



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/1/2018

Thank you's and Updates!

*Thank you to all of our students who helped run our interactive booth and petting zoo for the Hands4Hope Fall Festival in El Dorado Hills Town Center this past weekend. Our students helped run this event on both Saturday and Sunday of the festival which serves as the largest fundraiser for the Hands4Hope community service leadership youth organization. Maggie Spring and Lea Thomas organized and led the event and we had about 20 of our students participate. You can see pictures on our website of this event. Great Job everyone!

*This past Friday our Chapter had our State FFA Officer visit and hosted Kyle Dayton, State FFA Reporter, and Kyler Vernon, State FFA Vice President. Kyle and Kyler put on leadership workshops for our classes throughout the day. Check out our website for pictures of their visit. CA State FFA Officers make Chapter visits once every 3 years, and we were very excited to spend the day getting to know them and improving our leadership skills.

Upcoming Events This Week

Monday 10/1

Tuesday 10/2 Fields of Learning @ Mai Farm with Gold Trail classes

*Lunch: Veterinary Science Team Interest Meeting: Join us in L-14 during lunch to learn how you can be a part of the Vet Science Judging Team.

*Lunch: Horse Judging Team Mtg, in Rm P-2. Any students that are interested in learning more about or plan to join our Horse Judging Team, please come to this meeting and learn about upcoming events.

Wednesday 10/3

*Lunch: Opening/Closing Competition Team Mtg, in Rm S-3/Ag Mech Rm. Any students that are interested in competing at our Section O/C Ceremonies contest and visit the State FFA Center in Galt, CA on Oct. 18.

Thursday 10/4 Greenhand Leadership Conference! Meet at Rm. S-3/Ag Mechanics classroom at 6am, we will leave by 6:15am. Conference is at Lodi HS. Estimate return time is 4pm.

Friday 10/5 Last day of 1st Quarter

Future Events/Additional Information

*Tues, Oct 9: National FFA Convention Student and Parent Meeting, 6:30pm in Rm S-3/Ag Mechanics Rm.

*Tues, Oct 16: FFA Chapter Meeting, 5pm @ Cafeteria

*Tues, Oct 16: El Dorado County Fair 2019 MANDATORY Student AND Parent Meeting, 6:30pm. This is a mandatory meeting for any students who are considering raising a livestock animal for the El Dorado County Fair in Summer 2019. If students and a parent do not attend this meeting without communicating a conflict with advisors beforehand, they will not be eligible to raise/show an animal for the El Dorado County Fair as a Ponderosa FFA member. Also, note that students must attend 8 out of 10 Monthly Chapter FFA Meetings/Awards/Activity nights in order to stay eligible.

ANY 2018 EDC FAIR EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR 2018 AUCTION BUYER THANK YOU APPROVED AND PICTURE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 16, 2018 WILL NOT BE SHOWING WITH PONDEROSA FFA THIS YEAR.

*Thurs, Oct 18: Opening/Closing Ceremonies public speaking contest @ Liberty Ranch High School in Galt. Leaving at 8am, returning approx. 4pm.

*Sat, Oct. 20: Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch @ Cameron Park Lake. 12pm-5pm. We will be running halloween activities like games, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin patch, etc. There will be a lunch meeting coming up in the next couple of weeks for all interested students.

Fields of Learning: Ag in the Classroom

Fields of Learning is an Ag in the Classroom program pairing 5 of our Ponderosa FFA students with a specific farm or agricultural production facility and elementary and middle school classes. Our students help run lessons, activities and tours with the facility managers or owners 3 times per year. Once in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. FFA members who participate in the 3 season event are eligible for the Fields of Learning scholarship when they are seniors. If interested please contact Mrs. Sawyer.

Upcoming FOL Events

Thursday, October 11: Smokey Ridge Ranch with Rescue Elementary classes
Tuesday, October 16: 24 Carrot Farms with Golden Hills School class
Thursday, October 18: Greg Rockney Farms with Latrobe Elementary classes

Bruin Blooms

* Bruin Blooms (Floral Design) is ready to create beautiful floral arrangements for you! Please find an order form here for our Flower of the Month designs: <https://goo.gl/dyVeJC> Orders are due at the beginning of each month. All proceeds go directly back to our students for hands-on labs.

Livestock for Sale

*Piglets are available from a Ponderosa FFA Alumni student and local swine breeder. Piglets are about 60-80 lbs, and are \$150 each, with discounts for purchasing multiple. If anyone is interested in having a pig fed out to market readiness, the cost is \$800. Please contact Jordyn at 530-748-8055 if interested.
*4 Market Lambs are available for sale, ready for processing. The cost is \$450 delivered to Archers and then the buyer will pay for the cut and wrap. If interested please call Kerri Schnetz at 530-333-9134 (home) or 530-457-5798 (cell).
*One of our Seniors are selling her two 4 year old Nigerian Dwarf does. Please reach out to Cora Harris if interested at 916-934-9131.

Agricultural opportunities!

***Modesto Junior College Senior Day: Friday, October 5, 2018**, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We will meet in the morning at the Agricultural Center for Education Pavilion (ACE) on West Campus (please see website for details www.mjc.edu/ag). The day will consist of student-guided tours of MJC West Campus, completion of the student orientation, discussion groups and career stations. Students will be given information regarding the classes offered through interaction with MJC students, leadership opportunities, and the experiences to gain by becoming a student at MJC through a welcome from the Ag Department instructors and staff.
***Sheep Production 101 Workshop, October 13, 2018**. Hosted by the California Wool Growers Association and UC Davis Dept. of Animal Science. Full Agenda and Registration available on www.californiawoolgrowers.org.
***Fresno State Livestock Judging Workout Day, November 3, 2018**: The Fresno State Livestock Judging Program is hosting the Red Wave Livestock Judging Workout Day on Nov. 3rd beginning at 8am at the Livestock Pavilion. Registration is \$25 per person which includes lunch, t-shirt, judging term book with drawstring backpack, 8-10 judging classes and 4 sets of reasons with critique and instruction. Please see the attached flier for more information and the attached registration form. Please contact Mr. Brad Mendes at (209)765-7143 for more information.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

* For all students who are interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind. Local clubs are inviting students and parents to contact them and start to attend their meetings. In order for students to become eligible to raise a guide dog puppy in the future they must first attend meetings, have active parent involvement, and put in time as a puppy sitter for current raisers. Now is the perfect time to get started with these prerequisites. Feel free to contact either of our two local clubs:
Dante Laird from the Sierra Gold Guides club: Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com or (530) 957-1704.
Ali Bayard from the El Dorado Second Sight club: abayard243@gmail.com or (530) 306-8365.

Help Needed!

***Vase Donations**: Floral Design loves to recycle! If you have vases or containers that you would like to donate to our class, we will gladly take them. Drop them off outside (or inside) of Room L14 any time. L14 is located at the end of the Staff Parking Lot.
***Picnic Tables**: our Ag department is looking for donations of any picnic tables that community members might have and not be using. We are looking to create a lunch area for all of our Ag students. Please email Mrs. Sawyer regarding any possible donations at 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

FFA on the Web!

Check out our new website!

<https://sites.google.com/a/eduhd.k12.ca.us/ponderosaffa/home?authuser=0>

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

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Bruin Blooms; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa_FFA

Ponderosa FFA Apparel

***Ponderosa FFA T-shirts and Sweatshirts are now on sale!**

T-shirts have arrived and are available for pick up in Rm P-2. Sweatshirts are expected to arrive within a couple weeks. Thank you!

***Ponderosa FFA Boosters has Booster Parent T-shirts AND 2018 El Dorado County Fair shirts available.** Parent Booster Shirts are available for \$5 each and Fair shirts (which include exhibitor names on the back) are available for \$8. Please let Mrs. Sawyer know if you would like a shirt!

