

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE  
85<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
NEW JERSEY FFA  
FALL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

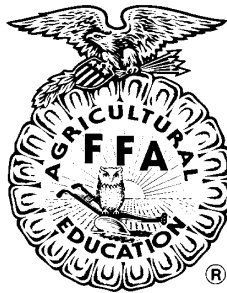
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THE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**

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**Team Registration & Confirmations  
Round House  
College Farm Road  
Cook Campus Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903**

**9:30 AM**

## WHO CAN ATTEND?

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

Since teachers will be assigned to assist at various Career Development Events, they 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.
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 judge again in that particular event.

## HOW DO I PRE-REGISTER?

Pre-registration and payment for all chapters participating in Fall Career Developments is requested by **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit registration to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us). If names cannot be pre-registered, *please pre-register with the school name.* A minimum of five teams is necessary to run any state Career Development Event.

Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards to FFA members. 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. **Registrations received after October 16<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a \$10 late fee per event.** Registration will not be accepted any later than one week prior to the event. Please be prepared to pay prior to or at the registration desk at the Round House.

*(Remember, your payment is non-refundable since your registration is what we use to pay for event 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.)*

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A \$36.00 per team, or \$9.00 per person (maximum 4-team members), registration fee is assessed per contest for each chapter participating. A \$9 fee will be charged for all post-secondary members competing in the “Post-Secondary Division” along with \$6.00 annual membership dues (maximum of 4 post-secondary members may compete from each school in each event). Please pay this fee at the time of pre-registration. Make checks payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey. In the memo area of the check, please identify “FFA Fall CDE”. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## 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>. (Documents 7.005 and 7.005a) 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 and (2) judging of five classes of apples and/or vegetables for uniformity, variety, color, freedom from blemish, trueness to variety, etc. 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> (Documents 7.002, 7.003 and 7.003a)

### **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 and 7.001a)

### **Dairy Foods 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 milker units. A copy of the summary 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) National FFA Career Development Event Rules are available at [http://www.ffa.org/documents/cde\\_dairyfoods.pdf](http://www.ffa.org/documents/cde_dairyfoods.pdf)

## WHERE DO I PARK ON EVENT DAY?

Observe Rutgers parking regulations. Printable parking passes will be sent out prior to the event. 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 REGISTER ON NOVEMBER 12?

Events will **START PROMPTLY at 10:00 am as SCHEDULED.** One teacher from each chapter will pay registration fees and confirm pre-registrations for the teams at the Round House headquarters on College Farm Road **before 9:30 am.** Your teams must be verified at the roundhouse 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 10:00 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. **All contestants' registrations must be confirmed by advisors 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. Dairy Foods Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Food Science Building, 65 Dudley Rd
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  
Student Center, Multipurpose Rooms ABC, 59 Biel Road

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

1. Dues paying FFA members 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 lowest team score in the Dairy Foods Career Development Event (low score wins) will have the opportunity to represent the New Jersey FFA Association at the National FFA Career Development Event in Indianapolis, IN in October 2010 and the Eastern States Regional FFA Career Development Events in Springfield, Massachusetts in September 2010. Team members must be accompanied to these events by advisor(s).
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 May 2010.

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

Only dues-paid members 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. Registration 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 certificates will be awarded to the top five (5) students who excel in practical parts of the events.
3. A Career Development Event Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the New Jersey team that places the highest in National Competition. This includes all National FFA 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 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, mp3 players, 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 College 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. Some 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, [http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c\\_programs.CDE](http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.CDE)
6. All events will be scored using "Scan-tron" sheets. It is important for students to listen to directions and fill out the sheets correctly in order to receive credit. Sample scan-tron sheets are available for practice on the State Activity Guide. All events use the Multipurpose sheet, except for Land/Homesite and Dairy Foods. These events have cards design specifically for the event.
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 \$30 and Eastern States level competition fee of \$10 will be paid by the competing school.

## WHEN WILL WE KNOW RESULTS?

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). **DO NOT CALL THE STATE OFFICE FOR 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, Dairy Foods, and Turf Management. 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 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 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 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 new scan-tron 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. Two weeks prior to the event, confirmation emails will be sent to you reminding you of where your assistance is requested.**

After you have dropped 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 ASSIGNMENTS (Tentative)**

**DAIRY FOODS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Food Science Building, 65 Dudley Rd

Sharon Kinsey - Career Development Event Coordinator

Dave Petrenka – Career Development Event Official

**Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Frank Yesalavich

Mr. Keith Dannucci

Mr. Greg Babbitt

Mr. Brian Ducey

Mr. Mike Griffith

Ms. Lauren Ruthrauff

Mr. Mike Ridge

**Event Section**

ID of Cheese

Dairy vs. Non-Dairy

Written Test

Written Test

Problem Solving

Problem Solving

Mastitis Testing

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Student Center, Multipurpose Rooms ABC, 59 Biel Road

Mr. Bill Sciarappa - Career Development Event Coordinator

Ms. Vivian Quinn- Career Development Event Official

**Special Event Assistants**

Mrs. Cheryl Lowe

Mr. John Petronglo

Mrs. Cindy Von Thun

Mr. Brian Martin

Ms. Lisa-Ann Chernigovets

Mrs. Laurie Neyhart

Mr. Dave Pede

Mrs. Kathy Potts

Mrs. Bonnie Baldasare

Mrs. Denise Emmons

Mrs. Peggy Grady

Ms. Robin McLean

Ms. Amanda Guralski

Mr. Gary Nelson

**Event Section**

Judging

Judging

Identification

Identification

Identification

Judging

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**TURF MANAGEMENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

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

Dr. Richard Hurley– Career Development Event Coordinator

Mr. Bill Dickson – Career Development Event Official

Mr. Joe Clark – Career Development Event Official

**Special Event Assistants**

Ms. Nichol Carroll

Mr. Brian Burns

Mr. John Neyhart

Ms. JoAnn Sopchak

Ms. Cheryl Alfonse

Ms. Marilyn Patterson

Ms. Nan Hamilton

Mr. Joel Rudderow

Mr. Bill Kleiner

Mrs. Kim Desrochers

**Event Sections**

Written Exam

Problem Solving

Identification

Group Leader

Group Leader

Group Leader

Group Leader

Site Evaluation

Written Exam

Site Evaluation

**LAND JUDGING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

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

Mr. Fred Schoenagel – Career Development Event Coordinator

**Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Greg Zotti

Ms. Jennifeur Wilson

Mr. Worth Christian

Mr. Bryan Leh

Mrs. Patricia Thorne

Mr. Shawn McKay

Mr. Hans Toft

Mr. Bill Hilgendorff

Mr. Mike Hlubik

Mrs. Kim Szulecki

Mr. Mike Butler

Ms. Sara Cobb

Ms. Barbara Barbour

Mr. Byron Nolan

**Event Sections**

Group Leader

Group Leader

Group Leader

Site 1

Site 2

Site 3

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