

## **A Trip to Remember: Family & Consumer Science Nationals**

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When I first joined 4-H, I had no idea the incredible opportunities that awaited me. This January, I had the unforgettable experience of spending four days in Texas at the 4-H National Family and Consumer Science Conference. It was a whirlwind of learning, competition, and connection—one that I will cherish forever!

At Nationals, my team and I competed in the **Consumer Decision Making contest**, where we were challenged to evaluate products based on a given consumer's needs. Not only did we have to make the best selection, but we also had to defend our choices with strong reasoning. After putting our skills to the test, we were thrilled to place **4th in the reasoning category!**

Between preparing for competition, meeting teams from across the country, and immersing myself in the experience, I gained invaluable knowledge. But more than that, I made friendships that will last a lifetime. The people I met at Nationals have broadened my perspective and left a lasting impact on me.

I am incredibly grateful for the support I received throughout this journey. To anyone considering 4-H **go for it!** You never know how it might change your life.