

Table Setting

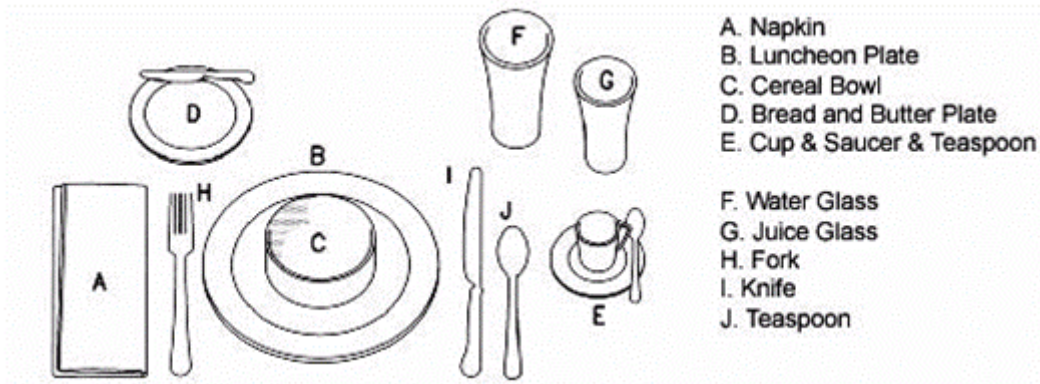
The purpose of the table setting project is to give members an opportunity to display their creative talents while learning the importance of setting an attractive table. A well laid-out table clearly conveys to invite guests that thought has gone into planning the occasion. Just like decorating your house, you are setting the mood for the meal with a well-set table. The exhibit display allows the member to arrange a table setting for one person.

Exhibit Requirements: Table Setting, Favor & Menu

- Table setting is to be made with supplies from the member's home.
- The maximum space available for each setting is 24" x 18" on a **hard display board surface**. If a tablecloth is to be used, place setting should be on proper color display board or have tablecloth wrapped on display board surface.
 - The party favor is to be made by the member and must be included in the space allowed. It may be made of such items as fresh, artificial, dried, and/or paper materials. The favor is not a prop; it is an item for your guest to take with them.
- No fireworks or centerpieces are allowed in the exhibits.
- A menu is mandatory on a 3" x 5" index card. Menu should include theme of meal and be age appropriate for attendees (example Child's Birthday Party), an appetizer, entrée, dessert, and beverage(s). Food should also be appropriate to theme.
- Only 4-H members and superintendents are allowed at the table at the time of set-up and judging. Set-up will be done in front of the judge; unless the 4-H member is not staying for the judging then they will set-up in front of the superintendent. Arrangements should be made with the superintendent if the 4-H member can not be present at all for judging. Expensive items such as china, crystal, silver, etc. should be replaced with plastic or inexpensive utensils, glasses, etc. after judging to stay as the exhibit as Purdue, the Extension Office and the Lake County Fair are not responsible for what happens to the project. Photos will be taken of switched place settings to be displayed so everyone viewing Table Setting will know what came in for judging.

Let's Set the Table

Breakfast

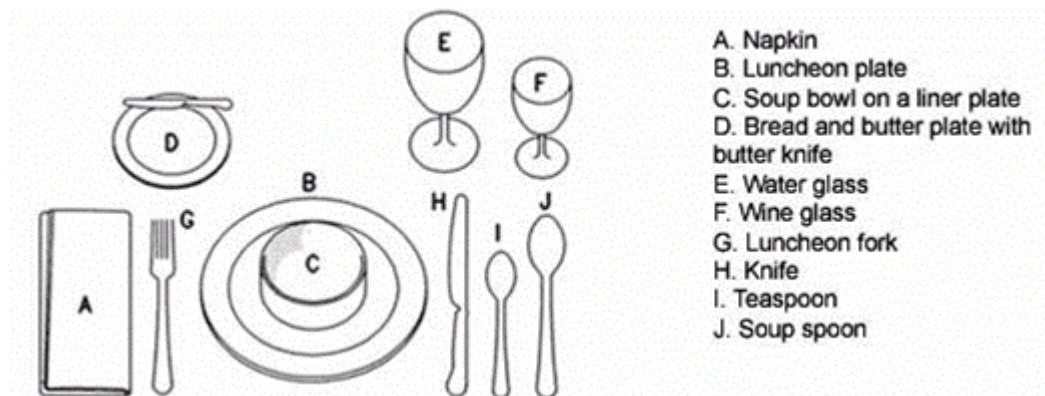


Menu: Placed on 3"x 5" index card, should include:

Theme for Breakfast
Bread
Entrée
Fruit
Beverage

Favor

Luncheon

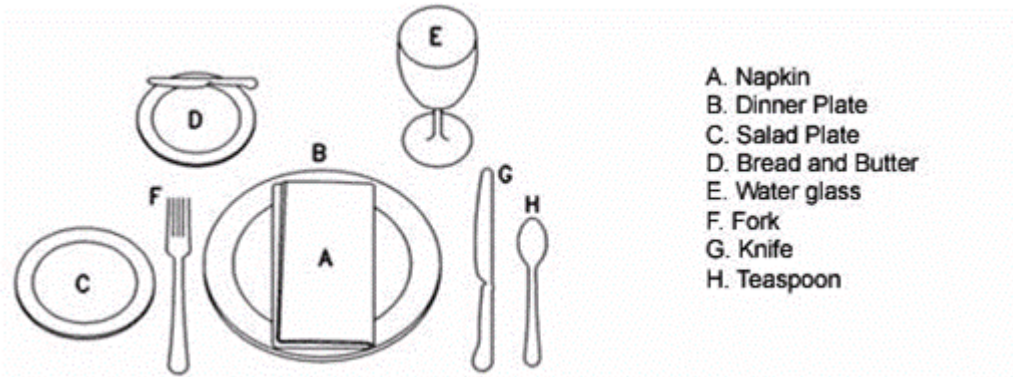


Menu: Placed on 3"x 5" index card, should include:

Theme for Luncheon
Appetizer
Entrée
Dessert
Beverage

Favor

Informal Dinner



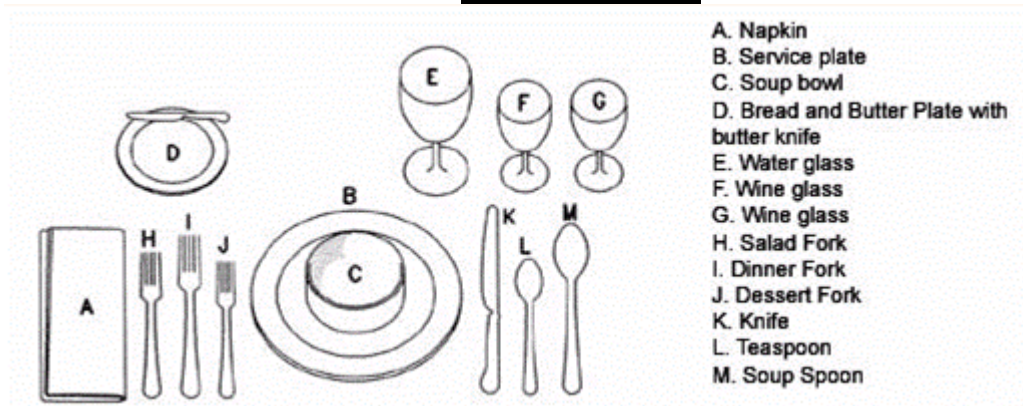
- A. Napkin
- B. Dinner Plate
- C. Salad Plate
- D. Bread and Butter
- E. Water glass
- F. Fork
- G. Knife
- H. Teaspoon

Menu: Placed on 3"x5" index card, should include:

- Theme for Informal Dinner
- Appetizer
- Entrée
- Dessert
- Beverage

Favor

Formal Dinner



- A. Napkin
- B. Service plate
- C. Soup bowl
- D. Bread and Butter Plate with butter knife
- E. Water glass
- F. Wine glass
- G. Wine glass
- H. Salad Fork
- I. Dinner Fork
- J. Dessert Fork
- K. Knife
- L. Teaspoon
- M. Soup Spoon

Menu: Placed on 3"x5" index card, should include:

- Theme for Formal Dinner
- Appetizer
- Entrée
- Dessert
- Beverage

Favor

Tips To Remember:

- ✓ Allow at least 20” for the place setting itself; 24” or more total space for each person
- ✓ The silverware and plate go 1” from the edge of the table.

Dinnerware:

- ✓ The ‘main’ plate goes in the center of each place setting.
- ✓ The bread and butter plate belongs at the tip of the forks.
- ✓ The salad plate usually goes to the left of the forks. When no bread and butter plate is used, the salad plate may go at the tip of the forks.
- ✓ If the salad is served as a separate course (either before or after the main course), it goes in the same place as the dinner plate.
- ✓ The cup and saucer is placed beside the spoon – handle turned to the right parallel to the table.
- ✓ Bowls for cereal, soup, or fruit cocktail should be placed on a plate and put in the center of the place setting.

Flatware:

- ✓ The ‘main’ knife goes to the right of the plate, with the cutting edge turned toward the plate. The butter knife is placed on the rim of the bread and butter plate, either parallel to the edge of the table or parallel to the other flatware, edge turned toward the center of the plate.
- ✓ Spoons go to the right of the knife. Place soup spoons on the outside if soup is served as the first course.
- ✓ Forks belong to the left of the plate, with the first fork to be used farthest from the plate. If a salad is served before the main course, place the salad fork to the left of the dinner fork. If the salad is served after the main course, place the salad fork to the right of the dinner fork.
- ✓ Seafood cocktail forks should be placed at the right of the spoon or on the appetizer plate.
- ✓ Dessert fork or spoon is brought in with dessert. If desired, the teaspoon for the beverage may be placed on the saucer with the cup when the beverage is served with dessert.

Glassware:

- ✓ The water glass belongs at the tip of the knife.
- ✓ A second beverage glass would be placed to the right of the water glass.
- ✓ A juice glass used for an appetizer should be placed on a plate and put in the center of the place setting.

Accessories:

- ✓ The napkin should be placed within the setting in an attractive manner.
- ✓ Salt and pepper shakers should be in convenient reach for each person at the table. Plan on one set for each two people.
- ✓ The sugar bowl and cream are brought to the table when the beverage is served. At breakfast, they will be placed on the table in advance.
- ✓ Serving dishes go straight with the edge of the table (not angled). Flatware for serving food is placed to the right of the dish or platter for which it is needed.

TABLE SETTING RECORD SHEET

Name _____

Club _____ Grade in School _____

Check your Level (grade in school completed by fair)

Level A (Grades 3-4) _____ Level C (Grades 7-9) _____

Level B (Grades 5-6) _____ Level D (Grades 10 & above) _____

RECORD SHEET IS DUE AT THE TIME OF JUDGING.

Record at least eight (8) table setting occasions during the year.

Occasion	Theme	Did you include a favor?	Did you include a menu?

I have reviewed this record and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of Leader _____ Date _____