

September 18, 2023

TO: FFA Advisors
FROM: Jay Olsen
RE: Annual FFA Snow College Field Day, October 10th, 2023

We are using **JudgingCard.com** again this year for registration and contest placings and scoring. Watch for an announcement with links to the registration form.

All contests will all be using JudgingCard.com bubble sheets for placings and scoring. Please review with your students how to fill out bubble sheets. Specific instructions for how to bubble in the chapter and team will be emailed to you in a few days. Remember **ALL** students will need a No. 2 pencil.

The contests are:

Agronomy/Crops	Livestock
Range	Dairy
Land/Soils	Horse
Agribusiness	Forestry
Ag Mechanics	Vet Science
Floriculture	

Please carefully read through the plan for the day.

2023 Field Day Plan

- There will be no opening assembly.
- PLEASE register your students by October 3rd on JudgingCard.com. All participant fees including; \$4.00/per participant, Utah State Contest team fees (\$18.00/team) for Range, Crops and Land and the team fees for Floriculture supplies (\$25.00/team) will be paid to JudgingCard.com as part of registration.
- We plan on starting all contests at 9:00 A.M. We will have Students at each of the contest sites by 8:30 a.m. to accommodate your students if you arrive earlier. Please arrive on time and prepared to start.
- Upon arrival in Ephraim drop your teams off at the contest sites (map of the contest sites will come in a future email). As soon as a team arrives we will divide your schools into groups and start them through the contests. Each contest should take approximately 2 hrs.
- Following each individual contest students will be released for lunch and be directed to the football stadium. We know some schools will plan to leave after the contests to travel home which is very understandable.
- We will hold the awards assembly at 1:00 in the football stadium. Winners not in attendance will be notified through email within a few days of the contest and team and individual awards will be mailed to each school for the teams and individuals.

Advisors, we are asking that you spread your students out in the various contests. There are several of these contests can handle more participants. In the three state contests, remember that students/teams must have on an FFA jacket so there is no contesting the results because of improper FFA attire.

Each contest will be in the Ephraim area. Details as to the location of each contest will be given prior to arrival.

Registration: REQUIRED and NON-REFUNDABLE. Registration and registration fees are due (RECEIVED by Oct 4th) through JudgingCard.com

In all contests, unless state rules dictate otherwise, teams will consist of three or four members and the top three scores will be totaled for the team score. We will have awards for the top three teams and the top 5 individuals in each contest. Registration cost will be \$4.00 per contestant to cover the cost of using JudgingCard.com services.

State CDE Contests An additional charge of \$18.00 per team is charged and paid with your registration fees. JudgingCards.com will pay the Utah FFA Association for all teams registered for state contests. Chapters are encouraged to enter multiple teams but must designate one team as the State competition team. Team members of the state team must be dressed in FFA attire.

- LAND/SOILS JUDGING Teams will consist of 4 members with one alternate allowed.
- RANGE JUDGING Contest location will be in the foothills east of Ephraim, about 1 mile to the east from campus.
- CROPS/AGRONOMY Contest location will be Snow College West Campus, Construction Management shop (same location as last year)

LIVESTOCK EVALUATION Six to eight classes of livestock will be judged; made up of beef, sheep and goats and possibly swine. Classes will vary depending on availability. Snow College's Farm and Ranch management program revolves around the commercial livestock market. Therefore, expect classes to reflect this. There will be replacement male and female classes of the livestock species. Consider all aspects to this such as use of EPD's, EBV's, carcass data, and breed traits. There will be a test portion as well consisting of general Animal science knowledge.

HORSE EVALUATION Four classes: aged mare, aged gelding, western pleasure, and a reining class. Judging for the horse classes will be in three sections, beginning at 9:00, 9:45 and 10:30. We know that some students will have to wait before another section of judging begins or if they are not paying attention and make themselves ready when a judging section starts they will have to wait the 45 minutes for the next section.

DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION Five classes of dairy animals will be judged. A general knowledge test will also be given.

AGRIBUSINESS The contest will be a written test composed of actual business type problems. Calculations such as: loans, interest, co-op dividends, cost of gain, feed efficiency, sales tax, retail sales markup, buying machinery, dressing percent, and carcass value will be tested. With a good knowledge of 8th grade arithmetic, common sense and a calculator, most students do fine. Location will be Founders Hall, top floor of the Noyes (Administration) Building, same location as last year.

AG MECHANICS. The contest will consist of: identification of tools and small engine parts, parts on common farm equipment, a written test and an equipment spec. test. Location is West Campus Ag/Welding Shop, same drop off area as Crops/Agronomy.

FLORICULTURE (Contest limited to 2 team per school) Chad Warnick from Delta High School will be conducting the contest this year. There has been a problem in the past with teams registering the day of the contest. This presents a problem as supplies have to be ordered a week in advance. **No walk-on team or individuals will be allowed, only those schools that register through JudgingCard.com will be allowed to participate in the contest.** As a courtesy will you email Chad Warnick and let him know of your Floriculture team by October 4th. Supplies will only be purchased and provided for those teams that have registered and emailed Chad by **October 4th**. A \$25.00 charge per team is needed for this contest to cover. **Pay the 25.00 per team fee with your registration on the JudgingCard.com registration webpage.** Contest Location will be the Pavilion behind the LDS Institute, same location as last year.

VET SCIENCE The contest will consist of terminology, and knowing basic veterinary skills. There will be no fee for this contest. **No more than 2 teams per chapter may register. The contest will be**

limited to 200 students (get your registration in early). Once we have 200 students registered for the contest we will not except any more registrations for the contest.

FORESTRY. Professor Chad Dewey and his Natural Resource students will run the contest. The contest will consist of a practicum text, tool ID, use of GPS, map symbols, and tree identification. **The contest will be limited to the first 25 teams that register.** Location will be the Natural Science Lab in the Graham Science Building, same location as last year.

Thanks for your assistance. **We appreciate your support and enjoy having you at Snow College.**