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State Superintendent of Schools

To: Agriculture Instructors/FFA Advisors
From: Terrie Shank, MD FFA Executive Director/Naomi Knight, MD FFA Program Coordinator
RE: State Spring Judging Information and Registration
Date: January 14, 2020

The Maryland FFA Spring Judging Events will be held at Westminster High School, 1225 Washington Road Westminster, MD on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Please note: Your lunch counts must be included on the registration form.

The Career Development Events being held this year during the Spring Judging Day are: Agricultural Technology & Mechanics, Agronomy, Farm Business Management, Floriculture, Food Science, Meat Evaluation, Milk Quality and Products, Nursery/Landscaping and Veterinary Science.

The Middle School FFA Ag. Challenge will also be held this day as will the Maryland FFA Ag. Science Fair. Students participating in the FFA Ag. Science Fair should plan to arrive so that they can have their exhibit set up by 8:00 am. Judging for this event will take place between 8:30-10:00 am. The Middle School Ag Challenge judging will start at 10 am.

The Chapter registration form must be received on or before Monday, March 2, 2020. Registration fees are \$35.00 per team or \$10.00 per individual. ****Please see attached Registration Instructions via judgingcard.com**
**** Full Payment for this event must be turned into the MD FFA by April 4th.**

****Registrations will not be accepted if membership dues or any other chapter invoices have not been paid in full.**

****All participants must have an advisor/adult chaperone present at the high school, Ag Mechanics and Nursery/Landscape sites.**

Buses should drop off students at the front entrance of Westminster High School. Parking is available for buses in the stadium lot to the rear of the school. Cars may park in the lots in front of the school or on either side of the building.

Official Dress is required for all participants except those in Agricultural Mechanics. Teachers and chaperones are expected to dress professionally. Team photos will be taken in the main lobby from 8:00 to 10:00 am and from 12:00-2:00 pm the day of the event. The Maryland FFA Alumni will be hosting a FFA Shopping Mall in the lobby so be sure to tell your students to bring their money to purchase FFA related items and clothing.

Advisor or a designated adult chaperone will need to check in all teams/members at the registration table in the main lobby from 8:00-9:00 am. Advisors and members will gather at 9:00 am for an opening ceremony and program featuring the Maryland FFA Alumni presentation of the State Convention Scholarships and the awarding of FFA Jackets through The Maryland FFA Foundation's Gift of Blue Program.

Following the opening program, team leaders will escort each CDE group to their designated location. For the Nursery/Landscape CDE, Buses will be provided to transport students departing the high school at 10:00 am and returning around 1 pm. Students participating in the Ag. Mechanics CDE are asked to report to the Carroll County Career & Technology Center at 9:00 am to start their event. All other CDE's will begin by 10:30 am.

Lunch will be provided by the Maryland FFA Alumni FREE of charge for everyone participating in the events, if counts are included on the chapter registration form.

Complete results for the Career Development Events will be available online by the end of the following week at <https://www.judgingcard.com>. Award plaques and pins will be delivered to the Chapter Advisor for presentation at their chapter banquet or other school event.

General questions/clarifications contact: Terrie Shank: 301-491-5686, tshank@maefonline.com

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