



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 11/26/2018



Thank you's and Updates!

*Thank you to everyone who have brought in donations for our Camp Fire Donation Drive! We will continue to accept donations throughout the week this week.

Upcoming Events This Week

Camp Fire Donation Drive: Ponderosa FFA will be taking donations for the communities impacted by the Camp Fire. Please see the attached flier. We will be taking donations through Friday, November 30, and making periodic deliveries of donations to the area between now and then.

El Dorado County Fair Intent to Show Forms, \$20 Fair Exhibitor fee, and School Farm Applications are due signed/completed by Friday, November 30. \$20 gets turned into Mrs. George at the Finance Window, forms can be turned in to Mrs. George or Ag Advisors.

Ponderosa FFA Christmas Annual Adopt-A-Child project: Every year our FFA Chapter adopts a sibling group of children from our local community for Christmas. We are asking for gifts to be donated by students and their families for our 3 students. All gifts need to be unwrapped and brought in by Wednesday, Dec 5 to your Ag classes. Students can earn an activity point for bringing in gifts. See attached flier for more details.

Monday 11/26

*3pm-6pm: Poinsettia pick up from S-2/Ag Mech shop.

Tuesday 11/27

*2:50 pm-4:30: Horse Judging Team practice in Rm P-2. We will continue practice for students as long as they are able to stay for.

*3pm-6pm: Poinsettia pick up from S-2/Ag Mech shop.

Wednesday 11/28

*6pm: MANDATORY Student and Parent State FFA Convention Meeting, Rm L-14. We will be reviewing all details about State FFA Convention, the application process, convention schedule, and planning details. If anyone has a schedule conflict, Advisors must be informed before the day of this meeting in order for students to stay eligible to apply to attend Convention.

Thursday 11/29

Friday 11/30 EDC Fair Intent to Show Forms, \$20 Fair Exhibitor fee, and School Farm Applications are due

Saturday 12/1

8am-2pm: Hagen Ranch Work Day For all students, parents, alumni, and community members available to help out with this community service project are invited to come. We will be assisting a local rancher and active community members, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hagen with some farm clean up projects on their property. Everyone should come dressed in work clothing for the cold weather, and we are asking for the use of any/all power tools to assist with brush clearing. Location: Hagen Ranch Rd. El Dorado, CA. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Sawyer. Attending this work day can count for students' 3 FFA Activity points needed for class credit, FFA 10% portion of your grade.

Future Events/Additional Information

***Laying Hen Project:** It is not too late to sign up for this cooperative project held at the school farm. Your only investment will be your time! Contact Mrs. Fletcher in Room H9/L14 or Mrs. Hardy in Room G5 if you want to join this project!

***Friday, Dec 7, 3pm-8pm in the Cafeteria: Pondo FFA Ugly Sweater Party/December FFA Mtg.** We would like to invite all Ponderosa High School students to grab their favorite Ugly Sweater and join us for the evening. Beginning after school we will be hosting a party with activities including decorating Christmas trees for families in need, writing Christmas cards to our troops overseas, decorating cookies, White Elephant gift

exchange, enjoying snacks and hot chocolate, and wrapping it up with a movie night watching Home Alone! Everyone that would like to participate in our White Elephant gift exchange tradition please bring a wrapped white elephant gift valued at \$10.

***Tues, Dec 11, 5:30pm: Ponderosa FFA Boosters Dinner Dance Fundraiser Committee Mtg @ El Dorado County Fire Station on Ponderosa Rd.** We are asking for all parents that would be willing to volunteer to help with the planning and execution of this event to join us for the meeting. The funds from this event provide annual scholarships for our members, support all of our students for EDC Fair week, in addition to helping purchase a new vehicle which transport hundreds of our students all over CA throughout the year.

***Wed, Dec 12, 6pm-7pm: MANDATORY Rabbit Project Meeting for Pondo FFA El Dorado County Fair Rabbit Exhibitors.** This is for all Ponderosa FFA students to attend with the Shingle Springers 4-H club. Any students that already have show rabbits are encouraged to bring them. Students who will be showing market rabbits are still expected to attend in order to begin learning about the project and different options. See Mrs. Sawyer if there is some reason you are not able to attend.

Bruin Blooms

*** Bruin Blooms has holiday designs available as soon as we get back from Thanksgiving Break!** Please find an order form here for our Flower of the Month designs: <https://goo.gl/dyVeJC> or you can email Mrs. Fletcher (bfletcher@eduhsd.net). \$20-30 designs and custom designs available. All proceeds go directly back to our students for hands-on labs.

Community Service Opportunities

***Saturday, Dec 1: Hagen Ranch Work Day**

***Adopt-A-Child Gift giving:** Ponderosa FFA has adopted a sibling group of 3 children for Christmas. Mason, 3 year old boy; Araya, 4 year old girl; Bradley, 6 year old boy. Please see attached flier for more specific information. Gifts must be turned in to Ag Advisors by Wednesday, December 5.

***Donations of Christmas lights and plastic ornaments:** During our Christmas Ugly Sweater Party/December FFA Meeting on Friday, December 7 we will be decorating Christmas trees with these donations and donating the trees to local families in need. Donations can be brought in any time between now and Friday, December 7.

FFA Boosters

We are excited to announce that our Annual FFA Boosters Dinner and Dance fundraiser is going to be held on Sat, March 30 at Saureel Vineyards in Placerville, formerly known as Hacienda Colima. Be sure to save the date for this event! Also, we would love to have all parents who are interested in helping with this event attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 5:30pm at the El Dorado County Fire Station on Ponderosa Rd. With everyone's help we are excited to make this annual event a huge success for our program! Questions? Contact Jordyn Gilmore at 530-748-8055.

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

Winter Season Dates are TBA

Help Needed!

*** In need of greens!** Do you have conifers that Floral Design classes could prune to have greens for holiday designs? We would be interested in pine, spruce, cedar, juniper, etc...

***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@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

Agricultural opportunities!

***Shingle Springs Veterinary Clinic Half Priced Equine Dental Months:** Through the months of October and November we are offering half priced dentals with two or more horses by our board certified equine dental practitioner. Our dentals include more than just a basic float so you'll know you're getting your money's worth. Value comes to \$125 per horse and does not include extractions or surgeries. Make your appointment by calling: 530-677-0390.

FFA on the Web!

Check out our new website! <https://sites.google.com/a/eduhsd.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

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.

Ponderosa FFA Apparel

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

T-shirts and Sweatshirts have arrived and are available for pick up in Rm P-2. There are T-shirts (all sizes) and Sweatshirts (all sizes except for Smalls) available for purchase. Email or see Mrs. Sawyer if you are interested in purchasing.



***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!