



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 1/8/2018**

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to all our students and parents who contributed towards our gifts for the Adopt-a-child family. We were able to provide an abundance of gifts for all five children and help make their family's Christmas extremely special. We accepted gifts as well as monetary donations which went towards purchasing any gifts that were still needed. Thank you all for your generosity and help with this activity!

Thank you to the following parents who chaperoned for the Rose Parade/Disney trip over the break: Bonnie Bayard, Sharon Didion, Darla Edwards, and Sharon Tate. This event would not have been possible without your help and support, thank you!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This Week**

##### **Monday 1/8** Collab Day

\*Lunch: FFA Public Speaking Meeting in Rm S-2. It is very important that all students competing in FFA public speaking attend this meeting.

##### **Tuesday 1/9**

\*Lunch: Veterinary Science Judging Team Mtg in Rm P-2. Our meetings will change during this semester, so please come to this meeting to set the new practice schedule. Lunch will be provided so come hungry and ready to learn.

\*State FFA Degree Workshop: 2pm-3:30pm in Rm L-14. This is time to get help working on your record books and applications for FFA State Degree.

\*6pm: FFA Boosters Board Meeting. Meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park. All parents are invited to attend.

##### **Wednesday 1/10**

\*Lunch: Local Project Competition Meeting in Rm L-14. This contest is for students to compete with a presentation of their SAE projects to a group of local community members. Competition date is Friday, Feb 2.

\*Public Speaking Competition practice. 2:30-4:30pm in S-2.

##### **Thursday 1/11**

\*State Degree Workshop 12:30pm-2:30pm in Rm L-14. This is time to get help working on your record books and applications for FFA State Degree.

**Friday 1/12** State Degree and Proficiency Applications are due TODAY to Mrs. Sawyer. All signatures are required except for the Administrator signature by the end of the day.

### **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 soon!

### **Future Events**

\***State Degree Applications and Proficiency Applications** due completed by **Friday, Jan 12**. We will have workshops after school Tues-Thurs in order to help students complete their applications.

\***State FFA Convention Fundraising Meeting**: Tuesday, Jan 16. 6:30pm in Rm L-14. Please be sure to bring at least 25 email addresses for personal contacts to help get this fundraiser started.

\***Rabbit Project Meeting for 4-H and FFA students**: Wednesday January 17, 5:45-6:45pm in Rm. L-14. All FFA members are welcome to attend this project meeting to help gain knowledge about their upcoming rabbit SAE projects.

\***Sacramento Section FFA Public Speaking Contest**: Saturday, January 20 at Elk Grove High School, 8am.

\***Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy** Final Payments of \$75 are due by Tuesday, Jan 23rd to the Finance Window.

\***FFA Chapter January Meeting**: Tuesday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm in the Cafeteria. **FFA Parent Boosters Mtg** 6pm in Rm L-14.

\***Livestock Feed and Nutrition Seminar** 6:30pm, Tuesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. This is **MANDATORY** for all

El Dorado County Fair FFA exhibitors.

### **Pondo Pups!**

\*Pondo Pups will soon be announcing an opportunity to co-raise a guide dog. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Supervised Agriculture Experience Updates!**

\***UC Davis Goat Day:** Saturday, January 20, 2018. Goat owners, producers, veterinarians, students, and 4-H and FFA goat-project youths from throughout California will gather on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the UC Davis Conference Center. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is sponsored by the UC Davis Department of Animal Science, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the California Dairy Herd Improvement Association. For more information, contact Rachel Conway, Supervisor of the UC Davis Department of Animal Science Goat Teaching & Research Facility, at (530) 752-6792 or [riconway@ucdavis.edu](mailto:riconway@ucdavis.edu). Tickets are \$15 per adult, free for children 17 and under. Tickets are available to purchase through online pre-registration and on-site registration at the event. Credit cards are accepted for online registration, cash and checks only for on-site registration the day of the event. All proceeds go directly to supporting the Goat Day event costs. Lunch will again be available on-site this year, details coming soon! Online event registration and lunch orders will also be available online this year through a vendor that does not charge additional fees, also coming soon! **Online event registration and lunch orders end at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, 1/17/2018.** There will also be onsite registration for adults and youth at the same price, but lunches will not be available to order onsite.

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/goat-day/index.html>

\***UC Davis Aggie Classic Sale:** Saturday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at the UC Davis Cole Facility. We will have prospect lambs, pigs, and goats available. The morning will begin with educational clinics by Weaver Leather on sheep, goats, and swine from 9-11am. The sale lot preview will begin at 11am, and the sale will start at 12pm. Each buyer will receive a bag of Showmaster Feed and a \$10 gift certificate to Higby's Country Feed Store in Dixon, CA.

Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning, Lunch will be available during the sale preview. If you have questions at this time please contact the Sheep Facility Manager, Kyle Wood, with any questions you may have.

Once our sale catalog is posted feel free to also contact the Swine Facility Manager, Aaron Prinz, or the Goat Facility Manager, Rachel Conway, with any questions you may have about the specific animals available

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/aggie-classic-sale/index.html>

### **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 12:

State Convention Permission Slip, Commitment page, and Transport slip

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

\$200 non-refundable deposit by Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>

\$150 non-refundable payment by Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Final payment of \$100 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

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

A competitive public speaking contest focused on a topic of importance to the community and/or the country. The contest is 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.  
Zone level winner: \$150.  
Region level winner: \$250  
District level winners: 15 winners each receive a scholarship of \$4,500.  
Area level winners: 4 winners each receive a scholarship of \$6,500.  
Final M-D 4 winner: The overall winner receives a scholarship of \$10,000.  
E. CONTEST DATES: \*\* EMBARCADERO CLUB CONTEST: Thurs. FEB 8th 2018  
Zone, on or before March 15th 2018. Region, March 29th 2018. District, on or  
before May 1st. Area, on or before May 22.  
FINAL M-D 4 WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE TBA 2018

Thanks, Mark Steffens,  
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**\*The Dairy Herd Improvement Association** is offering scholarships for students who have been active in agriculture during their years in High School. Please visit our PHS FFA page for the link to the application. Apps are due by Jan 15, 2018.

**\*Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program:** The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaborative effort between the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition and State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, the Ironstone Concours Foundation, Blue Diamond Growers and Western Fairs Association. This program seeks to motivate well-rounded, high academic achievers. Multiple scholarships are awarded for 14 categories ranging from \$1,000 – \$2,500 each. Check this website for the application and for a list of scholarships offered, eligibility requirements for the 2018-19 scholarship year and frequently asked questions. This year, 26 scholarships will be given out, each applicant is allowed to apply for ONE category. <http://www.castatefair.org/scholarship/> Application Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018  
For questions about the application process or the due date, contact ISTS Customer Care at (855)-670-ISTS (4787) or [contactus@applyists.com](mailto:contactus@applyists.com).

**\*CANERS Foundation Scholarship** for current college students majoring in Horticulture or Agribusiness related to Horticulture. Applications can be found online [www.cangc.org](http://www.cangc.org) and on the left side of the home page click the Scholarship button. Application must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2018.

### **Animals available to good home!**

**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.

**Poultry:** 1 Buff Orpington Chicken, approximately 3 years old, friendly, and show quality.

### **Helped Needed!**

**\*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.eduhd.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