

EASTERN REGIONAL FFA ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please thoroughly read the Introduction Section at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all Big E FFA Career Development Events.

EVENT INFORMATION

1. The Superintendents appointed by the Chairman of the Big E FFA Program Planning Committee, will be in charge of this event.
2. All general rules of the Big E FFA Career Development Events will apply to this event.
3. Under no circumstance will any participant be allowed to handle any of the items in the identification portion of the practicums. Any infraction of this rule will be sufficient to eliminate a team from the event.
4. Participants must come to the event prepared to work in adverse weather conditions. The event will be conducted regardless of the weather. Participants should have rainwear, warm clothes and footwear.
5. All tools and equipment will be furnished for the event. Participants must use the tools and equipment provided.
6. All written material will be furnished for the event. No written materials such as tests, problems and worksheets shall be removed from the place of the event. **Only blank clipboards and pens and pencils may be brought to the event by the participant. Participants should bring calculators.**
7. A team shall consist of four (4) members. All four members will be scored and all scores will count towards the total team score. The team score is comprised of all four members = examination and practicum scores as well as the team activity.
8. The event will include:
 1. Team Activity
 2. Individual Practicums
 3. Identification of Material
 4. Objective written test

ELIGIBILITY

see general rules and regulations

TIE BREAKER

Team

- 1) Team with the highest individual score
- 2) Team with the highest team activity score.

Individual

- 1) Individual on the highest team
- 2) Total practicum scores
- 3) Current issues practicum
- 4) Identification practicum.

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EVENT FORMAT

1. All participants will take the written examination. It will be worth 100 points. {time - 30 minutes}. See national test questions for examples.
2. Each participant will do the identification practicum. ID will be worth 100 points. {time 30 minutes}
3. Each participant will prepare a news article based on a short video segment shown to them. The news article will be worth 100 points. {time- 30 minutes}
4. Each participant will compete in one or more of the designated practicums. Each practicum will be worth 50 points. {Time 30 minutes} See the National FFA CDE Bulletin for particulars. Practicums will include but not be limited to :
 - A. Soil testing and formulating recommendations for a crop.
 - B. Water testing
 - C. GPS locations
 - D. Environmental Analysis
5. The team will work together to solve an environmental problem. They will prepare a written presentation to be given to a panel of judges. Each team will have 45 minutes to prepare their presentation and 10 minutes to actually present it to the judges. {time - 60 minutes}
6. Individual placings will be determined by the total of a student=s scores for the written test, ID, news article and practicum.
7. Team scores will be the total of the four individual participants scores plus the team score.
8. Teams will be assigned a time in a rotation to do the Team Activity.
9. Official Dress is required for this Career Development Event.