



Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 9/17/2018

Thank you!

El Dorado County Tahoe Farm Day: This past Tuesday we had 29 students present agricultural lessons and help run the Tahoe Farm Day for hundreds of 3rd graders. Thank you to our students who did an incredible job, and a huge thank you to all of the parents that helped with transporting all of our students: Mrs. Bonnie Bayard, Mr. Jason Bloxson, Mrs. Jennifer Bloxson, Mrs. Rachael Buckley, Mrs. Mindy Caplan, Mrs. Cheri Love, Mrs. Heidi Phaler, Mrs. Jennifer Spring, Mr. Brian Wieland, and Mr. Patrick Winter. Our students wouldn't have had this incredible experience without all of your time and help.

Drive Thru BBQ Dinner: Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraiser as customers as well as with helping carry out the event. A special thank you to our numerous students and parents who baked cookies for us, Mrs. Jennifer Winter and Mrs. Megan Orbus who cooked tens of dozens of cookies, and to Mrs. Janell Morgan who played a vital role in carrying out the event. This was our largest dinner in the past 6 years and wouldn't have been possible without all of our support behind the scenes as well as our incredible community.

Upcoming Events

This Week

Monday 9/17

Tuesday 9/18 All Members please wear your new FFA T-shirts!

*Lunch: Hands 4 Hope Fall Festival interest meeting, in Rm P-2. See Future events section for more details.

*5pm: September FFA Chapter Meeting @ Cafeteria. (There will not be a parent booster meeting this month.)

*7pm: Cattle SAE project for the EDC Fair MANDATORY student and parent meeting in Rm. P-2. If you do not go to this meeting or talk to an advisor about any hardships before that time, please do not plan on showing cattle with Ponderosa FFA.

Wednesday 9/19

Thursday 9/20

Friday 9/21

Saturday 9/22

Future Events/Additional Information

*Tues, Sept 25: School Farm Work Day

*Fri, Sept 28: Greenhand Leadership Conference payment due to the finance office, \$35.

*Sat-Sun, Sept 29-30: Hands4Hope Fall Festival, in EDH Town Center, 11am-4pm each day. 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.

*Mon, Oct 1: \$100 deposit due for MFE/ALA conferences

*Thurs, Oct 4: Greenhand Leadership Conference @Lodi HS. Meeting at Ag Mech shop at 6:15am.

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 19.

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 \$150 each. Please reach out to Cora Harris if you are interested in learning more about it. 916-934-9131.

Community Service Opportunities

***Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and pumpkin patch.** Saturday Oct 20 @ Cameron Park Lake, 12pm-5pm. We will be running halloween activities like games, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin patch, etc. There will be a lunch meeting coming up in the next couple of weeks for all interested students.

Agricultural opportunities!

***Sheep Production 101 Workshop, October 13, 2018.** Hosted by the California Wool Growers Association and UC Davis Dept. of Animal Science. Full Agenda and Registration available on www.californiawoolgrowers.org.

***Modesto Junior College Senior Day: Friday, October 5, 2018,** from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We will meet in the morning at the Agricultural Center for Education Pavilion (ACE) on West Campus (please see website for details www.mjc.edu/ag). The day will consist of student-guided tours of MJC West Campus, completion of the student orientation, discussion groups and career stations. Students will be given information regarding the classes offered through interaction with MJC students, leadership opportunities, and the experiences to gain by becoming a student at MJC through a welcome from the Ag Department instructors and staff.

Ponderosa FFA Apparel

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

T-shirts have arrived and are available for pick up in Rm P-2. Sweatshirts are expected to arrive within a couple weeks. Thank you!

***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!



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