Food Project Requirements!!

A. 1. For judging, each participant needs to .......... 
   1. Know the information presented in the project book and insert and bring completed project book to judging. 
   2. Complete project guidelines as listed in the project book. 
   3. Bring completed menu planning worksheet using “My Plate” as a guide (www.chooemyplate.gov or in your book insert) along with a plan of food for one day written in menu form, including snacks. 
   4. No place setting needed! Each participant will be asked to complete an activity on “Basic Table Setting”. (information on table setting is found in the book insert packet). 
   5. Bring a “Presentation Portfolio” specific to the project book. Each participant will be responsible for bringing a three pronged folder that includes 8½” x 11” pages. The participant create a maximum of one page (one-sided only) per “activity area” or “interest area” of the project book. Interest area suggestions can be found at https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook, Food & Nutrition Days. Ideas for these pages include collage, journaling, a timeline, and photos taken during the project, or any other format that would illustrate the work and knowledge of the participant. Each page could be different or could be a combination of styles allowing the 4-Her to reflect on their learning experience. There will be no points for scrapbooking style. 
   6. Bring a sample serving of food you prepared (typically from the project book) for display only. Food will not be tasted this year with one exception: If you wish to be considered for ‘Outstanding Use of Beef or Pork Awards’. **Food must be maintained at safe temperatures.**

B. At judging, 4-H’ers are expected to know nutrition guidelines. As a general rule, 4-H’ers should know at least the following: 
   BEGINNING PROJECTS: All the Information on “My Plate” insert. 
   INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED PROJECTS: All the Information on “My Plate” insert, plus where nutrients, vitamins and minerals are found, and their functions in the body. 

Members are strongly encouraged to take projects that are designed for their age and developmental skill level. 

C. All county fair displays for food/nutrition projects will consist of an educational poster or display. (Presentation portfolio can be used as a fair display) 
D. See additional requirements for specific projects in the Member Handbook and/or Project Guidelines. 

**Additional opportunities at the County level are “Outstanding Use of Pork” (incorporate pork into the food item you bring to judging) and “Outstanding Use of Beef” (incorporate beef into the food item you bring to judging).** 

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**“The Presentation Portfolio” Example**
(remember one-side of page only)

“Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals” Project Book

Page 1 Collage of pictures of teaching your 4-H club members how many fruit and vegetables servings they should eat each day.

Page 2 Timeline of safe handling of hot soup: preparation, cooking, cooling and refrigeration.

Page 3 Journal about attending camp and what you learned about physical activity and nutrition.

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**TABLE SETTING**

• A neat, attractive table setting adds to the enjoyment of any meal and is part of your 4-H Food and Nutrition project. Correct table setting involves placing dishes and flatware where they may be used easily. A knowledge of table setting prepares you to set the table AND to use the proper fork at the right time during the meal.

• Before you begin setting a table you MUST know the menu. Plan your place setting so that it is appropriate for the menu and the occasion.

• For 4-H judging you will use the dishes and silverware provided the day of judging.

Place setting: 
1. Napkin
2. Dinner fork
3. Dinner plate
4. Knife
5. Spoon
6. Water Glass
Build a Strong Body!

**Protein**
Supplies 4 calories per gram. Makes up part of every cell in the body. From your hair to your toes, you’re made of protein.

**Riboflavin (B<sub>2</sub>)**
Keeps your eyes and skin healthy. Helps you have clear vision.

**Vitamin A**
Helps you keep from getting infections. Helps your eyes see better in dim light.

**Niacin**
Helps you digest food and helps give you a good appetite.

**Calcium**
Helps give your bones and teeth their structure and strength. Helps your blood clot.

**Iron**
Forms hemoglobin which carries oxygen through the blood to the body. Prevents anemia that can cause you to be tired.

**Carbohydrate**
Supplies energy - 4 calories per gram. Some carbohydrates provide fiber which helps in the elimination of waste from your body.

**Thiamin (B<sub>1</sub>)**
Helps the body use carbohydrates. Promotes good appetite. Helps the nervous system function normally.

**Fat**
Supplies energy - 9 calories per gram. Makes up part of every cell. Helps your body carry vitamins A, D, E and K.

**Vitamin C**
Forms collagen that holds our cells together, speeds up healing of wounds and bones.

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Menu Planning Worksheet

- Plan meals for one day including snack in the menu table.
- Transfer all foods written in the menu, into “one day of foods and drinks”.
- Calculate number of servings put in “# of servings per day”.
- Check to see if your menu is balanced with the suggested number of servings each day.

### Your menu for one day (include items bringing to judging)

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### Your One Day of Food and Drink

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<th>Milk 3 cups</th>
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(see examples on back)
**MENU WRITING**

Your menu must include……

- Foods from “My Plate” Guidelines
- Be practical for your project
- Have meal appeal
- Be written in menu form

“My Plate” - attached or visit www.choosemyplate.gov

**MEAL APPEAL**

- **Color** - Avoid clashing or unpleasant or all of the same color
- **Flavor** - Sweet, sour, tart or salty
- **Texture** - Include soft, crisp or crunchy, chewy, hard or smooth
- **Shape & Size** - Avoid too many of the same or similar shape or size

**PRACTICALITY**

- **Preparation Time**
- **Cost Per Serving**
- **Family Likes & Dislikes**
- **Energy Use**

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### An example of a menu for one day (include items bringing to judging)

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<td>Mixed Greens Salad with Tomatoes Salad Dressing Grilled Mexican Chicken 1/2 orange 8 ozs. Low-fat milk</td>
<td>Grilled Pork Chops Baked Potato Steamed Green Beans Small Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Butter 8 ozs. Low-fat milk</td>
<td>Carrots Celery Sticks Cookie Apple, Grapes, Pears String Cheese</td>
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### Example of One Day of Food and Drink

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<td>1/2 banana</td>
<td>1 egg - scrambled</td>
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<td>1/2 orange</td>
<td>2 ozs. Grilled Mexican Chicken</td>
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<td>Green Beans Baked Potato</td>
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What’s on your plate?

Before you eat, think about what and how much food goes on your plate or in your cup or bowl.

Over the day, include foods from all food groups: vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, and lean protein foods.

Grains
Make at least half your grains whole.

Vegetables
Eat more red, orange and dark green vegetables.

Fruits
Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Dairy
Switch to skim or 1% milk.

Protein
Vary your protein food choices.

Exercise
Get 60 minutes or more of physical activity each day.

Where is MyPyramid? The MyPlate symbol and food guide system, released by USDA in 2011, replaces MyPyramid, but is based on the same food groups and recommendations. Information about what and how much to eat has not changed.

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Making food choices for a healthy lifestyle can be as simple as using these 10 Tips. Use the ideas in this list to balance your calories, to choose foods to eat more often, and to cut back on foods to eat less often.

1. **balance calories**
   Find out how many calories YOU need for a day as a first step in managing your weight. Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov to find your calorie level. Being physically active also helps you balance calories.

2. **enjoy your food, but eat less**
   Take the time to fully enjoy your food as you eat it. Eating too fast or when your attention is elsewhere may lead to eating too many calories. Pay attention to hunger and fullness cues before, during, and after meals. Use them to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.

3. **avoid oversized portions**
   Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. Portion out foods before you eat. When eating out, choose a smaller size option, share a dish, or take home part of your meal.

4. **foods to eat more often**
   Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or 1% milk and dairy products. These foods have the nutrients you need for health—including potassium, calcium, vitamin D, and fiber. Make them the basis for meals and snacks.

5. **make half your plate fruits and vegetables**
   Choose red, orange, and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli, along with other vegetables for your meals. Add fruit to meals as part of main or side dishes or as dessert.

6. **switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk**
   They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.

7. **make half your grains whole grains**
   To eat more whole grains, substitute a whole-grain product for a refined product—such as eating whole-wheat bread instead of white bread or brown rice instead of white rice.

8. **foods to eat less often**
   Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt. They include cakes, cookies, ice cream, candies, sweetened drinks, pizza, and fatty meats like ribs, sausages, bacon, and hot dogs. Use these foods as occasional treats, not everyday foods.

9. **compare sodium in foods**
   Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose lower sodium versions of foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals. Select canned foods labeled “low sodium,” “reduced sodium,” or “no salt added.”

10. **drink water instead of sugary drinks**
    Cut calories by drinking water or unsweetened beverages. Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar, and calories, in American diets.

Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov for more information.