

Memorandum

To: FFA Floriculture Team Coaches
CC: Naomi Knight
From: Lori Himes, Contest Superintendent
Lori Powell Mayhew, Teacher Chairperson
Date: 3/6/2020
Re: Floriculture Career Development Event

The 2020 Maryland State FFA Floriculture Career Development Event will take place April 4th at Westminster High School beginning at approximately 10 a.m. The contest will conclude in the late afternoon.

The event will feature the following elements as per the National FFA Career & Leadership Development Events Handbook 2017-2021: Team Activity (800 pts) ; Plant Identification (50 plant/equipment items, 200 pts); General Knowledge (200 pts); Problem Solving (200 pts); and Practicum's (200 pts) as noted below and as time and facilities allow.

Students need to be prepared with materials as noted on Floriculture page 4 under "Event Format" materials, clipboard, pencils, floral shears, knife, Calculator etc. etc. No cell phones allowed.

All Supplies, the plants, flowers, containers, ribbon, wire, pins etc. will be provided.

No Coaches/Advisors will be permitted except those assigned and working this CDE.

The Practicum(s) will include:

Floral Arrangement suitable for a round buffet table in an Easter Basket (100 pts). Note 20 minutes will be allowed for the arrangement design with an additional 5 minutes for the bill equaling 25 total minutes. Students must reserve the remaining product from these arrangements for their team activity; Corsage & Boutonniere will be part of team activity .

Make a mixed planter (100 pts.) 20 minutes allowed and all materials will be provided including prices and bill form.

The Team Activity (800 total points) will be an activity in which all 4 team members complete floral orders for the following scenario from the materials provided to them. Teams will be evaluated upon teamwork and the products created. All contestants (4 max) from a team will work together on this section of the event. Teams with more than 4 individuals will have to specify the 4 official team members. The total team score will be based upon the 4 individual scores plus the team activity score. *While we are planning to complete all the elements named above, it's possible that we may have to modify the event given the help, facility and time allotted. There may also be verbal instruction given at the beginning or during any or all of the practicums.*

Team Activity Scenario 2020

In a retail florist things can get extremely busy during a holiday week. Due to the heavy workload, individual items were prepared earlier, the 4 Easter Basket arrangements and 4 planters/dish gardens (your 4 individual team member items combined) will be organized and prepared for delivery. You now have several more items that are needed for Easter Sunday events requiring Saturday delivery. 45 minutes will be allocated for the team activity.

Plan with and assemble your team to produce and pack for transport the following items:

4 Easter basket arrangements

4 planters/dish gardens decorated with a bow and Easter eggs and an Easter card for Grandmas

1 hand tied bouquet to lay at the foot of a cross for sunrise services. It must consist of at least 6 Mass and/or focal Flowers (disbuds, tulips and/or/carnations)

1 boutonniere, for the church organist to wear during Easter Sunday service, it must contain a decorative wire element

1 corsage, pin or wrist, for the minister to wear during Easter Sunday service. It must contain a decorative wire element

1 matching pair of Altar arrangements in plastic liners (aka McDonalds cups) to be placed into the church's gold vases for Sunday service. They must include at least 3 line flowers each

Materials are:(fresh product is the team's combined items remaining after design practicum)

assorted Mass/Focal Flowers (ie: disbuds/tulips/carnations, tbd.)

Alstromeria

Line flowers

pompons

Assorted foliage greens Filler/accent Flowers

Easter eggs

#3 Ribbon, #9 Ribbon

Corsage and Boutonniere pins and bags 1 wristlet

enclosure cards and cardettes

Decorative accessories such as Mega, Flat, Aluminum, and /or, Bullion wire

Tube Glue, Uglu Strips, florist wire, stem tape, wooden picks, hyacinth stakes

4 basket arrangements and 4 planters/dish gardens from individual team members' earlier practicums

Box or Boxes w/packing materials