2020 Minnesota State Fair
FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition

THEME – NATIVE MINNESOTA GARDENS
The design should incorporate plant materials native to Minnesota.

ENTRIES
1. Entries close July 10. No deposit. Entry must be made in the name of the chapter actually in charge of the exhibit; please indicate which plot preferred, allocation of plots are first entered first received (see map page 3).
2. Exhibitors from the 2019 Minnesota State Fair will have priority reserving the same space for this Minnesota State Fair, if they return their entry form by the entry closing date.
3. Exhibits will be confirmed by the receipt of the entry on a first come, first served basis, until all spaces have been awarded. If more schools wish to participate and remit requests than space allows, a waiting list will be established.
4. Limit of one entry per chapter. However, chapters willing to enter a second display should indicate this on the entry form. If spaces are not filled by the entry closing date, these chapters will be notified to enable them to make a second entry. Second entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received until all spaces are filled.
5. Space provided outside the Miracle of Birth Center, sites approximately 14’ x 14’.

CONSTRUCTION
Exhibits may be placed beginning June 1; by appointment only, so as not to conflict with off-season event scheduling. Please call or email Virginia Mold at 651-288-4440 or virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org. All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27; judging will commence at 8 a.m., Thursday. Chapters may not have representatives in the display area during judging.

Props may be removed beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day). If you wish to store your materials, arrangements for storage must be made through the MOBC superintendent.

Access to electric service will be provided by the fair, illumination provided by exhibitor. For safety reasons, all electrical wiring and devices must meet minimum electrical code and fire safety requirements. Commercial garden lights, or any other type of light bulb, may be used in the display. Fire hazards and potentially hazardous electrical devices or layouts must be avoided. Electrical devices will be turned off at the close of each day and turned on each morning before the MOBC exhibit opens. Please bring your own extension cords.

In the interest of maintaining an aesthetically pleasing area for others, we request the site be left in a condition that is neat and tidy before and after the fair. Please consider including permanent plant material for visual impact.
**MAINTENANCE**

Exhibitors are responsible for the maintenance of the display including plant material and any mechanical device, lighting, etc. Plants may be either planted directly into the plot or kept in their original containers (which must contain soil medium). After your installation and initial watering, an irrigation system will handle your watering. There will be more information regarding irrigation of the displays after the entries have been received.

**LABELING**

All plant material must be properly labeled showing both the common and botanical names, State Fair will provide plant markers (for consistency). Use plants which are recommended for Minnesota. Chapters will be permitted to list on a sign (no larger than 5” x 8”) the names of firms and organizations who have contributed to the display. No addresses or phone numbers will be permitted. State Fair will provide plant label stakes which have face plates that are 4.5” x 2.25”. Please return the label stakes at the end of the fair.

Use a sign (approx. 10” by 14”) displaying the theme. This will be included in judging for the label category.

**SCORE CARD**

- Design ............................................................. 45%
- Correct and clear label ........................................ 20%
- Landscape construction ...................................... 15%
- Specimen quality ................................................ 10%
- Accessories/lighting .......................................... 10%

**PREMIUMS**

Displays will be scored and placed in Blue, Red, and White Ribbon groups.

- Each Blue Ribbon Display .................. $300
- Each Red Ribbon Display ..................... $200
- Each White Ribbon Display .................. $150
- Sweepstakes ................................................. $100
- Reserve Sweepstakes .............................. $75

**SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES**

Each entry in this category will receive $1000 to help cover the expense of construction of the display.

Expense money will be presented after the fair along with premiums.

**FUTURE THEMES**

- 2021 ................................................... Butterfly Garden
- 2022 ................................................... Landscape for Color
# FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Scorecard

**Chapter name ____________________________**

## Principles of design
**Evaluation criteria:** Effective achievement of emphasis/focalization, balance, proportion/scale, repetition, variety, sequence, and unity/harmony. All items are practical, to scale, and use design principles consistent to the theme.

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## Elements of design
**Evaluation criteria:** Effective and practical use of line, color, texture, form, space, and mass.

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## Landscape construction
**Evaluation criteria:** Proper use/installation of hardscape materials and garden accessories.

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## Correct & clear labeling & signs
**Evaluation criteria:** Signs consistent with theme; list common and scientific names; signs should be prepared with a clear font, readable from visitor’s walkway and appropriately placed; adhere to rules on size of signs; theme sign reflects theme and fits into overall display.

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## Selection & quality of plant specimens
**Evaluation criteria:** Plant characteristics consistent with theme; high quality stock (balanced, full foliage, no broken stems, disease-free, pest-free, and free of other defects).

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## Accessories & lighting
**Evaluation criteria:** Selection of appropriate size, variety, quantity, and quality of accessories and lights; items support the theme; balance of accent and background lighting; lights and other accessories are functioning.

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## Total points (100 possible)

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## Final rank (1 = highest points; 2 = 2nd highest points, etc.)

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<th>Ribbon / Premium Awarded (circle one)</th>
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<th>RED</th>
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Note: Judges are encouraged to use the back of this scorecard for additional comments/suggestions.
2020 FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Display Reservation

Date: ____________________

Chapter Name: ________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City / State / Zip: _________________________________________________________

Advisor (Primary Contact): _______________________________________________

Phone Number (Include Area Code): _______________________________________

E-mail (Primary Contact): ________________________________________________

Advisor (Secondary Contact): _____________________________________________

Phone Number (Include Area Code): _______________________________________

E-mail (Secondary Contact): ______________________________________________

Approximate Date When You Will Begin Installation
(You Must Still Contact Virginia Before Arriving):

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We have examined the rules and regulations of this competition, and have received a copy of the scoresheet.

We are interested / not interested in a second entry. (please circle interest)

Complete and return by July 10, 2020:
Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair
1265 Snelling Avenue North
Saint Paul, MN 55108-3003
651-288-4417