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Dear Vocational Agriculture Instructor,

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chapters of the Students in Agriculture, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES) and the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is proud to sponsor the 49th Annual UW-Platteville Land Judging Contest on **Thursday, May 4, 2017.**

The contest will originate from the UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, located approximately 5 miles southeast of Platteville. A map showing the location of Pioneer Farm is enclosed. **Registration will be \$4.00 per student.** On-site registration will be located in the Agricultural Technology Center at Pioneer farm and a practice pit will be available between 7:30-9 am. **Vehicles will leave for the contest site at 9:00 am sharp.** Each school should be prepared to provide its own transportation to and from the contest site. It is expected that the contest will be completed between 11:00-11:30am. The contest sites will be critiqued immediately following the contest by a contest official judge. **Please plan to arrive no later than 8:30 am to assure that your team is registered and to pick up contest materials.**

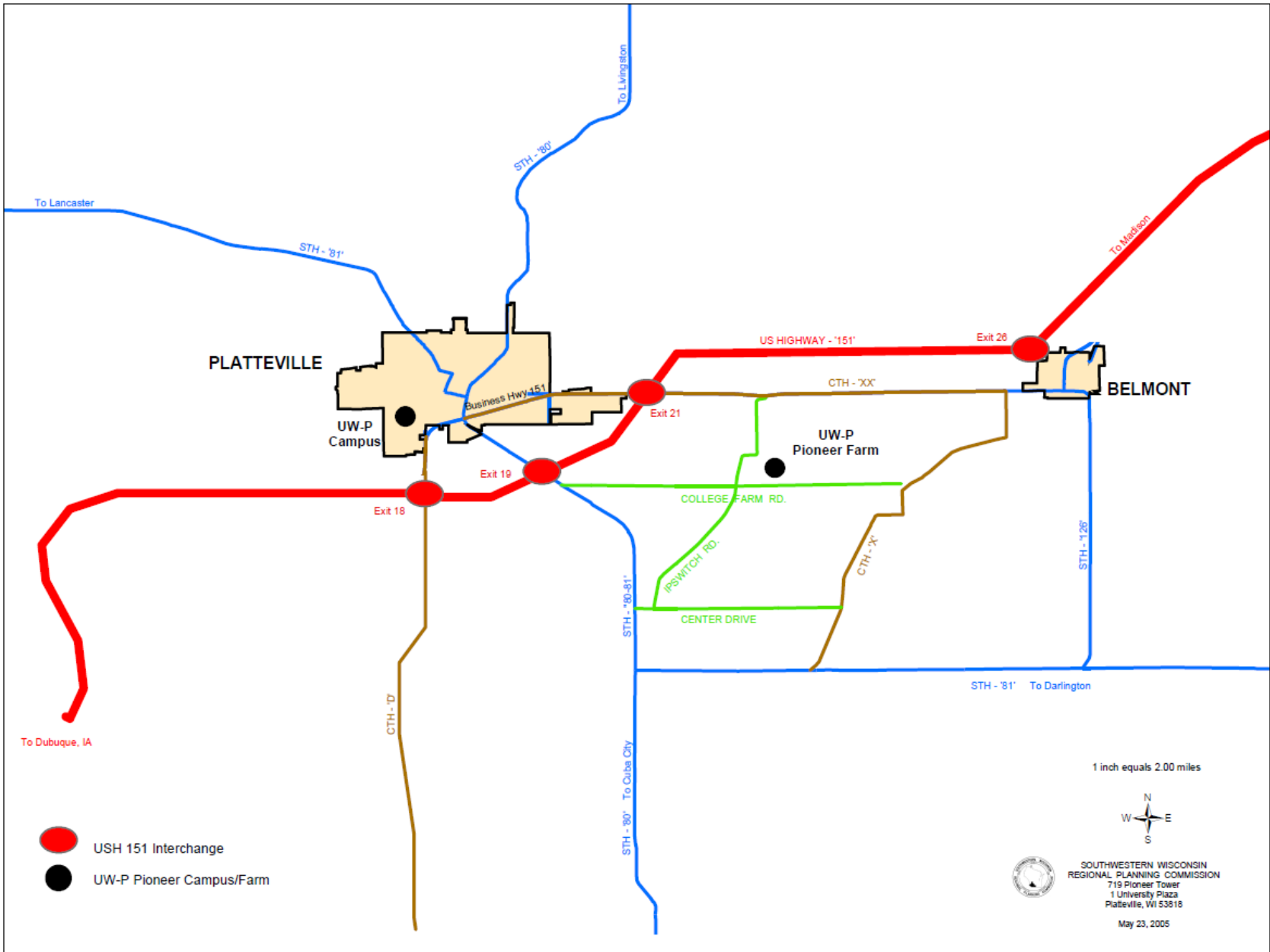
Each team will consist of a maximum of four members, with the top three individual scores from each site used in calculating total team points. Schools may bring as many teams as they like, but only the top team score from each school will be eligible for team awards. Extra students may also participate for practice, using scorecards they provide. Awards will be given to the top ten teams and top twenty individuals. Scores and rankings will be posted on the UW-Platteville FFA Contest website <http://www.uwplatt.edu/agriculture/ffa-career-development-events>.

The contest will follow guidelines of the Wisconsin Soil Study and Evaluation Handbook (February 2015 revision). The handbook is available at the NRCS Land Judging website: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wi/soils/?cid=nrcs142p2_020876 Sample scorecards can be downloaded from the NRCS land judging website. Official judging will be conducted by a team including NRCS Soil Scientists, NRCS Soil Conservationists, and Professors of Soil and Crop Science from UW-Platteville. Site monitors will be present at all sites during the contest and students suspected of cheating will have their scorecards taken and will be disqualified. Also, please inform students that use of cellular phones during the contest will result in immediate disqualification.

Please note that lunch will not be provided this year. Please arrange for lunch on your own.

Sincerely,

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1 inch equals 2.00 miles



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