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TO: New Jersey Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors

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DATE: April 7, 2020

RE: State FFA Convention Leadership & Career Development Events

NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. The State Officer Selection Process will be conducted May 18-19 in an online format. More details about this format will be shared in a separate announcement.
- b. Portions of the State Officer Selection Process will take place asynchronously on Wednesday, May 13 as previously scheduled.
- c. The slate of officers will be presented during convention on Friday, May 22.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION

- a. Delegate Committee Meetings
 - a. Committee Meetings will take place as scheduled at 10 am on Thursday, May 21 via Zoom.
 - b. Committee Assignments and Zoom meeting links for each meeting will be posted in the Delegate Packet.
 - c. Only assigned committee members and the pre-assigned advisor are allowed to participate in committee meetings.
- b. Delegate Business Session
 - a. Delegate Orientation will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 20 via Zoom.
 - b. Delegate Business Session will take place at 1 pm on Thursday, May 21 via Zoom.
 - c. Roll call will be taken.
 - d. Only official delegates can move motions, discuss and vote.

TEACH AG SIGNING DAY EVENT

- a. Teach Ag Signing Day Event is by invite only.
- b. Event will be administered using Zoom.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

- a. Pre-registration is required.
- b. Workshop will be facilitated through Zoom.

FOOD, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

- a. Tentative
- b. Meeting will take place using Zoom.
- c. More details will be shared closer to the event

NJAAE MEETING

- a. Will be held asynchronously.
- b. Voting will take place online via email.
- c. More details will be shared closer to the event.

CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- a. *3-5 minute & 6-8 minute Prepared Public Speaking*
 - Pre-registration is required. Manuscripts are due April 29.
 - We will conduct these events via Zoom.
 - Participants will deliver their speeches live in front of judges. Judges will ask their questions (6-8 minute only) and then scoring will proceed.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.
- b. *Agricultural Issues Forum*
 - Pre-registration is required. Portfolio is due April 29.
 - This event will be pre-recorded.
 - Participants are to record one cut video of their presentation with no editing.
 - Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.
- c. *Art Competition*
 - Pre-registration is required.
 - Photos of artwork is to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session on Thursday, May 21.
- d. *Chapter Books (Treasurer, Secretary, Scrapbook)*
 - Pre-registration is required.
 - Completed books are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.
- e. *Creed Speaking*
 - Pre-registration is required.
 - We will conduct this event via Zoom.
 - Participants will deliver the FFA Creed live in front of judges. Judges will ask their questions and then scoring will proceed.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.
- f. *Demonstration Event*
 - Pre-registration is required.
 - This event will be pre-recorded.
 - Participants are to record one cut video of their demonstration with no editing.
 - Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
 - Awards will be announced during convention session Friday, May 22.

g. Employment Skills

- Pre-registration is required. Materials (Application, Cover Letter, Resume, Job Description) are due April 29. The top six candidates are invited to advance to the Final Round.
- Interviews will be conducted via Zoom. A final schedule will be released the week before the event.
- Follow-up Correspondence is to be submitted via Google Forms within 35 minutes of the conclusion of the interview.
- Awards will be announced during convention on Friday, May 22.

h. Extemporaneous Public Speaking

- Pre-registration is required.
- We will conduct this event via Zoom.
- Participants will select a topic and have 30 minutes to prepare.
- Participants will deliver their speeches live in front of judges. Judges will ask their questions and then scoring will proceed.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

i. FFA Quiz Bowl

- Pre-registration Event will be held in the form of an exam.
- Exam will be administered via MyCAERT (only one exam per chapter) and are to be completed by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Electronic copies of the exam will be made available so all students can collaborate and have access to the questions.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

j. Parliamentary Procedure

- Pre-registration is required.
- Written Exams will be administered through MyCAERT.
- Demonstration will be pre-recorded. The scenario will be provided via MyCAERT.
- Participants are to record one cut video of their demonstration with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

k. Hall of States Exhibit

- Pre-registration is required.
- Photos of the exhibit are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Participants are to record a one cut video of their presentation with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

l. Landscape Design

- Designs were due March 1.
- The top five candidates are invited to advance to the Final Round.
- Participants are to record one cut video of their presentation with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

m. Marketing Plan

- Pre-registration is required. Written Plan is due April 29.
- This event will be pre-recorded.
- Participants are to record one cut video of their presentation with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session Friday, May 22.

n. Official Ceremonies

- Pre-registration is required.
- This event will be pre-recorded.
- The Ceremony to be performed can be accessed in Google Classroom.
- Participants are to record one cut video of their demonstration with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Thursday, May 21.

o. Portable Exhibit

- Pre-registration is required.
- Photos of the exhibit are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.

p. Star State Interviews

- Star Candidates will be announced by May 1.
- Interviews will be conducted via Zoom. A final schedule will be released the week before the event.
- Awards will be announced during convention session Friday, May 22.

q. Teach Ag Event

- Pre-registration is required. Lesson plans are due April 29.
- This event will be pre-recorded.
- Participants are to record one cut video of their lesson with no editing.
- Videos are to be uploaded to Google Classroom by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Written Exam is to be administered through MyCAERT and completed by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, May 19.
- Awards will be announced during convention session on Friday, May 22.