

## March 2, 2023 Details for upcoming Spring Judging Event

Maryland FFA Spring Career Events will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Westminster High School. All information is posted on the Maryland FFA website [www.mdffa.org](http://www.mdffa.org) under the CDE tab.

The morning will begin at 9 am with a short program in the auditorium to present members with their new FFA jackets through the MD FFA Foundation Gift of Blue program. If your students are receiving FFA jackets, please have them sit in their assigned seat in the front rows of the auditorium.

Career Events will begin at 10 am and conclude later in the day. Some events have larger numbers of students and take more time to complete. Please don't ask for students to be excused early from an event as rotations for skill areas are set up in advance of the events. IF they have to leave early, they may want to reconsider participating in the event.

Ms. Kitty will be on site starting at 8:00 am to take team and Chapter pictures. She will be available until 2pm.

The Maryland FFA Alumni will have a FFA Store available in the lobby and will be providing Bagged Lunches for those attending again this year.

### A few more Helpful Hints:

1. Make sure that you and your students have read the Superintendent letter for the event and are familiar with completing the scantron scoring form. Also, read the event handbook posted on the National FFA website [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) as some of the Identification lists have changed. We are trying to hold events that will mirror the National event, just understand that we can't conduct a full two-day event in just five hours.
2. Make sure that students are aware that they will need to be available for the entire event to gain full credit in the scoring. Most team activities within the events will be held after lunch.
3. Students are expected to arrive at the event prepared with pencils, clipboard, basic calculator, safety equipment or other items required by the Superintendent.
4. The Nursery/Landscape CDE will be held at Clear Ridge Nursery. Transportation will be provided.
5. The Agriculture Technology and Mechanics CDE will be held at the Carroll Co Career & Technology Center (next door to Westminster HS0

6. Except when students are working through the team activity, **talking among students during the event can lead to them being excused from the event.**
7. **CELL PHONE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE EVENT AREAS!!!!** Please collect the phones from your students prior to sending them to the event areas.
8. Last year, there were members who were rude and disrespectful to volunteers assisting with events and to other members. Superintendents gave warnings, and still the behaviors continued. This will not be tolerated. ***Members showing disrespect of any kind to any of the volunteers during events or using demeaning language towards other members will be asked to leave the event and will forfeit scores achieved.*** Please talk to your students about the importance of listening to and following directions and being a positive influence on others.

We are looking forward to holding events that allow your students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

If you have any questions, please contact Naomi Knight or Terrie Shank.

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