



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 8/27/2018

Congratulations!

We are very excited to congratulate two of our alumni students, Jordyn Gilmore and Jason Sousa on earning their American FFA Degrees! The American Degree is awarded at the National FFA Convention to less than one percent of FFA members, making it FFA's highest honor. Jordyn and Jason will receive their degree as well as their gold American FFA degree key on stage during National Convention held in Indianapolis, IN in October.

We are incredibly proud of your accomplishment and your positive example of leadership, work ethic, and dedication for all of our members! Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

This Week MFE and ALA Applications due by Friday, September 7

Monday 8/27 COLLAB DAY

Lunch: Club Day in the Quad

Tuesday 8/28

*School Farm Work Day: all Ag classes meet your advisors at the farm for class. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and shoes that you can get dirty in.

*Lunch: Beef SAE Project Mtg. Are you interested in showing cattle (beef or dairy) at the El Dorado County Fair? Please come to an informational meeting at lunch in Room P2. We will discuss your interests and help you get started on the selection of a project animal!

Wednesday 8/29

*Lunch: Tahoe Farm Day Mtg. All students need to bring answers regarding committed parent drivers for this event happening on Tuesday, Sept 11 at Camp Richardson in South Lake Tahoe. Permission slips need to be turned in by today.

Thursday 8/30

Friday 8/31 Fall Sports Rally-Rally Schedule

Future Events/Additional Information

***EDCOE Rodeo Picnic**: Wednesday, Sept 5, 4pm-7:30pm. This is a community service activity running rodeo games and activities during EDCOE's welcome back bbq. Event held at the EDCOE office.

***Tahoe Farm Day**: Tuesday, Sept 11. All volunteers and drivers meet at 6am at the student parking lot by the shop. We will leave by 6:15 am and are estimating our return time to be about 4:30pm.

***Drive Thru BBQ**: Thursday, Sept 13. Students can sign up to work BBQ shifts. We start getting set up right after school, the Drive Thru times are 5pm-7pm, and clean up usually goes until about 7:30pm.

September FFA Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 18, 5pm @ Cafeteria

Parent FFA Booster Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 18, 6pm in Rm L-14.

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.

Fundraisers!

***FFA Drive Thru BBQ Dinner** Tickets go on sale this week! Drive Thru Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 13. Dinners are \$10 each and include: Pulled pork sandwich, beans, salad, and a cookie. Tickets are pre-sold. We cannot guarantee dinners for anyone trying to purchase tickets at the door. Students earn 1 activity point for every 3 dinner tickets they sell. Ticket orders due no later than Tuesday, Sept 4.

Livestock SAE project opportunity!

***Reid Cattle Opening Weekend Bid Off:** Saturday Sept 15, at the Waltz Ranch. 2176 Spenceville Rd. Wheatland. This will be a great steer shopping opportunity for our beef exhibitors.

Ponderosa FFA Apparel

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

Shirts have been ordered and will arrive by Monday, Sept 10. Cost is \$15
Sweatshirt pre-orders are being taken until Friday Sept 7. Cost is \$30
Please turn in T-shirt/Sweatshirt forms and all monies into the Finance Office, checks should be made payable to Ponderosa FFA.



Leadership Opportunities

***Greenhand Leadership Conference:** This is a fun filled day for any of our Greenhands (first year FFA members) held at Lodi High School on Thursday, Oct 4. Students spend the day playing games, competing in challenges, meeting other new FFA members from our Chapter as well as other local Chapters, and learning about all of their future FFA opportunities. We have 22 spots reserved for this conference. The first 22 students to complete the permission slip and turn it in will have a guaranteed spot. The cost of the conference is \$35 dollars and includes a conference t-shirt and lunch, payments are due to the finance office window by Friday, Sept 28. Permission slips will be handed out in Ag classes on Monday.

*** Made for Excellence Conference MFE) Applications due by Friday, Sept 7**

Focus on: Student Development, Personal Growth

For Sophomores; Two Day Event, held February 8-9

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "Student Development and ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."

Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA) Applications due by Friday, Sept 7

Focus on: Chapter Development, Personal Growth

For Juniors and/or Seniors; Two Day Event, held February 8-9

Once a leader is comfortable with their own self and self-purpose, they can discover how to work with others and establish a goal. The process for analyzing program needs and planning a project or event is the focus of this conference as students discover how to be teams of innovative leaders in their chapter. This conference about "WE: the individual leader, their relationships with others and how to establish common vision."

Help Needed!

***Parent Drivers:** as we are gearing up for another productive, busy, and exciting year, we would like to ask that all parents who might consider being a driver for any event during the school year to complete a District Driver Authorization form. The form has to be turned in to the front office with a copy of your driver's license (front and back) as well as a print out of your insurance policy coverage. The approval process takes approx. 3 weeks in order to be eligible to drive students, other than your own, to an event. The forms are yellow and can be picked up from the Ag teachers or the front office. Thank you in advance for all of your help!

***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@eduhsd.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@eduhsd.k12.ca.us