TABLE SETTING CONTEST
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Table Setting guidelines are available at the County Extension Office and will be mailed to those who pre-register for contest.

1) This contest is open to all 4-H Home Economics members. Contestants will only use dishes and tableware provided. (Paper and plastic products are not acceptable.) Dishes (white), glasses (three sizes), and stemware. Dishes provided include dinner plate, salad plate, bread plate, soup bowl, fruit bowl, cup, saucer and mug. Tableware: knife, butter knives, fork, teaspoon, soupspoon, salad fork and iced tea spoon. Special dishes needed for menu items are to be provided by the contestant (e.g., custard cups).

2) Plan an attractive table setting for a menu. It should be for two people and should include all that would be on the table for the menu. Serving pieces and condiment pieces are not necessary (e.g. salt and pepper shakers, jelly dish, syrup pitcher).

3) Exhibits will remain on display throughout the Fair. Contestants are discouraged from using expensive items or family heirlooms for their table settings. Although every reasonable precaution is taken, breakage might occur.

4) You will need:
   * A card table
   * Menu (5" x 8") should include: menu; contestant's name; grade; club name; division: (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). The use of alcoholic beverages is not permitted and should not be listed on the menu.
   * Placemats and/or tablecloth and napkins. (Plastic and paper products are not acceptable.)
   * Napkins are to be folded in front of the judge. Rectangular fold required—fancy fold optional.
   * A simple, unassembled centerpiece to be assembled during the contest.

* International Table setting: Special ethnic tableware and/or dishes may be used. Contestants should be prepared to give an explanation of the use of special items to the judge. (Contestants may be asked to set a traditional place setting using tableware provided.)

Your setting will be judged on:
- Attractiveness of table: 15 points
- Appropriate to menu: 15 points
- Menu Card: Menu written on 5"x 8" card: neat, centered and properly organized in the order of the menu: 10 points
- Equal spacing of tablecloth or placemats and equal spacing of silver, glassware, dishes and napkins properly placed: 10 points
- Efficiency—Table setting completed in less than 15 minutes: 10 points
- Centerpieces pleasing in design, color and texture appropriate to the theme. Table appointments are fresh and clean: 10 points
- Knowledge of the meal’s nutrition and how menu items fit into the Food Pyramid: 10 points
- Oral reasons—include how and why the table setting was chosen and assembled: 10 points
- Resourcefulness of table setting/creativity: 10 points

Total: 100 points

CLASSES:
*511 700 091: Juniors, Breakfast
*511 700 092: Intermedias, Lunch
*511 700 093: Seniors, Dinner

*County contest only