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"Thank You"

Many people have worked to make your accomplishments possible. Whether you earned a white ribbon or the champion trophy, many people donated time, built buildings and donated money to make your experience at the fair possible. Some of the people you probably know well. Others you don't know at all. Most of those people gave their time and energy and money simply because they believe in you. They believe in who you are and who you are becoming as a grownup and as a member of the community you live in. They didn't do any of these things simply so they could get a thank you card from you. *And, that is why a written thank you card from you is so important and will mean so much to them.*

Commit to send a written *Thank You* card to the sponsors of any trophy you received. Send a written *Thank You* to the buyer of any animals or hams you sold at the fair. Write that *Thank You*. *Send it in the next 5 days.* The longer you wait, the more difficult and less meaningful it becomes.

If you didn't win a trophy or sell an animal (or even if you did) pick out at least one other person involved with the fair and send them a *Thank You* note. Some people you might consider thanking could be your 4-H Club Leader or

FFA Advisor; a Project Leader or, a member of the Fair Board.

It won't take much time for you to do and it will mean so very much!

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In the first sentence, simply say, "Thank you for {"buying my _____"} or {"sponsoring my _____"} or {"leading my _____"}"

In the second sentence, just tell the person why you appreciate their support or donation.

That's all it takes! Of course, if you want to write more, that's wonderful. But you'd be surprised how important and how meaningful a simple two-sentence *Thank-You* note can be.

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