



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/16/2017

Upcoming Events

This Week

Monday 10/16

Tuesday 10/17

*3pm-4:45pm: **Vet Science Practice** in Rm P-2.

*5pm in the Cafeteria. **October FFA Meeting.** Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes for our runway show and contest!

*6:30pm in the Cafeteria. **Mandatory Student and Parent El Dorado County Fair Livestock Meeting.** 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. If you have any interest in learning about opportunities to show any species of livestock with Ponderosa FFA for the El Dorado County Fair, be sure to come to this mandatory meeting for students and at least one parent/guardian.

Wednesday 10/18

*Lunch: Meeting for volunteers for the Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch in Rm. L-14

Thursday 10/19

*6:30pm in Rm L-14. **Rose Parade and Disney Trip interest meeting.** This is a mandatory meeting for all students and parents interested in possibly attending this trip. All interested students must have at least one parent/guardian at the meeting.

Friday 10/20 Homecoming Game! Ag Squad will meet in Rm. L-14 at 5pm to make posters!

Saturday 10/21

*12:30pm-4:30pm at Cameron Park Lake: **Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch.** This is a community service opportunity for all interested students. Volunteers will meet coordinator Tina Helm at Cameron Park Lake at 12:45pm to help get stations set up and jobs assigned. The event begins by 1:30pm. Any students/parents interested in bringing animals to host a petting zoo please come to Rm L-14 at lunch on Wednesday.

Future Events

***Saturday, October 28: Del Osso Farms Trip.** We have 60 spots for students to attend a trip to Del Osso Farms. We will be leaving from the PHS Bus Circle at 1pm, and returning at approx. 9:45pm. Permission slips will be available and passed out to students this week. Parents are also welcome to attend! Cost is \$30 to be paid to Mrs. George in the attendance office.

Supervised Agriculture Experience Updates!

***Mandatory Parent and Student El Dorado County Fair Mtg.** Following the October FFA Meeting in the Cafeteria on October 17. 6:30pm start time. All students who are interested in showing any species of animal at the El Dorado County Fair must attend this meeting with a parent. We will be going over all policies and practices for raising and showing animals as Ponderosa FFA members.

***CA Pork Producers Association Swine scholarship:** This scholarship is being offered to promote interaction between the leaders of today and those of tomorrow by providing junior members with a high quality show pig for their county fair, as well as gain in depth knowledge about the swine industry from the breeder. A goal of the program is to assist junior members with strong scholastic skills, who may not be financially able to purchase a show pig, and have an interest in the swine industry. Please visit this website for more information and the application:

<http://calpork.com/producer-resources/youth-programs/show-pig-scholarship/>

***F&M Bank is offering SAE project Loans.** If interested, please see your Ag teacher or visit the PHS FFA page for more information.

Community Service Opportunities

*Saturday, October 21: **Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch,** held at Cameron Park Lake. For all students interested in helping out with this annual event, sign up with your Ag Teacher. We will be helping from 12:30pm-4:30pm, any students interested in helping put on a petting zoo, please see Mrs. Sawyer this week.

*Friday, October 27. **Green Valley Elementary Harvest Festival.** They are in need of students to run games during the following shifts: 5:15pm-6:30pm, 6:25pm-7:30pm, and 7:25pm-8:30pm. All three shifts involve running carnival-type games for the festival. Contact Chris Feigles if interested in helping at cwfeigles@gmail.com

Bruin Blooms Updates!

Flower of the Month memberships are available through any Floral Design student or by emailing Mrs. Fletcher (bfletcher@eduhd.net). All proceeds go immediately back to the hands and minds of our Floral Design students. November designs must have orders placed by November 1.

Leadership Opportunities

Students who turned in applications will be notified this week about details regarding attending the conferences.

Made for Excellence Conference (MFE)

Focus on: Student Development, Personal Growth

For Sophomores; Two Day Event, 8 Conferences held February 9-10

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "Student Development and ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."

Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA)

Focus on: Chapter Development, Personal Growth

For Juniors and/or Seniors; Two Day Event, 8 Conferences held February 9-10

Once a leader is comfortable with their own self and self-purpose, they can discover how to work with others and establish a goal. The process for analyzing program needs and planning a project or event is the focus of this conference as students discover how to be teams of innovative leaders in their chapter. This conference about "WE: the individual leader, their relationships with others and how to establish common vision."

Fundraisers!

***Poinsettia sales will begin on October 23rd.**

College and Career News

FFA Meat Science and Career Development Workshop, November 4, 2017. Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

FREE to FFA members and coaches. Time change 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cal Poly Animal Science is excited to present its first Meat Science, Technical Education, and Career Development Workshop!

This event was created to host FFA members, Ag Teachers, and Team Coaches from all concentrations. This workshop will provide an opportunity to meet with Cal Poly students, industry professionals, and USDA representatives to discuss topics such as food safety, education, and career opportunities within Agriculture. Participate in a series of sessions like:

- A round table discussion among teachers and coaches focusing on increasing student participation, motivation, and program building
- Skill training
- Beef and pork evaluation
- Quality and yield grading
- Wholesale, retail, and keep/cull judging

Scholarship Opportunities

*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.

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

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Bruin Blooms; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa_FFA

Ponderosa FFA Guide Dogs for the Blind Facebook and Instagram: Pondo_Pups

Helped Needed!

***We are in need of Parent Drivers!** Throughout the year we have many FFA events that we need help transporting students to and from, in an effort to make leadership and agricultural opportunities possible. We need a large group of parents who have turned in a Volunteer Driver Form, along with a copy of your license and a printout of your insurance policy details, so that when trips come up, we have a larger pool of parents to ask for assistance. If you would be willing to turn in paperwork to become an approved parent driver, forms can be picked up at the Front Office from Mrs. McCann, or from your student in their ag classes. We appreciate your willingness to help in advance. Thank you for helping make leadership opportunities possible for our students throughout the year!

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