

2009 Minnesota State Fair

FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition

THEME

Landscaping with Natives

Use Minnesota native plants found in prairies, deciduous woods, evergreen forest, or wetlands to create a landscape design.

ENTRIES

1. **Entries close May 1.** A \$50 deposit must be made by May 1 as a guarantee of your reservation. Entry must be made in the name of the chapter actually in charge of the exhibit. If the exhibit is completed, the deposit will be refunded after the fair.
2. Exhibitors from the 2008 Minnesota State Fair will have priority reserving the same space for the 2009 Minnesota State Fair, if they return their entry form and deposit by the entry closing date.
3. Exhibits will be confirmed by the receipt of the deposit on a first come, first served basis, until all 12 spaces have been awarded. If more schools wish to participate and remit deposits than space allows, a waiting list will be established. Additional spaces will be sought, but may not be available for the 2009 fair. Deposits will be returned to those chapters to whom we are unable to grant spaces.
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.

SPACE PROVIDED *

Approximate width	12' 10"
Approximate depth.....	8' 2"
Approximate height of wall at back	8' 2"
Post height (front of dividing wall)	3' 7"

* It is recommended that exhibitors measure their assigned space to ensure their construction materials will fit.

LOCATION

Exhibit spaces will be located in the Agriculture-Horticulture Building.

CONSTRUCTION

Exhibits may be placed beginning Saturday, August 22. The building will not be open nights for the installation of exhibits until Monday, August 24. All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 27; judging will commence at 8:00 a.m., Thursday. Chapters may not have representatives in the display area during judging.

Displays may be removed beginning at 8:00 p.m. Monday, September (Labor Day). They must be removed by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 11. If you are unable to remove the display during these times, arrangements for later removal must be made through the grounds superintendent.

General illumination will be provided by the management. Additional electric service will be provided at the expense of the exhibitor. For safety reasons, all electrical wiring and devices, as well as any other item used which may possess some hazardous feature, must meet minimum electrical code requirement. 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 in the booth construction. **Clip-on lights are not to be used.** Electrical devices will be turned off at the close of each day, and turned on each morning before the building opens.

MAINTENANCE

A responsible adult will be employed to water the plant materials in your entry. Your watering instructions will be communicated to the assistant hired by the State Fair. Exhibits cannot be watered during open viewing times, i.e. watering must be conducted prior to 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. Exhibitors are responsible for the maintenance of the booth, including plant materials and any mechanical device, lighting, etc. **Place heavy plastic on the floor under the display.** Be certain that plant materials are potted in a media containing soil.

LABELING

All plant material must be properly labeled showing both the common and botanical names. 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.

Use a sign displaying the theme. This will be included in judging for the label category.

SCORE CARD

Design	45%
Correct and clear label.....	20%
Booth 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	\$200
Each Red Ribbon Display.....	\$150
Each White Ribbon Display	\$100
Sweepstakes	\$75
Reserve Sweepstakes	\$50

If the exhibit is not kept up during the fair, the superintendent reserves the right to award demerit points. Each demerit will have a monetary value of \$5, which will be deducted from the premium award.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES

Each entry in this category will receive \$525 to help cover the expense of construction of the display. Expense money will be presented after the fair along with premiums and deposit return.

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Display Reservation

Date _____

Chapter name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone number (please include area code) _____

Advisor(s) _____

e-mail _____

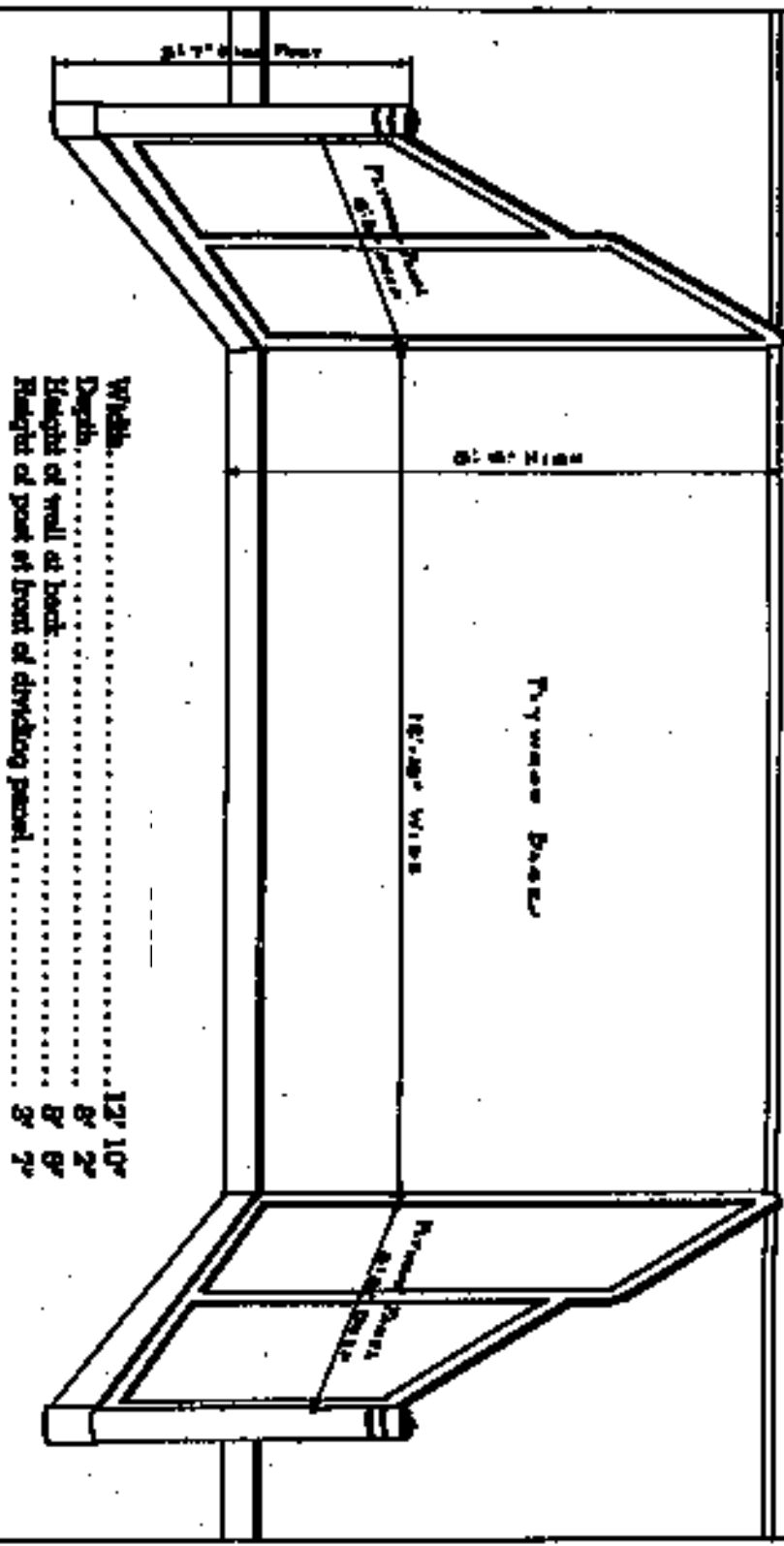
We wish to participate in the 2009 Minnesota State Fair FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition. We have examined the rules and regulations of this competition, and have received a copy of the score sheet. Our chapter reservation fee of \$50 is enclosed.

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

ENCLOSE WITH \$50 DEPOSIT BY **MAY 1, 2009** AND MAIL TO:

(checks payable to Minnesota State Fair)
Competition Department
Minnesota State Fair
1265 Snelling Avenue North
Saint Paul, MN 55108- 3099
651-288-4417

NAME OF CHAPTER



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FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Scorecard

Chapter Name _____

Categories and Criteria	Points	Earned
Principles of Design	30	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> 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.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Elements of Design	15	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> Effective and practical use of line, color, texture, form, space, and mass.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Booth Construction	15	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> Straight and clean cuts, proper installation techniques, proper use of hardscape materials; no holes, gaps, bent nails, hammer marks, exposed cords or containers; safety practices followed.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Correct & Clear Labeling & Signs	20	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> Signs consistent with theme; list common and scientific names, visual features, soil and light requirements, and care requirements; 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.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Selection & Quality of Plant Specimens	10	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> Plant characteristics consistent with theme; high quality stock – balanced, full foliage, no broken stems, disease-free, pest-free, and free of other defects.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Accessories & Lighting	10	
<i>Evaluation Criteria:</i> 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.		
<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Suggestions for Improvement</i>	
Total points	100	
Final Rank (1 = highest points; 2 = 2 nd highest points, etc.)		
Ribbon/Premium Awarded (circle one)	Blue	Red White

Note: Judges are encouraged to use the back of this scorecard for additional comments/suggestions