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The Firebaugh FFA Chapter Officer Team and the California FFA State Officer Team share a picture together after a long day of participating in the conference.

FFA News - Bleeding Blue & Gold

You are on your way to school on an average, sunny day. Next thing you know you're in a white van eating donuts. No I am not talking about the panadero (baker) picking you up from school, I'm talking about the FFA officers on their way to the SJR Boot camp in San Luis Obispo.

The officers and I were not quite ready when we arrived because oh boy, it was a legit boot camp. I'm talking about the kind of military bases you see on TV

shows and the movies.

Together as a team, the officers moved from station to station, obstacle to obstacle, with one goal and one goal only, "No man left behind". Through all the obstacles this was achieved and (they) even faced their fears. As the day turned into night, all of the chapters were led to this big camp fire where each learned about themselves as well as their teammates. Tears, laughter, and unsaid words were said that night between the officers. This reflection ended the night and the

next day back to work.

This would be everyone's last session at boot camp. For many of us, it would be known as the most intense session, because we were forced to use the most important muscle of all, our brains. After that, the officers were exhausted and were ready to go home. With this experience, we bonded, learned leadership skills to use back at our chapter, and even got a little workout.

By Paola Gonzalez