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**2021 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 15, 2021** at the Athens County Extension Office. Judging will be conducted by prescheduled appointment, and you **must declare your intent to be judged by July 1, 2021.** You can do this by filling out the following simple Qualtrics survey:

<https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6PUF0IksAkoQSAm>

After July 1st, a judging schedule will be sent out to all members participating. Individual judging appointments will be grouped by families. If you have more than one project on the same day, they will be judged during back-to-back time slots. **Masks will be expected at judging**, in accordance with the policy of our building**. Individuals and/or family members may not attend if they or anyone living in their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms**: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, or has been directly exposed (confirmed or suspected) to COVID-19 if they are not fully vaccinated. No awards will be given out on judging day; results will be announced via email and social media upon conclusion of judging and awards will be available for volunteers to pick up with their club’s fair packets.

Please carefully read the introduction to the survey as it has important details for judging. This year’s judging will be a little different than in the past. 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. **For this year cakes will NOT be returned/available for pick up. As a result, members may choose to decorate a Styrofoam cake form instead of an actual cake, as per Ohio State Fair guidelines.**

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
	+ Formal
	+ Ornate
	+ Decorator’s Choice
	+ General
* One Best of Show Cake

 Please email (moore.3317@osu.edu) or call me at 740.331.6061 if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you and your cake on the 15th!

Sincerely,

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