



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 4/30/2018**

### **Congratulations and Thank you!**

**\*CA State FFA Public Speaking Finals:** Congratulations to our State level public speakers! Chris Archibald placed in the top ten speakers in the Impromptu contest and Jada Lang placed 5<sup>th</sup> high state public speaker for the FFA Creed contest. We are so proud of both of you, keep up the great work!

**\*Fresno State Field Day:** On Saturday, April 21 our Horse Judging team competed at the Fresno State Field Day and we are excited to congratulate them for their success in the following contest areas: Maxx Emami placed 4<sup>th</sup> high individual in Halter classes, Jada Lang placed 1<sup>st</sup> high individual in Performance classes, and as a team they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> high team in Performance classes. Our team placed 6<sup>th</sup> High team in the entire contest! Congratulations ladies and we wish you the best at your State Finals contest next weekend!

**\*CA State FFA Leadership Conference:** Thank you to all of the parents who attended State Convention with our students this past week: Beth Barry, Bonnie Bayard, Phil and Nancy Christiansen, Petrice Foxworthy, and Dennis and Tobi Gray. We couldn't have given so many students the opportunity to experience this conference without all of your help and support! Thank you so much for your time and leadership!

### **This Week**

#### **Monday 4/30**      **Reminder: El Dorado County 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Farm Day Permission slips due by Thursday**

\*3pm-4:30pm: Chapter Officer candidate speech videos. All candidates please report to Rm S-2.

#### **Tuesday 5/1**

\*Lunch: Meeting for ALL Swine DC Fair Exhibitors, on and off campus in Rm L-14. We will be going over entry forms, project visits, and other important dates. We will start 5 minutes after lunch begins so grab your lunch and hustle to the meeting.

\*3pm-4:30pm: Chapter Officer candidate speech videos. All candidates please report to Rm S-2.

#### **Wednesday 5/2**

\*Lunch: Meeting for ALL Sheep, Market and Dairy Goat, Horse, Beef, Rabbit, Poultry and Dog Exhibitors, on and off campus in Rm L-14. We will be going over entry forms, project visits, and other important dates. We will start 5 minutes after lunch begins so grab your lunch and hustle to the meeting.

\*2:30pm-4:30pm: Horse Judging practice in Rm L-14

#### **Thursday 5/3**

\*Lunch: El Dorado County 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Farm Day FINAL meeting for all students volunteering to help with this event as a presenter or general volunteer. Mandatory to attend this meeting at lunch in Rm. L-14. Permission slips must be turned in by today.

#### **Friday 5/4**

DUE DATES for Senior Survey and slideshow pictures AND the Richard Quarry Memorial Award application.

#### **Saturday 5/5**

\*Cal Poly Field Day, FFA State Finals: Good luck to our Horse Judging Team!

\*Boots and Bling Event. Community service opportunity to help with set up for this event as well as help during the event for All About Equine Animal Rescue. Please see your advisors for more information if you are interested in helping with this community service activity. Event is being held at El Dorado Hills Community Services District Gymnasium, 1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA.

### **Future events**

\*Tuesday, May 8: **El Dorado County 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Farm Day.** All student presenters and volunteers meet at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds by 8am. Be sure to bring a refillable water bottle and wear your Ponderosa FFA shirt.

\*Wednesday, May 9: **National FFA Convention Informational Meeting,** 6:30pm in Rm L-14. This meeting is mandatory for all students and at least one parent/guardian. We will be going over all travel information, important deadlines, fundraising options and answering questions.

\*Thursday, May 10: **Sacramento Section FFA Officer Interviews and FFA Meeting.** Good luck to Ali Bayard and Jenna Love who are running for the Sacramento Section Officer team! Chapter delegates and other FFA members attending will leave immediately after school and must be in official dress.

\*Saturday, May 12: **School Farm Work Day.** 8am-12pm

\*Saturday, May 12: **Pigs and Poultry Show Clinics and BBQ.** 5pm at the Ponderosa High School Farm. This is **MANDATORY** for all Ponderosa FFA Swine and Poultry exhibitors, and 4-H members are welcome to attend! Event will last until approx. 7:30/8pm.

\*Tuesday, May 15: **Ponderosa FFA Annual Awards Night.** 6pm in the PHS Large Gym. This event takes the place of a traditional May FFA Chapter Meeting. All students and family members are invited to attend!

\*Wednesday, May 16: **Rabbit Project MANDATORY meeting.** 5:45-6:45pm in Rm. L-14. All FFA rabbit exhibitors must be in attendance to stay eligible to show at the El Dorado County Fair.

\*Saturday, May 19: **Sheep and Goats Show Clinic.** 3pm-5pm at the Ponderosa High School Farm. This is **MANDATORY** for all Ponderosa FFA Sheep and Goat exhibitors, and 4-H members are welcome to attend!

\*Saturday, May 19: **School Farm Bash!** 6pm-8pm at the Ponderosa High School Farm. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Students bring items to share based on their last names.

A-L: Side Dish (Leafy or Pasta Salad, Fruit, Chips & Salsa, etc.)

M-R: Dessert

S-Z: Drinks

### **El Dorado County Fair Exhibitor Updates**

\*Lunch meetings in L-14 this week to go over entry forms and project visits.

\***Entry forms must be approved and signed by Advisors no later than Wednesday, May 9.** In order to get an advisor's signature students must show us the following:

\*Updated record book thru the end of April

\*Release of Liability Waiver signed by student and parent

\*Parent Code of Conduct form signed by all parents/adults that will be attending the fair to support the exhibitor.

\*5 buyer letters that are already proofread, clear of all errors, and are in addressed envelopes and unsealed, but ready to be sent out. Please leave the return address blank so that the letters can be sent out from our school.

\***Entry Forms for all FFA Members due completed to the EDC Fair Office by 4pm on Friday, May 11.** This is the due date set for all FFA students and must be abided by or fair participation will be in jeopardy.

### **Bruin Blooms!**

\*The Bruin Blooms Mother's Day designs have SOLD OUT. Thank you for supporting our students and program!  
[bletcher@eduhd.net](mailto:bletcher@eduhd.net) or (530) 677-2281 ext. 2380

### **Fundraisers**

\***Ponderosa FFA Decal Stickers on Sale Now!** Decals come in your choice of three colors: Green, Grey, or White. Perfect for your vehicles, water bottles, and more. Available Monday-Friday this week for \$5 each in Mrs. Sawyer's room, either at lunch or after school.



### **Leadership Opportunities**

\*National FFA Convention interest meeting for Students and Parents. Come learn about the opportunity to attend National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN and a CA FFA Association organized trip to Washington D.C. in October, 2018. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Rm L-14.

### **Seniors**

\***Senior Slideshow and pictures due by Friday, May 4.** Complete Google Form at : <https://goo.gl/KEXQSa> and send pics to [pondoffapics@gmail.com](mailto:pondoffapics@gmail.com)

### **Ag Experience and Community Service Opportunities**

\*Goat Basics Workshop: Saturday, May 19 at 8am. Beginner level, half-day workshop on the basics of goat keeping and care. A mix of classroom style presentation, demonstrations, and discussion on a broad variety of topics. FFA and 4-H members and their families receive a 30% discount on registration. Children 12 and older are welcome to attend with an attending adult. Topics include: Health, Physiology and Behavior, Housing, Fencing, Pasture, Protection, Nutrition, Parasites, Injuries, Medications, Routine Care, and Networking with Breeders, veterinarians, universities, and more. Please see the following link for more information and to register:

<http://www.creesbrothersfarm.com/education--workshops.html>

\*Interested in gaining some hands-on experience with draft horses? The Meeting with a Giant organization is offering internship experiences for all interested students. If you are interested, please go to the following website for more information or contact Mrs. Sawyer <http://www.meetingwithagiant.com/>

### **Other Information**

#### **\*Interested in getting a CA AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATE?**

California FFA is giving away 750 free CalAg Plates. Support California Agriculture Education by going to this link for the application: <https://www.calaged.org/docs/reg17.pdf>

Fill out, print, and mail to: California FFA, PO Box 460, Galt, CA 95632. Applications will be forwarded to DMV with payment, plate owners are responsible for annual renewal fees.

### **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)