



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 5/7/2018**

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

**\*CA State Career Development Event Finals:** this past weekend our Horse Judging team competed in CA State Finals judging contest at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. We are very excited and proud to announce that after a lot of hard work and dedication put in this season our team took 10<sup>th</sup> high team in CA! Great Job! Horse Judging Team members: Maxx Emami, Jada Lang, Sara Orbus, Alisia Rodriguez, and Charlotte Walker. We are looking forward to your future successes this upcoming year! Thank you to Ms. Jody Gray for her outstanding coaching!

### **Help Needed**

We are in need of equipment to use for our school farm work days this week. Any available weed eaters, lawn mowers, and blowers of any kind would be very much appreciated in order for our work day to be productive. If you are able to allow us to use any of these items, please email [ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us) and arrange for equipment to be dropped off to the Ag Mechanics shop. We would be in need of these items for this Friday and Saturday and equipment could be taken home Saturday or picked up from the Ag Mechanics shop next week. Thank you in advance for your help!

### **This Week**

#### **Monday 5/7 COLLAB DAY**

#### **Tuesday 5/8**

**\*El Dorado County 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Farm Day:** All participating students meet at the EDC Fairgrounds by 8am for check in and set up. Students will be finished with clean up by 4pm. Make sure to wear this year's FFA T-shirt and bring a refillable water bottle

**Wednesday 5/9 EDC Fair Livestock Entry Forms, paperwork, and Buyer Letters must be completed by today to get Advisors' signature on your entry forms.**

**\*5pm:** FFA Rabbit Exhibitors meet in Rm L-14 to pick up your rabbits. Make sure you have feed and supplies ready by then, bring a towel, and bring a carrying cage/box to transport them home in. This meeting will go until about 5:45pm. Payments for rabbits need to be made to Mrs. Sawyer no later than Wednesday at Lunch.

**\*6:30pm:** National FFA Convention MANDATORY Interest Meeting for students and parents. Rm. L-14.

#### **Thursday 5/10**

**\*2:30pm:** Sacramento Section FFA Meeting. Good Luck to Miss Ali Bayard and Jenna Love who are running for Sacramento Section FFA Office! Delegates and additional students attending will be given time to change into official dress immediately after school, and will leave for Elk Grove. Please bring \$10 for dinner, we will return between 7 and 8pm.

#### **Friday 5/11**

**\*School Farm Work Day** in all Agriculture classes today.

**ENTRY FORMS DUE TO THE EDC FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE BY 4PM TODAY**

#### **Saturday 5/12**

**\*School Farm Work Day** 8am-12pm.

**\*5-7pm:** Swine and Poultry Showing Round Up. **MANDATORY** FOR ALL FFA SWINE EXHIBITORS. Workshops will cover preparing your animal for fair, marketing your animal and showmanship practice.

### **Future events**

**\*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

\*Tuesday, May 22. 6pm in Rm L-14. **FFA Booster Parent Meeting.** This will be the final meeting of the year, nominations for Booster's officer positions will continue, voting on positions will take place and all parents can receive information for how to be involved at fair this year and FFA activities beginning in the Fall. If you are interested in serving on the FFA Booster Board or be involved as a member be sure to attend this meeting. Thank you for your continued support of our program!

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

\*Project Visit Schedule attached to the Monday Memo

\***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)