

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY JUDGING BOARDS CONTEST

At County Presentation Day 4-H members have up to two ways of participating in the Judging Boards Contest: by submitting a judging board and/or participating (“judging”) in the judging boards competition. Each type of involvement may be recorded in the 4-H Record Book under the 4-H Project/Skill Activities category.

By submitting a judging board, the 4-H member presents a display of knowledge gained from a 4-H project. A well-designed board starts by asking the participants (“judges”) to rank four items in a particular order (i.e. best to worst, first to last, largest to smallest, etc.). These items are displayed on the board in random order, labeled (1-2-3-4), and illustrated with a drawing or photograph. The member writes his or her name, club name, and the correct answer on the back of the board.

By participating in the competition of judging the boards, the 4-H member practices sound reasoning and decision making skills by interpreting the topic, comparing the items, and ranking the items in proper order. The task is to decide which item is the best, which is second, which is third, and which is the least desirable. Using a Placing Card for 4-H Judging Events, the participant searches a column of twenty-four possible number combinations (1-2-3-4, 1-2-4-3, 1-3-2-4, etc.), and marks the arrangement of numbers which represents his or her ranking of the items on each board.

At County Presentation Day a team of adult volunteers use a standardized scoring grid to grade the placing cards. Participants (“judges”) receive points based on how close they come to the correct answers. Those with the highest scores of the day receive a medal for Judging.

SAMPLE JUDGING BOARD 1:

GOAT FOODS

Rank these foods in order of the best to worst food source for a dairy goat.

- 1) Cherrios 2) Goat Formula 3) See’s Candy 4) Quaker Oats**

SAMPLE JUDGING BOARD 2:

RABBIT CARE

Rank these tools in order of the best to worst tool for trimming a rabbit’s nails.

- 1) Dog nail clippers 2) Nail file 3) Pumice stone 4) Human nail clippers**