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TO: State 4-H Program Leaders
Extension Livestock Specialists

FROM: Mrs. Bonnie Boyden
Vice Chair National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
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Superintendent National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

RE: 2023 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Entries

Please read the following information before you fill-out and send the enclosed forms for the 2023 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

Please ensure that the coach of your State 4-H Livestock Judging Team receives this entry and information packet regarding the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

Forms to be sent to the contest Vice-Chair NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16, 2023:

1. Team Entry Form and all required documentation and with ALL SIGNATURES – due October 16, 2023
2. The Coaches' Sign-Up Form

The National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. A coaches' meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Crown Plaza Airport Hotel Meeting Room. The contest will take place at the North American International Livestock Exposition on Tuesday, November 14th starting at 7:30 a.m.

All entry and registration information regarding this contest will be available on-line at: <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>

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This packet contains items for you to complete and return by stated deadlines. Please read the information below and the information found on the forms before returning them.

1. **National Contest Rules:**

- a. Including important times and dates of the contest and how the contest will be conducted.

2. **Team Entry Form**

- a. Be sure **all** of the requested information is included, signed and correct. Substitutions of contestants may be made during the coaches' meeting so long as they are listed on the entry form. No refunds for team entries will be given.
- b. The **original entry form and all required documentation must be received BY OCTOBER 16** and sent to the vice chair **along with payment** checks made out to National Youth Contest for \$400.00 per team. On-line option for payment will be available.

- c. Send all required information to:

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3. **Hotel Reservation**

- a. A block of rooms is reserved at the Crown Plaza Airport Hotel for the National Contest. Please reach out to the hotel for reservations.

4. **Coaches' Committee Sign-Up Form**

This form is used to assign coaches to livestock committees according to their preferences. All coaches are expected to help conduct the contest.

Your assistance in ensuring that these forms and information are promptly forwarded to the coach of your state's livestock judging team is greatly appreciated!