

Maryland FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE 2026 Event Updates

We look forward to hosting the Nursery/Landscape CDE on April 5, 2025, at Clear Ridge Nursery.

Clear Ridge Nursery, Inc.
3400 Lowman Lane
Union Bridge, MD 21791
Phone: (410) 775-7700

A bus will be available to transport students from Carroll County Career & Technology Center following the opening program to the event site. The bus will transport students back to the school at the end of the event.

Students are required to bring with them to the event: A clean clipboard, #2 pencils, non-programmable calculator, safety glasses, gloves, a ball point pen or marker.

Students are to wear clothing to be outside and work in a nursery setting along with sturdy shoes. This event will be hosted outdoors. Students should wear appropriate layers to accommodate the weather on the day of the event. ***Do Not Wear your Official Dress.***

Cell phones will be collected from the students on-site prior to the start of the event and held until the event concludes.

During the event at Clear Ridge Nursery, the students will complete the following practicums, and skill events.

We will be meeting with all students prior to leaving the Carroll Co Career & Technology Center to travel to the Nursery at 8:30 a.m. to complete the information needed for using the **Horticulture Scantron #105482** for this event. Please take the time to review and practice using the scantron sheet with your students, so they are knowledgeable in how to complete the identification. They need to know how to fill in their name, team and code. (This information will be on their name tags)

The Pages listed are from the 2026 National FFA Nursery/Landscape Handbook: scoring rubrics available at [Nursery/Landscape | National FFA Organization](#)

The General Knowledge Exam will be administered on line through the Google platform Monday, March 23rd through Tuesday, March 24th. Directions for accessing the exam will be sent to the Advisors next week.

Nursery/Landscape Plant Identification-pages 1

Pests, Disorders and Beneficial Insect Identification-page 12

Participants will identify items selected from the provided list covering the following categories:

- Plant materials will be presented as intact, live specimens, photos, plant parts or any combination.
- Pests and disorders will be presented as damaged specimens, photographs or preserved specimens, herbarium sheet, insect mount, etc. A “disorder” label will be with an item to designate identification of a problem rather than the plant.
- Beneficial insects and other organisms that benefit the landscape by feeding on harmful organisms.

Each specimen will be designated by a station number. When the participant identifies the item, its name is then located on the identification list. The participant then records the number by that name on a scan form at the respective station number. Each participant will be provided with a copy of the list at the event site. ***No specimens or items may be touched or handled in any way.***

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Verbal Customer Assistance Practicum-page 20

Skill Event 1-Plant Layout-page 22

Skill Event 18-Fertilizer Application -page 39

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(NOTE: Pruning Tools will be provided)

Skill Event 19-Service Receipt-page 40

The Nursery/Landscape CDE Committee is happy to provide bilingual support to students participating in this event. A request for support must be made by the Advisor at the time of registration and written documents provided to State Staff using the Request for Accommodations form located under the CDE tab/Spring Judging on www.mdffa.org.