



February 26, 2015

## INFORMATION ON THE

# Fifty-Sixth Annual Florida State Land Judging Contest Friday, March 27, 2015

OUR HOST:

## JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Two Items of Great Importance! Read and follow links as appropriate:**

1. ***More than one team*** in each High School Division (4-H and FFA) *may* be certified forward to compete in the National Land Judging Contest! Read carefully the [Policy Statement](#) on this Web Site for details!
2. Please note that we are using the new score card introduced in 2014. (4-H will use the same scard). <http://landjudging.org/newcard/> for more info.

**Web Site:**

Web Site for Pre-Registration, Policy Statement, and Other Information:

<http://landjudging.org>.

**Where to meet:**

Dixie Plantation ([dixieplantation.org](http://dixieplantation.org))

Official Address: 1583 Livingston Road  
Greenville, FL 32331

The entrance to the DP property is on CR142 Ashville Hwy near 9676 Ashville Hwy Greenville, FL 32331. The GPS coordinates to the entrance are: [30.596202, -83.707132](#). Additional information and a map can be found on the [2015 Contest Page](#).

Once you enter the property, follow the signs from there to the meeting site to sign in and pick up your scorecards.

**What will be provided:**

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Farm Credit of Northwest Florida. Jefferson County Farm Bureau will be doing the cooking and serving for lunch.

**Please note:** Each team will be responsible for transportation to the land judging field site.

**When:**

**Friday, March 27, 2015. Sign-in: 8:00-9:00 A.M.**

**Pre-Registration:**

Pre-registration is *required* for all 4-H and FFA High School teams and for all 4-H and FFA Middle School teams. **Pre-registration is due by 5:00 PM Eastern time on Friday, March 21st.** Pre-registration is to be done by sending your team's registration information as an email to [gmeans@ufl.edu](mailto:gmeans@ufl.edu) .

**Noon Meal Arrangements:**

Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and Jefferson County Farm Bureau will provide lunch to **participants (four per team; one High School 4-H team and one High School FFA team per county, plus one Middle School 4-H team and one Middle School FFA team per county – see Policy Statement and Pre-Registration Information on this Web Site), coaches, contest officials, contest helpers, and sponsors.** Any others will be served only after these have been served.

**Lodging:**

This is a link to housing available off of I-10 Exit 225 and in Monticello.

<http://www.visitjeffersoncountyflorida.com/wheretostay.aspx>

There are also a number of motels off I-10 at the Madison County exit before getting to the Monticello exit. There are more hotels at Thomasville, GA just north of Monticello (US 19 the Florida/Georgia Parkway) about 23 miles.

### **Land Judging Policies:**

The current [Policy Statement](#) will be followed. Note that the policy statement allows for only one High School 4-H team and one High School FFA team plus one Middle School 4-H team and one Middle School FFA team per county. All teams and all participants must meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Policy Statement. See the [Policy Statement](#) for details.

**Please note: (1) No 4-H or FFA member who has been on a state winning (first place) team, who has been to the National Contest, or who has substituted on a team that went to the National Contest, will be eligible for competition in future land judging contests in Florida *in either Division (4-H or FFA)*; and (2)**

**Additional team members – beyond the four members allowed per team – will *not* be allowed in the pits during the contest and will not be given “practice” scorecards. This event is only for those teams and team members who have earned the right to participate in the State Contest as per the Policy Statement. Everyone is welcome into the pits for an on-site discussion once the contest is over.**

**Note also: State winning 4-H and FFA high school teams will be eligible to compete in the National Land & Range Judging Contest held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, each year during the month of April or May. One *or more* of the high scoring 4-H county and FFA chapter teams in the state contest will be certified as eligible to represent the state in the National Contest, in accordance with the guidelines given in the [Policy Statement](#). Certification forms must be filled in by the coaches of teams eligible to go to National and sent to the Florida 4-H State Office or the Florida FFA Association State Office, as appropriate, within seven days following the State Contest.**

### **Contest Format and Scorecard Return Policy:**

Contestants will judge four sites (three land judging pits and one homesite evaluation pit). Scorecards will not be returned to coaches or contestants after the contest.

### **Scorecards:**

Scorecards will be machine-graded at this contest. The machine-gradable cards are reformatted from the traditional scorecards (that may have been used in some local contests) in order to allow machine grading, but the information asked for is unchanged. The questions asked, the judging criteria, and the scoring - including penalties - are just as they always have been. Please check the [scorecard tab](#) on the landjudging website for the example scorecards.

### **Scorecard Grading Policy:**

**FFA will print and grade all scorecards including those submitted by the 4-H students. Some areas of the card are off limits to stray marks. More importantly, there are very few *allowed* marks. Please visit the Unacceptable Marks section [scorecard tab](#) specific guidance.**

**Contact for Additional Information:**

Questions about FFA or 4-H? Contact Florida FFA or 4-H for specific guidance concerning their organizations.

Questions about contest registration? Greg Means ([gmeans@ufl.edu](mailto:gmeans@ufl.edu))

Questions about the contest or any other topic? Rex Ellis ([rellis@sjrwmd.com](mailto:rellis@sjrwmd.com))

See you Friday!

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