



2015 California Forestry Challenge Rules

1. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to participate. Community college students may participate if the facility can accommodate them, as determined by the CFC coordinator.
2. Teams will consist of two to five students from the same school or home schooling group. More than one team may enter from each school as space permits.
3. An adult team advisor must accompany each team. The advisor can be a teacher, staff member, or approved parent from that school. One advisor can supervise more than one team from the same school, as housing arrangements permit.
4. A completed registration form and registration fees must be received 12 days prior to the start of the event. Registration fees must be paid for each person attending, including teachers and adult chaperones. Fees for advisors' infants and small children may be waived on a case-by-case basis.
 - Shasta FC fees are \$100 per person, due September 11
 - Sequoia FC fees are \$100 per person, due September 25
 - El Dorado FC fees are \$115 per person, due October 2
 - Santa Cruz FC fees are \$165 per person, due October 23
 - San Bernardino fees are \$150 per person, due November 6
5. Student substitutions and/or cancellations are allowed up until 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the event. There will be no refunds for students or advisors that cancel after that date. Any unused registration fees for whole schools that pay and then don't attend can be applied to a 2016 event.
6. All student participants must arrive with all applicable and signed Liability / Medical / Media Release Forms in order to participate. These forms must be turned in at registration, or can be mailed in prior to the event.
7. Advisors and students will check in together, unless prior arrangements are made with the CFC Coordinator.
8. Team advisors must be on site with their students at all times and will be responsible to assure that team members display proper conduct during the event and at the host facility.
9. All students and advisors must attend and fully participate in all scheduled activities.

10. The use of personal electronic devices such as cell phones and I-Pods is prohibited except during free time or in the case of an emergency.
11. Students must report to and stay in their assigned cabins or dormitories at the designated time at the end of each day.
12. No students or advisors are allowed to leave the host site without approval.
13. Tobacco, drugs, and alcohol are prohibited during all parts of the event. In addition, rules applicable to the host site will apply.
14. Transportation to, from, and during an event will be the responsibility of each participating team, unless transportation is provided during an event.
15. The CFC has two parts: a Field Test and a Presentation. The two parts will be scored separately. The Field Test will be worth 60%, and the Presentation will be worth 40% of the total score.
16. The Field Test will be comprehensive in nature, with many questions using props and tools such as tree specimens and forestry equipment. One test key will be provided for each school at the conclusion of the testing period, to be returned before the conclusion of the event. The event Coordinator or designee will be available to answer questions.
17. Test questions will be devised using the CFC Learning Objectives and Resource Packet materials as a guide, but are not necessarily limited to those items. Knowledge of basic ecological concepts and information presented during the field trip and field training may be tested as well.
18. Students will not be allowed to use their own reference materials during the Field Test. All materials needed during the Field Test, including identification keys, reference materials, and equipment, will be provided at the testing stations. However, any and all written and electronic materials teams bring to the event and gather while at the event may be used to prepare the Presentation. Laptop computers will be used, and there will be equal access to wireless internet.
19. Each team's Field Test and Presentation scores will be totaled, and overall place awards will be given accordingly. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
20. Students and advisors will be asked to complete an evaluation form at the conclusion of the event.
21. Grievances must be submitted in writing to the Coordinator by the end of the review period immediately following the Field Test or the Presentation portion of the event.
22. Grievances will be reviewed by the Coordinator, and discussed with involved judges and/or volunteers. The Coordinator's decisions are final.
23. CFC rules are subject to change by the Coordinator. Any and all changes will be explained in advance to all teams and advisors.
24. Any infraction of any of the CFC Rules could result in disqualification and/or dismissal from the event and the host site.