June 10, 2018

To: 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors

From: DeWitt County Farm Bureau Young Leaders

RE: 2018 Young Leaders Ag Olympics at the DeWitt-Macon-Piatt 4-H Fair

The DeWitt County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, along with the Piatt and Macon County Young Leaders, are hosting the 2018 Ag Olympics, and your students/4-Hers are invited! The event will be held July 12, 2018, at the DeWitt County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Registration for the Olympics will begin at 6:00 p.m. The event will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will conclude between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m. Teams will be assembled upon arrival, and participants should be of 4-H or FFA age, except for the Alumni & Parent division egg toss.

Participation/registration is free, however those wishing to donate non-perishable food items as an entry fee may do so. Items will be donated to the Midwest Food Bank, serving DeWitt, Macon and Piatt counties. Members of the winning team will each receive a special prize and all participants will receive a milkshake ticket for the DeWitt County Farm Bureau’s ice cream stand during the fair.

There will be five events:

* Watermelon Seed Distance Contest
* Carpetbag Relay
* Egg & Spoon in a Wheelbarrow
* Cheetos ‘n’ Cream
* Egg Toss/Alumni & Parent Egg Toss

Rules and scoring for each event are listed on the reverse. Teams will rotate through the first four stations and everyone will complete the final Egg Toss event at the same time. The team with the most points overall will win. In the event of a tie, one event score will be selected as the tie breaker and/or a tie breaker race will be created.

We believe this event will be exciting for all participants and spectators, and hope that it will help 4-Hers/FFAers from across our three counties to build new friendships!

Please note, we expect participants to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with 4-H values of comradery, cooperation and sportsmanship. Organizers reserve the right to dismiss any participant who does not follow rules and regulations, as we will not tolerate unsafe behavior.

Sincerely,

Tyler Barringer
Chairman, Young Leaders Committee

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| **2018 Farm Bureau Young Leaders Ag Olympics at the DMP Fair** |
| **Event** | **Objective** | **Directions** | **Scoring** |
| WatermelonSeedDistance | This will be a timed event. The team that achieves the most points total will win. | A grid will be placed on a tablecloth, along with plates containing a piece of watermelon for each participant. Participants will extract the seeds (without using their hands), and try to spit the seed(s) so they reach the grid areas with the highest number of points (1-3). Each group of participants will have 2.5 minutes to spit.  | The team that has the most points between all team members will be rewarded one point for winning this event. |
| CarpetbagRelay | This will be a timed event. The team that has the fastest relay wins. | There will be two suitcases at the end of the arena, with 5 items in each. Each team will split into two groups to compete against each other to get their team’s fastest time. The clock starts when the first member of the team runs down to the suitcase and picks out a piece of clothing and put it on. They will then run back and take off the piece of clothing and give it to the next person. That person would put the first piece on, then run down and put on another piece of clothing and run back. This continues until the last person crosses the finish line with all 5 pieces of clothing on, carrying the suitcase. | Each team will have two chances at this, depending on how many are on a team, because we will have two suitcase races running per team. The fastest time among the two groups will represent the team’s time in the competition. The team that has the fastest time amongst all the teams will be rewarded one point for winning this event. |
| Egg & SpoonWheelbarrow | This will be a timed event. The team that has the fastest relay wins. | Participants will pair off and complete a short obstacle course, with one person in the wheelbarrow and one person driving. The person in the wheelbarrow will keep an egg balanced on a spoon (they must sit while in the wheelbarrow), while the person driving the wheelbarrow must be careful to travel slowly and help avoid dropping the egg. If the egg is dropped, the rider must re-set by “dismounting” and returning to their seat in the wheelbarrow. If the egg breaks, a volunteer will provide a new egg, but the rider must still dismount to get the new egg. If the person driving the wheelbarrow dumps the rider on purpose, lets go of the wheelbarrow at the finish line, or otherwise displays unsafe behavior, THE WHOLE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE EVENT.   | The team that has the fastest time amongst all the teams will be awarded one point for winning this event. |
| Cheetos ‘n’ Cream | This will be scored by number. Achieve the most cheese balls on your face. | Each person will get a small dollop of cream in their hand. Individuals will place the cream on their face however they like, and will proceed to the Cheeto trough. Participants will have 10 seconds to use their face (no hands!) to “catch” as many Cheeto balls as possible using the cream as “glue.” The number of Cheetos caught will be counted and water, wipes and towels will be provided to clean up.  | The team with the largest number of Cheetos collected will be awarded one point for winning this event. |
| Egg Toss | The team that can toss an egg the farthest without it breaking. | This is the last and final event and everyone will participate at the same time. Each team will be split into pairs. Those pairs will then start close together toss the egg back and forth as instructed, taking a step back each time. The egg can hit the ground and the team still be in competition as long as it does not break. Once the egg breaks, the pair is out of competition. | The team that the winning pair is from will be rewarded one point for winning this event. \***Alumni/Parent** teams are eligible. The winning 2 teammates each get a milkshake ticket. |