



April 12, 2018

Dear Cake Decorating Project Member,

Due to the growing number of Cake Decorating Project exhibitors and their various skill levels, we are restructuring the Cake Decorating Project judging process. This new process will allow the judges to view similar skill level projects during the same time frame.

To help with this new process, we are asking that all exhibitors determine their cake decorating skill level before the judging date. This information will allow us to schedule your judging times based on skill levels and ages accordingly per judge.

To determine your decorating skill level, you should complete the "Skills & Techniques Record" insert from your Cake Decorating Project & Record Book. You will work through the guidelines for each level and must master certain techniques before moving to the next skill level. After completing these guidelines, you will be able to declare yourself at the Beginner Level, Intermediate Level, or Advanced Level.

Once you have determined your skill level, please complete the enclosed postcard and return to the Extension Office. This will allow us to create a schedule that is fair and consistent for all cake exhibitors. It is important for members to identify their accurate skill level because when competing at the county or State Fair level, we want members to be judged against similar skill levels.

**Postcards must be returned to the Extension Office by Wednesday, June 20.** The cake decorating judging schedule will be released by email and posted to the Mercer County OSU website by Wednesday, June 27.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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