

2024 Maryland FFA Floriculture CDE
Advisor Information

We look forward to hosting the Maryland FFA Floriculture CDE on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Westminster High School in the lower gym and classroom areas. **This event will start at 9 am.**

Attire: Students are expected to wear FFA Official dress.

Participants may also bring an apron and/or a tool belt and towels.

Students must be familiar with the General Rules for the event:

- All participants will be given an identification number by which they will be designated throughout the event. This number must be properly identified on the scantron scoring sheet for the student to receive credit/score for their efforts.
- The event superintendent will assign the participants to group leaders who will escort them to various event staging sites. Participants must know their participant number and are expected to stay in their assigned group at all times or until told to change event areas.
- All participants are expected to be prompt at their stations throughout the event. No provision will be made for tardiness, which will in most cases cause the late participant to lose event points.
- Under no circumstances will any participant be allowed to touch or handle plant material during the event except when instructed by the event staff.
- Any communication between participants during the event will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the event. The exception to this is the team activity.
- Any participant caught cheating during the event will be expelled from the event.
- Any assistance given to a participant from any source during the event, other than a floriculture official, will be sufficient cause to eliminate the team from the event.
- Any participant in possession of an electronic and/or communication device (CELL PHONE) in the event area will be disqualified. **CELL PHONES ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO THE EVENT AREA!!**

What to bring: Students are required to bring with them a clean clipboard, pencils, non-programable calculator, Floral cutters/clippers, Ribbon shears, Wire cutters, and a tube of corsage glue (1 tube/team).

Here's what you need to know to prepare your students for this event.

All students will complete the following activities:

A General Knowledge Written Exam- 50 Questions, 50 minutes to complete.

Samples are posted under Educator Resources on the Floriculture CDE www.ffa.org

A Problem-Solving Exercise- 5 problems, 25 minutes to complete.

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Plant and Equipment Identification-50 Total specimens, 25 minutes to complete.

The lists are found on pages 8-10 in the Floriculture Handbook.

Individual Practicums: Students will have 30 minutes to complete each individual practicum.

Creating a one-sided Floral Arrangement (with a flat back)-rubric on pages 14-15 in the Floriculture Handbook.

Planting a Dish Garden- Use the Planting a Mixed Combination Planter rubric on pages 20-21 in the Floriculture Handbook as a guide.

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Team Activity:

Theme: Funeral and Memorial Services

Team members will have 45 Minutes to work together to construct the following designs:

- 1 Satin Pillow with a flower Corsage decoration for the lid of the casket
- 6 Pin on Boutonnieres for the pall bearer/ushers
- 1 Hand tied Bouquet for the vase located on the gravestone at the cemetery.
- 1 Standing spray on an easel.
- 4 Decorated dish gardens (assembled during the individual practicum)

Note: bows must be constructed without the use of a bow guide.

Tentative Schedule for the day:

9:00-9:10 am- Welcome, Introductions and Review of Event Rules

9:10-10:10 am- Construction of Centerpiece and Terrarium (30 minutes each)

10:15-11:15 am- General Knowledge Exam (50 minutes)

11:20-12:20 pm- Plant and Equipment Identification and Problem-Solving Practicums (25 minutes each)

12:25-12:55 pm- Lunch Break

1:00-1:15 pm- Team Activity Overview and Instructions

1:15-2:00 pm- Team Activity- Design Construction (45 minutes)

2:00-2:30 pm- Team Activity- one member will organize and pack their designs for presentation and delivery, clean the work area, and write 4 "Thank You" notes to the event sponsors.

2:30-3:30 pm- Team members will meet for 10 minutes with Evaluators to present their designs.

3:30-4:00 pm- Event review for students and Advisors. General feedback of student work will be given.
A sample of the designs students were to construct will be displayed.

NOTE: All references to time limits are approximate. The committee reserves the right to adjust the schedule based upon the specific practicum and anticipated skill of the students.