



Description of Contest

Youth create an item from recycled materials. This item can be a decorative like a sculpture. It can also be useable, such as jewelry or games. Each unit may bring 5 entries per age level. Participant does not need to be present.

Levels of Competition

Unit (county), District

Age categories are as follows, using September 30th of the 4-H year as the determining date. The exception is for national contests, in which January 1 or another date may be used. It is the contestant's responsibility to check national rules for age deadlines.

Juniors (ages 9-11)

Intermediates (ages 12-13)

Seniors (ages 14-18)

Awards to be Earned

The Danish awards system will be used at all levels of competition. Blue ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 90-100 points; red ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 75-89 points; white ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 74 points or less.

Rules for this Contest

1. All items must be made with recycled materials.
2. Categories are as follows: sculpture, jewelry, miscellaneous.
3. Items should reflect a new use of the recycled object (i.e. decorated can becomes a pencil holder; liter bottle becomes a bird feeder, etc.)
4. Each item must be labeled as decorative only or useable item and must be accompanied by a brief written explanation of materials and intended use.
5. Useable items must be able to withstand intended use (i.e. outdoor items must be weather resistant).
6. You may use glue or any other type of adhesive.
7. Paint, crayons, markers, etc. can be used for color or be creative with the materials you use (i.e. Coke boxes for red).
8. The name, age, unit and materials used in the project must be on a 3x5 card attached to the entry.
9. The categories are: sculpture, jewelry and miscellaneous.



Educational Resources to Help Prepare for this Contest

Trash to Treasure, Saskatchewan 4-H. Available:

http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/4h_trashtreasu.pdf

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Score Sheets for this Contest

“Southeast District 4-H Contest Trash to Treasure Score Sheet”. Available:

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/districts/southeast/district-contest/trash-treasure-score-sheet.pdf>

Other Guidelines, Suggestions, or Pertinent Information

At the District Contest, if the exhibitor chooses to be present on the day of judging, they are invited to participate in Conference Judging. This provides the opportunity for the participant to discuss their project (how it was made, what was learned, etc.) with a judge in an informal setting. If the exhibitor chooses this option, IT MUST BE INDICATED ON THEIR ENTRY FORM.

Sample YouTube Videos of 4-H Youth in This Contest

None available at this time, but this is a goal for Virginia 4-H! If you are interested in creating a how-to video or posting a sample of your work, please contact your unit Extension staff who will work with the State 4-H Office.