



## ***Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 10/8/2018***

### ***Thank you's and Updates!***

\*Last Thursday, Oct 4, we had 22 of our first year FFA members attend the Greenhand Leadership Conference at Lodi HS. This is a day of learning about all of their future opportunities in FFA, games, competitions, getting to know each other better as well as FFA members from other chapters. Thank you to Mrs. Misti Davis and Mrs. Darla Edwards for helping transport our students to and from Lodi HS. We are excited for all of our Greenhands to continue exceeding expectations with their involvement and enthusiasm; great job everyone!

### ***Upcoming Events This Week--Homecoming Week!***

All students are encouraged to stay and help every day after school with their class' Homecoming Float construction

#### **Monday 10/8 Dress Up Day: Munchkin Day (Dress like a kid)**

\*Lunch: Opening/Closing Competition Team Practice, in Rm S-3/Ag Mech Rm. S-3

#### **Tuesday 10/9 Dress Up Day: College/Career Day**

\*Lunch: Veterinary Science Judging Team meeting, in Rm L-14

\*6:30pm: National FFA Convention meeting for all students attending and their parents.

#### **Wednesday 10/10 Dress Up Day: Twin/Matching Day**

\*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.

#### **Thursday 10/11 Dress Up Day: Pajama Day**

Fields of Learning @ Smokey Ridge Ranch with Rescue Elementary classes

Open Flower Shop, 3:30-Finish. All previous and current Floral Design students are invited to come help with Homecoming and wedding flowers. Dinner provided!!! (Other interested students will have another chance at Open Shop later in the semester.

#### **Friday 10/12 Dress Up Day: Pondo Pride**

Homecoming Rally

Wedding Industry Field Trip with Mrs. Fletcher, Meet at L14 at 7am.

### **Future Events/Additional Information**

\*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. Sign up to volunteer in your Ag classes.

### **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!**

\***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](http://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](mailto:Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com) or (530) 957-1704.

Ali Bayard from the El Dorado Second Sight club: [abayard243@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

