

# LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST



FEBRUARY 24, 2026 @ 2:45PM

The goal of a Landscape Design Contest is to give students hands-on experience in horticulture, teamwork, and creative problem-solving. Participants design and install sustainable landscapes, learning about plant selection and site planning while facing real-world landscaping challenges.

What You'll Do:

- Design and install a 12x12 ft. landscape plot
- Receive a site challenge with conditions (soil, lighting, homeowner goals)
- Select plant materials from an on-site nursery
- Install based on design and Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles



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## CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. The Landscape Design contest is open to the 10 surrounding FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs.
2. Landscapes will be displayed in the Horticulture Exhibit.
3. Teams may consist of 3 – 5 members.
4. Teams must bring any materials used in the building process; IE) Wheelbarrows, brooms, etc.
5. The contest will take place on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Landscapes will remain on display throughout the fair. CFF will take care of watering, maintenance needs, and exhibit tear down.
6. There will be an initial meeting of all teams at 2:45 pm on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Main Exhibit Building at which time each team will be assigned a plot and provided with a set of parameters/conditions to take into consideration when designing and laying out their landscape. This will include but is not limited to:
  - a. Homeowner objectives
  - b. Hypothetical lighting and soil conditions
  - c. Site analysis
  - d. All site plots will be 12 x 12 ft and will have a club sign provided by the fair
7. Students will then select materials from an on-site "nursery" and install according to their respective design. Landscapes will be depict initial planting (hint: take into consideration mature height and spread.)
8. Judging will take place on the day of the contest. Judges will have the ability to leave Feedback cards for each team. Cards will be returned to the club during the Fair. Judging will be from 6 to 7 pm and final awards will be announced immediately following judging.
9. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrees. Prizes will be awarded to winning chapters:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$300.00
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$200.00
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$100.00