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## MEMORANDUM

December 15, 2008

TO: County Extension Agents with 4-H Responsibilities  
FROM: 2009 District IV Nutrition Quiz Bowl Committee  
SUBJECT: 2009 District IV 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl

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The 2009 District IV 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be held at North Central Texas College in Gainesville, TX on Friday, April 24, 2009. The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. The location and final schedule will be sent to agents once registrations are received.

For this competition there are two age divisions: Junior and Senior.

- Senior Division - Contestants must have passed their 14th birthday but not have had their 19th birthday as of August 31, 2008.
- Junior Division - Contestants must have passed their 9th birthday (or be 8 and in the third grade) and not have had their 14th birthday as of August 31, 2008.

All entries must be submitted on-line through 4-H Connect at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> before April 3, 2009. Entries will be set up to be entered by county group and each county may enter up to three teams in the junior and senior age divisions. Entry fees are \$8.00 per contestant.

The 2009 Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Study Guide is posted to the FCS website. To access the study guide and other pertinent information, please go to the following website:

[http://fcs.tamu.edu/food\\_and\\_nutrition/pdf/2009-quizbowlstudyguide.pdf](http://fcs.tamu.edu/food_and_nutrition/pdf/2009-quizbowlstudyguide.pdf)

Each team is required to submit 30 questions to Agent McAlister ([jmcalister@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jmcalister@ag.tamu.edu)) by April 3, 2009. The planning committee will be developing contest question sets. For a double elimination contest with 6 teams approximately 320 questions are needed. To give everyone a fair chance new question sets are made each year. This is a time consuming task because answers have to be verified, sets must contain at least 30 questions separated into Individual, Toss-up and Bonus, sets must increase in difficulty with each successive round and questions must be reworded to clarify. Coaches can assist with this process by submitting quality questions because they work with these resources on a day to day basis. To be most helpful questions should be in the following form:

Category  
Q: Question  
A: Answer  
S: Source  
P: Page number  
D: Age Division

Questions without the Source or Page number will be discarded, as will questions from sources not on the official list included in the 2009 Texas 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Supplement. Questions also need to be legible, either typed or neatly printed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nutrition Quiz Bowl chairs, Jennifer L. McAlister and DeeLee Smith, or the District IV 4-H Office.