

FFA Career Development Event
Pinellas Technical Education Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Saturday, March 17, 2012

8:00 am Continental breakfast begins
8:30 am Registration for Floriculture CDE begins
9:00 am Floriculture CDE begins
12:00 pm Lunch begins
12:30 pm Registration for Nursery and Landscape CDE begins
1:00 pm Nursery and Landscape CDE begins

Welcome to the Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape CDEs for 2012!

*Go to the Florida FFA website for complete rules and specimen lists. Check out the Florida FFA CDE Handbook at www.flaffa.org

*Again this year there will be free t-shirts for student participants who provide names and sizes by the deadline. Of course, it will be on a first come-first served basis, so get your team together and your team names and t-shirt sizes to FNGLA now! Deadline, February 10, 2012.

*The mini-trade show area will again include companies, schools and information for student and teachers alike.

*Contact Merry Mott at FNGLA with any questions at 800-375-3642 or mmott@fngla.org

General CDE Event Information

Calculators and scale rulers will be provided.

Participants should bring clipboard and pencils.

No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed.

Because lunch is provided, please verify the numbers of participants.

Suggested Reference Material

Career Development Events are produced to provide FFA members an opportunity to compete with other teams by using what they have learned in the classroom and labs. These tests are a combination of classroom knowledge and industry skills so a variety of references will be used.

In addition to regular horticultural textbooks used in Florida's schools, FNGLA recommends additional references for the various portions of both the Floriculture and the Nursery & Landscape CDEs. Most references are available online and free to the teachers. You should have a copy of the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) Manual as well. The referenced links will be provided on TeachHort.com for those teachers who are subscribers.

These references are provided as a guide and are standard publications within Florida's nursery and landscape industry. It is recommended that they are part of your classroom library.

FFA Career Development Event outlines for March 17, 2012

Floriculture Career Development Event

Rotation A

35 Question Written Exam (20 for Middle School)

In addition to general horticulture, questions will cover:

- 1) Best Management Practices
- 2) Plant Use
- 3) Applying for a Job

Problem Solving Practicum

Identifying & Controlling Plant Disorders

Rotation B

Problem Solving Practicum

Handling a Customer Complaint

Pricing

Intiorscape

(Students will be provided with photos of an interior setting that was landscaped. Using the provided plant list, hourly rates and other formulas, they will answer questions on the cost to install this interiorscape.)

Rotation C

Plant Identification (40 specimens)

Rotation D

Live Practicum

Boutonniere

(More information will be provided for this Practicum, but the students will be asked to construct a small corsage or boutonniere using proper wiring methods and adding their own creativity.)

Nursery and Landscape Career Development Event

Rotation A

35 Question Written Exam (20 for Middle School)

In addition to general horticulture, questions will cover:

- 1) Best Management Practices
- 2) Applying for a Job
- 3) Grades and Standards for Nursery Stock

Problem Solving Practicums

Handling a Hazardous Situation

-and- Customer Assistance

Rotation B

Plant, Pest & Tool Identification (60 specimens)

ID test will include 30 Plants, 15 Pests and 15 Tools.

Rotation C

Live Practicum

Job Evaluation

(Students will be provided with a landscape drawing, plant list and specs and they will tour a live garden to determine what was incorrectly installed in the landscape.)

Rotation D

Live Practicum

Pruning

(Students will rotate through different 'stations' demonstrating their knowledge of pruning, including proper cuts, choosing the right tool for the right job, understanding the need for sanitation and identifying tree parts.)

References

Floriculture

Written Exam

* Best Management Practices

Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industry: http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/GIBMP_Manual_WEB_2_17_11.pdf
Chapter 1.

* Plant Use

FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) Manual 8th Edition 2010
Chapter V: Using Plants, pages 1-7 and 13-16.

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The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Handbook 2009

http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/materials/FYN_Handbook_vSept09.pdf

Chapter 1, Right Plant, Right Place, pages 5-9.

* Applying for a Job

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Read the main page and understand what the Occupation Outlook Handbook is and how to use it. Be familiar with how to find information on a florist and answer questions about that occupation.

About.com online web search: <http://jobsearch.about.com/>

Read “*How to Apply for a Job*” under the Must Reads drop down on the left side of the page. It will take you to the “Job Application Guide”. We won’t ask questions on the interview process itself, but we will cover ways to apply, what to prepare for, and what information to have available.

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Chapters 1 & 2

* Applying for a Job

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Read the main page and understand what the Occupation Outlook Handbook is and how to use it. In addition, be familiar with how to find information on a landscape supervisor and be able to answer basic questions about that occupation.

About.com online web search: <http://jobsearch.about.com/>

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* Grades & Standards for Nursery Stock

Landscape Plants Powerpoint presentation by Dr. Ed. Gilman:

<http://hort.ufl.edu/woody/>

Then click on Powerpoints

Then choose “Grades and Standards for Tree Nursery Stock”

References

Nursery & Landscape

Live Practicum

* Job Evaluation

Landscape Plan Reading:

<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/HLA/PLS451-2007/Lecture1-Plan%20Reading.pdf>

1st 10 slides

*Pruning

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/>

Under the listing for Trees, click on “Pruning” and there is a ton of information there.

Also, click on “PowerPoints” and choose “Pruning Trees – Mature” to open a powerpoint called *Urban Forest Hurricane Recovery Program*.