

FCS Skill-a-thon

The contest consists of:

*25 Sewing/Clothing ID items

*25 Interior Design/Housing ID items

*25 Food/Cooking ID items

*2 Food Nutrition Judging Classes

*Life Skills Assessment (To be completed as a team.) Each team will orally complete a response to one brief scenario.

Resources:

Contest rules and study materials are posted on the Contest website at Western National Round Up: www.westernnationalroundup.org under FCS Classic.

Awards:

Awards will be presented to the top five teams and the top five individuals. The top five Life Skills teams will also be recognized during the FCS Classic Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning of the Western National Round Up Conference, held in early January of each year.

What to Expect...

Teams:

- FCS Skill-a-thon Classes will be judged by 3 or 4 person teams. On a four person team, the lowest overall score is considered a drop score and that person will automatically become the alternate. Team score is a combination of top three scores on the four individual events, plus the Life Skills Assessment team event. Individual rank is based on scores from the four individual events. Some teams may choose to dress in matching outfits, but this is not a requirement.

Before the Contest:

- Youth will go through a basic orientation. During orientation state teams will draw for the order to complete the Life Skills Assessment.
- Youth will be provided ID cards and judging cards to mark the ID items and to mark their placings. Empty clipboards are allowed and note cards will be provided for the two food judging classes.
- Each participant should bring their own pencils.
- Cell phones are to be left with coaches.
- Talking during the contest will result in disqualification.

During the Contest:

- Youth will be given 15 minutes per ID Class and 15 minutes to judge the two Food Judging Classes, for a total of 60 minutes for the first portion of the contest.
- During the contest youth may pick up and smell the spices, and pick up other ID items, and should put items back in its numbered spot. Youth may also pick up the food judging items.
- The team drawing number one will start the Life Skills Assessment portion of the Skill-a-thon after all judging cards are turned in from the individual events. The scenario for this will come from the Life Skills Assessment Study materials found on the FCS Classic website. Teams will have 10 minutes to prepare the response and 5 minutes for the oral presentation, given to two judges. Flip charts will be provided for teams to utilize in brainstorming and presenting their presentation. A Life Skills Scenario work sheet should be completed and given to the judges after the five minute oral presentation. Members may introduce themselves and their state during the presentation.
- Life Skills Assessment teams are judged on the variety of options they generate, expectations for positive decisions that are listed and conclusions reached are explained and reasonable for the situation.