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Teachers,

The Horse Evaluation CDE will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 in conjunction with the Maryland 4-H event. The location will be determined closer to the event date. Registration for the event will open at 8:00 am with the event starting at 9:00 am. The event will follow the National FFA guidelines as closely as possible. The specifics of the event will be included in the Superintendent's letter which will be posted on www.mdffa.org. Students should plan to evaluate 8 classes of horses, prepare and present at least 2 sets of oral reasons based on their class placings. Students will also complete an Identification activity.

The Forestry and Environmental and Natural Resources CDE will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Allegany College, Cumberland, Maryland. These events will follow the National FFA Guidelines as closely as possible. Check in will be in the Science building starting at 9:00 am. The event practicums will begin promptly at 9:30 am. A written, general knowledge exam will follow the practicums in both events. Additional information about the events will be posted on www.mdffa.org as they become available.

Registration for the Horse Evaluation, Forestry and Environmental and Natural Resources CDE are due via the wufoo link <https://mdcte.wufoo.com/forms/maryland-ffa-registration/> by June 1st.

The Dairy Evaluation, Dairy Handling, and Livestock Evaluation CDEs will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at the Washington County Ag. Expo and Fair located on MD Rt. 65 South, (5miles) exit 29 off of Interstate 70 in Hagerstown. The physical address is 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713.

Registration for all events will start at 8am in the Redman Pavilion next to the parking lot. The events will start at 9am. Lunch will be available for purchase from various fair vendors. For those of you traveling across the state, hotel accommodations are available at the Sleep Inn, 18216 Colonel HK Douglas Drive, Hagerstown, MD.

For reservations call: 301-766-9449.

These events will follow the National FFA guidelines as closely as possible. Additional information will be posted on the Maryland FFA website www.mdffa.org as it becomes available from the event Superintendents.

The Maryland FFA Dairy Evaluation and Livestock Evaluation CDE will include a general knowledge written exam with management related problems. Samples of past exams and problems are available on line at www.ffa.org. Dairy Evaluation will be placing of 6 classes of dairy cattle. Students will prepare and present 2 sets of oral reasons. Livestock Evaluation will be placing of at least 6, not more than 8 classes of livestock, both market and breeding. Students will prepare and present 2 sets of oral reasons, one market class and one breeding class. Dairy Handlers will be evaluated using the Dairy Handler Event scoring rubric found at www.ffa.org. Students will be randomly assigned animals to lead during the Dairy Evaluation event and scored by a panel of judges.

The Maryland FFA Tractor Driving CDE will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at the Maryland State Fair starting at 12 noon. Up to four FFA members/region can participate in the state event. Regional Coordinators must submit the names of the students who qualify to represent their Region and Chapter Advisors must submit the Tractor Driving Registration form within 5 days following the Regional event.

Event Rules & Regulations for Tractor CDE:

1. Each FFA region may enter 4 FFA participants as determined through a regional selection process.
2. Previous State Individuals are not eligible to participate representing the same organization.
3. Each participant may represent only one organization in any given year.
4. Participants shall wear FFA T-shirts, Jackets or Sweatshirts and be appropriately dressed. Improperly dressed individuals will not be allowed to participate at the discretion of the event officials.

Event Format

1. Written Exam (50 questions, 20 pts per question)
2. Practical Exam;
3. Skill Driving (there will be a 5000-pt. penalty for not driving the prescribed course).

Registrations for the Dairy Evaluation, Dairy Handling and Livestock CDEs are due by July 1st.

Attached is the registration form for the Summer CDE's. Complete the attached registration form and submit the registration, via the wufoo link: <https://mdcte.wufoo.com/forms/maryland-ffa-registration/>

Thanks for all you do,
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