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2023 ATHENS COUNTY 4-H CAKE DECORATING JUDGING

Dear 4-H Member:

We are looking forward to seeing the results of your cake decorating project at judging! Cake decorating judging will be on **July 11, 2023** at the Athens County Extension Office. Judging will be conducted by prescheduled appointment, and the schedule has been posted on our website, along with this letter.

Individual judging appointments are grouped by families. No awards will be given out on judging day; results will be announced via email and social media upon conclusion of judging and an awards ceremony will be held on July 13th at 6 PM at the Extension Office.

To prepare for this judging, please study and complete your project book. You also must prepare and decorate a cake. You may also bring a display item, such as a scrapbook or poster that demonstrates your journey through your project. You should plan to bring the following:

- Your completed project book.
- A cake that represents the beginner, intermediate, or senior level in your book. You should look at the skills you have learned in your project this year and decorate a cake based on those guidelines. YOU CANNOT USE SKILLS ABOVE THE LEVEL IN WHICH YOU ARE COMPETING.
- Your cake for judging should also match the decorating competition area you signed up for (i.e., formal, first year, ornate, etc.) and be on a flat surface that is no more than 3 inches bigger than your cake, if you wish to use the same cake for both. IF NOT: You may make a separate cake to be eligible for this separate competition.
- Icing and tips

You will have an interview with a judge and bring a cake that represents the skill level listed in your book for the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level.

There will be a separate competition in which the judge will examine the cakes and pick the best representation of each of the classes listed below (i.e., formal, first year, ornate, etc.). You may make one cake that serves both purposes or two cakes (one for the interview and one for the category you wish to enter). You do not have to compete in the separate categories to complete your project; you only need to complete the interview portion of the day. The awards given to Cake Decorating Day participants will be:

- A State Fair Representative in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced categories
- A State Fair Alternate in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced categories
- One winner in each Decorating Competition Category

- First Year
- o Formal
- o Ornate
- Decorator's Choice
- o General
- One Best of Show Cake

Please email (<u>moore.3317@osu.edu</u>) or call me at 740.331.6061 if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you and your cake on the 11th!

Sincerely,

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