Online preliminaries are open to all and will be conducted by Florida FFA virtually on Thursday, February 24th. The top 10 high school teams and the top 10 middle school teams will be invited to take part in the finals on Wednesday, March 16th. All materials will be provided, but students should be sure to bring a clipboard, #2 pencils and wear official dress appropriate to be outside and active.

Identification of Plants and Equipment

Preliminaries: Photos of plants and equipment from the FFA Floriculture Plant, Equipment & Supply lists will be presented online in a multiple-choice exam.

Finals: Thirty-five (35) live plants and fifteen (15) actual equipment/supplies will be displayed to identify.

Resources: https://indd.adobe.com/view/246ad1e6-c9b0-47ba-b2cb-de2457af7ab3

Problem-Solving Practicum

Identifying and Controlling Plant Disorders  (High School only)

Preliminaries: Multiple-choice exam on diseases, insects, weeds, etc.

Finals: Participants will identify pests, list whether the pest is an insect, disease, weed, beneficial, etc. and determine the best method of control. Most specimen will be photos, but there could be actual pests on display.

Resources: University of Florida’s Featured Creatures: https://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/

Common Weeds in Nurseries https://www.greencastonline.com/imagehandler.ashx?ImID=08A43BCF-9B69-46F3-9284-0830FBE555C3&fTy=0&et=8

Plant Diseases: https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/pests-and-diseases/diseases/

“The Horticulture Professional” textbook, Chapter 6 Pest Identification, pages 163-182

“The Horticulture Professional” textbook, Chapter 7 Integrated Pest Management, pages 217-220

Store Displays

Preliminaries: Multiple-choice exam covering the display of merchandise in a garden center or florist shop.

Finals: Participants will be presented with items common to a garden center or florist shop and asked to arrange the merchandise for best sales.

“The Horticulture Professional” textbook, Chapter 16 Business Practices, pages 492-496
**Skills Practicums**

**Floral**  *(High School only)*

*Preliminaries:* Multiple-choice exam on creating and pricing a boutonniere

*Finals:* Participants will create and price a boutonniere. All materials will be provided as well as a list of costs for each component. Students will create their arrangement and then determine the cost of the boutonniere. Students may bring home their boutonniere at the end of the event.

*Resources:* How to make a boutonniere: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXNPm-FdFDU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXNPm-FdFDU)

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**Production**

*Preliminaries:* Multiple-choice exam on creating a kokedoma moss ball planter

*Finals:* Participants will create a kokedoma moss ball planter using young plants. All materials will be provided. Students may bring home their kokedoma at the end of the event.

*Resources:* Kokedoma for Beginners: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFun9OlzPD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFun9OlzPD8)

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