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97TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA SPRING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

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

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Re: Spring Career Development Events
Tuesday, April 13 – Thursday, April 15, 2021
Hosted Virtually via ClassMarker and Zoom

WHAT DO SPRING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS INVOLVE?

Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Environmental and Natural Resource Management, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, Veterinary Science, and Agricultural Sales Events will be conducted using the rules, judging forms and references available in the New Jersey FFA Career Development Events Handbooks 2017-2021 modified from the National FFA Handbooks. Handbooks can be found on the State Activity Guide and all 12.000 documents. Students should be prepared in all event sections.

How will these events be administered online?

1. An online Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Environmental and Natural Resource Management, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, Veterinary Science, and Agricultural Sales Events event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention.
2. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in each event. **Access to technology** – If a student does not have access to a computer and internet, please notify the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education immediately. Alternative testing methods will be explored with the school.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person cannot be someone training and/or working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. If schools are not back in session, a parent or guardian is acceptable. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge. The OFANRE reserves the right to request students to participate in a Zoom call while competing in order to ensure the integrity of the event.
4. Students will be assigned usernames and passwords to access the exam. An instruction sheet for students and a password list will be e-mailed to registered chapters on or before Friday, April 9, 2021.

5. **On Tuesday, April 13 – Thursday, April 15, the online exam will be active.** The entire team must compete at the same time. Advisors are asked to schedule the day and time frame for which they plan to have the event(s) administered via <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/virtual-cde-scheduling>.
6. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and submitted to the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education by 8:30 AM the day following the scheduled competition time. Certification forms can be accessed at <https://www.jotform.com/NJFFA/CDEAuthenticityCertification>.
7. Review the “Event Summary” section of this document for details on the structure of each event.

How do we sign-up and what does it cost?

Participant lists and payment for all chapters participating in Spring Career Developments is requested by **Monday, March 15. Please sign-up using www.judgingcard.com.**

Steps to using the [judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) registration.

1. Log in to 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 left most 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 (April).
4. Click on the event link “New Jersey Spring CDEs” on the calendar (April 15)...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 you need to register for (i.e. Floriculture, ENR, etc.).
7. Change the "Number of Contestants" to what you 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 the entries back on the event's main page.

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 Spring CDE” in the memo line and send to the Office of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330. **Registrations received after March 15th are subject to 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. Chapters who affiliate with the “Blue Supplemental Package” will have state CDE fees waived.

(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?

The cost is \$44.00 per team, or \$11.00 per person (maximum 4-team members), unless the chapter is Blue Affiliated (then registration is waived); registration fee is assessed per contest for each chapter participating. 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 Spring CDE”. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

How do I get CDE results?

Official results will be available via email and on the New Jersey FFA website at

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/career/ in the days following the events. Please do not call the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education for results.

What are the Career Development Event Rules?

1. Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Environmental and Natural Resource Management, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, Veterinary Science, and Agricultural Sales Events require four (4) members to compete and team scores will be based on all four members.
2. The school with the highest team score in each event will represent New Jersey in a national competition at the National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, in October if they receive 60% team mastery of the event. The first-place team will receive a state recognition plaque. The top three individuals overall will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal. The top five individuals in the practicum portions of each event will receive an H.O. Sampson certificate.
3. Members of a first-place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA CDE again, unless the team is uncontested and forfeit their first place team ranking or fail to reach the 60% team mastery. Individual awards will still be rewarded if the uncontested team forfeits their team ranking. **Members of a first-place team in 2020 are eligible to compete again in 2021.**
4. Official teams can only complete the online exam during the scheduled career development event timeframe (Tuesday, April 13 – Thursday, April 15, 2021) and all team members must participate in the event at the same time.
5. Calculators may be used and can only have the following functions – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, equals, percent, square roots, +/- key, and one memory register. NO other calculators are allowed during the event. Sharing of calculators between individuals is not permitted.
6. Participants may not talk or confer with one another during the event or access any materials or resources.
7. **Note: Requesting Assistance for a Career Development Event** – If a student needs assistance during a Career Development Event, the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education must be notified at the time of registration by identifying the student and their specific need. If a reader or scribe is needed, you are responsible for providing that person. To conduct a state level career development event efficiently, **no additional time will be provided** to a student to complete portions of a career development event.

EVENT SUMMARY

What is the Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Career Development Event?

The New Jersey FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event recognizes students with agricultural technology and mechanical systems competencies important to the modern workplace. The technical content and required skills continue to include all traditional areas of agricultural technology and mechanical systems. Additionally, the operation of modern equipment, the application of new management strategies and the mastering of advanced technologies are increasingly emphasized.

The Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Career Development Event will have seven components held through MyCAERT.

- Written Exam – 30 minutes – 25 questions worth 50 points
- Machinery and Equipment Practicum Area – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 30 points
- Electricity Practicum Area – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 30 points
- Compact Equipment Practicum Area – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 30 points
- Structures Practicum Area – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 30 points
- Environment and Natural Resources Practicum Area – 15 minutes – 5 questions worth 30 points
- Safety – 15 minutes – 10 questions worth 25 points

What is the Agricultural Sales Career Development Event?

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development Event is to evaluate and demonstrate skills that are essential for an individual to be successful in the agricultural sales career. Students will also develop an understanding of the opportunities available in the sales industry. The process of selling agricultural products is essential for production and marketing of agricultural products.

The Agricultural Sales Career Development Event will have three components **held via Zoom on only one of the scheduled days. Competition times will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.**

- Individual Written Exam – 45 minutes - 30 questions worth 100 points
- Individual Sales Activity – 20-minute interaction worth 150 points
- Team Activity – 30-minute interaction worth 150 points

What is the Environmental & Natural Resources Career Development Event?

Environmental and natural resource education has a responsibility to educate the public and prepare students to enter careers in the environmental and natural resource industry. The purpose of the environmental and natural resource career development event is to foster student interest, promote environmental and natural resource instruction in the agricultural education curriculum and provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of environmental and natural resource instruction.

The Environmental & Natural Resources Career Development Event will have five components hosted via MyCAERT.

- Objective Written Exam – 30 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- Identification – 30 minutes – 50 items worth 100 points
- Practicum #1 – 30 minutes – worth 100 points

- Practicum #2 – 30 minutes – worth 100 points
- Team Activity – Written Statement – 30 minutes – worth 200 points

What is the Floriculture Career Development Event?

The New Jersey FFA Floriculture Career Development Event is designed to create an interest in career preparation for all current and future aspects of the floriculture industry through leadership development and hands on technical skill development using industry standards which are delivered through the agriculture education curriculum.

The Floriculture Career Development Event will have five components hosted via MyCAERT.

- Identification of Plant Materials and Equipment – 30 minutes – 40 specimens worth 200 points
- General Knowledge Examination & Problem Solving/Decision Making – 30 minutes – 25 questions worth 250 points
- Annual Practicum – 30 minutes – worth 100 points
- Rotational Practicum #1 – 30 minutes – worth 75 points
- Rotational Practicum #2 – 30 minutes – worth 75 points

What is the Nursery and Landscape Career Development Event?

The purpose of the New Jersey FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event is to promote career interest, encourage proficiency development and recognize excellence in participants of the event which includes all aspects of the industry to produce, market, utilize and maintain landscape plants (woody and herbaceous plants and turf grasses), as well as related production and landscaping products, equipment and services including design.

The Nursery and Landscape Career Development Event will have five components hosted via MyCAERT.

- General Knowledge Examination – 30 minutes – worth 150 points
- Identification of Plants, Pests, Disorders, Beneficial Insects, Equipment and Supplies – 30 minutes – worth 150 points
- Landscape Estimating – 30 minutes – worth 100 points
- Written Customer Assistance – 30 minutes – worth 50 points
- Nursery Production Practicum – 30 minutes - worth 50 points

What is the Veterinary Science Career Development Event?

The purpose of the veterinary science career development event is to promote college and career readiness by providing opportunities to develop technical knowledge and demonstrate practical skills in the field of veterinary science.

The Veterinary Science Career Development Event will have five components hosted via MyCAERT.

- Written Exam – 30 minutes - 50 questions worth 100 points
- Math Applications Exam – 30 minutes – worth 100 points
- Current Events – 30 minutes – worth 100 points
- Identification – 30 minutes – 50 items worth 100 points
- Practicums – 30 minutes – 2-4 activities worth 120 points