February 14, 2018

Re: BIG E Environmental and Natural Resource CDE

Dear FFA Advisors and Team Members,

I am Tom Hojnowski, advisor of the Canton FFA in Pennsylvania. My daughter, Tricia and I are once again the chairpersons for the event. I wanted to connect with you to let you know that we have printed out the Environmental and Natural Resource Guide 2017 – 2021 from the National FFA web site and are using this as our guide for what areas we will attempt to once again cover in 2018. I anticipate we will add the oral component this year as is shown in the CDE guide. Please be watching for updates as the event draws near via e-mail.

Should a GPS unit be needed, we will have them available or you can bring your own just in case. I am not sure if we will be able to incorporate a gps segment to the event. So, be prepared for what is mentioned in the national guide for that day. Computers will not be needed this year for the event, and if we find we need one, we will supply them. Cell phones are not permitted at all while the event is run, so if we see them, the students will be disqualified.

The scantron sheet found on the national site will not be used as our choices will not fit that format for all. The national soil profile scorecard or something very similar will be used. The Water Analysis and GPS Location scorecards may be used. If you look at the individual expectations for the GPS activities, you will note there are more expectations than what you see on the GPS scorecard. Be prepared for a GPS activity, but I am uncertain if we will be doing one at the Big E.

Please, be patient as we continue to try and make the event as meaningful as possible while trying to maintain an even playing field. Official dress is required. Show off that FFA pride.

Here is last year's schedule and point values. There will most likely be some changes in 2018 which we will share as time approaches to the event. But it offers some idea of what to expect.

ENVIRONMENTAL and NATURAL RESOURCE CDE

BIG E ROTATION SCHEDULE 2017

7:15 AM – 7:30 AM	CHECK IN
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	TEAM EVENT
8:30 AM – 8:45	GET IN GROUPS/RECEIVE TEST

GROUP ROTATIONS (2500 pts)

EVENT Points per member	8:45 TO 9:20	9:20 TO 9:55	9:55 TO 10:30	10:30 TO 11:05	11:05 TO 11:40	11:40 TO 12:15
ID test 100 pts	A	B	C	D	E	F
Data 100 pts	B	C	D	E	F	A
Water 100 pts	C	D	E	F	A	B
Soil 100 pts	D	E	F	A	B	C
Paper Test 100 pts	E	F	A	B	C	D
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Students will be assigned a group that they will remain in from 8:45 until 12:15. They will receive the paper test which can be worked on whenever time exists and during designated time.

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should you have any questions. I will be e-mailing all participants as well as we approach the event this summer