

FORESTRY
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAM COMPETITION



ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE

To stimulate interest and to promote forestry instruction in the Agriscience Education curriculum as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of instruction in forestry.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

- For specific eligibility of participants, refer to the Contests and Awards Booklet.
- The top four winners in the North, Central and South Districts will compete in the state finals.
- If a cell phone or smart watch is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
- Competitors must enter their first and last name as well as their chapter number and name on the scorecard or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.

DISCLAIMER

In the event that contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual experience.

DRESS CODE

Participants must wear closed toed shoes/boots (no sandals, crocs or slides) and long pants (jeans with no holes/ khakis/dress pants) or skirts that cover the knees if not in official dress. Leggings, jogging pants, yoga, lycra, are not permitted. Shirts should be long enough to be tucked in (no crop tops or midriff showing) and not contain vulgar or suggestive material or language. Contest where oral reasons are given should respect the professionalism of the event, and dress aligning with the profession is preferred. Official FFA Dress is an allowable form of dress for all events. **Consequences for not being in dress code will be a 25 % deduction in scores**

ALTERNATE POLICY

For district level events, if a chapter brings alternates there will be no more than two alternates allowed per team. Alternates will use a copy of the scan form (not an original) for those events scored via judgingcard.com. If more than four official scan forms are turned in for a chapter in one event, the highest score(s) for that team will be disqualified and deleted until the chapter only has four team members in the scoring system. Alternates must not be in groups with official team members.

For state level events, alternates are not allowed

STATE AWARDS

Please refer to the Contest and Awards Booklet on the Forms/Applications page of www.alabamaffa.org.

SPONSORS

Refer to Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet at:
http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms_applications.htm

GENERAL EVENT RULES

1. The teams competing in this event will be composed of a maximum of four members. The top three scores will be counted while the lowest score will be dropped. In the field phase, participants will be divided into four groups and will be allowed 20 minutes to complete each of the six parts.
2. No persons will be within the perimeter of an event, unless they are participants or a judge. Once participants have started an event, they will not be allowed to talk with anyone other than a judge until the event has been completed.
3. Binoculars can be used during the forestry event.
4. The site for the state event will be different from sites of local, county, and/or district eliminations.
5. The following materials will be necessary -- clean, covered clipboard or writing board, pencil, tree scale stick (purchased or made), compass and paper. Calculators may be used during the event. Participants will not be allowed to attach anything to the tree scale stick. Equipment may not be shared between team members. Scantron card # 530-3 will be used for this event. Please see the "How to Fill Out the Card Correctly Sample" at www.alabamaffa.org and by clicking on the forms and applications page.
6. The use of tobacco is not permitted during the event.
7. The event will consist of five phases.
 - Phase 1. General Knowledge Examination (District and State optional at county level). Fifty minutes (*30 minutes at State event*) will be allowed to complete this phase. Questions dealing with site index will be included in the General Knowledge Examination. *State Event only: Phase one will include Equipment ID.*
 - Phase 2. Timber Cruising/Estimating -- *Sawtimber from standing trees.*
 - Phase 3. Timber stand Improvement (TSI) – Written management objectives will be given.
 - Phase 4. Tree Identification
 - Phase 5. Compass Course
 - Phase 6. Team Activity (State only): Map Interpretation (Odd years) Forest

Disorders, Hazards, Pests (Even years)

Note: In years that forest disorders, hazards, and pests will be given, judges may use the Forestry Disorders section of the scorecard. (Twenty tree disorders may be given or 10 disorders and 10 equipment ID.)

8. Tree measurements will be made by the official judges with a diameter tape and either a clinometer or abney level. *Officials will round ½" diameters DOWN. Example: A tree that measures exactly 10.5 will be recorded as a 10" DBH.*
9. The official study guides are 100 Forest Trees of Alabama, Developing Farm Woodlands in Alabama, and FFA Forestry Test Bank.
10. Team Tie Breakers:
 - A. If a tie exists, the team with the highest combined cruising score (top 3 scorers) will be the winner.
 - B. If a tie still exists, the team with the highest combined tree I.D. score (top 3 scorers) will be the winner.
 - C. If a tie still exists, the team with the highest combined TSI score (top 3 scorers) will be the winner.
11. Individual Tie Breakers:
 - A. The individual with the highest cruising score will be the winner.
 - B. If a tie still exists, the individual with the highest tree I.D. score will be the winner.
 - C. If a tie still exists, the individual with the highest TSI score will be the winner.
12. Notice! Written management objectives will be given for TSI.
13. The written test and team activity will be given on the scheduled day. The field portion will be conducted in the morning of the scheduled day, weather permitting. If cancelled due to weather, the field portion will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. on the following day. The decision to cancel the field portion will be made by a representative of Agriscience Education and the official judges.
14. Compasses cannot be used to help determine tree height.
15. Participants are not allowed to touch or move the stakes in the compass course phase of the event.
16. Any participant who intentionally alters or molest/manipulate any portion of the contest will be disqualified from all portions of the contest. Examples include, but are not limited to removing plates from trees, touching compass, and pacing stakes, etc. All judges/officials' rulings are final.
17. Plants can be handled as long as there is no damage to them.
18. Participation by "alternates" (other than 4th member drop score) in County and District events is left to the discretion of the officials involved. Only official team members (3 + 1 drop score) will be allowed to participate in the State event.

19. Cell phones and other electronic devices (other than standard pocket calculators) are NOT to be used during the event. If a cell phone is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
20. Competitors must enter and bubble their name on the scorecard or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.

EVENT PHASES

Phase 1 -- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION

Fifty (50) objective-type, multiple-choice questions will be selected from areas of the forestry industry. This phase of the event will test the participant's knowledge and understanding of basic principles of forestry. Each participant will be allowed 50 minutes (30 minutes at State Event) to complete this phase of the event. Each answer has a value of two points for a total maximum score of 100 points on the written test. The written test is optional at the county level and is mandatory (required) at the district and state levels. Questions will be taken from the reference, FFA Forestry Test Bank. Site index will be addressed in the General Knowledge Examination. (Example: interpreting a site index chart.)

State Event only: Phase one will include Equipment ID.

Phase 2A -- TIMBER CRUISING/ESTIMATING

1. A tree scale stick will be used. The tree scale stick may be purchased commercially or homemade.
2. A plot will be selected for sawtimber, weight (pine) or volume (hardwood) estimation. Event administrators should select sites that do not have dense stands in order for participants to have sufficient time to measure all marked trees. A plot will consist of a range of 8-10 trees. If more than 10 sawtimber trees are on the plot, then a less dense stand should be selected. It is not necessary to have 10 trees in a plot, but 10 will be the maximum.

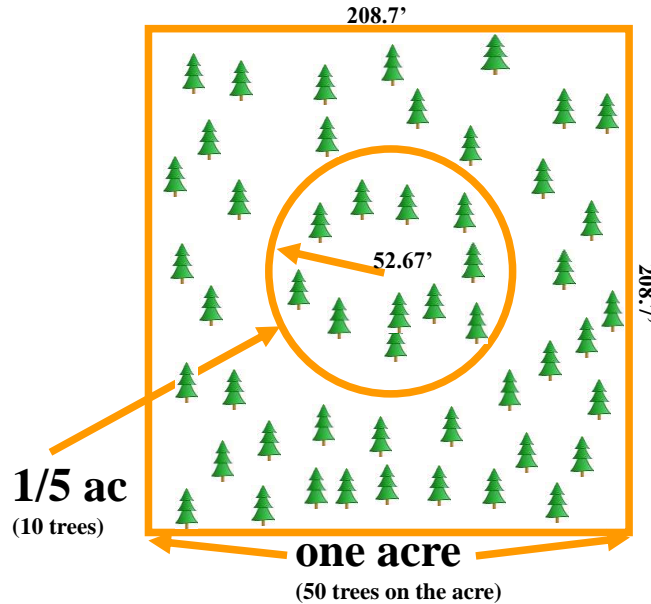
Explanation of the Timber cruising procedure:

In the timber cruising exercise portion of the Forestry event we assume the 4 to 10 trees to be measured are on a 1/5 acre plot (20% SAMPLE) on a one acre tract.

You should look up the bd ft volume (for hardwood) or the weight (for pine) for each tree measured (from the table provided). Add these bd.ft. volumes or weights. This total is the volume or weight of the sample (1/5 ac or 20%). In order to "blow up" or "expand" the 1/5 acre sample total to represent the volume or weight per acre, multiply this total by 5 ($5 \times 20\% = 100\%$). For pine sawtimber only, divide total weight in pounds by 2,000 to calculate tonnage. (Total pine sawtimber weight $\times 5$)/2000= Pine Sawtimber Tonnage should be rounded to the nearest whole number.) Write your total bdf t or weight (tonnage) in the Volume section of the score card.

NOTE: For CDE purposes it is assumed that there are no more than 10 trees on the 1/5 acre. (CDE judges can give as few as 4 trees for the exercise) However, in most sawtimber stands there will actually be more than 10 merchantable trees on a 1/5 acre (20 to 40 for the average sawtimber stand, or 100 to 200 trees per acre)

Participants will be required to give the total weight (in tons/tonnage) for pine sawtimber or a total volume (BF Doyle rule) for hardwood sawtimber (not exceeding a total of 9,999 bdf for the purposes of this contest) on one acre by assuming the fifth-acre plot as representative of the whole area.



Note: If the trees in the stand illustrated above were uniform in size, quality and species this sample would give a reasonably accurate volume/weight for that single acre. HOWEVER rarely is a stand that uniform. In practice to get an accurate estimate for the entire tract the cruiser may take one plot for each acre on 20 to 40 or more acres, with the plots well distributed over the entire tract. This procedure when, done correctly, will yield a fairly accurate estimate. If the cruiser wanted a total for a single acre alone he would need to measure and tally every tree.

- Participants will be given 20 minutes to measure the diameter and height of trees, followed immediately by a 20-minute period to complete weight or volume calculations. No talking during the calculation period.
- Using a scale stick, each participant will measure pre-numbered trees on a 1/5 acre plot for tree volume and/or weight. The participant must **record the D.B.H.** to the nearest inch and the merchantable height of each tree. Height is rounded down to the nearest 8' half-log.

Height	No. of Logs	Height	No. of Logs
16	1	16-23	1
24	1½	24-31	1½
32	2	32-39	2
40	2½	40-47	2½
48	3	48-55	3
56	3½	56-63	3½
64	4	64-71	4
72	4½	72-79	4½
80	5	80-87	5

- The minimum log will be 10 inches D.B.H. and 1 log merchantable. All designated trees must be measured and recorded.
- Each tree weight for pine will be found in the pounds per tree (Table 1). Or each tree volume (BF Doyle) for hardwood (Table II). The appropriate table will be furnished at the event. The weight table is shown on page 12. Record pine sawlog weights as found in the table; OR hardwood volumes will be recorded from the BF Doyle volume table (Table II page 13). Total all sawlog weights or volumes after all trees have been estimated.
- Three points will be awarded for each correct D.B.H. and number of 16' logs.
- Forty points will be allowed for the correct total pine sawtimber weight (in tons) or hardwood volume (BF Doyle rule) per acre. REMEMBER -- the total weight OR volume will be the weight OR volume on the representative one acre (five times the total weight OR volume of the 1/5 acre plot). If pine sawtimber, divide weight in pounds by 2,000 to calculate tonnage. (Total pine sawtimber weight in pounds x 5)/2000= Pine Sawtimber Tonnage. Tonnage should be rounded to the nearest whole number.)
- Five (5) points will be deducted for each 5% plus or minus from the
 - correct measured weight or volume. (See Score Card on pages 12-13)
- It is recommended that event officials use 9" white paper plates to
 - identify sawtimber trees.
- Event officials will not select trees that the log tables or score cards will not accommodate (Tables I and II).

• MEASUREMENT OF STANDING TREES STUDY GUIDE

PURPOSE: Standing trees are measured to obtain an estimate of the amount of various products which might be cut from the tree. This is done to have an idea of what weight or volume is present. Most timber sales are based on weight (tons). All forest properties must have some estimate of total weight (tons) on the tract, weight (tons) per acre, and weight (tons) by product so that the forest manager can decide the course of his/her future actions.

PRODUCTS: Forest products which may be measured are poles and piling, sawlogs, veneer logs, pulpwood, and fence posts.

METHOD Since all trees are basically a part of a cylinder, they have diameter and height which may be measured. Diameter of standing trees is measured at 4½ feet above ground level standing on the uphill side of the tree. This is abbreviated as D.B.H. (diameter breast high). The way to determine diameter will be explained in detail later. Height of a standing tree might be measured as total, the entire height from ground line to the top, or merchantable. This is a variable point, depending on the product which might be cut. If a tree might make a pole or piling, the height used will be measured in feet, by multiples of 5'. The top diameter is fixed by certain specifications. If a tree is to be cut into logs, the lengths cut will vary, depending on the demand of the mill to which the logs will go. This is true of sawlogs, as well as veneer logs. As a result, total merchantable lengths will vary. For this event, trees suitable for logs will have a top limiting diameter of 8" (for CDE purposes disregarding whirls and limbs and other defects).

TOOLS: To measure diameter, one may use a caliper, diameter tape, or tree scale stick. Since the tree scale stick is to be used in the event, the method of using it will be explained. Figure 1 shows how the tree scale stick is used to secure tree diameter.

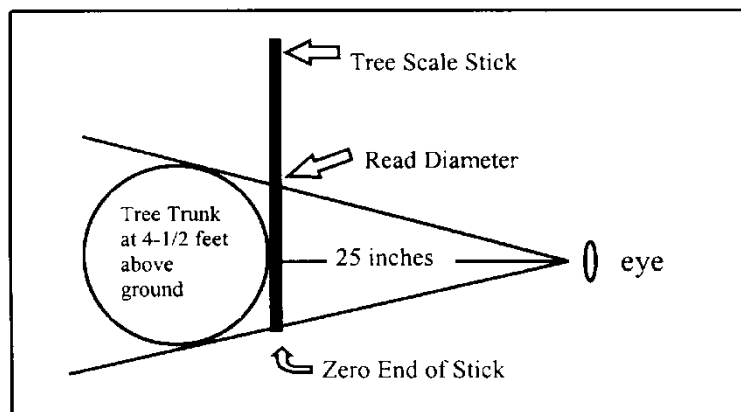


FIGURE 1: Method of using tree scale stick to obtain tree diameter. DO NOT MOVE HEAD, JUST EYE.

USING A TREE SCALE STICK: Use the flat side of the stick, indicated “Diameter of Tree” (in inches). TREE SCALE Hold the stick level at 25 inches from the eye, against the tree, at a STICK height of 4 1/2 feet above ground.

For those students whose arm reach is less than 25 inches, the following formula may be used to determine reach:

Scale graduations for the Biltmore stick may be computed by this formula,

$$\text{D.B.H. graduation} = \sqrt{\frac{AD^2}{A+D}}$$

Where A is the fixed distance from the eye to the stick in inches and D is any selected tree diameter in inches.

On commercially manufactured Biltmore sticks, diameter graduations are usually based on a fixed distance of 25 inches from the observer’s eye to D.B.H. However, foresters may construct sticks based on a different arm reach by use of the preceding formula (Avery, 1959).

$$\frac{\text{Arm reach (inches)}}{\text{Distance from tree (feet)}} = \frac{\text{Scale interval (inches)}}{\text{Log height (feet)}}$$

The foregoing ratio is solved to determine the scale interval, and this distance is uniformly marked off on a straight rule to define the desired log height spacings. The Merritt hypsometer is a useful aid for estimating tree heights by log intervals, but it is not generally reliable for precise work.

Practice is needed to find both the 4½-foot point in relation to your height, and the 25-inch distance to your eye. When the stick is placed against a tree, close one eye, sight at the left or zero end. This and the tree bark should be in the same line. Now, DO NOT MOVE YOUR HEAD. Just move your eye across the stick, to the right hand edge of the tree. Read the tree diameter to the nearest inch. It is necessary to hold the stick at a right angle to the tree.

Height is measured as follows: pace out 66 feet from the base of the tree, to a point where the entire tree can be seen. Hold the stick so that the “Number of 16 foot logs” side faces you. The zero end should point toward the ground. Plumb the stick, at 25 inches from the eye. Sight the zero end to appear to rest on the stump. DO NOT MOVE YOUR HEAD. Run your eye up the stick to the point where the top of the last merchantable cut would be made in the tree. Remember to round down. Refer to examples on page 4, number 4.

Practice on pacing is needed to find the 66-foot point. The 25-inch distance from eye to stick is still the same as in measuring tree diameter.

Occasionally, a stand of young trees is so dense that the 66-foot distance is too far to clearly see the tree being measured. In this case, use a 25-foot distance from the tree and the 25-inch distance from eye to stick. Now, use the inch scale on the opposite edge of the stick (marked “Diameter of Log”). Sight with the zero at stump height and without moving your head, run your eye up the inch scale to find the merchantable length. At this 25-foot distance, with the 25-inch eye to stick distance, 1 inch on the stick equals 1 foot on the tree. If arm reach is less than 25 inches, use the distance in feet equivalent to the arm reach to read the correct height on the inch scale.

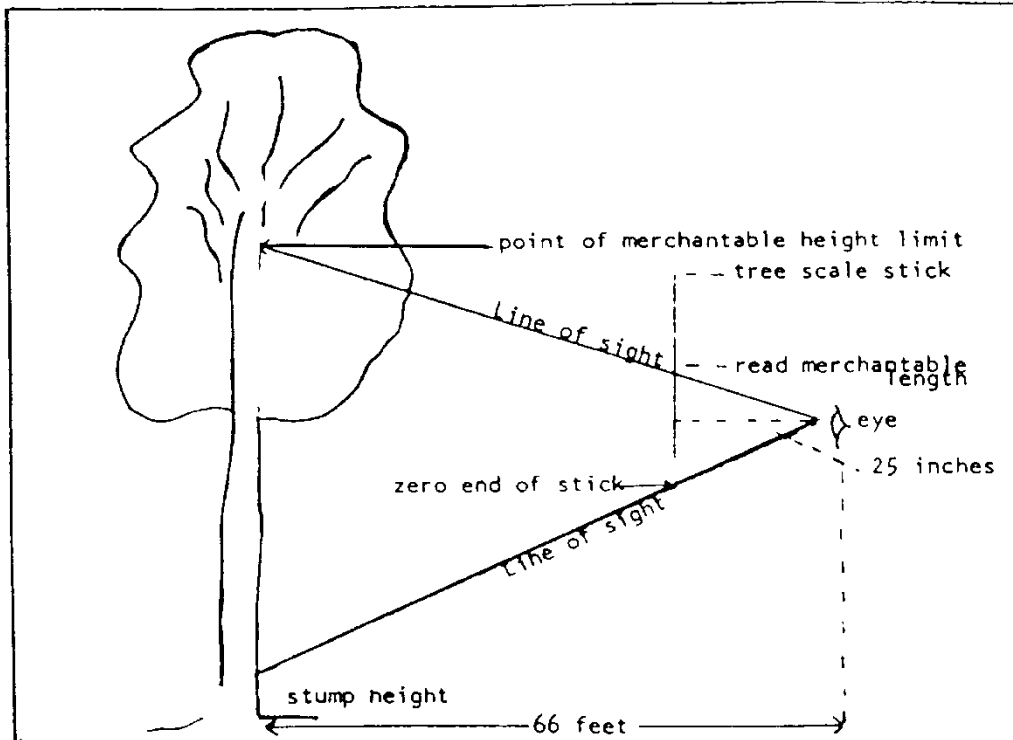


FIGURE 2: Method of using tree scale stick to obtain merchantable height. DO NOT MOVE HEAD, JUST EYE.

WEIGHT/VOLUME TABLES

These are a composite of actual values on an average basis for the product indicated. Once the tree measurement is determined, enter the appropriate weight/volume from the left with the tree diameter (D.B.H.). Move across the right to the column containing tree merchantable height at the top. At the intersection of these two points will be that tree's weight/volume. Sawlog trees will range from a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 30 inches D.B.H. The table shows the number of logs by half-log intervals from one to five logs. Read and record each tree volume directly and separately.

Use Table 1 (weight) for southern pine sawtimber only. Use Table II (MBF Doyle) for hardwood sawtimber only.

**Table I
PREDICTED weight (lbs.) per tree by DBH and #16' logs (Southern Pine)**

Note: Most timber products are now bought and sold on a per ton basis. This table will estimate the approximate weight of Southern pine in POUNDS. To convert to tons simply divide the total pounds by 2000. FOR CDE PURPOSES, TOTAL VOLUME PER ACRE ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED IN TONS PER ACRE.

DBH Pulpwood To a 4" top	1 (16' logs)	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	
6	166	220	268	324	380	428			
7	216	286	350	414	466	558			
8	268	352	434	524	552	690	732		
9	364	494	622	730	808	908	936		
DBH Sawtimber to an 8" top	1 (16' logs)	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
10	462	638	812	938	1064	1128	1142		
11	556	770	980	1140	1298	1404	1480		
12	654	904	1148	1344	1534	1680	1820		
13	774	1074	1372	1606	1838	2016	2190		
14	896	1246	1596	1870	2142	2352	2562	2772	2982
15	1028	1432	1834	2152	2474	2730	2982	3234	3486
16	1162	1618	2072	2436	2808	3108	3202	3696	3990
17	1322	1844	2356	2786	3210	3556	3898	4076	4396
18	1484	2072	2654	3136	3612	4004	4396	4458	4802
19	1656	2310	2964	3506	4042	4480	4920	5154	5530
20	1828	2548	3276	3878	4474	4956	5446	5852	6558
21	2016	2814	3616	4280	4942	5488	6038	6502	6964
22	2206	3080	3956	4684	5412	6020	6630	7154	7672
23	2436	3402	4356	5116	5984	6650	7308	7910	8508
24	2672	3724	4756	5670	6566	7280	7988	8667	9346
25	2946	4112	5236	6174	7100	7938	8712	9470	10214
26	3226	4502	5718	6678	7636	8596	9436	10276	11082
27	3562	5002	6296	7558	8308	9348	10264	11382	12060
28	3900	5442	6874	7840	8970	10100	11094	12090	13038
29	4231	5904	7458	8506	9732	10958	12037	13117	14146
30	4563	6367	8042	9172	10495	11817	12980	14145	15254

TABLE II (Sawlogs)
DOYLE LOG RULE
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VOLUME (Board Feet) BY NUMBER OF 16 FOOT LOGS

DBH Inches	1	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5
10	14	17	20	21	22				
11	22	27	32	35	38				
12	29	36	43	48	53	54	56		
13	38	48	59	66	73	76	80		
14	48	62	75	84	93	98	103		
15	60	78	96	108	121	128	136		
16	72	94	116	132	149	160	170		
17	86	113	140	161	182	196	209		
18	100	132	164	190	215	232	248		
19	118	156	194	225	256	276	297		
20	135	180	225	261	297	322	346	364	383
21	151	207	260	302	344	374	404	428	452
22	174	234	295	344	392	427	462	492	521
23	195	264	332	388	444	483	522	558	594
24	216	293	370	433	496	539	582	625	668
25	241	328	414	486	558	609	660	709	758
26	266	362	459	539	619	678	737	793	849
27	292	398	505	594	684	749	814	877	940
28	317	434	551	650	750	820	890	961	1032
29	346	475	604	714	824	902	980	1061	1142
30	376	517	658	778	898	984	1069	1160	1251

SOURCE: United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Note: Volume Table II is for hardwood logs use only in the Alabama FFA CDE. If event judges select hardwood for the timber cruising phase of the event, this table will be used for calculations and scoring purposes instead of the southern pine weight table. If approximate tons per acre are desired, MBF Doyle volume per acre may be divided by 1,000 and then multiplied by 8.5 for a rough conversion to tons. However, for CDE purposes, volumes, including total volume answers, will remain in Board Feet Doyle scale for hardwood. Doyle rule only is used in the National Forestry CDE.

SCORE CHART FOR VOLUME OF SAWTIMBER

Check One: Pulpwood _____ Sawtimber _____

Pounds per Acre		
<u>Percent Range</u>	<u>Volume Range</u>	<u>Volume Score</u>
60 - 65%-----	_____	----- 5 pts.
65 - 70%-----	_____	----- 10 pts.
70 - 75%-----	_____	----- 15 pts.
75 - 80%-----	_____	----- 20 pts.
80 - 85%-----	_____	----- 25 pts.
85 - 90%-----	_____	----- 30 pts.
90 - 95%-----	_____	----- 35 pts.
95-105%-----	_____	----- 40 pts.
105-110%-----	_____	----- 35 pts.
110-115%-----	_____	----- 30 pts.
115-120%-----	_____	----- 25 pts.
120-125%-----	_____	----- 20 pts.
125-130%-----	_____	----- 15 pts.
130-135%-----	_____	----- 10 pts.
135-140%-----	_____	----- 5 pts.

This chart is to be used only by official scorers.

Note: This card is for local/county usage only. Scantron will be used in district and state events. Since DBH and #16 foot logs (and not weight or volume of individual trees) are recorded on the scantron, participants must record weights or volume of each tree on a “scratch sheet of paper,” then total the volumes of each tree, multiply by 5 (to expand 1/5 acre volume to full acre) and THEN record their full per acre weight (in tons [divide by 2,000]) or volume estimate on the scantron.

B. Sawtimber

No.	DBH(3 pts.)	#16'Logs (3 pts.)	Bd.Ft. (0pts.)	Score
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

Bd. Ft. on 1/5 acre plot _____ **Crusing Score** _____

Bd. Ft. per Acre _____ **Volume Score** _____
(Maximum Volume Score 40 Points)

TOTAL SAWTIMBER SCORE _____

Phase 3 -- TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (TSI) AND/OR THINNING

1. A management objective must be in writing.
2. Twenty five (25) trees will be selected and designated for use in this portion of the event. All twenty five trees selected should be within a 1/5 acre plot (52'8" radius).
3. The 25 trees selected will represent a timber stand that needs either thinning or some TSI work. The participants will be given a "situation" concerning the forest management objectives of this imaginary stand. All trees, including unmarked trees, within the TSI area will be considered as part of the stand. Information that will help the participants with their decisions will include such things as wildlife habitat considerations, markets available, present condition of the stand, and the final goal of the management plan. Other information may be offered in order to help make the proper decisions.
4. Participants will have only 3 options for each of the 25 trees. The Practicum 1 section will be used to complete this activity. The options will be:
 - A. Harvest -- Utilize the tree.
 - B. Leave -- This tree will remain in the stand for a good reason.
 - C. Deaden -- (Undesirable tree, not merchantable or beneficial to wildlife, should be deadened or cut down and left in woods)
5. Four points will be allowed for each correct decision for a total of 100 points.
6. Participants will be given 20 minutes to make their decision in TSI.

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (TSI) AND/OR THINNING STUDY GUIDE

PURPOSE: Exercising proper judgment in removing poor quality trees from your timber stands at the opportune time is essential to the overall health, vigor, and value of your forests.

THINNING: You should thin (harvest) overstocked woods or those which are becoming crowded in order to give the remaining trees more space in which to grow in size and value.

METHOD

1. Determine which species of trees you want to harvest.

Trees will be marked for harvest if they are merchantable, will not help the landowner meet his objective(s), and are interfering with the growth of better trees. Trees that will not survive until the next cutting cycle should be harvested

regardless of spacing unless they are useful for non-economic objectives. Minimum merchantable size is 5.0 inches DBH and twelve feet in height to a 4.0 inch top unless otherwise specified in the written "situation". Maximum merchantable size for particular product classifications is unlimited unless so specified. Large trees may be considered unmerchantable if they are hollow or decayed throughout the majority of the main stem. All species are considered merchantable for any and all product classifications unless otherwise specified in the written "situation".

2. Determine which species of trees you want to leave.

Trees will be marked leave, that are either considered "crop" trees that will remain in the stand until the final harvest or the next cutting cycle or will in some other way help the landowner achieve his management objective(s).

3. Determine which species of trees you want to deaden.

Trees should be deadened that are not merchantable, will not help achieve the management objective(s), and are interfering with the growth of better trees.

TSI: Timber stand improvement will eliminate woody vegetation, undesirable species and commercially cull trees that prevent or restrict the growth and development of desired trees and forage plants. Only those trees that are harmful to the orderly execution of your management plans should be deadened. Often low grade or undesirable species of hardwood can be sold. This approach should be considered with the assistance of a Forester before TSI work is started. Also, some cull trees and low quality species may be considered from the wildlife standpoint.

The participants will be given a situation concerning the forest management objectives of the stand selected. This information will be given to participants at the site before they start. Information that will be needed to help participants in their decisions will include:

- Markets available (ex: minimum dbh or merchantable heights, species requirements, pulpwood, tie-logs, saw-logs, etc.)
- Wildlife considerations (big-game, small game, quail, turkey, etc.)
- Present condition of the stand
- Management plan (ex: primary and secondary objectives)

Landowner management objectives for TSI

WRITTEN management objective shall include one of the following:

1. Landowner wants to manage on a selective sustained yield basis (no final clear-cut)

OR

2. Landowner wants to manage on an even aged basis (the stand will be clear-cut at some point in the future).

In either case the approximate age of the overstory shall be given. If the stand is to manage on an uneven aged basis, then the approximate age the stand will be harvested (clearcut) shall be given

Example: This stand is approx. 20 years old, and the landowners wants to clearcut and replant at age 35.

Management objective shall include a primary objective and any secondary objectives of the landowner (in order of importance) Secondary objectives are NOT necessarily required.

Possible landowner objectives could include,

1. Economic return
2. Wildlife (either in general or by species)
3. Aesthetics
4. Recreation (this could include hunting, hiking, camping, bird watching etc.)
5. Watershed protection: especially if all or part of the TSI area is within a perennial riparian (35 feet or less from the streambank)

Example: The landowner's primary objective is economic return from the production of timber. His secondary objective is wildlife, especially deer and turkey.

Minimum merchantability size should be included in the management objective. If not otherwise stated a minimum of 4.6 (5" diameter class) at DBH and at least 16' to a 3" top should be considered minimum for both pine and hardwood.

Maximum merchantability size: If economic return is an objective any pine that has reached a maximum desirable merchantability should be harvested. (22" DBH unless otherwise stated in the objectives.) No maximum merchantability for Hardwood unless stated in the objectives) Oversize pines should only be left if tree in question happens to be growing directly on a perennial streambank.

Wildlife Trees

Keep in mind that trees left for wildlife need to be large enough to produce significant amounts of mast (seed) BEFORE the final harvest, (if there is to be one) (don't leave a 2 ft. oak if you plan to clear-cut and plant in 10 years)

Which tree species should be favored Depends on what type of wildlife the landowner has in mind (in the objectives)

For Deer consider the following (in order of preference)

White Oaks (including Post and Chestnut oak)
Red Oaks
Persimmon

For Turkey consider the following:
(in order of preference)

White Oaks (including Post and Chestnut oak)

Red Oaks (especially Water oak)
Beech
Dogwood
Persimmon
Cherry
Mulberry
Blackgum

If one of the objectives is wildlife in general (or specific cavity nesters such as squirrel, raccoon and wood duck) is an objective consider leaving trees with hollows or cavities. Sweetgum may be considered a wildlife tree if the objective is wildlife in general or quail specifically. Hickory also may be considered for wildlife in general or for squirrel specifically.

If the TSI area or a part of it is within 35 feet of a live stream the SMZ guidelines must be considered. Only 50% of the overstory may be removed from the SMZ area. NO TREES that are actually on the stream bank or in the stream channel are to be removed. Oftentimes harvesting inside an SMZ in a mixed stand involves harvesting the mature pine and leaving the hardwood

Phase 4 -- TREE IDENTIFICATION

1. Participants will be required to identify 20 species from those listed. The same species may be used more than once on the same event. Participants will be judged on the accuracy of identification.

The Tree Identification Score Card has been revised. The front is shown on page 18 and back on page 19. Participants will simply write the number representing the tree species as listed on the back of the card. Participants will no longer be required to spell the name of the tree.

2. Five points will be given for each correct answer.
3. If a live specimen is not available potted trees, cuttings, and or branches may be used.

SPECIES

01 American Beech	21 Eastern Hemlock	41 River Birch
02 American Holly	22 Eastern Hophornbeam	42 Sassafras
03 American Hornbeam	23 Eastern Redbud	43 Scarlet Oak
04 American Sycamore	24 Eastern Redcedar	44 Shortleaf Pine
05 Ash	25 Elm	45 Silver Maple
06 Baldcypress	26 Flowering Dogwood	46 Slash Pine
07 Basswood	27 Hackberry	47 Sourwood
08 Black Cherry	28 Hickory	48 Southern Catalpa
09 Blackgum	29 Honey Locust	49 Southern Magnolia
10 Blackjack Oak	30 Live Oak	50 Southern Red Oak
11 Black Locust	31 Loblolly Pine	51 Sugar/Florida/Chalk Maple
12 Black Oak	32 Longleaf Pine	52 Sweetbay
13 Black Walnut	33 Mimosa	53 Sweetgum
14 Black Willow	34 Northern Red Oak	54 Virginia Pine
15 Boxelder	35 Osage-orange	55 Water Oak
16 Buckeye (sp)	36 Overcup Oak	56 White Oak
17 Cherrybark Oak	37 Pecan	57 Willow Oak
18 Chestnut Oak	38 Post Oak	58 Yellow-poplar
19 Common Persimmon	39 Red Maple	
20 Eastern Cottonwood	40 Red Mulberry	

NOTE: Only these trees will be considered. The study guide for the Tree Identification phase is 100 Forest Trees of Alabama. Some species may not appear in the 100 Forest Trees of Alabama study material.

Front of Tree Identification Score Card

ALABAMA FFA FORESTRY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCORE CARD

Participant's Name _____

Participant's No. _____

School _____

TREE IDENTIFICATION (Maximum Score 100 Points)

Specimen Number	Number From Back of Card	Specimen Number	Number From Back of Card
1	_____	11	_____
2	_____	12	_____
3	_____	13	_____
4	_____	14	_____
5	_____	15	_____
6	_____	16	_____
7	_____	17	_____
8	_____	18	_____
9	_____	19	_____
10	_____	20	_____

Score

Note: This card is for local/county usage only. Scantron card will be used in district/state events.

Back of Tree Identification Score Card

Enter the number in front of the tree species below in the appropriate space on the front of this card.

01 American Beech	21 Eastern Hemlock	41 River Birch
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Note: Tree list will be provided in all Alabama events. Participants will record species by number from the list. If a live specimen is not available potted trees, cuttings, and or branches may be used.

Phase 5 -- COMPASS COURSE

1. The compass course is a part of the event at the county, district, and state levels.
2. **Course Setup**

The tools needed for setting up the compass course are: one accurate hand compass, staff compass; one steel tape; and a minimum of six wooden stakes of sufficient length to leave two to three feet above the ground.

Mark 6 points, using a stake at each point. (It is suggested that stakes be either painted orange or wrapped with orange flagging.) There should be a minimum of five degrees difference in direction and 50 feet distance between each point. The entire course should not be over 600 feet.

Points and direction should be designated A (start), B, C, D, E, and F (end).
Distances should be designated as A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, and E-F.

Points (stakes) should be clearly visible. Each point should be clearly labeled as A, B, C, D, E, and F (perhaps using paper plates stapled to each stake).

3. **Operation of Course**

Event officials must keep in mind that each group has only twenty minutes to complete the course.

It is suggested that if the number of teams represented is expected to exceed six, then one or more parallel courses should be set up. This will permit more than one participant in each group to work on the same point at the same time. (It would not be necessary to separate these parallel courses by more than three to four feet.)

Each participant will take an azimuth reading at each of the first five points, using any type hand compass. If using a quadrant compass, the reading must be converted to azimuth. Compasses designed to be mounted on a tripod or staff should not be allowed. "Digital" and/or "electronic" compasses are NOT ALLOWED.

Each team member will need to bring a hand compass with declination set at zero. (Note: Each team member should have their team name on their compass.)

After each direction is recorded, the participant will pace the following distance and record it to the nearest foot. Standard pocket Calculators may be used to convert paces to feet. *True North should be recorded as 0 degrees, not 360.*

Participants MAY NOT support their compass on any stake or other object.
Participants MAY NOT touch or move the stakes in any way.

Participants will determine each distance by pacing (that is by using a natural walking gait) NO HEEL-TOE, HEEL-TOE measurements will be allowed.

4. Scoring

Each participant will be awarded 100 points for the compass course phase at the beginning of the event. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each compass reading and ten (10) points for each correct distance. For each two degree error, one point will be deducted. For each 2-foot error, one point will be deducted. For each direction or each distance that is omitted, ten (10) points will be deducted. No more than 10 points will be deducted for each direction or distance.

ALABAMA FFA FORESTRY CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT SCORE CARD

**COMPASS COURSE
SCORE CARD**
Maximum Score
100 points

Participant's Name _____

Participant's No. _____

School _____

POINT	DIRECTION (bearing or azimuth)	ERROR	POINT DEDUCTION (1 point for each 2-degree error) Maximum 10 pts.	LINE	DISTANCE (to nearest foot)	ERROR	POINT DEDUCTION (1 point for each 2-foot error) Maximum 10 pts.
A				A-B			
B				B-C			
C				C-D			
D				D-E			
E				E-F			
		TOTALS				TOTALS	

TOTAL POINTS DEDUCTED: _____

COMPASS COURSE SCORE _____

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Equipment Identification: State Contest Only

This is an individual event to be conducted in conjunction with the Written Exam. (30-minute time limit for Equipment ID and 30 minute time limit for written exam)

Twenty (20) pieces of equipment (or slides/photos or a combination) from the following list will be displayed for participants to identify by technical names. Each piece of equipment will be designated by number. Time: Each participant will be allowed 30 minutes to complete this phase. Scoring: Three points will be given for each piece of equipment identified correctly for a total of 60 points. All answers must be correct. No partial credit will be given.

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| 01. <u><i>Altimeter</i></u> | 29. <u><i>pH Meter</i></u> |
| 02. <u><i>Back-Pack Fire Pump</i></u> | 30. <u><i>Planimeter</i></u> |
| 03. <u><i>Bark Gauge</i></u> | 31. <u><i>Plant Press</i></u> |
| 04. <u><i>Bulldozer</i></u> | 32. <u><i>Plastic Flagging</i></u> |
| 05. <u><i>Canthook</i></u> | 33. <u><i>Pulaski Forester Axe</i></u> |
| 06. <u><i>Chainsaw</i></u> | 34. <u><i>Relaskop</i></u> |
| 07. <u><i>Chainsaw Chaps</i></u> | 35. <u><i>Safety Glasses</i></u> |
| 08. <u><i>Clinometer</i></u> | 36. <u><i>Safety Hard Hat</i></u> |
| 09. <u><i>Data Recorder</i></u> | 37. <u><i>Soil Sampler</i></u> |
| 10. <u><i>Densimeter</i></u> | 38. <u><i>Soil Test Kit</i></u> |
| 11. <u><i>Diameter Tape</i></u> | 39. <u><i>Staff Compass</i></u> |
| 12. <u><i>Dot Grid</i></u> | 40. <u><i>Stereoscope</i></u> |
| 13. <u><i>Drip Torch</i></u> | 41. <u><i>Survey Instrument</i></u> |
| 14. <u><i>Endloader</i></u> | 42. <u><i>Tally Book</i></u> |
| 15. <u><i>Feller Buncher</i></u> | 43. <u><i>Tally Meter</i></u> |
| 16. <u><i>Fiberglass Measuring Tape</i></u> | 44. <u><i>Tree Caliper</i></u> |
| 17. <u><i>Fire Rake</i></u> | 45. <u><i>Tree Harvester</i></u> |
| 18. <u><i>Fire Weather Kit</i></u> | 46. <u><i>Tree Marking Gun</i></u> |
| 19. <u><i>Fire-Swatter</i></u> | 47. <u><i>Tree Planting Hoe or Bar</i></u> |
| 20. <u><i>Flow/Current Meter</i></u> | 48. <u><i>Tree Skidder</i></u> |
| 21. <u><i>GPS Receiver</i></u> | 49. <u><i>Tree Stick</i></u> |
| 22. <u><i>Hand Compass</i></u> | 50. <u><i>Water Sampler</i></u> |
| 23. <u><i>Hand Lens/Field Microscope</i></u> | 51. <u><i>Water Test Kit</i></u> |
| 24. <u><i>Hip Chain</i></u> | 52. <u><i>Wedge Prism</i></u> |
| 25. <u><i>Hypo-Hatchet</i></u> | 53. <u><i>Wheeler Caliper</i></u> |
| 26. <u><i>Increment Borer</i></u> | |
| 27. <u><i>Log Rule</i></u> | |
| 28. <u><i>Logger's Tape</i></u> | |

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Participant's Name _____

Participant's number _____

School _____

Equipment Identification (maximum 60 points)

Specimen Number	Number from Equip. List	Specimen Number	Number from Equip. List
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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

TOTAL SCORE:

**This card is for local/county usage. Scantron card will be used
in district/state events.**

TEAM ACTIVITY: MAP INTERPRETATION (Odd number years)

This team activity will be conducted at the State level only. All teams will be required to participate.

1. Participants will be furnished a *United States Geological Survey topographic map* with specific points marked to be identified. The participant shall know legal description, recognize topographic map symbols, understand the meaning of map symbols and size and location of 20 acres or more in a section.
2. Ten points on a map will be clearly marked with a number or arrow pointing to the section, symbol, or area on the map to be identified.

Examples:

- (1)What is the legal description of the area boxed?
- (2)What is the item located a this point?
- (3)What is the acreage of the area enclosed?
- (4)In what section is the city of Marshall located?

3. Legal descriptions will be written or described according to the following:

NW Northwest
T Township
SE Southeast
R Range
S Section (640 acres)
¼ Quarter of section (160 acres)

4. SCORING: Ten questions or problems will be completed. The ten questions or problems will be multiple-choice with four (4) possible answers. Ten points will be awarded for each correct answer.

REFERENCES:

The U.S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Topographic Map information and Symbols Key. Available from: Map Distribution, U. S. Geological Survey, Box 25286, Federal Center, Denver, CO 80223.

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| *How to teach with Topographic Map | (\$12.95) |
| *Your Way with Map and Compass Orienteering | (\$8.95) |
| *Be Expert with Map and Compass | (\$17.25) |

*All Available through "Ben Meadows Co." or "Forestry Suppliers"

TEAM ACTIVITY: Forest Disorders, Hazards, Pests (Even number years)

Forest Disorders, Hazards, Pests Practicum

- a. Symptoms of at least ten (10) and not more than twenty (20) disorders from the list at the end of this chapter will be displayed for participants to identify by common names. The symptoms will be presented in one or more of the following forms:
- Actual sample
 - Pictures/slides
 - Written description
 - Written case history
- b. A number will designate each set of symptoms representing a disorder.
- c. Scoring: A total of 100 points are possible for this practicum.

Tree Disorders Identification List

INSECTS:

- Ambrosia Beetle
- Aphid
- Bagworm
- Black Turpentine Beetle
- Conifer Sawflies
- Cicada
- Eastern Tent Caterpillar
- Fall Webworm
- Gypsy Moth
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
- Insect Gall
- Ips Engraver Beetle
- Locust Borer
- Nantucket Pine Tip Moth
- Pales Weevil
- Pine Sawfly
- Pine Webworm
- Scales
- Southern Pine Beetle
- Southern Pine Sawyer

DISEASES:

- Annosum Root Disease
- Black Knot

- Brown Spot Needle Blight
- Cedar Apple Rust
- Fusiform Rust
- Hypoxylon Canker
- Littleleaf Disease
- Needle Casts
- Nectria Canker
- Pine Needle Rust
- Pitch Canker
- Slime Flux
- Sooty Mold
- Witches Broom

OTHER DISORDERS:

- Fire Damage
- Mechanical Damage
- Mistletoe
- Sunscald
- Wildlife/Livestock Damage

HAZARDS OF THE FOREST:

- Black Widow Spider
- Brown Recluse Spider
- Fire Ants
- Poison Ivy/Oak
- Saddleback Caterpillar

- Scorpion
- Tick
- Wasps
- Copperhead
- Coral Snake
- Cotton Mouth/ Water Moccasin
- Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake
- Pygmy Rattlesnake
- Timber Rattlesnake

INVASIVE SPECIES:

- Autumn Olive
- Chinaberry
- Chinese Privet
- Chinese Tallow Tree
- Cogongrass
- Japanese Climbing Fern
- Kudzu
- Mimosa
- Paulownia
- Tree of Heaven
- Wisteria

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Participant	Participant Number	Event Phase	Participant Score	Participant Total
Name of Participant # 1	Written Exam (100 points)			
	Timber Cruising/Estimating (Max. 100 points.) Sawtimber (Score:)			
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI) (100 pts.)			
	Tree Identification (100 points.)			
	Compass Course (100 points.)			
	Participant # 1's Total (Maximum score possible is 500 points.)			
Name of Participant # 2	Written Exam (100 points)			
	Timber Cruising/Estimating (Max. 100 points.) Sawtimber (Score:)			
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI) (100 pts.)			
	Tree Identification (100 points.)			
	Compass Course (100 points.)			
	Participant # 2's Total (Maximum score possible is 500 points.)			
Name of Participant # 3	Written Exam (100 points)			
	Timber Cruising/Estimating (Max. 100 points.) Sawtimber (Score:)			
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI) (100 pts.)			
	Tree Identification (100 points.)			
	Compass Course (100 points.)			
	Participant # 3's Total (Maximum score possible is 500 points.)			
Name of Participant # 4	Written Exam (100 points)			
	Timber Cruising/Estimating (Max. 100 points.) Sawtimber (Score:)			
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI) (100 pts.)			
	Tree Identification (100 points.)			
	Compass Course (100 points.)			
	Participant # 4's Total (Maximum score possible is 500 points.)			
TEAM RANKING		TOTAL TEAM SCORE (The three highest individual participant scores will make up the team score. Maximum score possible is 1500 points.)		

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Participant	Participant Number	Event Phase	Participant Score	Participant Total
Name of Participant # 1	Written Exam	(100 points)		
	Timber Cruising/Estimating Sawtimber (Score:)	(Max. 100 points.)		
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI)	(100 pts.)		
	Tree Identification	(100 points.)		
	Compass Course	(100 points.)		
	Equipment Identification	(60 points)		
	Participant # 1's Total			
Name of Participant # 2	Written Exam	(100 points)		
	Timber Cruising/Estimating Sawtimber (Score:)	(Max. 100 points.)		
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI)	(100 pts.)		
	Tree Identification	(100 points.)		
	Compass Course	(100 points.)		
	Equipment Identification	(60 points)		
	Participant # 2's Total			
Name of Participant # 3	Written Exam	(100 points)		
	Timber Cruising/Estimating Sawtimber (Score:)	(Max. 100 points.)		
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI)	(100 pts.)		
	Tree Identification	(100 points.)		
	Compass Course	(100 points.)		
	Equipment Identification	(60 points)		
	Participant # 3's Total			
Name of Participant # 4	Written Exam	(100 points)		
	Timber Cruising/Estimating Sawtimber (Score:)	(Max. 100 points.)		
	Timberstand Improvement (TSI)	(100 pts.)		
	Tree Identification	(100 points.)		
	Compass Course	(100 points.)		
	Equipment Identification	(60 points)		
	Participant # 4's Total			
TEAM ACTIVITY: Map Interpretation (100 points)				
TOTAL TEAM SCORE				
(The three highest individual participant scores plus the team activity score will make up the team score. Maximum score possible is 1780 points.)				
TEAM RANKING				

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Team Activity - 20 minutes				
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Time Period A	Timber Measurements	Tree ID	TSI	Compass Course
B	Calculations	Timber Measurements	Compass Course	TSI
C	Compass Course	Calculations	Timber Measurements	Tree ID
D	Tree ID	TSI	Calculations	Timber Measurements
E	TSI	Compass Course	Tree ID	Calculations

Note: Time Periods are twenty minutes each.