

## 2019 Farm Plan Competition

## **FARM PLAN COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

### **Teams**

Teams should consist of 4-5 students and have at least one adult chaperone at the team competition. The designated person can be the Career tech Teacher, school club sponsor, other school employee, or a parent/guardian.

### **Farm Plan**

Students are expected to create a farm (vegetable, Cattle or Goat) with a \$20,000 budget and 10 acres of land. All farms must have these three key components Irrigation, Equipment, Labor and should be documented in the farm plan. Mr. John Myers will come to each school participating in the competition to create a map for each team. The map/model should be a direct representation of your farm with all the components in the farm plan. Each team member should have a role on the farm. Teachers are encouraged to work with their student team members on Model Farm and the Farm Plan. Students will present both on the day of competition, team members will be asked to explain the farm plan and their 3d model.

### **Judging**

The Farm plan competition will be evaluated and judged based on the following criteria:

- Appearance: Is the model creative? Does it have all the key components?
- Knowledge: Do each team member know his/her role? Do group understand the Farm plan?
- Farm safety: Teams knowledge of basic food safety procedures and rules when encountering a problem.
- Sustainable: Is the farm using practices that are harmful to the environment?
- BONUS 10 EXTRA POINTS!!! Team member must find a grant that can benefit their farm. (Fencing, Irrigation, equipment etc.)
- At the end of the competition, the score cards will be tabulated and the winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) will be announced during the closing ceremony.

### **Day of the Event**

- Teams should plan to arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The event is expected to begin promptly at 9:00a.m and end at 12:00 noon.
- Teams will set their models up in the lobby of the CISC. They will be required to present to the judges and explain the components of the Farm plan and model. Creativity is expected. During this teachers WILL NOT be allowed to assist team members.
- This is a TEAM EFFORT! All team members must be active participants in preparing both the farm plan and the Model farm. Team members should be able to answer any questions from the judges.
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## **FARM PLAN COMPETITION TEAM APPLICATION**

Please complete this form and email to [tjackson2@tuskegee.edu](mailto:tjackson2@tuskegee.edu) no later than November 22, 2020. Any applications received beyond this date will be considered LATE and will not be accepted.

### **Team Contact Information**

Team Name

School Represented

Adult Contact

Relationship to Team

Phone Number

Email

### **Team Members**

Please PRINT the names of 4-5 students who will be participating in the Farm Plan Competition.

#### **Name Age Grade**

Team Member #1:

Team Member #2:

Team Member #3:

Team Member #4:

Team Member #5:

### **Photography/Video/Media Release**

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Additionally, we fully understand that our participation in EXERT Farm Plan Competition 2019 will require completion of pre and post surveys that will be used for the sole purpose of measuring skills and knowledge.

If you DO NOT want photographs, video and other media images to be used, please placed an X here:

**Team Members' Signatures:**

Team Member #1:

Team Member #2:

Team Member #3:

Team Member #4:

Team Member #5:

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**Signature:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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