

Introduction to Judging

DON'T FORGET TO BRING: Clipboard, pencil, or pen

WHY JUDGE:

- ❖ Judging helps you develop decision-making skills as you gain knowledge, apply decision-making processes, & recognize standards of quality.
- ❖ Develop self-confidence & skills in verbal expression as you identify reasons for choices.
- ❖ Develop consumer skills that carry over into other projects & everyday living.

HOW TO JUDGE:

INFORMATION:

- ❖ Read and understand your class, what you are judging. Scenarios contain many details. Pay close attention to what you read.

OBSERVATION:

- ❖ Look for strong and weak points of each item. An honest appraisal of the differences between items and a decision based on sound reasons are the heart of judging.
- ❖ Taking notes is often very helpful.

COMPARISON:

- ❖ Try to visualize the ideal item or animal, then compare your class. Break items into pair's top, middle, bottom.
- ❖ Do not try to compare the little things, look for big differences.

CONCLUSION:

- ❖ Arrive at a logical ranking for the items based on the merit of usefulness to the situation given.
- ❖ Rank items assigning them 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th places in the order you feel best meets criteria given in the situational statement.
- ❖ Taking notes is a must when giving oral reasons

COMPLETION:

- ❖ When marking your scorecard double check for accuracy. Make sure personal information is complete and thorough.
- ❖ Talking is NEVER allowed when participating in a judging contest.
- ❖ Pay attention to instructions from group leaders. When leaders are available you may ask questions if uncertain of something.