**Bacon Buddies® Event Orientation Script**

(This is a sample orientation script and can be made changes to as each county sees fit)

Orientation Begins - 5 p.m.

Welcome all participants to the arena together.

**Speaker:** We are very excited to have you all participate in this year’s Bacon Buddies® event and cannot thank you enough for your support. The Bacon Buddies® program is a partnership between Special Olympics Iowa and the (County Name) Pork Producers where participants are given an opportunity that they will not forget.

On behalf of the (County Name) County’s Bacon Buddies® committee, we would like to thank everyone who has made this show a possibility.

The Bacon Buddies® program pairs a 4-H and/or FFA member with an exhibitor from Iowa Special Olympics to show a pig. The goal of this event is to give the Bacon Buddies® participants an opportunity that they would otherwise not have. Bacon Buddies® also aims to create friendships between 4-H and FFA youth and Special Olympics athletes.

I would like to give a special thank you to our judge today, (Judge Name)

**Judge:** (Background information and words about Bacon Buddies®)

**Speaker:** You will see several individuals around the ring today—as with many things, this show would not be possible without all our volunteers. We would like to thank them for their help in putting together an excellent show for our exhibitors and spectators.

Here are how the next few hours will go:

First, we will break for dinner, provided by (Meal Sponsor) and our mentors and exhibitors will be able to interact with each other more.

At 6:50 p.m. you will need to be back to the show ring for a group picture (do not bring your pigs with you). After that the show will begin.

Photos are being taken by (Photographer) and will be available at (Picture Location)

We will have a total of (Number of classes) for this show. There will be (Number of pigs) in the ring at a time, that will be shown by the Special Olympics exhibitor and accompanied by a youth mentor.

Mentors—please note that we will call classes in the same way that we call classes during a regular show. When you checked in, you were given a class number. You are responsible for remembering you and your exhibitor’s class and helping your exhibitor get the pig to the make-up ring.

We also have volunteers who will be available to help you with whatever you need. If you have any questions, please ask any of the volunteers who will be around the ring; they are happy to help you.

The hashtag for this event is #BaconBuddiesIowa. We encourage you to share photos of the event on your social channels.

Again, we would like to thank our Special Olympics athletes, youth mentors, volunteers, and sponsors for their support in today’s event. Let’s have a great show!