NJ FCCLA Spring State Competitive Event Descriptions

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CULINARY EVENTS		
Art of Garde Manger	The Art of Garde Manger Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event that combines creativity, knife skills, food safety, sanitation, and preparation with an artistic presentation. Participants must create one (1) plated presentation item. For the 2024 State Leadership Conference, all participants will create a Vegetarian Spring Charcuterie Board.	
Bread Basics	The Bread Basics Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event that gives students the opportunity to combine their knowledge of science and food in a creative way through baking. It has 3 parts: a multiple-choice test, a demonstration/presentation, and a product sample.	
Cake Decorating	The Cake Decorating Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event that allows a student to express his/her creativity while displaying cake decorating skills. Each participant must prepare the base of the cake off-site and decorate the cake on-site based on the annual theme for each event category using edible materials, according to industry standards. For the 2023-2024 State Leadership Conference, the event will focus on the XXXIII Olympic Summer Games in Paris.	
Food Truck Feud	Food Truck Feud is an individual or team (up to 3 people) event, recognizes participants for their ability to research and explore owning, operating, and marketing a Food Truck. Participants are also recognized for their ability to prepare and execute an organized portfolio and an oral presentation. Participant(s) must prepare a portfolio, and an oral presentation.	
Hospitality 101	The Hospitality 101 Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event that introduces students to the hospitality industry. It consists of three parts: a pre-event interview, a knowledge test, and a restaurant serving simulation.	
International Food	People do not eat only to obtain nutrients and ward off hunger and starvation. People's eating habits are strongly influenced by culture. International Food is an individual or team event (up to 3 people) that recognizes participants for their ability to research and explore a country of their choice through a focus on food. Participants are also recognized for their ability to prepare and execute a PowerPoint (or Google Slides) and a presentation, select significant recipes, and prepare one recipe for which the country is most famous.	
Luncheon Menu Showcase	The Luncheon Menu Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event that combines creativity, knife skills, food safety, sanitation, preparation, and nutrition knowledge with an artistic presentation. Participants must plan a nutritionally well-balanced luncheon menu, create one (1) plated presentation item, and provide a coordinated beverage. For the 2024 State Leadership Conference, all participants will create a Pasta Salad Entree.	

EDUCATION EVENTS	
The Lessons Learned Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event in which the participant demonstrates knowledge of organizing and writing lesson plans for concepts directed at 4- to 5-year-old children. A large emphasis is placed on creativity and knowledge in planning age-appropriate activities as well as knowledge of safety precautions. The topic for the 2024 State Leadership Conference is "A Trip to the Dentist".	
The Storybook Ethics Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event in a child development-oriented area that encourages meaningful story time for young children. The story presented must focus on one (1) of the six (6) pillars of character – responsibility, fairness, citizenship, caring, trustworthiness, and respect.	
The Effective Teacher Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event in which the participant demonstrates knowledge of the education career pathway and the skills needed to be a successful teacher. Inspiration, motivation and effective techniques used in planning age-appropriate activities to engage students contributes to success in the classroom. The topic for the 2023-2024 State Leadership Conference is "How to organize study groups and recognize students for good grades among diverse multilevel learning classrooms."	
The Toys That Teach Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event that fosters the understanding of the relationship between learning and play for children through the development of an original toy.	
FASHION/INTERIOR DESIGN EVENTS	
The Fashion Runway Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event in which a student constructs and presents a garment or garments that cover both the upper and lower portion of the body from a commercial pattern, an original design, or a combination of both forms. Quality of construction, fit, and knowledge of skills are all part of the judging process.	
The Personal Patchwork Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event in which students construct and present a patchwork project from a commercial pattern, an original design, or a combination of both forms. Quality of construction, creativity, knowledge of skills, and presentation are all part of the judging process.	
The Successories Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual event in which students design and construct a project representative of a specified accessory category identified by the State Executive Council. Participants are judged on quality of construction, creativity, documentation, and presentation. For the 2024 State Leadership Conference, the	

FASHION/INTERIOR DESIGN EVENTS (cont'd)		
Windows of Fashion	Windows of Fashion, a State Event that is conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference, is an individual or team event, in which participants will research concepts related to fashion merchandising. Participants must prepare a 2-page paper, display and an oral presentation.	
Yarn Art	The Yarn Art is an individual event in which a student will knit or crochet one accessory that is determined by the competitor's event category. The project can be made using a commercial pattern, an original design, or a combination of both forms. The quality of construction, knowledge of skills and creativity are all part of the judging process.	
Reinventing Spaces	The Reinventing Spaces Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event that focuses on a living space that must be adapted for an alternate purpose. Participants must work to create a functional and appealing room design and floor plan that differs from the current purpose of the living space. Students must solve this design challenge using homestyler.com, floorplanner.com or sketchup.com. Participants must prepare an oral presentation and a display board. For the 2023-2024 State Leadership Conference, participants must redesign an enclosed patio into an airy and relaxing solarium or sunroom.	
LEADERSHIP EVENTS		
Civic Engagement	The Civic Engagement Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is a chapter event that encourages youth civic engagement through service learning within the Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum. The students will plan a service-learning initiative that is appropriate for their School/community. Students are judged on their research, plan, the use of FCS skills, time management, and the relevancy and impact of their initiative.	
Manners Matter	The Manners Matter Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event that promotes the understanding and knowledge of manners and encourages members to develop manners programs within the chapter.	
Peer to Peer	The Peer to Peer Competitive Event is a State Event conducted at the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event that promotes the understanding of the FCCLA national peer education programs and encourages members to develop peer education projects that make a difference in their school and community. Chapters are expected to apply for national recognition in February and must submit a copy of the completed application.	
Program Cover Design	The Program Cover Design Competitive Event is a State Event conducted prior to the NJ FCCLA State Leadership Conference. It is an individual or team event that encourages members to artistically interpret the NJ FCCLA state theme. The design with the highest score will be printed on the conference program covers. Entries must be sent to the state office by the January deadline. The 2023-2024 NJ FCCLA State Theme is "Destination -> Leadership!"	