

**36th Annual Student Career Days**  
**March 22 – 25, 2012**  
**Kansas State University**

## **LANDSCAPE PLANT INSTALLATION**

**Description:** A three-person team (maximum of one team per school) will install a variety of landscape materials such as sod, soil amendments, mulch, tree staking and plants. Each team will be provided with a plan that will show the exact relationship of materials to be installed and may include an area between 100 and 400 square feet.

**Time:** 1 hour and 50 minutes

**Limits: The sponsor reserves the right to limit the number of teams that will compete based on space constraints and materials available.** Schools will be able to compete based on the date their registrations were received and paid for. (Registrations that are received late or have not been paid will be placed on a waiting list.)

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

**Points:** 100 possible points per team member; 200 possible points towards the team score; each team member will receive half of the team points for their individual scores; two of the three individual scores are combined toward the team score.

Points will be assigned based on the following criteria:

1. Accuracy of assembly according to provided plan information. (30%)
2. Quality of final installed products such as tightness of joints, smoothness of curves, evenness of mulch, etc. (50%)
3. Safe installation procedures used. (20%)

Time will only be used as a tiebreaker.

**Students are required to bring the following materials to the event:** Two measuring tapes, architects' scale, two long handle shovels, one hard rake, one mallet, safety glasses, boots, and gloves.

**Students can use the following optional tools:** Marking flags, string, hand trowels, hand picks, additional shovels, and rakes.

Only approved tools on this list can be used in the competition. All other tools are prohibited.

**Sponsor/ Host School is required to supply the following materials for the event:**

- 60 copies of landscape installation plan
- All landscape materials needed for installation
- 60 cans of marking paint
- 60 sod knives
- Stopwatches
- Sufficient number of judges and event monitors
- Any other items deemed necessary for this event