

FORESTRY JUDGING

Forestry Judging trains young people in decision-making skills related to Forestry and Forest Management. 4-H members learn:

- How to identify native species of trees by their twig, fruit and wood.
- How to identify insects and diseases found in trees of the Tennessee forest.
- How to measure trees and evaluate timber.
- How to use a compass and basic geometric concepts.

Publication(s): Tennessee 4-H Forestry Contest Rules and Regulations
<http://fwf.ag.utk.edu/Extension/pdfs/forestryrules.pdf>
National 4-H Forestry Invitational website:
www.aces.edu/N4HFI/
Practice Judging Cards are available in the 4-H Agents Handbook.

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Eligibility: See the Judging Team Eligibility Table located in the Region Related section under Judging Teams. Forestry Judging is an exception to the general rule, like Land Judging.

General Rules:

A team consists of three or four 4-H members. Each members works independently and the top three scores are combined to make up the team score. At the Regional Contest, members participate in tree identification, wood identification (Senior High Only), insect and disease identification, tree measurement, compass traverse (Senior High) and pacing (Jr. High). Forest Evaluation is added to the contest on the State-Level. Forest Evaluation is a team event, with the team working together to evaluate the site, the stand, the forest inventory and the recommended management practices needed based on a given situation.

Regional Contests:

The Regional Judging Contests will be held prior to the State Contest. The regional contests will be held in late Summer or early Fall. Check the Region Calendar for date and location.

State Contest:

The State 4-H Forestry Contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Fall Judging. This contest is traditionally held in mid-October. The top four placing teams, from the Regional Contests, will qualify for this contest.

National Contest or Tour:

The top placing team in the State Contest will advance to the National 4-H Forestry Invitational Contest held during the first week of August in Weston, West Virginia. All expenses to this trip are paid by donors related to the Tennessee Forest Industry.