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FFA Advisors and Coaches:

On behalf of Ellsworth FFA, we would like to invite you to join us for the 3rd Annual Horse Evaluation contest in Lyons, Kansas, on **Wednesday, October 28th, 2026**. Registration will be a flat fee of \$25 for each participating school. Entries submitted after the registration deadline will incur a \$100 late entry fee. **Please fill out the attached Google Form by October 21st to register for the contest.** Late registrations will be accepted until the start of the contest.

Registration will be held from **8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at the Bar K Bar Celebrations Arena**. Participants are expected to arrive on time. The CDE will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. with opening instructions. Following the completion of instructions, participants will be divided into groups, and the contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. We anticipate concluding the contest by 12:00 p.m., with results announced shortly thereafter.

Prizes:

Top Individual in Senior & Greenhand: Belt buckle
Top 5 Individuals in each division: Engraved portfolio
Top 5 Teams: Banner

Possible Classes: Should be noted that class potential is variant on riders and horses availability.

Halter (2-3 Classes)	Western Riding
Western Pleasure	Western Horsemanship
Reining	Ranch Riding
Trail	Ranch Trail
Ranch Rail	

Important Information:

- The contest will use standard placing cards. If there are only 3 in the class, it is to be understood that #4 will be last. Participants should be instructed to make all marks on placing cards clearly and legibly.
- Each class will be assigned a specific placing card color. Participants are responsible for submitting the correct color-coded placing card for each class, including those used for reasons and questions.
- **Senior Division:** Two sets of oral reasons will be required.
- **Greenhand Division:** One set of oral reasons will be required.
- **Discovery Division:** One set of five written questions will be required.
- All participants must bring at least two writing utensils and paper or a steno pad for taking notes. The classes selected for oral reasons will be announced after all placing classes have concluded.
- Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Although the contest will be conducted in a covered facility, temperatures inside the building may still be cool.