

March 3, 2017

**TO:** 4-H Agents or Persons with 4-H Livestock Responsibilities  
**FROM:** Dara Booher, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development  
**RE:** Northern District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest  
**LOCATION:** Rockingham County Fairgrounds

The 2017 Northern District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 beginning at 9:00 AM. All Virginia counties with 4-H Livestock Programs are invited to participate in this event. Enclosed you will find information on rules and regulations, fees, registration information, and a tentative schedule.

All contestants should come prepared to evaluate classes of Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats (subject to change due to the availability of livestock). Market and breeding classes will be offered in each species. Data on the individual classes will be provided whenever possible, and should be used in determining the final placing and answering questions. This is a learning and educational contest, therefore some guidance may be given by committee members approval during the contest.

Senior age level participants (14 to 19 years old as of 09/30/17) will give one set of oral reasons for each species. Junior age level participants (9 to 13 years old as of 09/30/17) will be expected to give one set of oral reasons on a class and species to be named the day of the contest. **Participants who have not turned 14 as of January 1, 2017 but, will turn 14 on or before September 30, 2017 are eligible to compete as JUNIORS. To do this, simply enter them as a junior or with a junior team.** All participants will be responsible for answering questions relating to individual classes. The answers will be scored and included in the overall scores.

**An individual participant fee for all registered participants will be assessed to cover the awards and meal expenses.** For all contestants, this fee is \$13.00 per individual. Lunch is included. Contestants may not leave the grounds for lunch. **Anyone whose registration is postmarked after April 14, 2017 will pay \$15.00 per individual.** **No teams will be accepted and refunds will not be given after April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Please make checks payable to: **VCE-Rockingham**  
**Mail registrations to: VCE-Rockingham, Attn: Dara Booher,**  
**965 Pleasant Valley Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.**

**REGISTRATIONS AND FEES ARE TO BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

Coaches are responsible for bringing their own 4-H'ers health forms with them to the contest.  
If you should have any questions please feel free to call Dara Booher at 540-564-3080. We look forward to seeing you and your teams on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Rules and Regulations

1. Members must be enrolled in a 4-H program in the unit they represent.
2. Senior level participants must be 14 to 19 years old as of 09/30/17.
3. Junior level participants must be 9 to 13 years old as of 09/30/17. Participants who are not 14 as of January 1, 2017 but will turn 14 on or before September 30, 2017 are eligible to compete as a junior.
4. A team can consist of 3 or 4 members. On a 4-person team, the lowest individual score will be dropped when totaling team scores. All team members are eligible for individual awards.
5. **No talking or sharing of notes, pens, or pencils between participants will be allowed during the contest. Violators will be warned one time, then the individual will be disqualified.**
6. There is no limit on the number of participants or teams per unit.
7. Any discrepancies must be brought to the attention of the contest Co-Chairperson in writing and will be resolved according to State 4-H Guidelines.
8. No teams will be accepted and refunds will not be given after April 19<sup>th</sup>.
9. Lunch will be provided and if there are any special needs, please contact the Rockingham County Extension Office by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Contestants may not leave the grounds for lunch. ***For parents and coaches, lunch will be \$7.00 and please include parent/coach lunches on registration summary sheet.***

## Awards

Recognition will be awarded to Junior and Senior teams and individuals for placings in individual species, overall, and reasons.

**\*\*Awards subject to change\*\***

**Northern District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest**  
**2017 CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

County \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the names of all contestants in the space provided. Make additional copies as needed**

Contestant Information		Livestock Judging	
		Junior	Senior
Name			
Address			
Age as of 9/30/17:	Birthdate:		
Name			
Address			
Age as of 9/30/17:	Birthdate:		
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Address			
Age as of 9/30/17:	Birthdate:		
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**2017 NORTHERN DISTRICT CONTEST ENTRY FEES**

County: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Contestants @ \$13.00 per person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Contestants @ \$13.00 per person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunches for parents/coaches @ \$7.00 ea.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "VCE-Rockingham".

**Entry forms and fees must be postmarked by April 14<sup>th</sup> to:**

VCE-Rockingham  
Attn: Dara Booher  
965 Pleasant Valley Road  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

**PLEASE NOTE:**      **Entries postmarked April 15-19 will be charged \$15 per person.**  
                                 **Entries postmarked after April 19 will NOT be accepted.**  
                                 **Each registered participant will be assessed a fee to cover expenses.**

Coaches are responsible for their own 4-H'ers health forms. Please bring them with you.

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Are you willing to assist with the contest? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Area:            Tabulation      \_\_\_\_\_            Group Leader      \_\_\_\_\_

                     Card Runner      \_\_\_\_\_            Set Up              \_\_\_\_\_

                     Take Down      \_\_\_\_\_

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg  
April 22, 2017**

\*\*\* This is a Tentative Schedule and is subject to change\*\*\*

- 9:00 AM - Registration, final details
- 9:30 AM - Contestants divided into groups and moved to classes
- Round 1
- 9:40 AM - Evaluate Class 1  
(15 minutes allowed for each class evaluation, 5 minutes for changing classes)
- 10:00 AM - Evaluate Class 2
- 10:20 AM - Evaluate Class 3
- 10:40 AM - Evaluate Class 4
- Round 2
- 11:00 AM - Evaluate Class 5
- 11:20 AM - Evaluate Class 6
- 11:40 AM - Evaluate Class 7
- 12:00 PM - Evaluate Class 8
- 12:20 PM Break for Lunch
- 1:00 PM - Begin Oral Reasons
- 4:00 PM - Awards Presentations
- 5:00 PM - Return Home