



# Monterey County 4-H Fantastic Field Day

*Dessert Contest*  
*February 10, 2018*



## *Who can participate?*

- All enrolled Monterey County 4-H Members

## *Age Categories:* (as of December 31, 2017)

- Cloverbuds (ages 5-8), Junior (9-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-19)

## *Dessert Delivery:*

- Entries must be delivered 8:30-8:45 am to the Dessert Area check-in at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds.

## *Rules:*

- All members are required to do the baking themselves without help from anyone, using a handmade recipe. Only Cloverbud members may use a box mix.
- Enrollment in a Foods or Baking Project is not required.
- Limited to one dessert entry per category, per member.
- Entry must be on/in a disposable container or plate.
- Member's full name, club name and age as of December 31, 2017, must be taped to the bottom of the container, along with a list of ingredients.
- **IMPORTANT:** No items containing **PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER** will be allowed to compete due to allergies.

## *Awards:*

- Each age category within each dessert category will be eligible for a medal using the Danish judging system.
- Special award for the overall People's Choice Award.

## *Dessert Categories:*

- Cakes and Cupcakes (9x13 disposable pan or 3 dozen cupcakes)
- Non-chocolate Cookies or Bars (4 dozen)
- Chocolate Cookies or Bars (4 dozen)



**Hosted by Lockwood 4-H Club**  
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# 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 numerical percentage: 90 – 100%
- **Blue** – good; relative to pre-established standards, a few specific shortcomings have been identified.
  - ✓ Example of numerical percentage: 80 – 89%
- **Red** – fair; many improvements are needed in order for the exhibit to meet the pre-established standards.
  - ✓ Example of numerical score: 70 – 79%
- **White** – no award; far below standards expected for that exhibit.
  - ✓ Example of a numerical score: 69 and below

## Lastly

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