



FORESTRY CHALLENGE

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Forestry Challenge Championship

Camp Sylvester, Pinecrest, CA
April 23 - 25, 2025



CHAMPIONSHIP FORESTRY CHALLENGE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

4:00 to 5:30	Registration and Housing Assignments
5:30 to 6:30	Dinner
6:45 to 8:00	Welcome and Focus Topic Panel Presentation
8:15 to 10:15	Student Work Time / "Ask a Forester"
10:30	Report to Cabins/Dorms

Thursday, April 24, 2025

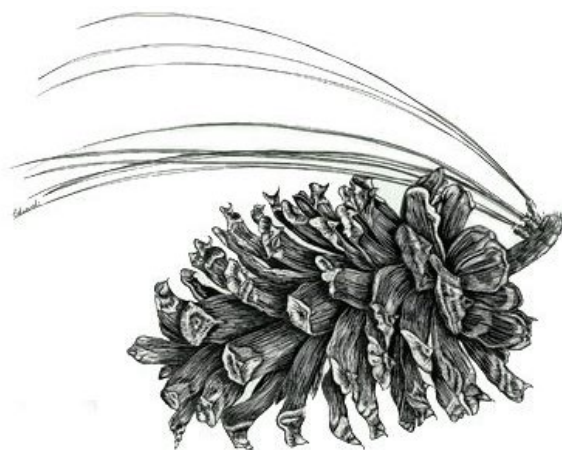
7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast and Lunch Prep
8:45 to 5:00	Fieldtrip and testing including lunch
5:30 to 6:30	Dinner
6:45 to 10:15	Student Work Time / "Ask a Forester"
10:30	Report to Cabins

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:30 to 8:45	Breakfast
8:00 to 9:00	Teams pack up and clean cabins
8:15 to 9:00	Judges Orientation
9:15 to 11:00	Teams Give Presentations
11:00 to 11:15	Judges Meeting
11:15 to 12:00	Wrap up and Awards
12:00	Lunch and Farewell

Championship Participants:

School	County	Advisor	Teams
Adolfo Camarillo	Ventura	Shannon Klemann	1
Charter Oak	Los Angeles	Ray Edmondson	2,3
Cordova	Sacramento	Holly Chesnut	4
Foresthill	Placer	Katie Gengler	5,6
Golden Sierra	El Dorado	Amara Smallwood	7,8
Granada Hills Charter	Los Angeles	Wendy Hagan	11-15
Grant Union	Sacramento	Arron White	9,10
John F Kennedy	Sacramento	Jennifer Richard Gantka	16
Mariposa	Mariposa	Buz Arnold	17
Mira Loma	Sacramento	Colleen Kelly	18,19
Oak Ridge	El Dorado	Ryan Madsen	20, 21
Oceanside	San Diego	Juan Hernandez	22
Palisades Charter	Los Angles	Steve Engelmann	23-25
Piedmont	Alameda	Andy Willats	26
West Campus	Sacramento	Anne Bestgen	27
Woodside	San Mateo	Ann Akey	28



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Housing Assignments - Camp Sylvester

Female Cabins	Schools in cabin	# People
Ponderosa	Foresthill, Golden Sierra	13
Lodgepole	Cordova, Mariposa	6
Ash	Adolfo Camarillo, Piedmont	7
Birch	Granada Hills Charter (10+1)	11
Oak	Grant Union, JFK GLEAM	9
Aspen	Oceanside, Charter Oak, Oak Ridge	12
Hemlock	West Campus, Mira Loma	13
Sequoia	Granada Hills Charter (4+1), Palisades	11
Nurses Cabin	Woodside	5
Male Cabins	Schools in cabin	# People
Spruce	Granada Hills Charter, Woodside, West Campus	12
Cedar	Oceanside, Foresthill, Golden Sierra	8
Willow	Palisades	6
Poplar	Mira Loma, Adolfo Camarillo, Piedmont	8
Juniper	Grant Union, Cordova, Mariposa	12
Redwood	Charter Oak	8
Dogwood	Oak Ridge	6

**First Aid Available in Thiemann Lodge (right side)
 Provided by Jesse Hart-McNeal
 From Twain Harte CERT**

**Staff will be housed at Pinecone cabin next to Dining Hall and
 Thiemann Lodge (Left side)
 Forestry Challenge Office will be in Gibson Hall
 Diane's phone: (530) 417-1960 (service is sporadic)**

EXPANDED SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

- 4:00 to 5:30 Registration – Deboer Hall, just inside entrance on the left
- 5:30 to 6:30 Dinner – Dining Hall
- 6:45 to 8:00 Welcome and Focus Topic Question Presented – Dining Hall
- 8:15 to 10:15 Student work time – Dining Hall
- 8:30 to 10:00 “Ask a Forester” – Deboer Hall
- 10:30 Report to Cabins

Important Information about Field Testing:

- * The test will be separated into 10 stops along a loop route.
- * Teams will start at the location assigned to them, and move through the stations, in a circuit, in order.
- * Teams will have 12 minutes at each test station, including the time to rotate between stations. A timekeeper with an air horn will signal the beginning and end of each time period.
- * The questions for each station will be placed at that station, and the teams will not have access to those questions until they arrive at that station. Test questions will be left at the stations before rotating. Teams will have one answer sheet for all stations that will be turned in at the end of testing.
- * Teachers can walk the testing circuit but may not interact with team members at any time during the testing periods. They may, however, look at a blank copy of the test. A few copies of the entire test will be available.
- * Teams cannot use notes, written materials, or forestry tools except those given to them at the stations.
- * Clip boards, pencils, and calculators will be provided.
- * No cell phones allowed.
- * When we return to camp, the test key will be posted for review, and students will have time to ask questions during dinner. The test keys will be taken down shortly after. No pictures are allowed.

EXPANDED SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast / Lunch Preparation – Dining Hall
8:30 to 8:45	Group photo (wear your Bejac t-shirt)
8:45 to 5:30	Return to camp
5:30 to 6:30	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:45 to 10:15	Teams Prepare Presentations – Dining Hall
7:00 to 9:00	“Ask a Forester” – Deboer Hall
10:30	Report to Cabins

Directions for the Field Trip

	Group A Teams 1-10	Group B Teams 11-19	Group C Teams 20-28
Stop 1	Beardsley	Logging	Testing
Stop 2	Logging	Testing	Beardsley
Stop 3	Testing	Beardsley	Logging

Group A: Camarillo, Charter Oak, Cordova, Foresthill, Golden Sierra, Grant

Group B: Granada Hills, JFK, Mariposa, Mira Loma

Group C: Oak Ridge, Oceanside, Palisades, Piedmont, West Campus, Woodside

Scan the QR Code for links to the 3 destinations
Your exact schedule will be handed to you before departing and will also be in the link below



EXPANDED SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY

Friday, April 25, 2025

- 7:30 to 8:45 Breakfast – Dining Hall
- 8:00 to 9:00 Teams pack up and clean cabins
- 8:15 to 9:00 Judges Orientation – Deboer Hall
❖ For Judges and Timekeepers only
- 9:00 to 11:15 Students report to Dining Hall except when presenting
- 9:15 to 11:00 Teams Give Presentations
- 11:00 to 11:15 Judges Meeting
- 11:15 to 12:00 Wrap Up and Awards – Amphitheater or Dining Hall
- 12:00 Lunch and Farewell

Notes:

- * Presentation times and locations will be announced by Thursday at 10:15 p.m.
- * Teachers and parents may listen to their own team's presentation(s) but may not listen to other teams.
- * Each presentation location will have three judges, one of whom will serve as timekeeper.
- * The timekeeper will start timing when the presentation begins and show a 5 and a 1 minute warning card. The timekeeper will stop the presentation when time is up, even if the team is not finished. Teams will have 20 minutes to make their presentation.
- * The timekeeper will time the 5 minute question and answer period, with a 1 minute warning.
- * Teams may keep their presentation materials. We encourage them to give their presentation at school and in the community.

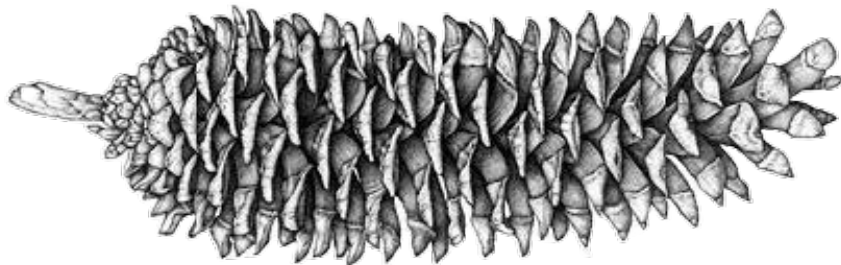
Thank You to the Championship Forestry Challenge Volunteers

Without volunteers, the Forestry Challenge simply wouldn't happen. Here are the individuals who gave their time and expertise for this event:

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2025 Forestry Challenge Rules

I. Participant Eligibility

1. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to participate. Community college and middle school students may participate if the facility can accommodate them, at the discretion of the Forestry Challenge (FC) Coordinator.
2. Teams will consist of two to five students from the same school, homeschool, or scouting group, tribe, club, or affiliated organization (subsequently referred to as "school"). More than one team may enter from each school as space permits. There may be a need to restrict the number of students per school, depending on the facility's capacity.
3. An adult chaperone must accompany each school. The chaperone can be a teacher, staff member, or approved parent from that school. One chaperone can supervise more than one team from the same school, as housing arrangements permit. All chaperones must be fingerprinted and approved to chaperone by their local school district.
4. For schools bringing only one adult, an additional adult of the opposite gender must be available on standby to ensure proper overnight supervision. Schools will be notified the day after the registration deadline if additional adults are required to ensure correct ratios.
5. Each participant must arrive with all applicable Liability, Medical, and Media Release Forms fully signed in order to participate. These forms must be turned in at registration or received prior to the event.
6. Only registered participants with signed forms will be allowed on site.
7. Chaperones and students will check in together unless prior arrangements are made with the FC Coordinator.
8. At least one school chaperone must be on site with their students at all times to ensure that team members display proper conduct during the event and at the host facility.

II. Participant Behavior

1. Participants will report any illness or personal emergency to the Coordinator or designated staff.
2. If participants break or damage the property of the FC or the host site, they are responsible for reporting the damage and paying for its repair.
3. All students must attend and fully participate in all scheduled activities, in the designated locations for those activities.
4. Although chaperones must attend all activities to properly supervise students, they are not allowed to actively participate in field testing or focus topic presentation preparation.
5. Students must report to and stay in their assigned cabins or dormitories at the designated time at the end of each day. Facility housing will be described in advance, and if it does not meet the needs of one or more students, the advisor must ask for alternate arrangements in advance of the start of the event. If acceptable accommodations are available, there may be a charge for these alternative arrangements.
6. No students or chaperones are allowed to leave the host site without approval.
7. Tobacco, drugs, vaping, and alcohol are prohibited for all parties during the entirety of the event.
8. Participants are expected to behave in a professional manner, consistent with behavior appropriate to the workplace. Harassment, bullying, and any form of discrimination is NOT appropriate workplace behavior. Any observance or reporting of such actions will be thoroughly investigated and disciplined. Disciplinary actions can include disqualification and/or dismissal from the event.

IV. Competition Components and Expectations

1. The FC scoring has two parts: a Field Test and a Presentation. These two parts will be scored separately. The Field Test will be worth 60% and the Presentation will be worth 40% of the total score. The point ratio for Championships will be 60% Presentation and 40% Test.
2. The Field Test is completed as a team and is comprehensive, with many questions using props and tools such as tree specimens and forestry equipment. Copies of the test key will be posted after all testing is complete for viewing only. Photography of the test key is prohibited. The FC Coordinator or designee will be available to answer questions.
3. Test questions will be developed using the FC Learning Objectives and reference materials linked to the Objectives as a guide but are not necessarily limited to those items. Knowledge of basic ecological concepts and information presented during the event may be tested as well.
4. The use of personal electronic devices such as cell phones is not allowed during field testing, presentation prep time (besides for transferring pictures), and the final morning while in the waiting area. Devices will be confiscated if deemed necessary by authorized staff and volunteers.
5. Students will not be allowed to use their reference materials, including cellular devices, during the Field Test. All materials needed during the Field Test, including identification keys, reference materials, calculators, and equipment, will be provided at the testing stations.
6. Any written and electronic materials teams bring to the event and gather while at the event may be used during presentation prep time. Laptop computers will be used, and there will be equal access to wireless internet when available. Hotspot devices will be allowed as determined by the FC Coordinator.
7. Students will not be allowed to review presentation materials outside of designated presentation work times.
8. At the beginning of the presentation schedule, students and chaperones will be gathered in one area to wait until their presentation time begins. Chaperones will be allowed to attend presentations by their school.
9. Each team's Field Test and Presentation scores will be totaled, and overall place awards will be given accordingly. All participants at the fall events will receive a certificate of participation.

V. Other

1. Transportation to, from, and during an event will be the responsibility of each participating team unless transportation is provided during an event.
2. Students may attend more than one regular event during the fall season. If a team with one or more repeating students places in the top 5, that team will not displace a team that is competing for the first time that season.
3. Students and chaperones will be asked to complete an evaluation form at the conclusion of each fall event.
4. Grievances must be submitted in writing to the FC Coordinator by the end of the review period immediately following the Field Test or the Presentation portion of the event. Grievances will be reviewed by the Coordinator and discussed with involved judges and/or volunteers. The Coordinator's decisions are final.
5. FC rules are subject to change by the Coordinator. Any changes will be explained in advance to all teams and chaperones.
6. Host site/facility rules will be enforced in addition to FC Rules.
7. Any infraction of any of the FC Rules may result in disqualification and/or dismissal from the event and the host site.



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0.25 Mile

DODGE RIDGE WINTERSPORTS
2.0 Miles

ASPEN MEADOWS HORSE PACK STATION
5.0 Miles

Main Entrance

PARKING

Campfire Amphitheater

East Gate

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