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MEMORANDUM

TO: 2022 Virginia 4-H and FFA Meat Judging Team Coaches

FROM: John Benner, Animal Science Extension Agent

SUBJECT: 2022 Shenandoah Valley Invitational 4-H & FFA Meats Judging Contest

We are grateful to once again resume the annual Shenandoah Valley Invitational 4-H & FFA Meats Judging Contest. The contest will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022 beginning at Rockbridge County High School at 8:30 AM. The contest is generously sponsored by Rockbridge Farmer's Co-op. The contest would not be possible without the partnership of Donald's Meat Processing, Buffalo Creek Beef and Rockbridge County Public Schools. We are planning this event as an in-person contest. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, this may be subject to change, with the event being postponed or moved virtual. If this occurs participants will be notified of changes as soon as possible. Masks are required for participation.

This contest should be regarded as a preparation contest for the Virginia state 4-H & FFA meats judging contest sponsored by the Block & Bridle Club. As such, all efforts will be made to make the contest as similar as possible. However, 4-H and FFA teams from outside of Virginia are welcome to compete. The contest will use the official 4-H/FFA Meat Evaluation Form #480-4. The form can be found here: <https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/480-4-Meats.pdf>.

Registration fees will be \$5/contestant and \$10/lunch for a total of \$15/person. Coaches may also purchase lunch. Additional details describing the contest can be found in the accompanying

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rules and regulations. Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning these details, by phone at (540) 245-5750 ext. 2, (540) 245-0240, or email benner89@vt.edu.

To help with planning of the contest, please register via the accompanying google forms link. At the bottom of the form, ***please be sure to indicate that you do want a copy of the registration.*** An email containing registration information should automatically be sent to you. Please print out the registration information and mail to the Augusta Extension Office with registration and lunch fees.

4-H Registration: <https://forms.gle/DH3nSjTywQNAAAdKu8>

FFA Registration: <https://forms.gle/rgtvH7cwULvYkmyE8>

Augusta Extension Office Mailing Address: VCE-Augusta P.O. Box 590, Verona, VA 24482.

Checks may be made payable to “VCE-Augusta”. **To be eligible for the contest, payment and registration must be received by December 20, 2022.** Thank you very much for your consideration of this contest. Please feel free to let me know of any questions. We are very happy to offer this contest as preparation for the state contest and look forward to hosting it this coming year.

Sincerely,



Extension Agent, ANR – Animal Science
Rockbridge, Augusta & Rockingham Counties