



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/23/2017**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This Week**

**Monday 10/23** Collab Day

Poinsettia Sales begin

#### **Tuesday 10/24**

\*Lunch in S-3: **Public Speaking meeting**. Any students who are interested in learning more about FFA public speaking contests, please come to the meeting. Prepared, Extemp, Job Interview, Impromptu, and Parli Pro.

#### **Wednesday 10/25**

\*Lunch: **Meeting for Opening/Closing Ceremonies contest**. All students interested in competing should bring their lunch to L-14 to secure your spot on a team.

#### **Thursday 10/26**

\*2:30pm in Rm L-14: **Horse project meeting** for any students who are interested in showing their horse with FFA. We will be getting our project meetings started, going over calendars and setting goals for your horse projects. Meeting will last until 3/3:15pm

**Friday 10/27 Greenhand Officer Applications** are due to Advisors today. Be sure to sign up for your Interview time.

**Saturday 10/28**: Del Osso Farms trip has been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

#### **Future Events**

\***Monday 10/30 and Wednesday 11/1: Greenhand Officer Interviews**. Interviews will be held in 20 minute segments on both of these days for students who applied for Greenhand Office

\***Thursday, November 2: Opening/Closing Ceremonies Contest** at Galt High School. We will be leaving PHS at 7am from Rm. L-14 and returning at about 3pm.

\***Tuesday, November 14: Greenhand and Chapter Degree Celebration Day**. Starting at 6:30am, all students receiving their degrees are invited to come to Rm L-14 to dye their hands for the day and enjoy donuts! This is in preparation for the awards night.

\***Tuesday, November 14: Greenhand and Chapter Degree Fall Awards Night**. 6pm in the Cafeteria. This counts as the November FFA meeting but instead of a regular meeting, we will be conducting an awards night for all of our students who are earning their Greenhand and Chapter Degrees. Parents are all invited to attend to see their students recognized. We ask that all Greenhand and Chapter Degree recipients try to wear black skirts/pants and white collared shirt/blouse.

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

\***UC Davis Aggie Classic Sale**: Saturday, January 28. This sale will feature lambs, goats, and pigs for 4-H and FFA project animals ideal for May and June fairs. Past lamb sales have produced numerous Grand Champions and Breed Champions—Blackfaced, Dorset, and Specs. There are educational clinics that will start at 8am, Sale Preview at 10am, and Sale begins at 11am. Visit this website for more information: <http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/aggie-classic-sale/index.html>

\***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/>

These applications are due November 1, 2017.

#### **Community Service Opportunities**

\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**\*Opening/Closing Ceremonies Public Speaking Contest:** Thursday, November 2 at Galt High School.

**Made for Excellence Conference MFE)**

**Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA)**

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

### **Fundraisers!**

**\*Ponderosa FFA Poinsettia Sale happening now!** Plants come in a 6inch pot and are about 14-16 inches tall. They are being sold for \$15 each and are from Duarte Poinsettias. Students are able to use this fundraiser to earn their FFA jacket and tie/scarf (selling 35) or for funds towards FFA trips/conferences this year. Sale will continue until November 14, and pick up will be on Monday and Tuesday, November 27-28, 3-6pm from the Ag Mechanics shop.

### **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.

### **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