

The 2009 NC 4-H Forestry Invitational will be held on October 3, 2009, at [Schenck Memorial Forest](#) in Raleigh from 9am - 2pm. Registration deadline is September 25, 2009.

The state contest will consist of:

- Tree Identification - 25 species (30 minutes)
- Tree Measurement - 15 trees (45 minutes)
- Forest Insect Identification - 10 species (30 minutes total for both events)
- Forest Disease Identification - 10 samples
- Forest Evaluation (60 minutes – team event)

All events, except the Forest Evaluation, are individual events.

Teams consist of 3-4 members. The team score is the combination of the top three individual scores in each event and the team score in Forest Evaluation. Therefore, it is advantageous to put forth a four-member team. Senior Team members must have passed their 14th birthday on or before December 31st of 2008, and must not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1, 2009. Junior Teams can be created with 4-Hers ages 9-13. Teams will need to provide their own lunches at the contest site. Teams can be comprised of 4-Hers from adjoining counties. In addition, 4-Hers can enter as individuals.

Teams can find all the contest information and materials they need by visiting the National 4-H Forestry Invitational web site < <http://www.aces.edu/n4hfi/> >. In addition - all these materials are provided in a trunk located in Extension Forestry. This trunk may be borrowed for a two week time period - but it cannot be shipped to counties. Counties must arrange for a pick-up date with Renee Strnad (renee_strnad@ncsu.edu). If the trunk is not returned by the agreed due date to Extension Forestry, a \$500 replacement fee will be charged. Extension Forestry will not be providing training sessions, as all the information is provided on the national web site in a clear and concise format.

The state contest will determine which Senior Team will have the opportunity to represent North Carolina at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational at Jackson's Mill 4-H Center in Weston, West Virginia, in late July 2010. Travel may be reimbursed by the National Forestry Invitational Committee, and team lodging and meals during the contest is provided by International Paper. There is no monetary support for counties wishing to participate in the state or national 4-H Forestry Invitationals.

For more information:

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/4hprogramming.htm>

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