



2015-2016 FLORIDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FLORIDA FFA ASSOCIATION

APPROVED AUGUST 27, 2015

BLUE – COMPETITIVE EVENTS | RED - LEADERSHIP EVENTS | PURPLE – EDUCATIONAL EVENTS | GREEN – APPLICATION/DOCUMENTS DUE

Career Development Event (CDE) and conference registration opens approximately 30 days prior to the event. Registration deadlines and final due dates are listed in the "Register/Receive By" column (this date includes any grace period applicable). Any team or individual that does not register prior to this deadline will not be eligible for participation. Teams that qualify at a preliminary event do not need to register for state finals events.

EVENT/APPLICATION DATE	EVENT/APPLICATION	REGISTER/RECEIVE BY	LOCATION
AUGUST			
August 27	Quarterly Board Meeting		LTC
August 29-30	Florida FFA Alumni Development Conference***	Contact Alumni	LTC
SEPTEMBER			
September 3	New Teacher Workshop (1-3 year teachers only)	August 31	DeLand High School
September 12-13	Chapter Presidents Conference	August 31	Caribe Royale Orlando
September 14-18	American Agriculture Experience (State FFA Officers)		Iowa
September 22	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 1	September 10	Marianna
September 25	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 2	September 10	Florida Gateway College (Lake City)
September 28	FFA Hall of Fame***	Contact FFA Foundation	LTC
September 29	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 3	September 10	LTC
September 30	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 4	September 10	LTC
OCTOBER			
October 1	Quality Chapter Plan, Roster, Dues	October 8	Florida FFA HQ / MyFFA
October 1	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 5	September 10	LTC
October 2	Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Area 6	September 10	LTC
October 6	District Forestry CDE Preliminary (MS/HS)	Contact District Host	Specific Districts TBA
October 8	District Forestry CDE Preliminary (MS/HS)	Contact District Host	Specific Districts TBA
October 15	Quarterly Board Meeting		Florida FFA HQ
October 28-31	National FFA Convention	Contact National FFA	Louisville, KY
NOVEMBER			
November 12-13	State Forestry CDE (MS/HS)	Qualified Teams	Perry
November 13-14	Firetower Run-A-Muck***	Contact FFA Foundation	LTC
November 17	Fall Preliminary Testing Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Science CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Environmental Science CDE (HS) ▪ Dairy Evaluation CDE (MS/HS) 	November 3	School Hosts
DECEMBER			
December 1	State Citrus CDE (MS/HS) State Tool ID CDE (MS)	November 17	LTC
December 4-5	Middle School Leadership Conference (MS) A	November 20	LTC
December 5-6	Middle School Leadership Conference (MS) B	November 20	LTC
December 10	Sub-District CDE Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creed Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE (MS) ▪ Parliamentary Procedure CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Prepared Public Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Tractor Operations CDE (HS) 	November 20	Sub-District Hosts
December 12	FFA Horse Judging School***	Contact UF Animal Sciences	UF Horse Unit (Gainesville)
December 18 - January 3	Florida FFA Headquarters Closed (Holiday Break)		
JANUARY			
January 8-9	FFA Meats & Livestock Judging Clinic***	Contact UF Animal Sciences	UF (Gainesville)
January 12	State Environmental Science CDE (HS)	Qualified Teams	UF/IFAS Mid-FL REC (Apopka)
January 14	District CDE Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creed Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE (MS) ▪ Parliamentary Procedure CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Prepared Public Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Tractor Operations CDE (HS) 	Qualified Teams Only	District Hosts
January 15-16	212° High School Leadership Conference	January 4	LTC
January 16-17	360° High School Leadership Conference	January 4	LTC
January 21	Quarterly Board Meeting		LTC
January 22-24	FAAE Mid-Winter Conference***	Contact FFAE	LTC
January 21	State Officer Candidate Workshop (HS Seniors Only)	January 7	Florida FFA HQ
January 30	State Food Science CDE (MS/HS)	Qualified Teams	UF (Gainesville)
January 30	State Horse Judging CDE (MS Only)	January 18	UF Horse Unit (Gainesville)
FEBRUARY			
February 6	State Horse Judging CDE Preliminary (HS) State Livestock Judging CDE Preliminary (HS)	January 25	Florida State Fair
February 13	State Dairy Judging CDE (MS/HS)	Qualified Teams Only	Florida State Fair
February 13	State Fair Poultry Judging Event (MS/HS)	February 1	Florida State Fair
February 18	FFA Capitol Day	February 4	Tallahassee
February 20-27	National FFA Week		Nationwide
MARCH			
March 1	Membership Roster Update	March 1	MyFFA
March 1	State Officer Application	March 1	Florida FFA HQ
March 1	Alumni Essays	March 8	Florida FFA HQ

American FFA Degree Application
 State FFA Degree Application
 Star Award Applications

March 1	Spring Preliminary Testing Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agricultural Mechanics CDE (HS) ▪ Aquaculture CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Vet Assisting CDE (HS) 	February 16	School Hosts
March 5	State Floriculture CDE (MS/HS) State Nursery and Landscape CDE (MS/HS)	February 19	UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Center (Apopka)
March 11	State Livestock Judging CDE (MS)	February 26	Florida Strawberry Festival
March 12	Florida FFA Beast Feast***	Contact FFA Foundation	LTC
March 18-20	State Leadership Summit	February 4	LTC
March 25	State Land Judging CDE (MS/HS)	March 11	TBA
March-April	District OH Demonstration CDEs (MS/HS)	Contact District Hosts	District Hosts

APRIL

April 1	Ag. Communications CDE Portfolio (Submit Online)	April 1	Dr. Ricky Telg (UF)
April 1	Alumni Membership Rosters Due	April 8	MyFFA
April 1	Ag. Education CDE Lesson Plans (HS) Ag. Electrification Essay (MS)	April 8	Florida FFA HQ
April 1	State Aquaculture CDE (MS/HS)	Qualified Teams	UF Trop. Aqua. Lab (Ruskin)
April 2	State Horse Judging CDE (HS)	Qualified Teams	UF Horse Unit (Gainesville)
April 7	Quarterly Board Meeting		LTC
April 9	State Livestock Judging CDE (HS)	Qualified Teams	UF Horse Unit (Gainesville)
April 9	State Poultry Judging CDE (MS/HS)	March 28	UF Meats Lab (Gainesville)
April 12-13	State Officer Candidate Screening	March 29	LTC
April 15	Alumni Award Application Chapter Co-Op Application Fresh from Florida Advocacy Award Application National Chapter Award Application Proficiency Award Application Outstanding District Officer Award Application	April 22	Florida FFA HQ
April 16	State Meats CDE (MS/HS)	April 4	UF Meats Lab (Gainesville)
April 22	State Agribusiness Management CDE (HS) State Agricultural Education CDE Preliminary (HS) State Agricultural Sales and Service CDE (HS) State Agricultural Communications CDE (HS) State OH Demonstration CDE (MS/HS) State Vegetable Judging CDE (MS/HS)	April 8	UF (Gainesville)
April 23	State Veterinary Assisting CDE (HS)	Qualified Teams	HCC (Plant City)
April 30	State Agricultural Mechanics CDE (HS) State Tractor Operations CDE (HS)	Qualified Teams	Ridge Career Ctr. (Haines City)

MAY

May 1	Agricultural Issues CDE Portfolio (Submit Online) Agriscience Fair Application Feeder Steer & Swine Proficiency Applications Job Interview CDE Portfolio State Convention Talent Application State Convention Courtesy Corps Application	May 8	Florida FFA HQ
May 1-2	Award Application Judging	By Invitation	LTC
May 15	Quality Chapter Report (Submit Online) District Officer Application Prepared Public Speaking Manuscript (Submit Online)	May 22	Florida FFA HQ

JUNE

June 13-17	88th Florida FFA State Convention & Expo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agricultural Education CDE (HS) ▪ Agricultural Electrification Essay Interviews (MS) ▪ Agricultural Issues CDE (HS) ▪ Agriscience Fair (MS/HS) ▪ Creed Speaking CDE (MS/HS) ▪ Extemporaneous Public Speaking (MS/HS) ▪ Job Interview CDE (HS) ▪ Opening and Closing Ceremonies CDE (MS) ▪ Parliamentary Procedure CDE (MS, 9th, HS) ▪ Prepared Public Speaking CDE (MS/HS) 	May 15	Caribe Royale Orlando
June 27-29	UF Ag Tech Update***	Contact UF AEC	UF Gainesville

JULY

July 10-15	High School Forestry Camp	May 15	O'Leno State Park
July 18-22	Middle School Forestry Camp	May 15	O'Leno State Park

AUGUST

July 31-August 3	Florida Outdoor Adventures***	Contact FFA Foundation	LTC
August 3-6	Florida Leadership Adventures***	Contact FFA Foundation	LTC
August 7-10	Florida Outdoor Adventures***	Contact Foundation	LTC
August 10-13	Florida Leadership Adventures***	Contact Foundation	LTC
Future Convention Date	89 th Florida FFA State Convention	June 12-16, 2017	Caribe Royale Orlando
Future Convention Date	90 th Florida FFA State Convention	June 11-15, 2018	Caribe Royale Orlando
Future Convention Date	91 st Florida FFA State Convention	June 10-14, 2019	Caribe Royale Orlando

*** Please note that this symbol represents those activities that are not official activities of the Florida FFA Association. These activities are included for informational purposes only.

The Florida FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, supervise or approve local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the Florida FFA Calendar, Constitution and Bylaws.

FLORICULTURE CDE

PURPOSE

The Floriculture CDE stimulates interest in learning activities related to the Floriculture industry, including the identification of plants, business situations and safety issues.

ELIGIBILITY

The participant must be an active member of a chartered Florida FFA Chapter and enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Each chapter may enter one team of four individuals. Only the top three scores will be calculated for the team total.

EVENT PROCEDURES

1. Contestants should bring a clipboard and #2 pencils
2. Absolutely no communication will be tolerated during the event. Any contestants violating this rule will have their cards taken up and will be disqualified.
3. No FFA advisors/coaches will be allowed in the area of the contest, but arrangements will be made to view the specimens directly following the last rotation.
4. FFA members must be in official dress, appropriate to the contest, and will be scored accordingly.

EVENT PRACTICUMS

IDENTIFICATION PRACTICUM

PLANT, PEST & TOOL IDENTIFICATION

Each student will demonstrate their ability to properly identify plants, pests and tools related to Florida's floriculture industry. The identification portion of this event will include 30 plants, 15 pests, and 15 tools. Plants, pests and tools may be presented live or in picture form.



PROBLEM SOLVING PRACTICUMS

Problem Solving Practicums are written exams that require the students to use their knowledge of horticulture to determine the best solution to the situations presented to them. They will answer questions in a multiple choice format. Two of the following problem solving practicums will be part of the event each year.



HANDLING A HAZARDOUS SITUATION (ODD YEARS)

Students will be presented with a variety of hazardous situations that could develop in a retail nursery, greenhouse or floral business. They will determine the most appropriate solutions to the problems, addressing these items:

- Proper safety procedures
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs)
- Reading product labels and MSDS sheets
- Spill containment and disposal
- Laws regulating pesticides and hazardous materials
- Poisonous plants, insects and other animals
- First aid

CUSTOMER SERVICE (ODD YEARS)

This practicum focuses on customer service as it applies to sales, service and employee relations within a retail nursery or floral operation. Students will determine the most appropriate solutions to the situations presented, addressing these items:

- Effective customer communication, on the phone, in person and in the written word
- Presenting yourself in an appropriate manner, in speech and in actions
- Salesmanship
- Business issues
- Product displays in retail nurseries
- Safety
- Teamwork

IDENTIFYING AND CONTROLLING PLANT DISORDERS (EVEN YEARS)

Students will be presented with a variety of plant disorders that could occur in floriculture, floral or foliage plants. The disorders could be caused by insects, disease, weeds, improper care or nutrient deficiency. The student will determine the most appropriate solutions to the problems, addressing these items:

- Diagnosis of problems
- Prescription of treatments
- Identification of pests
- Integrated Pest Management
- Reading product labels and MSDS sheets
- Florida Friendly Principles
- Plant Use (Right Plant Right Place)

PRICING (EVEN YEARS)

Students will be presented with a project and they must determine the costs involved in completing that project. A list of all the materials, costs, mark-up and labor used in the project will be provided. This project is a heavy mathematics exercise that shows the student how math and science is directly related to the Floriculture industry. The projects could be one of the following:

- Flower arrangement
- Dish garden
- Corsage
- Potted plants
- Living Wall
- Interiorscape

SKILLS PRACTICUM

FLORAL DESIGN/ARRANGING/ASEXUAL

PROPAGATION

Live Practicums are hands-on events where students demonstrate their skills in floriculture activities. For the Floriculture CDE, the students are provided instruction on site as to what the "client" is looking for. They are judged on how they use their own creativity while following direct instructions. Their creation is evaluated by



the judges. One of the following live practicums will be part of the event each year.

- Single corsage (boutonniere)
- Bud vase
- Dish garden
- Asexual propagation (cuttings, air layering, division)

SCORING

Practicum	Activity	Individual	Team
Identification	Plants	300	900
Identification	Pests	150	450
Identification	Tools	150	450
Problem Solving (Odd Years)	Handling a Hazardous Situation	200	600
Problem Solving (Even Years)	Identifying & Controlling Plant Disorders	200	600
Problem Solving (Odd Years)	Customer Service	200	600
Problem Solving (Even Years)	Pricing	200	600
Skills	Floral Design/ Arranging/ Asexual Propagation	200	600
Official Dress		50	150
Total		1,250	3,750

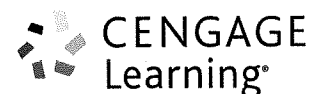
REFERENCES

This list of references is not intended to be inclusive. Other sources may be utilized and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

- FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional Manual, 8th Edition 2010. Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association, 1533 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835, 800-375-3642 or www.fn gla.org
- The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Handbook, 2009. Florida Yards & Neighborhoods, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), Environmental Horticulture Dept., P.O. Box 110675, Gainesville, FL 32611-0675, 352-273-4518 <http://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/materials/FYN-Handbook-v1-2012.pdf>
- Floriculture: Designing & Merchandising by Charles Griner. Delmar Cengage Learning, 5 Maxwell Dr, Clifton Park, NY 12065, www.cengage.com/delmar



Floriculture: Designing & Merchandising
 Dr. Charles P. Griner
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TIE BREAKERS

Ties will be broken using the following procedure, unless otherwise noted by the CDE Coordinator. In breaking a tie for a team the drop score will be used first, followed by team written exam total, and then by team placing class total. Individual ties will be broken by oral reasons first, followed by written exam, and then by a single placing class (chosen by CDE Coordinator). If any of these are absent from a CDE, (ie. oral reasons, written exam, etc), then the next highest point practicum will be used.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony. Awards are presented to teams as well as individuals based upon their rankings. Awards are sponsored by a cooperating industry sponsor(s) as a special project and/or by the general fund of the Florida FFA Foundation.

**FFA Career Development Events (Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape)
University of Florida Mid-Florida Research & Education Center
Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Apopka**

We look forward to having you and your teams join us for these exciting Career Development Events at the UF Mid-Fla REC in Apopka. Please read the following for more information.

OFFICIAL DRESS REQUIREMENTS

This event is classified as an OUTDOOR event; therefor students should abide by the following Official Dress Guidelines:

Females*

Black Jeans/Slacks
White collared blouse
Official FFA blue scarf
Black or dark brown boots or
closed toe & closed heel shoes
An official FFA Jacket zipped to
the top

Males*

Black Jeans/Slacks
White collared shirt
Official FFA tie
Black or dark brown boots or
closed toe & closed heel shoes
An official FFA Jacket zipped to
the top

**Refer to the Florida FFA CDE Handbook for complete Official Dress Scoring Information.*

Complete Schedule of Events for the Day

8:00 am Floriculture CDE Teams Arrive
8:15 am Registration for Floriculture CDE
8:45 am Floriculture CDE Welcome
9:00 am Floriculture CDE Begins
11:00 am Nursery & Landscape CDE Teams Arrive
11:00 am Lunch for Nursery & Landscape CDE
11:30 am Lunch for Floriculture CDE
11:30 am Registration for Nursery & Landscape CDE
11:45 am Nursery & Landscape CDE Welcome
12:00 pm Nursery & Landscape CDE Begins
12:30 pm Floriculture Awards Presentation
3:00 pm Nursery & Landscape Awards Presentation

General CDE Event Information

*Go to the Florida FFA website for complete rules and specimen lists. www.flaffa.org

*Samples of previous CDE activities are included on the Florida FFA website. This gives you a chance to download exams and practicums to assist in preparing your students for the CDEs.

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

Suggested Hotels

The following hotels offer a special rate for those attending events at the UF Mid-Florida Research Center. Be sure to speak with the local registration desk and NOT the national registration desk – and specify you are part of the “University of Florida Pest Management University Corporate Rate” in order to get a preferred rate. Each hotel is about 15 minutes from the site and provides a light breakfast.

Hampton Inn & Suites – 321 Lake Cortez Drive, Apopka, FL 32703 * 407-880-7861

Holiday Inn Express – 238 North Line Drive Apopka, FL 32703 * 407-880-7868

Ocoee Marriott – 10971 West Colonial Dr., Ocoee, FL 34761 * 407-573-1010

Schedule of Events for Floriculture CDE

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- 8:15 am Registration for Floriculture CDE
- 8:45 am Floriculture CDE Welcome
- 9:00 am Floriculture CDE Begins
- 11:30 am Lunch for Floriculture CDE
- 12:30 pm Floriculture Awards Presentation

Event Outline

Plant, Pest & Tool Identification (60 specimen – 30 plants, 15 tools, 15 pests)

Visit the Florida FFA website for the Plant Identification and Pest Identification Specimen list. Students will be provided with the Floriculture Plant List, Tool List and Pest List. They will be presented with either live specimens or pictures of the plants, pests and tools.

Problem Solving Practicums

- * Identifying and Controlling Plant Disorders
- * Pricing

Skills Practicum

- * To be determined. Information to come soon!

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Valid Park Admission Required

Age Interest

Preschoolers, Kids, Tweens, Teens, Adults

Price

Child USD \$16.00

Adult USD \$20.00

Additional Information

Explore the future of agriculture and get up-close and personal with the critters of The Land Pavilion.



See, Do, Learn, Grow!

Interact with amazing plants, insects and fish—and even see alligators—on this fun yet educational walking tour.

Like the Living with the Land attraction at Epcot? Then you'll love Behind the Seeds! This one-hour tour of the fish farm and 4 greenhouses that make up The Land Pavilion is perfect for anyone with an interest in gardening or natural sciences. On it, you'll:

- Visit the fish farm during feeding time and see American alligators.
- Release ladybugs into the greenhouse to help protect the plants. Activity subject to availability.
- Behold gigantic fruits and vegetables and unusual crops from around the world.
- Discover the latest plant-growing techniques, including hydroponics—look, Ma, no soil!
- Take home a handout with some great ideas for your own garden.

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Hours

Monday
February 1, 2016
10:30 AM
11:15 AM
12:00 PM
12:45 PM
1:30 PM
2:15 PM
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Map



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For assistance with your Walt Disney World visit, please call (407) 939-5277.
7:00 AM to 11:00 PM Eastern Time. Guests under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian permission to call.