



Grassland Plant Identification



State O-Rama – Senior 4-H'ers
Animal Science

OBJECTIVES

Targeted Life Skills: Self-esteem, decision-making, problem solving, critical thinking, cooperation, teamwork

Opportunity will be provided for faculty to share information about related college degree programs in Animal Science and Plant Science and career options in:

Cooperative Extension Service
Livestock Operations Management
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U. S. Forest Service
Game and Fish Commission

This activity will train 4-H members in identification of common plants found in grasslands and pastures. In their training prior to the annual state contest, the 4-H'ers should learn the names and life cycles of the plants listed on the Plant ID card of the Arkansas Grassland Evaluation Contest. 4-H members should learn to make their own decisions based upon the best available information. Individuals and teams are encouraged to compete in this contest in preparation for the Arkansas Grassland Evaluation Contest held in the spring.

ACTIVITY

The 4-H Grassland Plant Identification Contest will be held during the Arkansas 4-H State O-Rama. **All individuals must be preregistered.** Contestants should be prepared to identify live specimens and photographs of plant specimens and the life cycle of each as listed in Plant ID section of the Grassland Evaluation Contest Manual <http://agebb.missouri.edu/mfgc/news.htm>.

General Rules

1. The competition is open to Senior 4-H individuals. Up to two Senior individuals can compete from each county.
2. Contestants should bring pencils or pen. No cell phones, paper, or reference material can be used.
3. No talking during the contest.
4. Contestant names and county must be written on each scorecard. If both the name and number are left off the scorecard, the individual will receive zero points for that card.
5. Contestants will not be allowed to leave the contest site during the competition.
6. Plants to be identified will be photographs on PowerPoint. The number for each plant must be written in the space corresponding to the correct plant name and plant life cycle on the scorecard. If the plant falls in both life cycle categories, either one or both can be marked to be considered correct.
7. Points will be awarded for each correctly identified plant and additional points for the correct life cycle if the plant is identified correctly.



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8. Ties will be broken by the highest points for the plant life cycle. In the event the score remains tied, the winner will be determined by highest score for each scorecard section, starting with grasses, legumes, forbs, and then woody species.
9. Judge's decisions will be final concerning any questions involving the contest.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The contest is open to Senior 4-H members. Any Senior 4-H member whose name is entered by his or her county Extension agent will be eligible to enter this contest and compete as an individual. Up to two Senior individuals per county may compete in the State O-Rama Plant ID Contest.

AWARDS

First through fifth-place individuals will receive ribbons.

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