**Bacon Buddies® Event Script**

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

**Speaker:** Welcome everyone to the 2021 - Bacon Buddies® Pig Show!

The Bacon Buddies® program is a partnership between Special Olympics Iowa and the counties Pork Producers where participants are given an opportunity they will not forget.

One of the six We Care ethical principles that guide pig farmers across Iowa and the country is “Contributing to a better way of life in their communities”. This principle rings true for farmers large and small across Iowa. Bacon Buddies® is a great way for young individuals to get involved in their community with the help of their local pork producers.

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 participating Exhibitor an opportunity that they would otherwise not have. Bacon Buddies® also aims to create friendships between 4-H and FFA youth and Special Olympic athletes.

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

I would now like to introduce (Pork Industry Representative)

**(Pork Industry Representative):** makes comments around pig farmers and their commitment to their communities

**Speaker:** Now let us get started with the show!

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 4-H and/or FFA youth mentor.

I would also like to introduce you to our judge for today, (Judge Name)

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

**Speaker:** Thank you! We are now ready for our first class of exhibitors!

Class 1 will now be entering the ring

**Speaker:** Exhibitor (Name) is accompanied by their 4-H/FFA youth mentor (Name). (Exhibitor Information)

Same outline for all exhibitors and youth mentors

After Last Class

**Speaker:** Thank you all for attending our show today. What a great opportunity for Special Olympics participants and what an excellent way for our next generation of pig farmers to live the We Care ethical principles of contributing to a better way of life in their communities.

We want to end our show with a huge thank you to everyone who made this event possible. To our Special Olympic athletes and 4-H and FFA youth mentors, we are thrilled to give you this unforgettable opportunity and thank you for your time and effort. To all the Volunteers who devoted their time, we cannot thank you enough for your commitment to this event. Lastly, we would like to give a special thanks to all our wonderful sponsors that made (County Name) County’s Bacon Buddies® possible.

Thank you for coming and supporting our event and we hope you have a wonderful evening at the (County Name) County Fair!