestants should practice proper food handling techniques when presenting food to the judges.
- d. Judges will not taste the food.

CONTEST JUDGING RULES & GUIDELINES – CONTINUED...

INTERMEDIATE

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Presentation:

- a. Intermediate contestants will give a 5-minute (maximum) prepared presentation. ([DOWNLOAD](#) Food Show Resources Page to help youth develop presentation) The presentation should include the following:
 - i. Describe the inspiration in choosing the recipe
 - ii. How the recipe relates to the current theme
 - iii. Knowledge of MyPlate, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation and Food Safety Concerns.

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Serving:

- a. Intermediate participants will be required to bring their entire dish to the District Contest and will serve one serving to the judges from their serving dish to the judge's plate during their interview.
- b. Contestants will have one minute to serve the judges a portion of the dish. This allows judges to visually evaluate the dish prepared.
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Skill Showcase:

- b. A maximum of 2 minutes will be allowed for the Skill Showcase.
- c. Contestants will showcase a skill learned in the food and nutrition project area when they bring their dish to be judged as assigned by the judges.
- d. All materials to demonstrate this skill will be provided.
- e. Judges will score the skill based on correct procedures, safety, and other pertinent information related to the skill assigned.
- f. The skill will be assigned during designated judging time for each contestant and not prior.

CONTEST JUDGING RULES & GUIDELINES – CONTINUED...

SENIOR

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Presentation:

- a. Senior contestants will give a 5-minute (maximum) prepared presentation. ([DOWNLOAD](#) Food Show Resources Page to help youth develop presentation) The presentation should include the following:
 - i. Describe the inspiration in choosing the recipe
 - ii. How the recipe relates to the current theme
 - iii. Knowledge of MyPlate, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation and Food Safety Concerns.

Interview:

- a. 3-minute interview
- b. Judges will ask questions applicable to the scorecard. This includes but is not limited to basic nutrition, food safety, food preparation, chronic disease prevention, age related nutrition, or other areas of health, as well as project experiences.
- c. Judges may ask additional questions related to general food and health, food systems, food safety, or food/health issues.

Serving:

- a. Senior participants will be required to bring their entire dish to the District Contest and will serve one serving to the judges from their serving dish to the judge's plate during their interview.
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Knowledge Showcase:

- a. Contestants will be given a 10-question quiz containing multiple choice and true/false questions. The quiz will be given in a worksheet format. All questions will be read aloud.
- b. The quiz will test the contestant's knowledge of food preparation, food safety, kitchen safety, and general nutrition knowledge.
- c. No study materials will be provided; however, contestants should refer to the Texas 4-H Food & Nutrition page (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>) for potential resources.