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Memorandum

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To: Middle Grades Advisors
From: Joshua Bledsoe, State FFA Advisor
RE: Middle Grades Rally

The Middle Grades Rally and Career Development Events will be held **Friday, March 6, 2020**, at **North Carolina A&T State University** in Greensboro. You must pre-register your teams on ncffa.org by **Friday, February 28, 2020**.

Registration for all events will begin at 9:00 am in the lobby of the General Classroom Building. At 10:00 am, the opening session will be held in the auditorium A218. Career development events will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Please refer to the attached schedule for career development event room locations.

Driving directions to North Carolina A&T State University are available online at: <https://www.ncat.edu/visit/directions-and-parking.php>

All vehicles should park in the War Memorial Stadium Parking Lot, which is #44 on the campus map: <https://www.ncat.edu/files/pdfs/visit/campusmap.pdf>

There is not a registration fee for this event; however, there is a non-refundable meal charge of \$5 per participant and advisor/chaperone. You will be emailed an invoice upon completion of your online registration.

The awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 PM. This may be delayed depending on the number of teams that are registered for each event.

We are not able to offer leadership workshops for students this year. Therefore, advisors should only bring students that are participating in career development events. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please refer to the event guidelines posted on <https://ncffa.org/ncffa-more/cdes/> for complete rules and procedures for each of the career development events.

Important Items

- Due to the growth in the number of participants, chapters may only register one team or participant per event.
- Manuscripts for prepared public speakers are due at the state office by 5pm on February 28, 2020. Manuscripts may be submitted electronically by emailing them to joshua_bledsoe@ncsu.edu.
- Please review the cell phone, electronic device, dress code and tobacco use policy for state level career development events with your students prior to the event.
- Please notify the state office prior to February 28, 2020, if any participant has special needs or dietary restrictions for this event.
- **All students are required** to have a completed waiver signed by their parent/guardian in order to attend this event. Students that do not submit a completed waiver at team check-in prior to the event will not be allowed to participate.

Online Registration Instructions

1. Visit ncffa.org and navigate to the Register and Request section (main menu > NC FFA > Register & Request; or underneath the main homepage area, you will see 3 boxes – click on the one that says Register & Request)
2. Click on the Middle Grades Rally Registration link\
3. Email address is required, and you will receive a confirmation email to the address you enter here.
4. Chapter Name and Number – enter your chapter name, followed by your chapter number (NCxxxx)
5. Student Name – enter the students' names (as they appear on the FFA roster) for each respective event in which they are participating.
6. Please add in the number of additional meals needed for advisors/chaperones/bus drivers/etc.
7. Please be reminded that all meals are non-refundable regardless of attendance on the day of the event.
8. Click Submit when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 919-515-4206.

Advisor Checklist

To help things go smoothly during registration, please make sure you have completed the following prior to checking in:

- Signed waiver for each participant
- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers for each participant
- Review registration material and event guidelines on ncffa.org
- Check dress code
- No cell phones
- No smart watches
- No tobacco/vapes/Juuls

On-Site Checklist/After Registration

- Disperse and adhere name badges
- Disperse meal tickets
- Direct participants to assigned group

North Carolina FFA Association

Middle Grades Rally
NC A&T State University
General Classroom Building (GCB)
March 6, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Career Development Event Agenda

9:00a.m.-9:45a.m.....Registration
A218 Auditorium Lobby (GCB)

10:00a.m.-10:15a.m.....Opening Session
A218 Auditorium (GCB)

Biotech Knowledge Test - Carver Hall Room 125
Biotech Lab Practicum - Carver Hall Room 111
Biotech Tool ID - Carver Hall Room 116

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.....Prepared Public Speaking CDE
GCB A105 (Preparation Room)
GCB A107 (Competition Room)

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.....Parliamentary Procedure CDE
GCB A208 (Preparation Room)
GCB A211 (Competition Room)

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.....Exploring Biotechnology CDE
Carver Hall Room 116

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.....Biotechnology Quizbowl CDE
Webb Hall Auditorium

12:15p.m.-1:00p.m.....Lunch
Carver Hall Lobby

1:30p.m.-2:00p.m.....Awards Ceremony

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