

# Parks District Contests

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### Land Evaluation Contest (Soil Judging)

The land evaluation contest will follow the same format as the regional contest. The resource for the contest is the Land Judging Guide published by the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Service.

One official FFA team is allowed to be entered into our District contest. However, alternates are allowed to go through the contest, but the advisor should grade their cards. In addition, you may bring as many 4-H teams as you wish. The 4-H office will score their cards.

FFA members competing at the regional level do not necessarily have to be the same as the ones who competed at the district- either 4-H or FFA. You are free to substitute for the next level however you wish. Only one FFA team (4 members) from each chapter is allowed at the regional level (you must have placed in the top five FFA teams in the district to be eligible). Our county (Sumner) can take up to three 4-H teams to the region. The members of the 4-H team can be from any school in the county or a mixture of any of the schools in the county. We usually work out the 4-H teams based on the top scorers from the district contest. You may take 4-H individuals as well, if there is not enough for a team.

### Ag Sales

There is no separate district contest for this event. The team that ranks the highest at the regional competition will be declared the district champion.

### Ag Issues, Ag Marketing, Ag Communications, Farm Business Management

There is no separate district contest for these events. The team ranking the highest at the state contest will be declared the district winner.

### **Job Interview**

This contest will follow the state format except it will include only the cover letter, resume, and actual interview. There will be no job application, phone interview, or follow-up letter.

The cover letter will count 100 points maximum, the resume counts 150 points maximum, and the personal interview will count 450 points maximum.

### **Prepared Speaking**

The state format will be followed.

### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

The state format will be followed.

### **Creed Speaking**

The state format will be followed.

### **Parliamentary Procedure**

The state format will be followed except that there will be no reference activity (quote look up). In addition, the test will have half the number of questions and the time allotted for the test will be reduced by half.

### **Opening/Closing Ceremony contest**

The regional format will be followed.

## Horse Judging/ Livestock Judging/ Dairy Judging/Meats

## Judging/Forestry/ Dairy Foods/ Coop Challenge/ vet science/ dairy

### handling

There is no separate district contest for these events. However, the team that scores the highest at the regional level (if there is a regional contest) or the state level (if there is no regional level) will be declared the district winner.

### **Floriculture/Horticulture**

The team that scores the highest at the regional level will be considered the official district winner. However, Hendersonville High FFA has been conducting an invitational contest.

### **Ag. Mechanics Skills**

This will follow the region format. However, no written tests will be given except for tool ID. Individuals will score points for their team based on how the individual places in the competition. The team with the highest point total will be declared the district team winner and will represent Parks at the region. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team advisor will also attend the region to help judge.

## Soil and Water Conservation Speaking

Eligibility- Open to **Sophomores only** who are current active members of the local FFA chapter.

Contest- The contest shall consist of a **3-5 minute** prepared speech on any topic concerning soil and/or water conservation. No bibliography is required to be turned in to the judges, but the contestant should bring three copies of the speech to the contest. This contest is based on presentation only- the contestant will not be asked questions by the judges.

The scorecard for the contest shall be as follows:

Content of Manuscript: 200 pts. max.

Manuscript Composition: 100 pts. max.

Voice: 100 pts. max.

Stage presence: 100 pts. max.

Power of Expression: 100 pts. max.

General Effect: 100 pts. max.

1 point per second over or under the time limits will be deducted

Please remember that this is only a District sponsored event. District winners normally do **not** advance to another level (sectional, regional, state or national). However, the last few years, there has been an unofficial contest at the sectional level. They may or may not do this again this year.

