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DATE: March 20, 2024 TO: FCS and General Project Members and Parents FROM: Shaylen R. Florez, 4-H Program Coordinator RE: 2024 ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

Remember to do your entry online @ arapahoecounty.fairentry.com starting on June 1st. The 4-H Fairbook is usually delivered in April/May to organizational leaders. You may also find it on our website at: <u>https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe-county-fair/</u>. Pre-entries are required if you expect to participate in pre-fair and fair events. Pre-entries will be accepted from Saturday, June 1-Saturday, June 15. Late entries with \$25 late fee per member will be accepted June 16-22. <u>Absolutely</u> <u>NO entries will be accepted after June 22 for any reason.</u>

The Grand Champion fair awards will be presented at the annual Achievement Program that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

The **FCS AND GENERAL JUDGING** is scheduled to begin at 8 AM on Monday, July 22, 2024, at the fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. You will have the chance to schedule your own interview times for your project(s) in FairEntry. There will be tip sheets available soon! Please pay attention to those times and we ask that you arrive 10 minutes ahead of time to check-in. Interview Judging may be scheduled past 3 PM depending on number of entries. *If you do not plan to be there for interview, please mark on online entry. If the projects are coming in for judging, but with no interview, they will need to be checked in by 8 am so that the judges can judge them during their down time.*

PLEASE read through project exhibit requirements, project display judging, **display board guidelines** (including measurements) and awards information in the 2024 Arapahoe County Fairbook. If display boards are not the proper size, they will be disqualified. Please make sure all projects are properly labeled. **Remember to bring completed E-RECORDS along with your projects to be judged.** Please make sure to get leaders' signatures prior to the day of fair.

RELEASE will be on Sunday, July 28 @ 6 PM-not any sooner! Please make sure to pick up your exhibits at that time or arrange for them to be picked up by a family member/friend/or club representative. Please be aware that we will only be there until 7 PM. Due to no room @ our Extension Office for storage of the projects, you must pick up your exhibits on July 28. If they move on to state, they will need to be

returned to the Extension Office by Wednesday, August 7. For Food and Cake Decorating you will need to deliver to the office by Monday, August 12, 3 PM. *Please go by this date and not the one that is in the Fairbook. State Fair drop off date has changed this year!*

THANK YOU NOTE POLICIES:

1. A thank you note must be written to each donor (i.e. CORE, etc.).

2. The name and address of the donors to be thanked will be placed in envelopes and distributed to exhibitors at the following Fair exhibit check-in events:

- 4-H Cat Show
- 4-H Dog Show
- 4-H Consumer Science & General Project Judging
- 4-H Mandatory Livestock Meeting
- Horse Show

3. All thank you notes for Fair donations (i.e. CORE, etc.) must be presented at the Fair check-in events listed above to receive the donation the day of check-in.

4. The Donor(s) name and mailing address will also be available in the 4-H Fair office.

5. Exhibitors who do not present a thank you note at the listed check-in events will have the opportunity to bring their thank you notes to the 4-H Fair office by noon on Sunday, July 28 to receive exhibitor donations.

6. For exhibits to be released on Sunday, July 28, and donations distributed, a thank you note must be presented in an unsealed, addressed stamped envelope with the name and address of donor prior to receiving the donations at release.

7. If your thank you note is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write it.

Thank You Note Envelopes:

1. Must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped to be considered complete.

2. Must have the complete name and address of the buyer/donor. Donor names and addresses will be available at each exhibit check in event.

3. Must have a complete return address with name and address of youth.

We'll see you at the judging day on Monday, July 22, 2024! If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>sflorez@arapahoegov.com</u>.

Thanks.