JUDGING CONTEST

4-H livestock, smallstock, and poultry judging is an educational and competitive [illegible] a participants' ability to evaluate and rank animals based on specific criteria. The purpos[illegible] help young people develop skills in animal husbandry, critical thinking, decision-making, and public speaking. Participants are given the opportunity to assess the quality and characteristics of different animals based on specific criteria and then present their reasoning.

Contest: Livestock Judging

Divisions:

- Contestants may compete as individuals or on a team:
    - Seniors (14-18)
    - Juniors (8-13)
    - The oldest member of the team will determine the classification of the team.
    - Team scores will consist of the combined scores of top 3 highest scores.

Format:

- The contest will consist of a total six (6) classes.
- Each class will consist of four animals.
- Ten (10) minutes are allowed to place animals in each class.
- Scores are given on placings and oral reasons.
- Oral reasons will be given by each individual. Seniors two (2) classes of reasons, Juniors one (1) set of reasons.

Attire:
Long-sleeve, collared shirt, blouse, with jeans/pants, closed toed shoes. Blazers optional.

Awards:

- High Point Senior
- High Point Junior
- Top 5 Senior Individuals
- Top 5 Junior Individuals
- Top Senior Team
- Top Junior Team

Contest: Horse Judging

Divisions:

- Contestants compete as individuals:
    - Seniors (14-18)
    - Juniors (8-13)
- ***This is a qualifying contest for Seniors to compete in the Horse Judging contest at WNR in January. The top 4 places will qualify 5^{t} place will serve as alternate.***

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Format:

- The contest will consist of a total four (4) classes.
- Each class will consist of four animals.
- Maximum of fifteen (15) minutes are allowed to place animals in each class.
- Scores are given on placings and oral reasons.
- Oral reasons will be given by each individual. Two (2) classes of reasons, one halter and one performance.

Awards:

- High Point Senior
- High Point Junior
- Top 5 Senior Individuals
- Top 5 Junior Individuals

Contest: Smallstock Judging

Divisions:

- Contestants will compete as individuals:
    - Seniors (14-18)
    - Juniors (8-13)

Format:

- The contest will consist of a total six (6) classes.
- Each class will consist of four animals.
- Ten (10) minutes are allowed to place animals in each class.
- Scores are given on placings and oral reasons.
- Oral reasons will be given by each individual. Both Seniors and Juniors will give one set of reasons.

Awards:

- High Point Senior
- High Point Junior
- Top 5 Senior Individuals
- Top 5 Junior Individuals

Contest: Poultry Judging

Divisions:

- Contestants will compete as individuals only open to Seniors (14-18).
- ***This is a qualifying contest to compete in the Poultry Judging contest at NAILE in November. The top 4 places will qualify.***
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Format:

- The contest will consist of a total six (6) classes. (May include following classes: Poultry Breed, Exterior Egg, Candling, Broken Out Egg, Meat ID, Ready to Cook).
- Ten (10) minutes are allowed to place each class.
- Scores are given on placings and oral reasons.
- Oral reasons will be given by each individual. Seniors will give one set of reasons.

Awards:

- High Point Senior
- Top 5 Senior Individuals