

General Guidance for State 4-H/FFA Range Judging Contest

Thursday, September 24, 2020

- All 4-H entries must pre-register. **(If you want lunch, please register by Thursday, September 17)**

4-H entries will register through 4honline events or by downloading and completing this form <https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/Contests/RangeRegistrationForm17.pdf> and emailing it to dean.aakre@ndsu.edu by September 18, 2020.

Include **participant's, coach's** names and all volunteers traveling with team on the registration form.

No additions, no substitutions.

Scratched entries will happen at event

Include coaches' names and all volunteers traveling with team on the registration form

- All FFA entries must pre-register. **(If you want lunch, please register by Thursday, September 17)**

Please follow this [link](#) and register all that are attending.

- Event headquarters will be held at (location in Center)

- The entire event will be held outdoors

- Lunch will be available (grilled burgers and brats Legendary Meats, chips and pop and water for \$5.00 per person.)

Checks for scantron cards (\$1.00 per participant) and lunch (\$5.00 per person) payable to **Oliver County 4-H Council**

- Closed event, no spectators, coaches and participants and staff only

- Porta-potties. Sanitizing wipes will be available.

Message from Dean L. Bresciani, President – July 31, 2020

Effective on Monday (August 3), NDSU will be modifying its guidance to expand the use of face coverings on campus. A copy of the new guideline along with some FAQs can be found here.

https://www.ndsu.edu/admission/risk_reduction_guidelines

Follow-up guidance from Greg Lardy, VP-Ag Affairs, Dean-CAFSNR, Director-Extension & Director-ND AES – July 31, 2020

Due to widespread community spread of COVID-19 throughout the state, this updated guidance will apply at all of our units across Ag Affairs including REC's and our county extension offices.

Practice sites:

- Teams can pick-up directions, practice cards and keys at the Oliver County Fairgrounds Tuesday evening, all day *Wednesday, and Thursday morning*. Contact Rick Schmidt at 701-794-8748 if needed.
- At the sites, team participants must remain together and at least six feet away from other teams. Contestants/teams must bring water and paper towels used for texturing soil.

Map to practice sites will be inserted here....

On Thursday (day of the contest)

- Contest will be held entirely outside
- Contest participants and coaches will be instructed to practice social distancing (ND Smart Restart, 6 feet)
- Face coverings are encouraged and will be required when social distancing cannot be safely performed. Please bring your own.
- Bottled water will be available for volunteers and contestants. One volunteer will distribute water bottles.
- Disposable gloves will be used by volunteer distributing water.
- Contest scorecards will be packaged in an envelope for each team, coaches may pick up envelope
- Lunch will be available at a cost of \$5 per person, fee for scan card is \$1 for a total of \$6 for participants
Lunch Menu: burgers and brats from Legendary Meats, chips and pop and water
- Coaches and other adults accompanying the team may purchase lunch for \$5
- Contest starts at **10:00 A.M. CDT** with instructions and team situation map activity.
- 10:30 or completion of map activity, teams will travel to contest site.
- Contest starts upon arrival at the site.

During the contest:

- To reduce mixing of contestants, all members of a team will participate in the same squad.
- Each team will do the situation map together and social distance from any other team.
- Contestants must provide their own clipboard and pens/pencils
- Participants in each squad will evaluate the site with appropriate social distancing.
- Handwashing and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be provided with signage at each ecological site.
- To minimize close interaction, only one contestant will be allowed to texture soil samples at a time. Multiple soil samples will be provided per ecological site
- The contestant can grab a soil sample for texturing. Once soil texturing is complete, a box will be provided for disposal of your sample.
- Contestants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle for texturing soil and for drinking water.
- Bottled water will also be available.
- No sharing of water bottles, pens or pencils, clipboards, etc.
- A box will be provided at each site for completed scorecards.

Following the contest:

Lunch will be available following the contest

Scoring of cards and tabulating results will follow the contest.

Disposable gloves will be available for scoring committee.

Allowing 30 minutes for the situation team activity and two hours for field portion of the contest. The team and their coach will travel back to the staging area in Center. Scoring and tabulating, preparing award packets, the announcement of results will begin at 2:00 p.m. CDT or as soon after (when preparations are completed).

Awards:

- Awards will be announced but not presented, packet of awards for each team available for coaches to pick-up.
- Individual awards will be announced, contestants stand for recognition.
- A packet for each team will include awards earned, individual and team results for the coach to pick up.