July 9, 2014

Dear Table-Setting Contestants:

The Table-Setting Contest will be held on Wednesday, August 6th and if needed, Thursday, August 7th. This year we are again scheduling the contest on-line. Attached to this email is the information you would usually receive in the mail. It is also available on our website or at our office. To register for your time preference go to [http://doodle.com/ctk4n2dfbpz6i3rs](http://doodle.com/ctk4n2dfbpz6i3rs) and enter your name and preferred time. **IF you cannot participate on Wednesday, please contact me directly and we will work on scheduling you.**

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early so you will be prepared if the participant ahead of you finishes early. **If for any reason you need to cancel, please let the 4-H Office know as soon as possible so others won't be inconvenienced.** You will have 20 minutes to complete the contest.

You will be provided with white dishes, which will include: dinner plate, salad plate, cup and saucer, soup bowl, and bread plate. Glassware and tableware will also be provided. You will need to provide special items like salt/pepper, and candle holders. If for ethnic meal, special items should have an explanation of their use attached to the item.

The challenge of the contest is to take the materials on hand and create a table to satisfy the menu and occasion you have chosen. You need to use your imagination to combine, in a creative way, the place mats or tablecloth, napkins, napkin rings, and centerpieces needed. Remember your centerpiece needs to be assembled during the contest, your napkin is to be folded in front of the judge, and you will need to provide your own card table.

Attached is a copy of the Table-Setting Guidelines the 2010 USDA Dietary Guidelines and contest requirements from the Fairbook. The use of alcoholic beverages is not permitted.

The results will be posted by Friday. Special awards will be presented at our Recognition Festival that will be held October 18th.

If you have any questions, give the 4-H Office a call.

Sincerely,

Teresa Middleton, 4-H Agent