



# Pasture & Wildlife Plant Identification Contest

## Rules

1. Eligibility: Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club can enter one team per Chapter or Club plus one team for each Agricultural Science Teacher or 4-H Leader. Teams must be registered online.
2. Teams shall consist of three or four persons who are members of the same Chapter or Club. Absolutely no substitutions from other Chapters or Clubs are allowed. All team members must be enrolled in school, below college level, and members of the Chapter or Club they represent.
3. Participants are responsible for providing their own clipboards and pencils. Only one blank sheet of paper is allowed on clipboards. Clipboards with compartments are subject to inspection prior to the contest.
4. **All team members MUST be present at the contest site no later than 15 minutes past contest start time.**
5. Twenty-five plants for the contest will be selected from the Plant List of 50 plants. The Plant List may be found at [etstatefair.com](http://etstatefair.com) under "Participate — Contests — Plant ID". Plants may be mounted, cuttings, or live specimens.
6. Contestants will receive score cards and have one minute to identify the plant, write the common name, and mark the corresponding characteristics. Each plant is worth 10 points total - five points for plant name and one point for each characteristic. **IF THE NAME IS INCORRECT**, no credit will be given for characteristics identified.
7. Touching contest plants, talking, and use of cellular devices are prohibited.
8. Team scores are derived from the three highest individual scores on each team. In the event of a tie, the last plant on the score card will serve as tiebreaker, followed by spelling. All decisions by judges are final.
9. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS** will be held at 1:30 p.m. the day of the contest at the Main Stage beside the commercial exhibits tent (11315 State Highway 64). Plaques are given to the top five teams and top five individuals. In addition:
  - \$1,000 scholarship to highest scoring high-school senior,
  - \$500 award to highest scoring FFA Chapter, and
  - \$500 award to highest scoring 4-H Club.

All awards and scholarships are sponsored by Smith County Soil & Water Conservation District.