



## ***Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/30/2017***

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This Week**

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#### **Monday 10/30**

\*Lunch: Opening/Closing Ceremonies Contest practice in Rm. L-14

\*3:10pm-5pm: Greenhand Officer Interviews in Rm. L-14

#### **Tuesday 10/31 Halloween Permission Slips due today for Opening/Closing Contest**

\*Lunch : Opening/Closing Ceremonies Contest practice in Rm. L-14

\*There will be no Vet Science meeting this Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Halloween. Next meeting will be November 14th.

#### **Wednesday 11/1**

\*Lunch: Opening/Closing Ceremonies Contest practice in Rm. L-14

\*Public Speaking Mtg/Practice after school in S-2. 2:30pm-4pm. Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, and Job Interview.

#### **Thursday 11/2**

**7am: Opening/Closing Ceremonies Contest** at Liberty Ranch HS in Galt. Meet at Rm L-14. Return time approx. 2:47pm

#### **Friday 11/3**

### **Future Events**

\***Wednesday, November 8: FFA Parent Booster Board Mtg.** 6pm at Round Table in Cameron Park.

\***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.

\***Monday and Tuesday, November 27-28: Poinsettia Pick Up at the Ag Mechanics Shop, Rm S-2**

\***Tuesday, November 28, 6:30pm in Rm L-14: Mandatory Student and Parent Mtg for FFA State Leadership Convention** in the spring.

### **Bruin Blooms Updates!**

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\*November is the month that we encourage the men in our lives to stay healthy! The “**November Plant Sale**” is starting on Nov. 9 in the library. Bruin Blooms is selling manly-looking potted plants for \$10-20. Please support this cause and the men in your life!

\***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.

### **Supervised Agriculture Experience Updates! (continued on back)**

\***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reedley College & Supporters Club Calf Sale**, website has been updated. New photos, bidding

instructions, and other key information can be found at <https://rcsclubcalf.weebly.com/sale-photos.html>. Feel free to contact our sale chairman Kameron Suggs or myself if you would like to come by to preview the calves in person or if you have any questions (the contact information is on the flyer). The phone bidding process starts on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of calves available that will fit shows from spring through fall.

**\*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.

### **Pondo Pups Update**

\*November 18<sup>th</sup>: Toga, a guide dog puppy raised by Noah Carroll, will be graduating from Dogs 4 Diabetics. Congratulations to both Noah and Toga!

### **Leadership Opportunities**

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

### **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.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