

UPPER BIG BLUE

Natural Resources District

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Dear FFA, 4H, and Ag Ed Instructors:

The Upper Big Blue NRD is hosting the 2018 Area 6 Range Judging Contest on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

This letter is serving as an invitation to you and your school to join us and participate in this year's contest. We are working with Conor Ward and staff from the NRCS office in Seward County to coordinate the contest. The contest sight is located in **SEWARD COUNTY**. However, registration will be held at the American Legion POST 371 Building in Valparaiso, NE.

As is customary, the Upper Big Blue NRD will provide bottled water to all students participating in the contest. Students and school officials are responsible for their own lunches.

The schedule for the contest is as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Registration at American Legion POST 371 Building (Valparaiso).

Travel to Site/Receive Instructions.

Contest runs. Judging & Scoring by volunteers.

Contest ends. Lunch on your own. Travel back to your schools. You will be notified within <u>three days</u> after the contest regarding award winners. Upper Big Blue NRD & NRCS staff will present your awards publicly at your schools on a determined date.

The registration fee is \$3.00 per contestant, payable the day of the contest. Please complete the attached electronic registration form and return it to the Upper Big Blue NRD by <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 14, 2018</u>. You must email the registration form to Carleen Light. Her email address is: <u>clight@upperbigblue.org</u>

In an effort to increase attendance, the Upper Big Blue NRD is offering the following incentive: For every contestant that attends this event, the Upper Big Blue NRD will donate one dollar to the Nebraska State FFA. In other words, if we have a total of 384 contestants, then the NRD will send a donation to the state FFA office in the amount of \$384 to help support the FFA mission in Nebraska. Therefore, we need your help...the more students from your school that register, the more money that can be sent to the state chapter through the Upper Big Blue NRD. Please encourage your students to participate, because we would certainly like to see a great turnout.

If you should have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (402) 362-6601. In fact, I would hope that you would call me upon receipt of this invitation so that I can get to know you better and field any suggestions that you might have that would help to run this contest as smoothly as possible.

Sincerely,

Scott Snell Public Relations Manager