



## **Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 9/24/2018**

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to Tori Omanvel, PHS graduate, who came back to help our Floral students to design the Powell wedding. Special thanks to Elizabeth Bloxsom for helping to finish/setup that wedding! Also, we would like to thank the Christiansen family and graduate Caitlyn Christiansen for trusting Bruin Blooms wedding flowers (Caitlyn's sister, not Caitlyn, got married on Saturday. Congratulations!) These weddings have been exceptional learning experiences for our students.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **This Week**

**Monday 9/24** Collab Day

#### **Tuesday 9/25**

\*Lunch: Hands 4 Hope Fall Festival meeting, in Rm P-2.

\*3pm: National FFA Convention Snap Raise fundraiser meeting, in Rm. P-2. Students need to bring at least 25 emails, but the number of emails above that is unlimited. Please come in FFA wear for the picture.

#### **Wednesday 9/26**

\*Lunch: Horse Judging Team Mtg, in Rm P-2. Any students that are interested in learning more about or plan to join our Horse Judging Team, please come to this meeting and learn about upcoming events.

**Thursday 9/27** Freshmen BBQ 3pm @Quad, sponsored by ASB, Freshmen Football pre-game activity.

**Friday 9/28** Greenhand Leadership Conference payments (\$35) due to the finance office.

**Saturday 9/29 and Sunday 9/30** Hands4Hope Fall Festival, 11am-4pm, set up begins at 10:30am at EDH Town Center. Be sure to wear your new FFA Chapter shirts.

### **Future Events/Additional Information**

\*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.

\*Tues, Oct 16: FFA Chapter Meeting, 5pm @Cafeteria

\*Tues, Oct 16: El Dorado County Fair 2019 MANDATORY Student AND Parent Meeting, 6:30pm. This is a mandatory meeting for any students who are considering raising a livestock animal for the El Dorado County Fair in Summer 2019. If students and a parent do not attend this meeting without communicating a conflict with advisors beforehand, they will not be eligible to raise/show an animal for the El Dorado County Fair as a Ponderosa FFA member. Also, note that students must attend 8 out of 10 Monthly Chapter FFA Meetings/Awards/Activity nights in order to stay eligible.

\*Thurs, Oct 18: Opening/Closing Ceremonies public speaking contest @ Liberty Ranch High School in Galt. Leaving at 8am, returning approx. 4pm.

\*Sat, Oct. 20: Cameron Park CSD Halloween Carnival and Pumpkin Patch @ 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.

### **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.

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind**

\* For all students who are interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind. Local clubs are inviting students and parents to contact them and start to attend their meetings. In order for students to become eligible to raise a guide dog puppy in the future they must first attend meetings, have active parent involvement, and put in time as a puppy sitter for current raisers. Now is the perfect time to get started with these prerequisites. Feel free to contact either of our two local clubs:

Dante Laird from the Sierra Gold Guides club: [Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com](mailto:Sierra.gold.guides@gmail.com) or (530) 957-1704.

Ali Bayard from the El Dorado Second Sight club: [abayard243@gmail.com](mailto:abayard243@gmail.com) or (530) 306-8365.

### **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**

\*Piglets are available from a Ponderosa FFA Alumni student and local swine breeder. Piglets are about 60-80 lbs, and are \$150 each, with discounts for purchasing multiple. If anyone is interested in having a pig fed out to market readiness, the cost is \$800. Please contact Jordyn at 530-748-8055 if interested.

\*4 Market Lambs are available for sale, ready for processing. The cost is \$450 delivered to Archers and then the buyer will pay for the cut and wrap. If interested please call Kerri Schnetz at 530-333-9134 (home) or 530-457-5798 (cell).

\*One of our Seniors are selling her two 4 year old Nigerian Dwarf does. Please reach out to Cora Harris if interested at 916-934-9131.

### **Agricultural opportunities!**

\***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](http://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.

\***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](http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org).

\***Fresno State Livestock Judging Workout Day, November 3, 2018**: The Fresno State Livestock Judging Program is hosting the Red Wave Livestock Judging Workout Day on Nov. 3rd beginning at 8am at the Livestock Pavilion. Registration is \$25 per person which includes lunch, t-shirt, judging term book with drawstring backpack, 8-10 judging classes and 4 sets of reasons with critique and instruction. Please see the attached flier for more information and the attached registration form. Please contact Mr. Brad Mendes at (209)765-7143 for more information.

### **Help Needed!**

\***Vase Donations**: Floral Design loves to recycle! If you have vases or containers that you would like to donate to our class, we will gladly take them. Drop them off outside (or inside) of Room L14 any time. L14 is located at the end of the Staff Parking Lot.

\***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](mailto: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](mailto:ivalencia@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

### **FFA on the Web!**

**Check out our new website!**

<https://sites.google.com/a/eduhd.k12.ca.us/ponderosaffa/home?authuser=0>

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

### **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!

