



*Parents, Students, Teachers and Board Members enjoy a BBQ at the Firebaugh High School Back to School night on the 27th of August. The BBQ was provided by the Firebaugh FFA.*

# Back to school night, officers conference

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Back to school night is a traditional thing done for parents every year to get to know their children's teachers as well as the school campus. The chapter officers and advisors this year helped out with cooking the food. We made hot dogs and lemonade for the parents, students and staff. While serving food and drinks, the officers got a chance to mingle with the parents.

Some parents were unaware of what the FFA was and why we wore our uniforms. Other parents shared their stories

about being involved in the FFA when they were in high school. One parent in particular mentioned that once she found out that her daughters had become involved in the FFA program, she was so excited and made memories of her years in the FFA comeback. She even shared with us all the animals she raised, the judging teams she participated in, and so on.

The officers, along with myself, are moved when we hear stories from parents and their days in the FFA. In the end the evening was great and the parents enjoyed the food, as well as visiting their children's school.

On Wednesday, August 26, the chapter officers attended a meeting at Reedley College, which was put on by both the East and West Fresno-Madera Sectional officers. This was a conference where the section's invited their chapter to take the chapter officers.

There they voted on the amendments and constitution, learned more about their individual positions, and spent time sharing their ideas, as well as goals with other chapters. For the workshops, each office was in their own room, so the presidents were with the sectional presidents, the vice presidents with the sectional vice presidents and so on. We even had a workshop all together put on by some of the regional officers. They talked to us about how we can benefit from social media, and the positives along with the negatives of it.

Later on that night when it was getting closer to going home, we got the chance to mingle with our neighboring town, which also happens to be our biggest rival in sports, Mendota. That's the beauty of the FFA, mingling with others and being courteous to everyone no matter the circumstance. Of course we had to take some pictures with our friends, and after that we were headed back to our own town ready to use what we learned to make this a strong, amazing year.