MEMORANDUM

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TO: D6 County Extension Agents

FROM: Charlene Belew
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4-H Youth Development Committee Chair

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SUBJECT: 2016 D6 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The D6 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will take place Saturday, April 23rd at the Texas Tech University Animal & Food Sciences Department livestock arena. The physical address is 1248 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79415.

Schedule:
8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Competition Begins
Noon Lunch Provided On-site by TTU (contestants and coaches)
TBA (afternoon) Awards Program

The 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines will be followed. The document can be obtained on the Texas 4-H Website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/. Resources to help prepare for the contest can be accessed at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/youth-projects/#livestock.

All youth should be registered, approved and paid 4-H members on 4-H Connect. Contestant entry will be made via 4-H Connect, https://texas.4honline.com/, during the timeframe of March 21-April 1.

The registration fee is $20 per contestant. Youth should be prepared to list their team members’ names when they register. It is the county’s responsibility to review and accept participant registration on 4-H Connect. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, and NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.

For questions, or emergencies the day of the contest, please contact Aaron Renfroe at 325.226.0037.

The D6 4-H Livestock Judging Committee consists of:
Aaron Renfroe (Chair), Caleb Eaton (Assistant Chair), Parks Tucker and Jessica McCrory
There is no limit on the amount of teams a county may enter.

Division is based on the current 2015 - 2016 4-H year:
- Junior: grades 3, 4 and 5; minimum age of 8, in addition to being in the 3rd grade
- Intermediate: grades 6, 7 and 8
- Senior: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; maximum age of 18 as of August 31, 2015

A team may consist of both junior and intermediate 4-Hers, but that team must compete on the intermediate level. Only seniors may constitute a senior team since it is a qualifying contest. The top three senior teams advance to state competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, June 8th.

There will be eight classes of livestock to be judged, consisting of cattle, sheep, swine and goats. It is likely that one class will have performance data. Seniors will give four sets of oral reasons, Intermediates will present two sets, and Juniors will provide one set. The contest committee will determine and set reason classes.

No printed materials may be used as an aid during the contest. Contestants are ONLY allowed to have a clipboard, blank paper/notepad and #2 pencils. Scantrons will be provided.

Ribbons will be awarded to each participant. The top three teams and individuals in each division will be recognized. Additional prizes may be provided at the discretion of the contest committee.

Team photos (if taken) and final results will be made available following the contest on the D6 4-H website at, http://d64-h.tamu.edu/, under the Results tab.

Protest Guidelines:
- $25 cash, and must be submitted in writing to the committee chair, Aaron Renfroe
- Must be received no later than 30 minutes after the awards program has concluded
- The Protest Committee will consist of the contest committee members and 4-H Specialist
- The committee will meet in private to review and make judgment
- All decisions of the committee will be final

Help Needs:
If you or an adult volunteer in your county 4-H program plan to be at the contest and is willing to assist the committee, please contact Aaron Renfroe by April 1st so appropriate plans can be made.