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Memorandum

To: Middle Grades Advisors

RE: Middle Grades Rally

From: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

FFA Advisors of Middle Grades Event Attendees:

The Middle Grades Rally and Career Development Events will be held **Friday, March 8, 2024** at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. **You must complete online registration by Friday, March 1, 2024.**

Check-in for these events will begin at 9:00am in the lobby of the **Academic Classroom Building (ACB) which is #68 on the campus map**. At 9:30am, we will begin with an opening session in the ACB 101 (#68). The events will begin promptly at 10:00am. Please refer to the attached schedule for career development event room locations.

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

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. Advisors can drop off students at the Academic Classroom Building.

Registration is \$10 per person for this event (\$5 registration + \$5 non-refundable meal cost). Additional meal tickets can be purchased by registering in judgingcard.com. You will be emailed an invoice from the NC FFA office *after* the event. [Judgingcard.com](http://judgingcard.com) is used for registration only and no payment will be collected on judgingcard.com. Please do not bring payment to the event.

When students are not competing in career development events, they will participate in leadership workshops provided by the state FFA officers and a National FFA officer developed specifically for middle grades students. Registration, waivers, and the meal fee are required for all participants.

Prepared Public Speaking - ACB 208

Parliamentary Procedure - ACB 209

Exploring Biotechnology - Webb 204 & 208

(Webb Hall Is #61 on the campus map)

Lunch (provided) - Webb Hall Lobby and Front Lawn

Biotechnology Quiz Bowl - Webb Hall Auditorium

Leadership Workshops - ACB 101

Awards Ceremony - ACB 101

Important Reminders:

- 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 March 1, 2024. Manuscripts may be submitted electronically by emailing them to Sherilee Deal at sdeal2@ncsu.edu.
- Follow the dress code outlined in the [Event Guidelines](#) for each event.
- Possession of a cell phone, ipod, smart watch, or other electronic device will result in a total team disqualification. 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.
- *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 will be collected

- electronically through theaet.com. *Waivers should be submitted electronically prior to the event. **No waiver = no participation.***
- Please complete the CDE/LDE Accommodation Request [Form](#) prior to March 1, 2024 if you have students with special needs or dietary restrictions for this event.
 - **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.*

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 register team members via <http://www.judgingcard.com>. Registration closes on **March 1, 2024, at 5:00pm.**

To register:

1. Go to <http://www.judgingcard.com>
2. Sign in using your username and password.
3. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information," select the March 2024 calendar, and click the NC FFA Middle Grades Rally on March 8.
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. Save your information when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).

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 bmfranch@ncsu.edu.

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:

- Electronic waiver for each participant submitted on theaet.com prior to the event
- Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers for each participant
- Review registration material and Event Guidelines
- Check dress code!
- No shorts
- Close-toed shoes
- 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