

PA FFA Environment and Natural Resources Career Development Event



Chairperson Information

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Contest Date/Times	Wednesday ONLY - Starting at 9:00 am (Teams will be contacted regarding team schedule/presentation time)
Contest Location	Wagner Building
CDE Review Time	N/A
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Committee #	3 additional volunteers plus the 2 co-chairs. 6-9 Judges from the industry.

Basic CDE Guidelines

Event Type: Team ONLY!	# of Team Members: 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 members must compete in the Wildlife CDE. 2 members must compete in the Aquatic CDE.
<u>Individual Materials List</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Event Only! 	<u>Group Materials List:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All materials (craft items) for the visual aid and a computer/printer for the team presentation report will be supplied at the CDE. Team members may bring general supplies (pencils, clipboards, blank notecards).
<u>Attire</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Dress 	<u>CDE At-A-Glance (List of major components)</u> When teams arrive for their designated team time slot on Wednesday, they will complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Scenario Prep (1 hour) Team Scenario Presentation (~13 minutes: 8 minutes to present and 5 minutes for judges' questions) Note: This CDE will be happening at the same time that the team members will be competing in the Wildlife and Aquatic CDE's in the same building. Team members will be pulled at their scheduled Team Time.

- Team Event Scenario Topic (National Topics):
 - Waste Management - 2026
 - Soils - 2027
 - Water - 2028
 - Ecosystems - 2029

Pre-State CDE Expectations

- Determine which students make-up the 4-person team, and of the team, which 2 students will be competing in the Aquatics CDE and which 2 students will be competing in the Wildlife CDE.
- **NEW** - Teams must qualify at the regional level to compete at the state level.
- Only 4 teams from each region may compete at the state competition.

CDE Changes from Previous Years?

- **REMINDER: ENR Teams must have 2 students compete in the Wildlife CDE and 2 compete in Aquatics CDE!**
- **(NEW for 2026)**
 - Removal of the Individual Soil Evaluation Component (Added to either the Wildlife CDE or the Aquatic CDE).
 - Regional Coordinator Verification: Only 16 teams can compete at the state level (4 from each region). **(See more details below for recommendations of how this can happen.)**

CDE Rules

CDE Component	Points	Component Description
Individual scores from Wildlife or Aquatics CDE (2-Day Event)	2000 pts	(500 pts possible per student)
Team Event (Wednesday Only)	900 pts	All four members must participate in the preparation and presentation of the plan and answer panel questions. This will also include a score from the written proposal.
Total Points	2900 pts	
Causes for Disqualification/Deductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not in proper official dress. ● Less than 4 members on the team. ● Using any printed materials or the internet to help create the written proposal. 		
Tie-breaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highest Team Activity Points 		

Resources

- [National FFA Handbook](#) - For Team Presentation Scoring Rubric
- [PA FFA](#) - Archived Team Scenarios
- PAAE Curriculum Library (Google Shared Drive) - Archived Team Scenarios

Additional Information:

Team Event Scenario:

- All 4 team members must be present in official dress to begin the team event.
- Team members will have access to a computer **(no internet)** for 1 hour to type a proposal based on the Scenario Topic. Judges will review the team proposal prior to presentation and will evaluate both the presentation and the typed proposal.
- During the 1 hour prep time, members will also have access to materials needed to make a visual display to supplement their proposal and presentation.
- Team members will then present the proposal to a group of judges for a maximum of 8 minutes with additional 5 minutes for judges' questions.

Regional Selection and Qualification: (NEW)

- By Jan. 1, the State ENR CDE Committee will give the following to each Regional Coordinator for each region to use as they need to determine their 4 Regional teams:
 - A Google Form Quiz consisting of Wildlife CDE and Aquatic CDE questions and ID.
 - An Example Team Scenario (aligned with the current state topic)
 - Fillable Google Sheet Score Sheet
 - CDE Guidelines, Rules, Rubrics
- Technically, all parts could be conducted virtually if regions are unable to meet in person.
- Each region may conduct a regional contest (in person or zoom) or just require each county/area to send a team depending on how their region is broken down.
- How ever each region determines their top 4 teams is up to each region (some regions may only have 4 or less teams so they would not need a qualifier). But the regional coordinators need to let the State ENR Chairs know their four teams by May 1st.
- If a region does not have 4 teams, we will not replace it from another region.