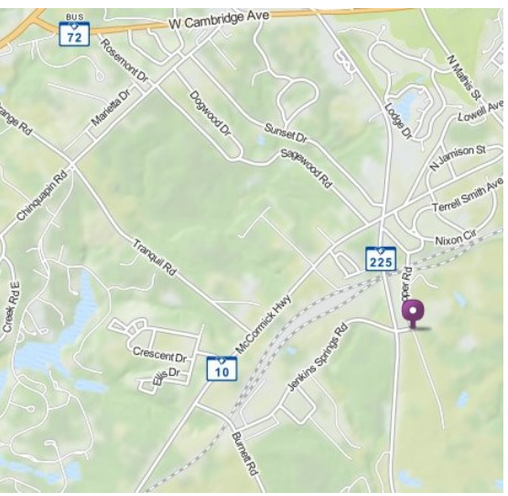
Save the Date:
2015 Forestry Skills Competition

Date: **Tuesday, April 28, 2015**
(Rain Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015)

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Connie Maxwell Children's Home Oasis Farm
401 Cooper Rd, Greenwood, SC 29646
(864) 942-1400
Follow Woodland Clinic signs to site



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About the Woodland Clinic

For over three decades, FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, and other youth groups have participated in the Forestry Skills Competition. Youth have the opportunity to test their skills in such areas as tree and pest identification, timber volume estimation, forestry tools and equipment, and compass and pacing. In addition to meeting and working with professional foresters and other natural resource personnel, students engage in unique competitions through this valuable experience. The Woodland Clinic, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Greenwood's Connie Maxwell Children's Home Oasis Farm serves as the location for the Forestry Skills Competition. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 (rain date-April 30).

This event is open to all high school students in South Carolina.

Agriculture, biology, environmental science, horticulture, and vocation classes are invited to participate, along with other clubs and organizations.

If your class, club, or organization would like to participate in the Woodland Clinic Forestry Skills Competition please contact:

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Upon request, CDs containing lesson plans and power-point presentations for all Woodland Clinic events are available at no cost or obligation. School districts are responsible for providing student transportation.

Students learn to identify more than 50 species of trees and forest pests. The competition includes the use of a compass and pacing to traverse a course.

Competitors learn to use Biltmore Sticks to measure heights and diameters of five trees. After deducting for defects, the measurements are used to compute tree volumes in board feet using a Volume Table.

Students must be able to identify various tools and equipment used in forest management and fire control. They must know which tools to use as well as which tools are best suited to specific tasks.

Foresters and other professionals are available to assist competitors during each event.

The culminating competition is the *Lumberjack Race*. Teams of four students use bow and cross-cut saws to slice through logs, then roll the logs down a 70 foot course, using peaveys. The team then picks up the log and carries it to the finish line. The team with the fastest time for sawing, rolling, and carrying wins the race! Food and fellowship follow the Lumberjack Competition.

Prizes are awarded to winning teams and individuals. Separate prizes are awarded to the highest scorers in *Tree and Forest Pest Identification*, *Tree Measurement*, *Compass and Pacing*, and *Forestry Tools and Equipment*. Teams with the highest composite scores are recognized with first, second, and third place awards. A separate plaque is awarded to the team winning the *Lumberjack Race*.

The Forestry Skills Competition is made possible through the generous donations of sponsors and volunteers. The efforts of many natural resource professionals, agencies, and companies are greatly appreciated. Because of your support, the Forestry Skills Competition is a reality for South Carolina youth. Please donate and make your check payable to the Woodland Clinic. Mail your check to:

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