



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 9/10/2018

Thank you!

To our students that helped run the activities at the El Dorado County Office of Education Rodeo BBQ. You all did an excellent job, way to represent Pondo FFA! Pictures of the event are attached to this email.

Upcoming Events

This Week

Monday 9/10 COLLAB DAY

Lunch: All Tahoe Farm Day students meet at Rm P-2 at lunch.

Tuesday 9/11

Tahoe Farm Day: All students and parent drivers meet at the student parking lot at 6am. Be sure to bring a refillable water bottle and wear FFA gear.. We will return at approximately 4pm.

Wednesday 9/12 Fields of Learning Applications are due by today

Thursday 9/13

Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser: Dinner pick up times are from 5pm-7pm at the Bus Circle. Students can sign up for shifts from 4pm-6pm and 6pm-8pm.

Friday 9/14

Saturday 9/15 Chapter Officer Leadership Conference at Gregori HS in Modesto. Officer team will meet at the Ag Mech shop at 6am.

Future Events/Additional Information

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

*Tuesday, Sept 18, 6pm: **Parent FFA Booster Meeting** in Rm. P-2

*Tuesday, Sept 18, 7pm: **Cattle SAE project for the El Dorado County Fair MANDATORY student and parent meeting** in Rm P-2

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.

Fields of Learning: Ag in the Classroom

The Fields of Learning program connects FFA members with an elementary school class and an agricultural production operation in our area. Our FFA members go to the operation 3 times per school year: once in the fall, once in the winter and once in the spring. During each of these days our students lead activities and learning workshops for the elementary school students, give tours, and help teach about what happens at that facility during that growing season. Examples of production operations involved include Smokey Ridge Ranch, 24 Carrot Farm, Harris Tree Farm, and more. Students who are involved in this program have an opportunity to earn awards and scholarships as well as make connections with our local agriculturists. Please see attached application if you are interested in participating. The three school absences per year are excused by the attendance office when your parent calls to say that you are at an FFA Fields of Learning event that day, and everyone is eligible to participate in after school activities on those days. Applications are due by this Wednesday, Sept 12.

Livestock for Sale

*One of our Senior students is selling her two Nigerian Dwarf does. They are 4 years old and she is asking for \$200 each. Please reach out to Cora Harris if you are interested in learning more about it. 916-934-9131.

Community Service Opportunities

Hands 4 Hope Fall Festival: Saturday Sept 29-Sunday Sept 30, 11am-4pm. We will be running an interactive info booth about our FFA program and agriculture. We are looking for students who would like to volunteer for one of the two days. Responsibilities will include talking to the public and taking care of petting zoo animals. If you are interested in volunteering and/or would like to bring an animal to contribute towards the petting zoo please see Mrs. Sawyer for more details.

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 are scheduled to arrive this week, announcements will be made in Ag classes when they are available to be picked up. Shirts cost \$15 each. Sweatshirts are \$30 each. If sweatshirt orders were not turned in by Friday, an email will need to be sent to Mrs. Sawyer by Monday, Sept 10 at 5pm for your last chance to order a sweatshirt. asawyer@eduhd.k12.ca.us



***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!

Leadership Opportunities

Any school days missed due to FFA events are school excused absences and students are able to get their school work from their teachers ahead of time.

For GLC: if athletes need to be back by a specific time we can have a vehicle bring those students back in time to make their sporting event, just please communicate that with FFA Advisors.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR GLC!

***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.

Help Needed!

***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

***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

FFA on the Web!

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

www.ponderosaffa.weebly.com