



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 1/22/2018**

### **Congratulations!**

On Saturday, Jan 20, the following Ponderosa FFA students competed at the Sacramento Section FFA Public Speaking Contest: Chris Archibald, Maggie Hammock, Jada Lang, Jenna Love, Zach Perez, Sami Schwagerus, and Angie Wroblewski. All of our students did an outstanding job representing Ponderosa FFA and we are excited to announce that we will be competing at the Regional Finals in March with the final results:

FFA Creed: Jada Lang, 1<sup>st</sup> place                      Extemporaneous Speaking: Maggie Hammock, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Impromptu Speaking: Chris Archibald, 1<sup>st</sup> place. Zach Perez, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Jenna Love, 5<sup>th</sup> place-alternate

We are so proud of all of our competitors! Congratulations!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This week**

#### **Monday 1/22**

Lunch: Project Competition Meeting in Rm. L-14

**Tuesday 1/23** MFE and ALA Conference payments are due to the Finance Office today.

\*Lunch: Vet Science practice in P-2

\*5pm: FFA Chapter January Meeting. In the Cafeteria

\*6pm: FFA Parent Boosters Mtg in Rm. L-14

\*6:30pm: Livestock Feed and Nutrition Seminar in the Cafeteria. **MANDATORY for all EDC Fair Exhibitors.** We will be asking for final numbers of students looking for help with finding their fair livestock animals.

#### **Wednesday 1/24**

\*Lunch: Vet Science practice in P-2

\*2:30-3:30pm Public Speaking Competition practice in S-2.

#### **Thursday 1/25**

#### **Friday 1/26**

### **Future Events**

\***Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Meeting**: Tuesday, Jan 30 at Lunch in Rm. L-14.

\* **Jr. FFA Meeting** (incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders): Wednesday, Jan 31: 3:30-5pm.

\***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House Night**: Tuesday, February 1. Student volunteers needed, please talk to advisors.

\***Arbuckle Field Day**: Saturday, February 3. Vet Science team will be competing

\***Colusa Farm Show**: Wednesday, February 7.

\***MFE and ALA Conferences**: Friday, Feb 9 - Saturday, Feb 10 at the Modesto Convention Center.

### **Fundraisers**

\***Ponderosa FFA Decal Stickers on Sale Now!** Decals come in your choice of three colors: Green, Grey, or White. Perfect for your vehicles, water bottles, and more. Available Monday-Friday this week for \$5 each in Mrs. Sawyer's room, either at lunch or after school.

\***Drive Thru BBQ!** Thursday, Feb 22, 5-7pm. Tickets will be available starting Monday, Jan 29!



### **Bruin Blooms**

\* Thank you for placing your Valentines Day and Random Acts of Kindness week floral orders. Any questions? See Mrs. Fletcher or email [bfletcher@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bfletcher@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

### **Pondo Pups!**

Pondo Pups will be having an information night if you are interested in raising a guide dog. Families need to come to this meeting. It will be held Wednesday, January 24th 7:30 pm at the El Dorado Pet Club training center. See Mrs. Gilroy if you are interested in attending.

## **Leadership Opportunities**

**\*Central Region Officer Applications** available at <http://centralregionffa.wixsite.com/crffa>. Applications must be submitted online no later than January 26 at 11pm. All applicants must also sign up for an interview time by the deadline.

### **\*State FFA Convention Important Dates**

Due to FFA Advisors by Friday January 19th:

State Convention Permission Slip, Commitment page, and Transport slip (for students who have not turned one in)

Tuesday January 16 at 6:30pm Snap Fundraising Meeting for students and parents. Rm L-14. Bring AT LEAST 20 email addresses with you.

### **Payment Schedule**

Payments are per person

\$100 non-refundable deposit by Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>

\$200 non-refundable payment by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Final payment of \$150 due by Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

All payments need to be turned into the PHS Finance Window.

Cash or Checks made out to Ponderosa FFA

State FFA Band, Choir, and FFA Talent Applications Due to the office by Feb 1  
<https://www.calaged.org/SLC-Band-Choir-Talent>

Press Corps: Due postmarked by Feb 15  
<https://www.calaged.org/conv-press-corp>

Courtesy Corps <https://www.calaged.org/conv-courtesy-corp> Due by Feb 15

State Officer candidates: seniors only  
Apps must be received by Feb 1  
State Nominating Committee candidates: juniors and seniors only, Apps due Feb 1

## **Animals available to good home!** Contact Mrs. Sawyer if interested

**Rabbits:** 2, 3 year old California breed does. Have kidded before with an average of 4-6 babies and are good moms. Not pedigreed, but are purebred.

## **Helped Needed!**

**\*Parent Drivers for MFE and ALA Conferences:** we are looking for parent drivers for these Conferences on Feb 9 and Feb 10. This would involve driving a car full of students with us and dropping them off in Modesto at about 11am, and then coming back at 12pm on Saturday and picking up students to return to PHS. Please contact Mrs. Sawyer if you might be willing to help with transportation. [asawyer@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:asawyer@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

**\*Donations of dimensional lumber or metal:** if anyone is aware of any potential donations available for our Ag mechanics program, please email Mr. Valencia at [ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

## **FFA on the Web!**

Check us out and stay up to date with Ponderosa FFA in the community!

<http://bruin.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Students/-----FFA/index.html>

[www.ponderosaffa.weebly.com](http://www.ponderosaffa.weebly.com)

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Bruin Blooms; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa\_FFA

Ponderosa FFA Guide Dogs for the Blind Facebook and Instagram: Pondo\_Pups

## **Public Speaking Opportunities**

### **\*EMBARCADERO LIONS STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST**

A competitive public speaking contest focused on a topic of importance to the community intended to stimulate self-expression and critical thinking.

A. Topic: "What Role Does Integrity and Civility Play in Today's Society?"

B. TIME LIMITS: NOT LESS THAN 5 OR MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.

C. OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS, MAY NOT HAVE GRADUATED.

D. FINANCIAL AWARDS. Club level winner \$100, participants \$25.

Increased financial awards for continuing through higher level contests

E. First contest date: EMBARCADERO CLUB CONTEST: Thurs. FEB 8th 2018

Please contact Mark Steffens to register for the contest.

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