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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA FALL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

September 1, 2017

To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist

CC: Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

Re: Spring Career Development Events  
Thursday, April 19, 2018 – 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Cook & Douglass Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

**WHO CAN ATTEND?**

Students and teachers from all schools with Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are encouraged to attend and participate in the educational activities provided. FFA activities are integral to Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources instruction.

Teachers will be assigned to assist at various Career Development Events, and will work together to supervise students throughout the day. All students attending **must** participate in the Career Development Events provided. Provisions for observation will not be made.

**WHO CAN COMPETE?**

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in an approved agricultural education course and appear on the chapter's roster.
2. Students who have been members of a first place official team in a state event and have participated at the highest level for that event may not compete again in that particular event.
3. Land Judging, Turf Management and Fruits & Vegetables Career Development Events can have 3-4 members. The top three scores on a team constitutes the official team score. The Milk Quality & Products Career Development Events require a four member team. The score of all four team members constitute the official team score.

**HOW DO I SIGN-UP?**

Participant Lists and payment for all chapters participating in Fall Career Developments is requested by **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. – **Please sign-up using [www.JudgingCard.com](http://www.JudgingCard.com).**

## Steps to using the judgingcard.com

1. Log in to [www.JudgingCard.com](http://www.JudgingCard.com) (If you have an AET account, login using that information. If you don't have an AET account, use your chapter number for both the username and password (i.e. NJ0000). Both are case sensitive!)
2. Click on the leftmost icon at the bottom of the screen for "Registration and Information."
3. Use the month list at the top of the calendar to browse to the month of the contest you need to register for (November).
4. Click on the event link "New Jersey Fall CDEs" on the calendar (November 16)...this will pull up the event's registration page.
5. Click the link to "Online Registration" at the top of the page.
6. Click on the link to "Registration" next to each event they need to register for (i.e. Land Judging, MQ&P, etc.).
7. Change the "Number of Contestants" to what they would like, specify an advisor, and then specify contestant names.
8. Click the "Submit Entry" button.
9. Repeat steps 6, 7, and 8 for each event for which you need to register.
10. Review all of their entries back on the event's main page.

A minimum of five teams is necessary to run any state Career Development Event.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A \$44.00 per team, or \$11.00 per person (maximum 4-team members), skill assessment fee is invoiced per event for each chapter participating. Fees associated with Career Development Events go towards career development assessments – expenses to conduct the assessments. No food, travel or lodging is covered through these fees. Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey with "FFA Fall CDE" in the memo line and send to the Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330. **Participant Lists received after October 15<sup>th</sup> are subject to a \$10 late fee per event.** Participant Lists will not be accepted any later than one week prior to the event. Please be prepared to pay prior to or at the check-in desk at the Round House. ***Chapters who affiliate with the "Blue Supplemental Package" will receive a discount on Career Development Assessments.***

*(Remember, your payment is non-refundable since your participant lists are what we use to pay for assessment expenses. NOTE: The only exception, according to New Jersey's FFA Conference Refund Policy, is a doctor's note or proof of death in the immediate family along with a cover letter explaining the circumstance. This must be sent to the state executive board within one month of the event.)*

## WHAT DO FALL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS INVOLVE?

### **Land Judging Career Development Event**

Several classes of soil will be judged based on soil profile characteristics, management, practices, and land use capability. Team members should have a pencil and pocketknife. There will be up to four sites. A copy of the scorecard and guidelines can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/stguide/state.htm>. (Document 7.005). Additional Land Judging information can be found at "Oklahoma Land Judging" ([www.landjudging.com](http://www.landjudging.com)).

### **Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event**

The event includes: (1) identification of variety; (2) judging of five classes of apples and/or vegetables for uniformity, variety, color, freedom from blemish, trueness to variety, etc.; and (3) multiple choice exam. A copy of the scorecard, lists, and guidelines can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/stguide/state.htm> (Document 7.002).

### **Turf Management Career Development Event**

This event has (4) four phases: Phase I - General Knowledge Exam; Phase II - Identification of Turf Species, Pests and Disorders; Phase III - Equipment Preparation, Maintenance, Problem Solving and Safety; Phase IV - Customer Relations and Problem Solving. A copy of the event rules, procedures, scorecards, identification list, and summary can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/stguide/state.htm>. (Documents 7.001).

### **Milk Quality and Products Career Development Event**

This event will be conducted according to national rules and regulations. Students should be prepared in all event sections, with the exception of the team activity. A copy of the event rules, procedures, scorecards, and lists can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/stguide/state.htm> (Document 12.001).

### **WHERE DO I PARK ON EVENT DAY?**

Please observe Rutgers parking regulations. New Jersey FFA is not responsible for parking tickets or other violations received while on campus. Parking along side of the road near the barns or Round House constitutes a traffic hazard. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT THE ROUND HOUSE!**

### **WHEN AND WHERE DO I CHECK-IN ON NOVEMBER 16?**

Events will **START PROMPTLY at 10:00 am as SCHEDULED.** One teacher from each chapter will pay the invoice and confirm teams at the Round House on College Farm Road **before 9:30 am.** Your teams must be verified at the main check-in site in order to qualify for competition. Please plan to arrive on campus in a timely manner. Arriving at 10:00 or later does not provide your students with a fair opportunity and may result in them missing a component of their event.

### **WHERE DO TEAMS NEED TO BE BY 9:45 AM?**

Official teams will be at the event locations at the starting time. CDE Coordinators have the right to disqualify teams that arrive late and you might not be able to make up missed components of the event. A timely start helps make an efficient finish. Please respect other participants by having your students to the event prior to the start time. Students who leave before the conclusion of the event will forfeit their score for any components of the event they missed. **All contestants' names must be confirmed on the day of the event.**

1. Land Judging Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
Directions from the Round House will be given

2. Milk Quality and Products Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Douglas Campus Center, Meeting Rooms A, B, D & E, 100 George Street
3. Turf Management Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Turf Farm, Ryders Lane
4. Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Cook Campus Center, MPR ABC, 59 Beil Road

#### **HOW ARE EVENTS SCORED?**

1. FFA members on the current chapter roster make up the team score. If a contestant is found not to be a member, then his/her score will be dropped from the team score, thus causing contest teams to be re-ranked for recognition.
2. The chapter with the highest team score in the Milk Quality and Products Career Development Event (if they achieve 60% team mastery or above) will have the opportunity to represent the New Jersey FFA Association at the National FFA Career Development Event in Indianapolis, IN in October 2018 and the Eastern States Regional FFA Career Development Events in Springfield, Massachusetts in September 2018. Team members must be accompanied to these events by advisor(s). **ALL four individual scores make up the team score.** See page 8 for the full policy on 60% mastery.
3. The top five teams in the Land Judging Career Development Event are eligible to compete at the National Land Judging Career Development Event in Oklahoma in April/May 2018.

#### **WHAT STUDENT RECOGNITION IS THERE?**

Only students who appear on the chapter's membership roster and chartered chapters may compete for awards and for further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters may participate; however, they are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates or banners. Career Development Assessment fees may be higher for non-members to cover costs.

1. A banner or plaque will be awarded to the first place team in each state level event at the annual State Convention.
2. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place individuals overall in each event and H.O. Sampson certificates will be awarded to the top five (5) students who excel in practical parts of the events.
3. A Career/Leadership Development Event Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the New Jersey team that places the highest in National Competition. This includes all National FFA CDE/LDE Events and Land Judging. An Individual Sweepstakes Award will be presented to an individual that places highest in National Competition. This includes all National FFA CDE/LDE Events and Land Judging.

## WHAT ARE THE RULES?

1. No individuals from the same school/chapter may talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be loss of score for that section of the event or disqualification for the event. Event coordinator has the authority to make disqualifications.
2. Participants are NOT allowed to use (or have visible) electronic devices during the event, unless for medical reasons or a portion of the event requires usage. This includes cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc. Participants will be allowed to use calculators, if specified for that event; however, cell phone calculators are not permitted! **Failure to adhere to these rules will result in disqualification.**
3. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner following the rules set forth by the event coordinator.
4. No school/chapter will use Rutgers University or Delaware Valley University for the training of teams. **Penalty will be disqualification.**
5. Four members may participate in each event; the score of the three highest constitutes the official team. The fourth member automatically becomes the team alternate. EXCEPT in Milk Quality and Products where all four scores make up the team score. Most National Career Development Events require four members to compete and event scores will be based on all four members. See National Career Development website for clarification, [https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/cde\\_2017\\_2021\\_intro\\_section\\_of\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/cde_2017_2021_intro_section_of_handbook.pdf). (Must be signed in to access information.)
6. All events will be scored using Scantron sheets. It is important for students to listen to directions and fill out the sheets correctly in order to receive credit. Sample scantron sheets are available for practice on the State Activity Guide.
7. There will be no separate alternate teams.
8. A student may not compete in more than one event during FFA Career Development Events. A student cannot compete in more than one event at the National Competition each year. This includes public speaking, parliamentary procedure and all non-leadership team events.
9. The National level competition fee of \$35 and Eastern States level competition fee of \$10 will be paid by the competing school regardless of affiliation status. These fees must be paid directly to New Jersey FFA (payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey).

## WHEN WILL WE KNOW RESULTS?

Unofficial results are available at [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) a few hours following the event. Official results will be available to all chapters/schools via email, the state Agricultural Education website and at [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) the day following the events. **DO NOT CALL THE STATE OFFICE**

**FOR RESULTS.** Results become **OFFICIAL** when an email is sent from the Office of Agricultural Education announcing the results.

### **WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENTS WEAR AND HOW SHOULD THEY ACT?**

1. All Contestants will abide by the FFA Code of Ethics. This includes:
  - a. FFA jacket or a nametag with name, school and chapter worn in all FFA events.
  - b. Neat and safe clothing is required to promote a positive image for the FFA. Complete official dress should be worn for Fruit and Vegetable Identification, Milk Quality and Products, and Turf Management (travel O.D.). Consult the Official Manual for descriptions of official dress.
  - c. Outdoor events (e.g. Land Judging, Turf Management) will be held rain or shine. Please be prepared (with plastic coverings for scan-tron sheets) and dress accordingly for such weather conditions.
2. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be disqualified and asked to leave the event area.
3. Contestants should also be familiar with the proper use of the FFA jacket (i.e. members never smoke while wearing the FFA jacket). Advisors should review the Official Manual and/or Student Handbook with students regarding Code of Ethics, Official Dress, and proper use of the FFA jacket.
4. The use of ANY tobacco product is not permitted at any FFA event including career development events.

### **WHEN AND WHERE DO WE EAT?**

The event schedule is continuous from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may bring lunch or plan to purchase lunch at the Cook Campus Student Center, Douglas Campus Student Center or at the Food Science Cafeteria.

### **HOW DO I GET SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MY STUDENTS?**

**If a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) indicates a need for assistance during a Career Development Event, the school is responsible for providing the reader or scribe. Please identify the name of the student, their need, and the name of the assistant in your registration e-mail.**

The following types of assistance will be allowed, if indicated in an IEP:

- Reader - The reader will assist a student by reading out loud to them any written instructions for the CDE, exam questions, etc. without providing any interpretation of the questions/information or helping that student come a conclusion.
- Scribe - The scribe will provide assistance to a student by writing down information such as the answer to a question. The scribe will not provide a student with direction or additional information that would help that student solve a problem or come to a conclusion.

***In order to conduct a state level Career Development Event efficiently, no additional time will be provided to a student to complete portions of that Career Development Event.***

### **AS A TEACHER AND FFA ADVISOR, WHAT IS MY ROLE?**

The support and assistance of teachers and FFA advisors is vital for the success of Career Development Events. This assistance includes, serving as proctors or timekeepers for components of the event, assisting students with the scantron scoring system, scoring of some rounds, and helping as needed. You will also serve as an adult chaperone for the students in your event, as their advisor may be assisting at a different event location.

**Tentative event assignments are provided below. In the event that you are unable to assist where indicated, please notify Erin Noble at [erin.noble@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:erin.noble@ag.state.nj.us) immediately. Prior to the event, confirmation emails will be sent to you reminding you of where your assistance is requested.**

After you have dropped-off your students at their event locations, please report immediately to your assigned event location and sign in with the Career Development Event Coordinator or official. They will let you know where your help is most crucial for the event.

### **Turf Management Career Development Event**

#### *Scholarship Policy*

Effective November 2008

The Turf Management Career Development Event provides the opportunity for the students to receive college scholarships to attend the Turfgrass Science Program at Rutgers. Currently the scholarships are available to individuals who place 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the event, regardless of how the team places.

In an effort to encourage the study of Turfgrass Science in college, an exception will be made for an individual on a 1<sup>st</sup> place team who didn't rank 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> individually. The new policy will allow an individual from a 1<sup>st</sup> place Turf Management team to compete in the event again, but only as an individual. This participation will not affect the team rank. The student must be dues paid members from a chapter in good standing and will be eligible for individual medals and certificates. The student is limited to one attempt to compete as an individual for the scholarship.

### **Career Development Event**

#### *60% Mastery Policy*

Effective October 2013

- Teams must achieve at least 60% of the total available points in order to advance to national level competition.
- Achievement will be determined by taking the total team points earned and divide it by the total number of team points available.
- Regardless of whether the team achieves the 60% standard, it will still be recognized (including plaques/medals/etc.) as the first place team at the State FFA Convention.
- Regardless of whether the team achieves the 60% standard, it is welcome to compete at the Big E. Scores at the Big E will not be considered for the sixty-percent mastery policy.
- If the team does not reach the 60% standard, team members are able to compete in that career development again the following year.
- If a team achieves the 60% standard, at least half the team must be original team members when certifying a team for national level Career Development Events.
- If a team achieves the 60% standard but is unable to attend the national event, the second place team will be offered the chance to compete (as long as it has achieved the 60% standard).

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT ASSIGNMENTS (Tentative)**

**MILK QUALITY & PRODUCTS**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Douglass Student Center,  
Meeting Rooms A, B, D, E & Douglass Lounge  
100 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Mr. Dan Wunderlich – CDE Coordinator  
Mr. Dave Petrenka – CDE Official

**Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Keith Dannucci  
Mr. Greg Babbitt  
Mr. Brian Ducey  
Ms. Deanna Miller  
Ms. Jenny Allen  
Mrs. Amanda Hayes  
Ms. Ellen Inman  
Mrs. Denise Emmons  
Mr. Dan Delcher  
Ms. Taryn Romanczak  
Ms. Carly Chaapel

**TURF MANAGEMENT**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Mr. Joe Clark – CDE Coordinator

**Special Event Assistants**

Mrs. Patricia Thorne  
Mr. Brian Burns  
Mr. John Neyhart/Brian Martin  
Mrs. Amy Kline  
Ms. Nan Hamilton  
Mr. Joel Rudderow  
Ms. Keely DiTizio  
Mrs. Jessica Heritage  
Ms. Dawn Viveiros  
Mr. Ed Birdsall  
Mr. Andee Dixon  
Mr. Joshua Andrewson

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Cook Student Center, MPR  
ABC  
59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Mr. Bill Sciarappa – CDE Coordinator  
Ms. Amelia Valente – CDE Official

**Special Event Assistants**

Mrs. Cindy Von Thun  
Ms. Lisa-Ann Moschera Chernigovets  
Mrs. Laurie Neyhart/Kristina Guttadora  
Mr. Dave Pede  
Mrs. Bonnie Baldasare  
Mr. Dale Cruzan  
Mrs. Peggy Grady  
Ms. Robin McLean  
Mr. Gary Nelson  
Ms. Laura Pinhas  
Ms. Brittany Lawyer  
Mr. Thomas Evancho  
Ms. Nicole Smith  
Ms. Marlene Brubaker

**LAND JUDGING**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Directions provided at  
Round House, College Farm Road

Mr. Fred Schoenagel – CDE Coordinator

**Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Erik Fargo  
Ms. Jennifeur Wilson  
Mr. Brian Hayes  
Ms. Hanna Toft  
Ms. Clare Kennedy  
Mr. Bryan Leh  
Mr. Wesley Bouchelle  
Mr. Worth Christian

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