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Hello Fair Families!

The 2023 Pottawattamie County Fair is just days away, and our fair board has been working hard to get the grounds ready for all to see and enjoy. We hope you have been working just as hard on your exhibits. You will see a few changes on the grounds this year. The Extension staff's office will be moved to the sale barn office. This move will allow everyone to be in proximity to each other and have easy access to miscellaneous needs that you may have while on the grounds.

Another major change is the moving of the sheep/goat barn. This move will be a huge improvement for these exhibitors. They will also have access to the wash bay area directly behind, which has been designed for sheep/goats. All pens will be new! Allowing for ease of entry into each one. Please see the detailed map included in this packet for the location of all facilities.

I'm sure that our livestock exhibitor teams are spending endless hours together. What do I mean by "team," you ask? I mean the exhibitor and their animal. Each is building a bond and a flow for the upcoming events. Each has a personality; each tries to always do their best to show success. We each should show respect for everyone's teams while in the barns. We, as FFA and 4-H members, should always exhibit the best. If you see a team needing a hand, ask what you can do to help them. It may be just a simple gate opening or grabbing their parent as a team member is not cooperating at all. These small gestures will assist us all in having a successful fair.

Included in your fair packets are numerous important forms for you. Depending on your exhibits, your papers may be different than a friend's. We have custom designed these packets to suit each person's needs. If needed, we will have some extra copies available in the office, but if you would like to get ahead and start completing check-in papers, we have them included.

As a reminder, before you head to have your static exhibits judged, please check in at the table in the red/white building. The staff will verify all your projects and adjust or make notes as needed. After your judging, we will need you to return to the static building with a sheet to obtain your ribbons. You may then attach the ribbons to your projects and display them in your booth.

Please feel free to contact the office with any questions that you may have. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2023 Pottawattamie County Fair.

All the best!



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