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MEMORANDUM

To: FFA Advisors

From: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

Re: Land Judging Career Development Event

The 69th Annual State FFA Land Judging Career Development Event will be held at **Lincolnton High School** (803 N Aspen St, Lincolnton, NC 28092) on **Saturday, November 18, 2023**. There will be a practice site available on Friday, November 17, 2023. Please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your students' eligibility for this CDE.

The Land Judging Handbook has been updated. Please review the updated version on ncffa.org.

Again this year, the North Carolina FFA Association will host a junior and senior division event. At-large junior and senior division teams will be allowed to participate in this event provided they register before the deadline. Regional qualifications are no longer required for this event. Junior division teams of three or four FFA members in grades six through ten will compete by completing the entire official land judging scorecard. Awards will be given to the top junior division and senior division teams. Awards will be given to the top three middle school teams in the junior division. Alternate participants are not allowed at this event.

Registration fees for this event are \$10 per student. You will receive an invoice after the event, please do not bring payment to the event.

In registering for the event please note that the junior division is for students enrolled in grades 6-10. Participants in the senior division may be in grades 6-12.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE REGISTER BY **November 10, 2023**

1. Go to ncffa.org and underneath the main homepage area, you will see 3 boxes – click on the one that says **Register & Request**.
2. Click on "Land Judging CDE registration" to go to <http://www.judgingcard.com>
3. Sign in using your username and password. Be sure to click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account. These email addresses will be used for event communications.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information," select the November 2023 calendar, and click the North Carolina Land Judging CDE on November 18.

5. Register for the event. Students are selected from a dropdown list. A completed and signed waiver form must be on theaet.com for students to be eligible for registration.
6. Please submit only the appropriate number of team participants! Alternates are not allowed at state CDE events.
7. Meal tickets can be purchased for advisors, bus drivers, etc. Please register all advisors and chaperones that will need meal tickets. Meal tickets are \$10 and are not refundable once registration has been submitted.
8. If anyone traveling with you to the event has any dietary restrictions, please indicate that to carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu prior to the registration deadline.

JudgingCard accounts have been created for every FFA Chapter in North Carolina. To sign in, the username is 'NC' followed by their 4-digit chapter number: "NC0001", for example. The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NCxxxx". If you don't know your login information, please contact carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu.

Directions to the practice site will be shared with registered advisors one week prior to the event (or as soon as the state office receives this information from the host county). The practice sites will be marked with appropriate flags and stakes. Staff members will be present with practice scorecards and maps of the sites for you. Be sure to bring a soil auger or tube, as you may need it at the practice site. **The pits are not guaranteed to be dug by staff.** On Friday, **November 17th**, the practice site will be available beginning at **12:00 pm.** **From approximately 3:00-4:30 pm** contest officials will be available to answer questions regarding the practice sites and to provide interpretation.

Team check-in will begin on Saturday morning, November 18, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. at Lincolnton High School (Please do not plan to arrive earlier than 7:30 am). Follow the signage for parking instructions and directions to check in. At check-in, team photographs will be completed. Check-in will be followed by the session starting promptly at 8:30 a.m. During this session, participants will receive final instructions. Judging will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided when judging is completed. The event and awards program should be completed before 3pm.

A few reminders:

- Follow the dress code outlined in the chapter guide to state FFA activities:
 - The North Carolina FFA Dress Code for this event will be a collared shirt and long pants. T-shirts with FFA emblems and school logos are also acceptable. Students should wear close-toed shoes.
- **No tobacco products are permitted.** *The NC FFA Tobacco Use Policy will also be in effect during this event. This means that tobacco products, Juuls, e-cigarettes, and vapes are not to be used at any time during any official FFA event.*
- No cell phones or other electronic devices (this includes Apple watches) are allowed. Have your students leave these devices with an advisor.

- *Violations of these policies will result in penalties as outlined in the current Event Guidelines.*
- Participation waivers are required for this event and must be signed by a parent if the student is under the age of 18. *Waivers should be submitted electronically on theaet.com prior to the event. **No waiver = no participation.***

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, North Carolina FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests through the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#). If the accommodation can be made for all and/or doesn't provide an unfair advantage, then every effort will be made to provide the accommodation. Requests can be accommodated more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

Please complete the online registration no later than November 10, 2023. The North Carolina FFA Association will invoice your chapter for the registration fee of \$10.00 per member after the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Attachments:
Advisor Checklist

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

- Signed waiver for each participant submitted electronically
- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers for each participant.
NC FFA will provide clipboards.
- Review registration material and Event Guidelines
- Review scorecard with students for correct marking procedures
- Check dress code!
 - No shorts
 - Closed-toe shoes
 - No cell phones
 - No smart watches
 - No tobacco/vapes

On-Site Checklist/After Registration

- Disperse and adhere name badges
- Review scorecard instructions with students (name, chapter #, contestant #, division, etc.)
- Direct participants to assigned location