Nursery & Landscape CDE

Identification of Plant, Pest and Equipment

Preliminaries: Fifteen (15) photos of plants, seven (7) pests and eight (8) equipment from the FFA Nursery and Landscape Plant, Pest, Equipment & Supply lists will be presented online in a multiple-choice exam.

Finals: Thirty (30) live plants, fifteen (15) pests, and fifteen (15) equipment/supplies will be displayed to identify.

Resources: Refer to www.flaffa.org for complete specimen lists and rules https://indd.adobe.com/view/ccb3c2fa-20de-4fa2-aba9-db8b8fad851c

Problem-Solving Practicum

Job Interview (High School only)

Preliminaries: Ten (10) question multiple-choice exam will cover interviewing for a nursery or landscape job. Use the information provided to learn about the nursery and landscape industry and the requirements for someone wanting a career.

Finals: Participants will be interviewed for a Nursery or Landscape job.

Resources: Refer to the “Nursery and Landscape Job Interview” document on FNGLA’s website http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture

Customer Service

Preliminaries: Ten (10) question multiple-choice exam will cover customer service in a retail garden center. Use the information provided, except skip the section on “Displays”. Learn the importance of qualified employees, quality products, and professionalism in order to fulfill your customers’ needs.

Finals: Participants will demonstrate their ability to handle customer issues in a nursery or landscape business.

Resources: Refer to the “Salesmanship and Displays” document on FNGLA’s website http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture

Skills Practicums

Production

Preliminaries: Twenty (20) question multiple-choice exam on the potting and care of young plants in a moss lined wire hanging basket. Use the video below to learn the fundamentals of creating and planting this type of basket. Be familiar with both side planting and top planting, as well as how to choose plants.
Finals: Participants will create a moss lined wire hanging basket using young plants. Teams will be informed as to what materials will be used prior to the event.

Resources: Refer to the YouTube video called “How to Make a Moss Hanging Basket”
https://youtu.be/e5TaWIL_1VU

Quality Control- Pruning (High School only)

Preliminaries: Twenty (20) question multiple-choice exam on pruning of plants both in a nursery setting and in the landscape. Questions will focus on proper pruning techniques, using the correct tool, and the reason for pruning. Understand what Florida Grades and Standards are and how to identify what makes a tree a particular grade. There are three documents for use in preparing for this portion of the CDE.

Finals: Participants will demonstrate skill and knowledge in proper pruning methods, tool use and maintenance and grading trees using Florida Grades and Standards.

Resources: Refer to the “Pruning” document and the “Grades and Standards” document on FNGLA’s website http://www.fngla.org/professional-development/overview/teach-horticulture
As well as this Tree Grading Cue Card on Florida Grades and Standards

NOTE: The written exams for the preliminary events will be taken from the reference material listed above and available on FNGLA’s website. Those teams which advance to the finals will be provided with additional information on how the hands-on event will run.

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