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To: Agriculture Instructors/FFA Advisors

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RE: State Spring Judging Information and Registration

Date: February 1, 2023

The Maryland FFA Spring Judging Events will be held at Westminster High School, 1225 Washington Road Westminster, MD on Saturday, April 1, 2022. Please note: Your lunch counts must be included on the registration form. Lunches will be provided by the Maryland FFA Alumni.

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. **NOTE: Student Cell phones will not be permitted in the career development event areas during the events. Plan now to secure your student's cell phones while they participate in the CDE.**

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 Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Registration fees are \$40.00 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 1st.

****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



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When you register, teachers will be asked to volunteer to assist with a Career event. You can not select the event in which your students are participating, but you can select to help at another event. You will be serving as a room monitor or timer for an event.

The Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association is planning to hold a membership meeting in the Media Center starting at 10:15 a.m. There will be information provided from the MATA Blueprint Committee, the Maryland Ag Educators Conference planning committee and Mr. Geoff Rhinehart, Turfgrass instructor at the Institute of Applied Agriculture, will be sharing information for teachers about the new Turfgrass CDE being held during the State Convention in June.

We hope to see you on April 1st.