March 1, 2016

Dear Coaches and Teams:

Congratulations on qualifying for the State 4-H Project Bowl competition. The State 4-H Project Bowl contest is **Saturday, April 16** and will be held at the **Sauk Rapids-Rice MIDDLE SCHOOL in Sauk Rapids**. The address is 901 First Street South and a rough map can be found on the back of this letter.

Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Orientation will begin at 9:00 a.m. and bowls will commence immediately after that (at approximately 9:30). There will be a scorekeeper/timer orientation at 8:45 a.m. There will be a foodstand available at the school during the contest.

There are no hotels in Sauk Rapids. Here are several hotels in the St. Cloud area: Best Western Kelly Inn (320-253-0606), Fairfield Inn (320-654-1881), Holiday Inn (320-253-9000) and Ramada Limited (320-253-3200)

**Again in 2016**…t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for sale at the State 4-H Project Bowl! The official design is being still being drafted by Northwest Designs, but last year at the State Project Bowl 4-H members were able to have their names on the back of the shirts with a star by their name. Bring along some extra money…you may want to purchase a shirt! Northwest Designs will donate 22% of the total profit back to the Minnesota 4-H Project Bowl program.

Coaches, please remind your teams to keep the hallways quiet and clean during the day. Remember that all team members and coaches have signed a Project Bowl Protocol prior to participating in the state contest. Also encourage your members to keep their waiting area clean and neat. Please clean up your waiting area before you leave. This bowl is coordinated by volunteers and we appreciate your help. Seating availability may be limited, so feel free to bring a couple of chairs with you.

Please remember to fill out your evaluation form and leave it with your project coordinator at the end of the day. This helps us make decisions for next year. We do read all of them.

Coaches--a reminder that all of your team members must have been registered at the regional level to compete at the state level. They must be on the same team at the state level as at the regional level. Changing to a different team is not allowed. Also remember that in order to be eligible for a National Contest, all listed team members must meet eligibility requirements of the National Contest. If you have questions, please call me immediately at 612-624-8198. **If your team for some reason cannot attend the State contest, please call or e-mail (runk0014@umn.edu) me immediately so that an alternate team can be notified.** Failure to make reasonable contact could result in future disqualification.

During the contest Dwayne Diers, Brad Rugg, and I will be available in the Media Center on the day of the State Project Bowl. If you have any questions or comments, please stop by. Looking forward to seeing you at the State 4-H Project Bowl. Enjoy the day!

Sincerely,

Amber Greeley
State 4-H Program Specialist