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## Virginia FFA/4-H: Junior Foresters

State Fair of Virginia  
2024 Contest Letter

<p><b>State Fair Address:</b> Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Blvd Doswell, VA 23047 Caroline County</p>	<p><b>Contest Registration and Tickets:</b> Participants must have a \$6 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition. Agricultural Education instructors are responsible for ordering tickets: <a href="https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia">https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia</a></p>	<p><b>Event Location:</b> Farm Credit Pavilion</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> October 1, 2024</p> <p><b>Times:</b> <i>Contest Registration:</i> 10:00 AM</p> <p><i>Contest Start Time:</i> 10:15 AM</p> <p><i>Awards:</i> Following the Forestry Field Day at the First Bank Showring Tent</p>
<p><b>Contest Superintendents:</b> Mr. David Slack</p>	<p><b>Entry Deadline:</b> September 20, 2024 by 5:00 PM.</p>	<p><b>Questions? Contact us!</b> Virginia FFA Association Andy Seibel - <a href="mailto:gseibel@vt.edu">gseibel@vt.edu</a> Alison Jones - <a href="mailto:alisonks@vt.edu">alisonks@vt.edu</a> 540-231-3823</p>	

### Purpose:

The Junior Foresters event allows members to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the forestry industry.

### Rules and Guidelines:

1. A guide for Junior Foresters is available on the Virginia FFA Website.
2. Each 4-H county/city unit or FFA chapter is invited to enter a team(s) of three or four members.
3. When four members are entered, the three with the highest overall individual awards.
4. All work needs to be completed on an individual basis.
5. This contest is open to any bona fide 4-H or FFA member in Virginia.
6. Contestants must be 19 years of age or younger to be eligible to compete in the events.

7. 9th grade and under are eligible for the junior competition. 10-12th graders will be considered seniors.
8. Each contestant should have access to a clipboard, scan sheet, and pencil. Use of calculators is allowed, but not required.
9. In case of a tie for individual or team awards, ranking will be determined by the team (individual with the highest score in Class 1. If still tied, Class 2 will be used, and so on until broken.)

**Judging/Scoring Criteria:**

1. Fifty questions concerning total forest industry, regeneration, inventory, thinning, harvesting, marketing, and products.
2. Identification of 25 tree species found in Virginia (Resource: Common Trees of Virginia)
3. Identification of 10 insects/diseases of forest trees found in Virginia and identification of 15 forestry tools
4. Measurement activities can include any of the following:
  - a. Board-Bd, ft.
  - b. Logs-Volume
  - c. Tree-Bd. Ft.
  - d. Tree-Cu. ft. volume
  - e. Given Land Area
5. Each class will be worth 50 points except Class 4 which will be worth 100 points. 30 minutes will be allowed for each class unless everyone has completed the rotation, in which case we will rotate early.

**Awards:**

*Ribbons (Junior and Senior):*  
**1st-6th Place Teams - Rosette Ribbons**  
**7th-10th Place Teams - Flat Ribbons**  
**1st-6th Place Individuals - Rosette Ribbons**  
**7th-10th Place Individuals - Flat Ribbons**

**State Fair Scholarship Program:**

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the State Fair website, [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org), for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships. The following scholarships will be awarded to the top three individuals:

*Junior Scholarships*

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1st	\$300
2nd	\$200
3rd	\$100

*Senior Scholarships*

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1st	\$400
2nd	\$300
3rd	\$200

**Event Sponsor:**



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