PA FFA Environment and Natural Resources Career Development Event

Chairperson Information

CDE Chairperson	Holly Oberholtzer
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Contest Date/Times	**Wednesday ONLY** - Starting at 8:00 am (Teams will be contacted regarding team schedule/presentation time)
Contest Location	Osmond Lab (2027 - TBD)
CDE Review Time	N/A
CDE Review Location	N/A
Committee #	3 additional volunteers plus the 1 chair. 6 Judges from the industry.

Basic CDE Guidelines

Event Type: Team ONLY!	**# of Team Members:** 4 • 2 members must compete in the Wildlife CDE. • 2 members must compete in the Aquatic CDE.
Individual Materials List • Team Event Only!	Group Materials List: • All materials (craft items) for the visual aid and a computer/printer for the team presentation report will be supplied by the CDE chair. • Team members may bring general supplies (pencils, clipboards, blank notecards).
Attire • Official Dress ***(Note: Points will be deducted for incomplete Official Dress from the team score.)***	CDE At-A-Glance (List of major components) When teams arrive for their designated team time slot on Wednesday, they will complete: • Team Scenario Prep (1 hour) • Team Scenario Presentation (~13 minutes: 8 minutes to present and 5 minutes for judges' questions) • See sample Schedule here. **Note:** This CDE will be happening at the same time that the team members will be competing in the Wildlife and Aquatic CDE's in the same building. Team members will be pulled at their scheduled Team Time.

	• Team Event Scenario Topic (National Topics):
	  ○ Soils - 2027
	  ○ Water - 2028
	  ○ Ecosystems - 2029
	  ○ Waste Management - 2030

Pre-State CDE Expectations **(There is a Regional Qualifier for this CDE!)**

- Determine which students make-up the 4-person team, and of the team, which 2 students will be competing in the Aquatics CDE and and which 2 students will be competing in the Wildlife CDE.
- Teams must qualify at the regional level to compete at the state level.
- **Regional Coordinator Verification**: Only 16 teams can compete at the state level (4 from each region). Regional Coordinators must let the CDE Chair know which schools/teams will be competing by May 1.

CDE Changes from Previous Years?

New 2027:

- Per National Changes, the team event will be worth only 600 pts while each individual portion is worth 600 pts with a total possible points of 3000 pts.
- If the regional coordinators need assistance with their regional events, please ask for assistance by Jan. 1 to the CDE chair. Assistance/material provision will not be assumed or provided this year unless asked for.

CDE Rules

CDE Component	Points	Component Description
Individual scores from Wildlife or Aquatics CDE (2-Day Event)	2400 pts	(600 pts possible per student)
Team Event (Wednesday Only)	600 pts	All four members must participate in the preparation and presentation of the plan and answer panel questions. This will also include a score from the written proposal/visual aid. National Rubrics will be used (see pages 14-15)
Total Points	3000 pts	

Causes for Disqualification/Deductions:

- Not in proper official dress.
- Less than 4 members on the team.
- Using any printed materials or the internet to help create the written proposal.

Tie-breaker:

- Highest Team Activity Points

Resources

- National FFA Handbook - For Team Presentation Scoring Rubric
- PA FFA - Archived Team Scenarios

Additional Information:

Team Event Scenario:

- All 4 team members must be present in official dress to begin the team event.
- Team members will have access to a computer **(no internet)** for 1 hour to type a proposal based on the Scenario Topic. Judges will review the team proposal prior to presentation and will evaluate both the presentation and the typed proposal.
- During the 1 hour prep time, members will also have access to materials needed to make a visual display to supplement their proposal and presentation.
- Team members will then present the proposal to a group of judges for a maximum of 8 minutes with additional 5 minutes for judges' questions.

Regional Selection and Qualification:

- Each region is responsible for determining their state qualifying teams.
- If a regional coordinator needs assistance in preparing a regional event, please contact the state chair by Jan. 1. The State ENR CDE Committee may assist the Regional Coordinators in developing the following if asked:
    - A Google Form Quiz consisting of Wildlife CDE and Aquatic CDE questions and ID.
    - An Example Team Scenario (aligned with the current state topic)
- The regional coordinators must let the State ENR Chair know the four regional teams by May 1st.
- If a region does not have 4 teams, the committee will not replace it from another region.