

Information on the
***Fifty-Eighth Annual Florida
State Land Judging Contest
Thursday, March 23, 2017***

Hosted by:
**HILLSBOROUGH SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Please Note: At the completion of the competition (following lunch and awards) two additional activities are available for participants. 3 pm : Farm Tour at Fancy Farms (Strawberry operation) in Plant City followed by 6 pm : “Gator Gathering” and dinner at the Trinkle Center on the Plant City HCC campus at same location as contest (presented by UF College of Agriculture and Life Sciences). Both are offered free of charge. Please call 813.752.1474 Ext 3 for information and to reserve.

Contest Information :

When: Thursday, March 23, 2017. Sign-in 8:00 – 9:00 am

Where to Meet: Trinkle Center at Plant City Campus, Hillsborough Community College, 1206 North Park Road, Plant City, Florida 33563. Located one mile south of Interstate 4 off Exit 22. The entrance to HCC is on the east side of the road, with the Trinkle Center the last building on the north side after entering. Once you enter the campus, please follow signs to Center for sign in, continental breakfast and scorecards.

Phone: (813) 757.2180

Meals provided : Continental breakfast, full lunch and for those staying, dinner at the “Gator Gathering”. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District, M & B Products and other sponsors. Meals will be provided to contestants, coaches, contest officials/assistants, and sponsors.

Transportation : Teams will be responsible for transportation to/from the land judging site. Maps provided.

Pre-Registration: <http://landjudging.org/contests/2017/> for registration instructions.

Lodging: Competition will be held in Plant City, Florida which offers a selection of hotels/motels. Additional lodging is available in east Tampa and Lakeland areas.

Other:

- 1) **Fancy Farms Tour : 3 pm - This strawberry operation is located very near the contest headquarters (HCC PC) at Exit 25 on I-4. The Grooms family will welcome you to their farm with their ever appealing hospitality. Learn more about why Plant City is known as the “Winter Strawberry Capital of the World”. Maps will be provided to participants.**
- 2) **CALS Gator Gathering : 6pm – Join the UF College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for an evening of Gator Pride for alumni, friends and future Gators!! This family-friendly free event will be right back at the contest headquarters and everyone attending the State Land Judging is welcome.**