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Maroon & White Livestock Judging Contest & Clinic **Friday, February 17, 2017** **Verona, MS**

We'd like to extend an invitation to youth from all states to compete in our inaugural "Maroon & White Livestock Judging Contest & Clinic" which will be held at the Lee County Agri-Center in Verona, MS. This event will be hosted by the Mississippi State University Livestock Judging Team and will serve as a competitive event with an educational component. This event will offer something for all ages of youth. We realize this will be early in the spring judging season and are also expecting a good turnout in the junior division. In light of those factors and time limitations, you can expect that oral reasons will NOT be a component of the event. The morning will start with competition placing classes (some of which will have corresponding questions to follow). A lunch will be provided for participants followed by a thorough critique which will take place in the arena while classes are still in full view making for an afternoon "clinic" of sorts. At the conclusion of the critique, awards will be given to both individuals and teams.

You can expect excellent market classes of livestock that will be fresh off of having shown in their respective terminal shows at the Dixie National only one week prior to this event. Breeding classes will also be judged, and a high standard of scrutiny will be exercised in the selection of all classes to ensure the quality of the event. We are committing to provide meat goat, sheep, hog and beef cattle classes. The exact breakdown and number of classes will be dependent on the availability of livestock, but our goal is to provide both market and breeding classes of each species with the priority on contest quality rather than following a standard protocol in terms of number of classes per division.

The host facility has excellent proximity to all the hotels and amenities of Tupelo with less than a ten minute drive, so out-of-state participants should consider staying in Tupelo if overnight travel is required. Our venue is an enclosed, very large arena with bleachers on all sides. Although the bleachers do have overhead heaters, the arena itself where judging will take place will be equally as cold as outside temperatures (although there won't be any issue with wind or rain). Consequently, we encourage warm, informal attire.

All entries are required in advance, so please make plans to attend and do let me know how I can help!

Respectfully,

Brett Crow
Livestock Judging Coach-MSU
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Maroon & White Judging Contest & Clinic
Open to “the world”

***Eligible participants:** Youth ages 9-19, all states are welcome!

***Cost:** Non-refundable fee of \$30/contestant (includes lunch)

Make checks payable to: **MSU Foundation.** Mail entries to:

Mississippi State University
Animal & Dairy Sciences-Wise Center
Attention: Brett Crow
Box 9815
Mississippi State, MS 39762

***Deadline:** Entries with checks must be **postmarked by January 27.**

***Location:** Check-in will be from 8:00-8:45 with the contest beginning at 9:00 at the Lee County Agri-Center in Verona, MS. This is an enclosed facility appropriate for winter events.

***Classes:** Expect to judge beef cattle, sheep, hogs and meat goats. The number of classes and mixture of market and breeding classes will depend on availability. The priority will be to provide the best possible classes regardless of the breakdown of market, breeding or classes within a particular species.

***Dress:** Casual (jeans and button-down shirts)

For additional information contact:

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Registration Form

Name of team _____
Coach's Name _____
Coach's Phone # _____
Coach's Email _____
Coach's Address _____

List of youth participants at **\$30/person included with form**:
Team designation changes can be made contest day, but **NO NEW CONTESTANTS ADDED!**

Teams will be made of up to four contestants with the three highest scores counting toward the team total

Junior contestants (Ages 9-13 as of January 1, 2017)

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Alternate _____
Alternate _____
Alternate _____

Senior contestants (Ages 14-19 as of January 1, 2017)

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Alternate _____
Alternate _____
Alternate _____

No Limit on teams or individuals-Duplicate if necessary