



Outreach to Build Texas' Green Industry Workforce

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Landscape Challenge:

TNLA is working with San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo in putting on a Landscaper's Challenge Junior Judging Competition. Contestants are ages 9-18 and are primarily FFA and 4-H teams. There will be two different competitions, one being a Skill-a-Thon that goes into Plant ID, Plant Characteristics, Safety Awareness, Pest & Disease ID and much more.

The second is the Landscape Challenge. Teams of 4-6 will compete in designing and installing a landscape in a 10'x10' mock raised bed. Teams are given a homeowner request where they then have to design and install the bed according to the request. Judges then go to each bed and have the teams describe what they did, why they did it and how they accomplished it. Scholarships and banners are awarded by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

Rodeo Austin:

Because of the success at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, TNLA was approached by Rodeo Austin via TDA to possibly bring in a landscape competition that would be similar to the one at San Antonio Rodeo. James and Amy G will be working together to help this competition get up and running by the 2018 Rodeo Austin.

Veteran Outreach:

James and Amy G hosted a group from the AmVets to talk about possibly TNLA hosting a certification training program tailored to American Veterans. TNLA did get approval by the AmVets after the meeting, and will be talking at the VFW hall in Kyle, Texas to present the plantVETS Program in February.