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**Fantastic Field Day**

**Dessert Contest**

Presented by Natividad 4-H Club

Natividad 4-H will be presenting the Dessert Contest. The contest is open to all Monterey County 4-H members except for those whom are on the Dessert judging committee. Members do not need to be enrolled in a foods or baking project to enter, but members *must* do all baking themselves, with one entry per category.

Please bring your best dessert entry no later than 8:45 am on February 6th, 2016 to the dessert area check in at Salinas Valley Fair Grounds.

* Please bring your entry in a *non-returnable container or on a disposable plate*.
* Please place your *name, club, age, item name and category on the bottom of your entry*. A list of ingredients need to included.
* **IMPORTANT NOTE:** ***Please NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER! (Do to allergies any entry with peanuts will be thrown away)***

**Age Categories:**  *Cloverbuds 8 years and under, Junior 9- 10 years, Intermediate 11-13 years and Senior 14 years & over.*

***Dessert Categories: Amount:***

* Cookies 4 dozen
* Bars & Brownies 9x13 pan, uncut
* Cake & cupcakes 9x13 cake or 3 dozen cupcakes

**There will be a winner for *each category* under each age group. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only.**

**There will be a Special Award presented for the *People’s Choice Dessert*.**

**Please bring the amounts listed so everyone can try**

**your fantastic dessert.**

**THE DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM**

**WHY THE DANISH SYSTEM TO JUDGE 4-H CONTEST ENTRIES?**

Provides recognition for a maximum number of exhibits or contestants.

Recognizes the existence of and allows for relatively minor differences of entries and performances.

**DEFINITION** - A method of evaluating a participant's product, skill, or exhibit

relative to the standards developed for that class or contest.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

Items should be judged against standards, not against other items.

Exhibitor should not be judged. Only the product, exhibit, or performance of the exhibitor should be judged. Judge should not assume experience because of age.

In 4-H most judging involves the Danish system of judging. In this system, the judges do not judge one person’s work by comparing it to another’s. The evaluation is made against a

standard. A judge looks to see whether requirements are met.

To plan, practice, and present a finished product is to “learn by doing.” To graciously accept constructive criticism of one’s work is a real life experience. 4-H’ers learn quickly that

judging results reflect a personal opinion, and that evaluation will vary among judges.

**THE FOUR GROUPS may consist of the following:**

**Gold**  excellent; exhibit most nearly meets the standard (does not indicate

perfection). Example of a numerical score = 90 -100.

**Blue** - good; relative to pre-established standards, a few specific

shortcomings have been identified. Example of a numerical score = 80-89.

**Red** - fair; many improvements are needed in order for the exhibit to

meet the pre-established standards. Example of a numerical score =70-79.

**White** No award - far below standards expected for that exhibit. Example of a

numerical score - 69 - below.

**LASTLY**

The purpose of recognition are to reinforce the motivation of members and volunteers to successfully participate, create and achieve in the 4-H YDP; and to emphasize a sense of belonging and being valued in the 4-H YDP community. 4-H YDP recognition programs should provide all youth, regardless of ability, with this motivation and a sense of belonging. For more information on 4-H competitions, visit: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/>

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