



CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the Conservation & Natural Resources Specialist Career Program Area is to

- Prepare students to enter careers in the conservation and natural resources.
- Promote conservation and natural resource skills and knowledge.
- Encourage students to better understand and protect the natural resource that sustains us all.

EVENT FORMAT: The Conservation & Natural Resources Specialist CPA Event consists of three events:

- Event 1: Each member of the team will complete a 50-question written exam over general knowledge in conservation and natural resources.
- Event 2: Each member of the team will complete a 50-question identification activity where they will need to identify animals, plants, equipment, and trees.
- Event 3: All members of the team will work together to develop an 8-10 minute presentation on a case study on a topic in conservation or natural resources. Topic will be presented to the teams at a predetermined time of the conference.

EVENT RULES:

1. Each team consists of three members. The participants will compete both individually and as a team.
2. In the event of a tie for individuals, three preselected questions from the written exam will be selected and the participant who answered the most correctly will break the tie. If a tie still exists, the same sequence will be used until a winner emerges.
3. In the event of a tie for teams, the first criteria will be the highest team score and if still tied, the second criteria will be the same three preselected questions used to break individual ties as above.
4. Participants need to provide their own calculator and No. 2 pencils and erasers. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Internet devices (phone, tablet, laptop). While every attempt will be made to have internet available, it cannot be guaranteed.
5. All team members must attend the orientation meeting. The prompt for the Case Studies and other important information will be shared at the orientation meeting. Failure to attend the meeting may result in the contestant being disqualified from the competition.
6. The use of computers and internet will be allowed for the Case Studies, however all sources must be properly referenced.
7. The use of electronic devices or talking and conversating with other participants during the written exam and identification portions is strictly prohibited. **Any participants found in violation of these rules may lead to disqualification for the national event.**



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SCORING:

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Event Area	Score per Judge	Number of Judges	TOTAL
Written Exam			100
Identification			50
Written Case Studies	100	3	100
TOTAL			250

*** average of judge's scores

TEAM SCORING

Event Area	Score per Member	Number of Members	TOTAL
Written Exam	100	3	100
Monolith/Core Identification	100	3	100
Written Case Studies	100	3	100
TOTAL			300

*** average of member's scores

*** average of member's scores

*** average of judge's scored

SCORING EXAMPLE:

Team	Participant	Exam	Identification	Written Case Studies			Ind. Score	Ind. Placing	Team Score	Team Placing
				Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3				
Faber CNR #1	Larry Kroeger	90	90	92	88	92	270.7	4	233.3	2
	Kent Dorfman	56	56				202.7	6		
	Eric Stratton	68	68				226.7	5		
Acme CNR #2	Wiley Coyote	96	96	96	96	96	288.0	1	281.3	1
	RD Runner	92	92				280.0	2		
	Elmer Fudd	90	90				276.0	3		
POINTS POSSIBLE		100	100	100			300		300	

REFERENCES/RESOURCES:

- Conservation & Natural Resources and Management, 5th edition – Plaster, Delmar/Cengage Learning publishers, ISBN13; 978-1-4180-3865-6
- Website: www.nrcs.usda.gov

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