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MEMO

Date: August 2, 2023

TO: Chapter Advisors

FROM: Amanda L. H. Powell, Delaware FFA Executive Secretary

2023-2024 State FFA Officers

RE: MIDDLE SCHOOL COLT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Conference for Middle School FFA Chapters will be held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, DE- starting in the New Castle Building on September 28, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. with the Opening and Closing Ceremonies contest starting at 9 am. Please make every effort to be there no later than 8:50 a.m., in order to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest. The Opening Session will begin at 10:15 am. The program will conclude no later than 2:00 p.m.

We are allotting each school to bring 8 members. Please remember to select Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE if you have a team participating. During the Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE, a State Officer will stand-in for the advisor position. Middle school can compete without 6 officers (if there is 6 or less teams competing). The State Officers are planning to organize the groups so that officer teams will stay together for better team leadership development.

Registration for COLT is open on Judging Card and will close on September 6. Please complete your registration no later than September 6, with T-Shirt sizes.

The cost per attendee will be \$20. Payment is due to Dr. Gill by September 21. Make checks payable to Delaware FFA Association. Please note that Judging Card automatically creates an invoice when the data is entered properly. If you register six students and only three attend, you are responsible for the cost of six. Cancellations must be phoned in to me at least five (5) working days before the conference. The chapter is responsible for the cost of their students after September 21, 2023.

Students are encouraged to be prepared for rain with an umbrella and/or rain jacket/poncho. Students will be wearing casual dress during the conference but in Official Dress for Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Please make sure they understand what appropriate casual dress is for a leadership conference. At some time during the conference, all officers will be participating in several physical team building activities. Please make sure students have clothes and shoes appropriate for these activities.

If you have questions or problems registering your students, please let me know.

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