

# 4-H and FFA Forest Ecology Judging Contest



**Superintendent:** Larry Figart - Duval County Extension Office

**Fair Livestock Coordinator:** Jackie Turner

**Barn Superintendents:** Shelly Terrell and Joshua Rivers

**Contest Date:** Saturday, November 4th, 2023

**Registration & Check-in:** 2:30 p.m.

**Contest:** Forest Ecology Judging at 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Arena

## Registration

Preregistration is not required. All teams will be registered on the day of the contest. Team coaches should register the whole team at one time and collect the required material for all youth. Youth members should bring their own pencils and clipboards.

At the conclusion of each contest, the **contest supervisor** will ask for the winners' names, addresses, and other pertinent information so that the awards can be distributed. This completed record will be given to the Livestock Secretary.

This contest will be for 4-H and F.F.A. teams to test their knowledge of Florida's Forests. Four contest stations enable youths to test their identification skills and knowledge of forest ecosystems. Youths will be asked to identify trees, plants, leaves, fruits, insects, and disease damage from samples, and answer multiple-choice questions on forest ecology. A Forest Ecology Team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) bona fide 4-H Club/ F.F.A. Chapter members ages 8-18. The three highest scores from a four person team will be used in competition. It is strongly recommended that all contestants wear appropriate 4-H/F.F.A. attire.

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

1. F.F.A. Junior Division will be Middle School students.
2. F.F.A. Senior Division will be Senior High students.
3. 4-H Junior Division: 8-10 yrs. as of Sept.1st of the current year
4. 4-H Intermediate Division: 11-13 yrs. as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
5. 4-H Senior Division: 14-18 yrs. as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

*Clover buds* (ages 5-7) are welcome to judge for practice and will be awarded a participation ribbon.

### **CLASSES**

1. Trees of Florida
2. Plants of Florida
3. Forest Health
4. Forest Ecosystems Quiz (Junior & Intermediate)
5. Forest Management Quiz (Senior)

This contest will be based in part on the State 4-H Forest Ecology Contest.

For information pertaining to trees, plants, insects, diseases, or ecosystem lists please reference: [http://sfrc.ufl.edu/extension/4h/contest\\_home.html](http://sfrc.ufl.edu/extension/4h/contest_home.html)

### **AWARDS**

#### **Team**

1st Place.....Rosettes  
2nd Place.....Rosettes  
3rd Place.....Rosettes

#### **Individual Awards**

1st Place.....\$20.00  
2nd Place.....\$15.00  
3rd Place.....\$10.00

**Please park in Exhibitor Parking (not Lot #2) during judging contests. Youth will be required to show their 4-H / FFA membership cards to enter the fair.**

**Photography Release**

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image, please send a request to [jackie@jacksonvillefair.com](mailto:jackie@jacksonvillefair.com).

**HAMBURGER BASH**

There will be a Hamburger Bash held on Saturday, November 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Tent on the Fairgrounds for all youths entering contests during the Jacksonville Fair. If you are participating in this contest and would like to attend the Hamburger Bash, please email Jackie at [jackie@jacksonvillefair.com](mailto:jackie@jacksonvillefair.com) or call 904-353-0535 and provide us with information below.

I will be participating in the Forest Ecology Judging Contest and I would like to attend the Hamburger Bash.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many family members will be attending with you? \_\_\_\_\_