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FIREBAUGH FFA.....



POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!

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# Program of Work

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# Honorary Chapter Farmer

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*Carol Ledford*

This 2001-2002 program of work has been dedicated by the Firebaugh FFA Chapter with the sincerest of gratitude to our 2001 Honorary Chapter Farmer, Carol Ledford.

Carol Ledford is a well-known and liked person by our chapter. She is always there with a helping hand, whether it is something small or a task that requires extra time. She is never too busy for us and we value her friendship.

It is with the deepest appreciation that we dedicate this Program of Work to such a giving and caring person who has done so much for our organization.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA

# Officer Greetings

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Dear FFA Members,

Howdy, from your 2001-2002 FFA Chapter Officer Team. We hope you had an exciting summer and are ready to start this year with a bang. The officer team has worked hard this past summer organizing activities that will keep us all busy from September through June.

This year will carry many of the traditions returning members have come to enjoy throughout the years, but also offer new and exciting events for the first time. The members are the key to making these activities a success.

With the help of our advisors, local community and you the members, this year will bring great learning experiences as well as hard work. Your dedication to Firebaugh FFA will result in personal gain. Our program is designed to assist members in achieving their highest goals. Remember, "The Possibilities Are Endless"!

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# Advisor's Message

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The Advisors of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter would like to welcome every new and returning member to the Firebaugh FFA for the 2001-2002 school year. New to the Firebaugh FFA this year is the Welding Shop/OH Teacher, Mr. Catalan. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its success. The curriculum is on the cutting edge and our facilities rival many junior colleges only to compliment the already highly successful FFA Chapter.

This year, the officers have set a goal for the new and returning FFA members to explore the endless possibilities that the FFA has to offer. As advisors, we agree with the officers that it is vitally important to have FFA members actively involved in exploring the program. This Program of Work will serve as a guide, outlining the activities you can be a part of. Use it to participate in the numerous opportunities offered to you in this chapter and agriculture program. It would be impossible for the chapter officers to carry out all of the activities outlined in this program without the **cooperation from each and every member in this chapter**. The duty of the advisors is only to point the way, while the officers and committees actually lead the membership. **You**, the chapter members, will decide how active or successful the chapter will be this year by **your** participation. We would like this year to be the best year you ever had in school. The FFA program is the greatest youth organization in the world and the Firebaugh FFA is one or the top five in the state!

The Chapter Advisors look forward to working with our chapter members to keep Firebaugh FFA the best in the state! We are relying on you to make this year a success!

Sincerely,  
The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mr. Catalan  
Ms. Geist  
Mrs. Gravatt



# Do you just belong?

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Are you an active member,  
the kind that wouldn't be missed?  
Or are you just content  
to have your name among the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you usually stay away  
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part,  
to help and work along?  
Or are you satisfied  
to be the kind that just belongs?  
Do you pitch in, and do your share,  
to really make things tick?  
Or leave the work to just a few,  
that you would call "the clique?"

There's quite a program scheduled  
that we're sure you've heard about,  
and we'll appreciate it if you too,  
will help us work things out.  
So come to the meetings often,  
and help with hand and heart.

Don't just be a member,  
but take an active part.  
Think this over, friend,  
because you know right from wrong,  
Are you an "ACTIVE MEMBER",  
or do you just belong?

Author Unknown

# Chapter Goals

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- \* To begin educating children of all ages on the importance of agriculture, so they take an interest in agriculture, now and in the future.
- \* To further develop the involvement of members in our FFA organization, so that our chapter will continue to succeed and grow in the coming year.
- \* To provide the community with agriculture education awareness.
- \* To develop a better relationship among the community, and enhance the relationship between our organization and the community.
- \* To encourage member participation in numerous FFA activities, and to succeed not only at the chapter level.
- \* To be recognized as a 3 star chapter for the National FFA Chapter Award.
- \* To make this year one to be recognized by many, and filled with member involvement and achievements.
- \* To excel in every aspect of agriculture education.

# Missions and Strategies

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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of others by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To accomplish this mission, we the FFA will:

1. Develop a competent and assertive agricultural leadership program.
2. Increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourage achievement in supervised occupational experience programs.
6. Encourage wise management of the economic, environmental, and human resources of the community.
7. Develop interpersonal skills in teamwork, communication, and human relations.
8. Build character, promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism in our students and community.



# The Emblem

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The National FFA emblem consists of five symbols and represents the history, goals and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of the FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance. THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of the American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation. THE RISING SUN signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity. THE PLOW signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength. THE EAGLE is a national symbol, which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture. THE OWL, long recognized for its wisdom, symbolized the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture. The words "AGRICULTURE EDUCATION" and FFA are emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.

## Colors

As the blue field of our nation's flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors of "NATIONAL BLUE and CORN GOLD" give unity to the organization. All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

## Motto

The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization.

***Learning to Do,  
Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live,  
Living to Serve.***

# The FFA Creed

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I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generation of agriculturists; In the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so-for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

**The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.**

# Judging Teams

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## **Agriculture Mechanics**

Members complete a written exam, and demonstrate problem-solving skills. Emphasis includes machinery and equipment, industry and marketing, energy, structural and environmental resources.

## **Banking**

Members complete a written test made up of financial standings, such as checks and bank statements. You will be expected to know the different rates of credit that may be given to you.

## **B.I.G.**

This contest is for Freshmen FFA Students only. Members on this team complete a written test on their knowledge of the FFA.

## **Creed Speaking**

This contest is for Freshmen FFA Students only. Students memorize and recite the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany

## **Farm Records**

The Farm Records contest is a three - part contest based on the FFA record book. Each student must take a written exam, complete a journal and a budget problem.

## **Farm Safety**

Members take a written test based on farm safety. Topics include tractors, tools, operating equipment, and how to transport animals.

## **Floriculture**

Members demonstrate proficiency in plant identification, judgment of floral and foliage arrangements, problem solving, skills that include flower arranging, and corsage construction.

## **Job Interview**

You are required to create a cover letter and resume prior to participating in a job interview. You are evaluated and placed according to your resume, cover letter, and interview scores.

**Livestock Judging**

Members evaluate beef cattle, sheep, and swine on physical characteristics and records for market and breeding usage. Members give oral reasons explaining their placing on three classes.

**Parliamentary Procedure**

Members complete a written examination and then demonstrate their proficiency at using correct parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings. Participants discuss chapter events during their mock meetings.

**Cotton Judging**

This contest is made up of a three-member team. Members are required to take a written exam of your knowledge of cotton. Members will also be required to judge and score different types of cotton.

**Agronomy**

Members will be exploring agronomic sciences through several levels of competition including developing solutions for problematic scenarios, identification of seeds, insects, soil, and crops.

**Cooperative Marketing**

This contest is designed to create an awareness and understanding of the basic elements of farm product marketing and farmer cooperation in marketing, purchasing, bargaining, and service.

**Opening/Closing**

This contest is made up of a six-person team. Each member of the team is responsible for memorizing one officer part of the opening and closing ceremonies and reciting it at the sectional contest.

**Prepared Public Speaking**

The member that chooses this speaking contest is to write a memorized a ten-minute speech on a major agriculture issue. The individual will be scored on his or her ability to speak and also on how well they can answer questions on the topic they choose.

**Extemporaneous Public Speaking**

Members deliver a speech on one of three agricultural topics after they are given thirty minutes to prepare a four-to-six minute speech. At the conclusion of the speech, the judges may question the speaker for five-minutes. Decisions are based on factors similar to the prepared event.

# Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters

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Ag Boosters are valuable to the Firebaugh FFA Program. This is a group of community members and parents who want to work together to provide support for the program throughout the year. This support can be the donation of time, equipment, or money. All parents are encouraged to get involved and have input on how to make this youth organization the best it can be.

Students can perform to their full potential when parents are involved in their educational career. You are an Ag Booster if you support your child and his/her involvement in Firebaugh FFA. Now take an active role and make a difference!

# Firebaugh FFA Scholarship Committee

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This committee supports the FFA by raising money to fund the Lara Family and Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to one male and one female graduating senior who meet the qualifications.

## Committee Members

Kitty Catania  
Donna Diaz  
John Diedrich  
John Teixeira  
Pat Ward

The qualifications for the Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship are as follows:

- 1.) Student **must** provide a **copy** of the completed school scholarship application **plus** an essay to the Ag department chairperson by April 20th. (Late applications & essay will not be considered.)
- 2.) The committee will review the applications and check for the following qualifications:
  - a) Attend a two or four year college.
  - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or enrolled in one agriculture course per quarter/semester.
- 3.) A typed 500 word essay must be on your past history and future plans. (Explain your involvement in FFA now and in agriculture in the future.)
- 4.) One male and one female will be chosen for this scholarship and each will receive \$4,000.00 and a belt buckle. \$1,000.00 will be given each year while enrolled in college.
- 5.) Student can take any 2 semesters off without losing the remainder of the scholarship.
- 6.) Money is disbursed as follows:

First semester registration	\$250.00
First semester grades	\$250.00
Second semester registration	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00 (for four years)</b>



# Agriculture Scholarships

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*Applications are available through the High School Counseling Office for these scholarships. It is your responsibility to get an application and return it by the deadline – GOOD LUCK!*

## **Matthew Roussel Memorial**

**\$250**

## **California Women for Agriculture**

**\$250**

## **Madera Agriculture Youth Association**

**\$500**

**CALCOT**

**\$1,000**

# Fairs & Shows

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In order to give our students an area to showcase the knowledge they have learned through their Supervised Occupational Experience Project, Firebaugh FFA competes at two fairs and shows during the year. You will find us at the Madera Fair in September, and the Chowchilla Fair in May. Student projects that can be exhibited are beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horses, rabbits, poultry, plants, flower arrangements and agricultural mechanics projects. If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, one of the Ag Teachers can get you started.

## Dairy

Showing a dairy heifer is a lot of responsibility and requires time. You will have your animal for the Chowchilla, Madera, and Fresno Fair. The animal is purchased in June, so you will be required to feed, water and clean her for approximately twenty-four months. You will need to halter break the animal before you do anything. She will need to be tied up for eight hours, and lead to water every two hours. After being halter broke, the animal will need to be lead to insure she is properly trained. You will practice showmanship and wash her every other day.

### Dairy Replacement Heifers Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	Heifer	\$ 600.00
	Feed	\$ 800.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 30.00
	Insurance	\$ 50.00
	Equipment	\$ 30.00
	School Housing (paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1515.00</b>
<b>Receipt</b>		<b>\$ 2000.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss:</b>		<b>\$ 485.00</b>

## Poultry

The poultry project does not require as much maintenance, as compared to other projects simply because they are small animals. You will take ownership and care for the animals for thirty days prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have to feed them and practice showmanship. Showmanship requires you to inspect the animal. After you show your animal, it will go to the auction if it does well at the show.

### Poultry Project Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	Meat Pen (3)	\$ 27.00
	Feed	\$ 15.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 48.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>		<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Profit/loss:</b>		<b>\$ 42.00</b>

## Rabbits

Raising and showing rabbits can be a lot of fun. If you are the type of person who doesn't like to work with larger animals then this is the animal for you! There are a lot of responsibilities when you show rabbits. You have to feed and water them everyday and make sure you groom them everyday also. You can either show a meat pen, which consists of 3 meat rabbits, and you sell them at the fair. You can also show rabbits, which are used strictly for showing and keep as your pet to use them for breeding.

### Rabbit Project Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	Animal Cost (3)	\$ 45.00
	Feed	\$ 10.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 4.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>	Breeding Rabbits \$5.00-\$25.0	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss:</b>		<b>\$ 30.00</b>

## Steer

Showing a steer is a lot of hard work and you have to be willing to take on a lot of responsibility. You have to make sure you walk your steer everyday. You also have to rinse and brush the animal hair everyday to make it grow all in the same direction. You will need to get them use to walking with a halter and show stick to make sure they get use to being shown. If you are a first time showman, you don't want this to be the first animal you show.

### Market Steer Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	
<u>Feeder Steer</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
<u>Feed</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>Vet. supplies</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<u>Insurance's</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Showing &amp; Fitting supplies</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
<u>School Housing</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1340.00</b>
<b>Receipt: 1250 lbs x 1.25</b>	<b>\$1562.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 222.00</b>

## Sheep

In showing sheep, there are a lot of responsibilities. When you purchase your animal you will have to feed and water it. After you and the animal get use to each other, you will begin to practice showing and exercise your animal daily. When it gets close to the fair, you will start washing and shearing. There are two classes to show and compete in. Showmanship judges your showmanship skills, not the animal. In market, the judge will look at the quality of the animal.

### Market Sheep Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>Feeder Lamb</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
	<u>Feed</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	<u>Entry fee</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	<u>Vet. supplies</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
	<u>School Housing</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>Receipt: 120lbs. X 3.00</b>		<b>\$ 360.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss:</b>		<b>\$ 130.00</b>

## Swine

A swine project is a great experience. When you begin your project, you must exercise your pig everyday in order for it to maintain a quality build. You are responsible for feeding and cleaning daily. As your project progresses, you begin to wash the animal often. As you approach fair time you wash your animal everyday. Before you go to the fair you may need to shave your hog. Like other projects, you compete in two types of shows: market and showmanship. In the market show, the judge evaluates the animal for meat quality and the showmanship class determines how well you control your animal, as well as how well you can show an animal.

### Market Swine Budget

<b>Expenses:</b>	Feeder Hog	\$ 175.00
	Feed	\$ 100.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 10.00
	School Housing	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 305.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>		<b>\$ 375.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		<b>\$ 70.00</b>

# Community Service

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The purpose of community service is to develop in FFA members an attitude of service to the community in which they live. The chapter will develop a sense of community service among the entire membership.

- \* We will host a food drive during the Thanksgiving season and work with several churches to distribute the food to the needy in our community.
- \* We will begin an "Angel Tree" project to collect toys for children in our community at Christmas.
- \* We will set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during FFA Week.
- \* We will host an Ag Awareness Day to promote agriculture in our community.
- \* We will host a rally at the Middle School to promote our FFA program.
- \* We will sell "Kids Day" newspapers in a joint effort to raise money for Valley Children's Hospital.



# FFA Officers

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## Firebaugh FFA Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>April Phelen</b>
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<b>Historian</b>	<b>Maria Ornelas</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Mrs. Gina Gravatt</b>

## West Fresno Madera Sectional FFA Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Ann Marie Diener~Riverdale</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Lindsay Maddox~Riverdale</b>
<b>Second Vice-President</b>	<b>Christine St. Pierre~Chowchilla</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Nick Davis~Madera</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Diaz~Central</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Kelsey Gragnani~Kerman</b>
<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Brittany Westbrook~Firebaugh</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Carlos Adame~Firebaugh</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Jenna Smith~Central</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Matt Ames~Caruthers</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Mr. Mike Rossi~Riverdale</b>

## San Joaquin Regional FFA Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Martina Otterbeck~Sanger</b>
<b>Vice President EF/M</b>	<b>Steven Brett~Kingsburg</b>
<b>Vice President WF/M</b>	<b>Ann Marie Diener~Riverdale</b>
<b>Vice President SEQ.</b>	<b>Jordan Whaley~Golden West</b>
<b>Vice President T/K</b>	<b>Will Harris~Corcoran</b>
<b>Vice President K/I</b>	<b>Amber Cleaver~Ridgeview</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Lauren Corkins~Porterville</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Albert Brazil~Tulare Western</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Natalie Phipps~Central West</b>
<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Cole Gallaher~Caruthers</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Mr. Kenneth Harris</b>

# Past State FFA Degrees

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## Class of 1982

Jeff Cradock  
Ron Diaz  
Keith Dodderer  
Monty Robinson

## Class of 1983

Barbara Diedrich  
William Felix  
Billy Rousell  
Teddi Snyder

## Class of 1984

Edward Ward

## Class of 1985

Trace Maiorino

## Class of 1986

Gina Diaz  
Dustin Synder

## Class of 1987

Freddie Fonseca  
Shelly Nash  
Sheri Smith

## Class of 1988

Claudine Bishop  
Susan Diedrich

## Class of 1989

John Nuefield

## Class of 1990

Jeff Eppler  
Tracey Coelho

## Class of 1991

Stacey Gilbert  
Bobby Nash  
Gerardo Patlan

## Class of 1993

Karina Franco  
Salvador Fuentes  
Misty Gonzalez  
Nicole Lake  
Todd Turner

## Class of 1994

Erin Miller

## Class of 1995

Juan Arana  
Jesus Fuentes  
Martha Guzman  
Elias Lujan  
Jesus Mendoza  
Jose Molina  
David Ortega  
Luis D. Perez  
Josh Ross  
Jason Zaro

## Class of 1996

Cesar Arias  
Summer Houk  
Dustin Lowry  
Carolina Ramirez  
Pablo Vasquez

## Class of 1997

Paula Pafford  
Juan Molina  
Augie Lopez  
Stacie Dabbs  
Jane Diedrich  
Jacob Maiorino  
Nathan Thomas  
Sandy Catania  
Shannon Norton  
Shaun Ramirez

## Class of 1998

Victor Avila  
Leticia Campa  
Jason Davis  
Jason Diedrich  
Vincent Garcia  
Ryan Lowry  
Milagros Lujan  
Rafael Madriz  
Roberto Perez  
Tom Phelen  
Susan Poppa  
Jose Sepulveda  
Alberto Torres

## Class of 1999

Jordan Fickett  
Tracy Hansen  
Bobby Hogue  
Patrick Ramirez  
Ricardo Arellano  
Juan Jacobo  
Jose Martinez

## Class of 2000

Brittany Fickett  
Anthony Rodriguez  
Vincent Guthrie  
Erin Trujillo  
Reymindo Gamino  
Oscar Felix

## Class of 2001

Eric Arias  
Jeremy Ramirez  
Omar Hernandez  
Mariam Catania  
Mathew Shuemake

## Past Star FFA Degrees

Class of 1996  
Jesus Fuentes

Class of 1997  
Jane Diedrich

## Past American FFA Degree

Class of 1988  
Teddi Snyder  
Dustin Snyder

Class of 1999  
Jane Diedrich  
Paula Pafford

Class of 1996  
Jesus Fuentes

Class of 2000  
Alberto Torres  
Jason Diedrich  
Jason Davis  
Bobby Hogue  
Tom Phelen

## Past Proficiency Award Winners

### SECTIONAL PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Mendoza	Specialty Animal Production	1994-95
Josh Ross	Poultry	1994-95
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95
Stacie Dabbs	Ag Communications	1996-97
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Paula Pafford	Fiber Crop Production	1996-97
Nathan Thomas	Landscape Management	1996-97
Pablo Vasquez	Soil and Water Management	1996-97
Leticia Campa	Vegetable Production	1997-98
Jane Diedrich	Diversified Livestock Production	1997-98
Jason Diedrich	Equine Science	1997-98
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1997-98
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1997-98
Alberto Torres	Diversified Crop Production	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1998-99
Tom Phelen	Diversified Crop Management	1998-99
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1998-99
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Livestock Production	1998-99
Jordan Fickett	Specialty Animal Production	1998-99
Anthony Rodriguez	Ag Mechanics Placement	2000-01
Mathew Shuemake	Emerging Agriculture Technology	2000-01

### REGIONAL PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Leticia Campa	Vegetable Production Placement	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Production Placement	1997-98
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1998-99
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1998-99

### STATE PROFICIENCY

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1998-99

### NATIONAL PROFICIENCY

Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
	Gold Award	
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Livestock	1998-99

## Past State Winning Teams

### Computer Application Team-1995

David Ortega                      Mishia Rodriguez                      Jason Zaro

Coach: Gina Gravatt

# FFA Awards Offered to You

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**Greenhand Degree:** For 1<sup>st</sup> year Ag students.

**Star Greenhand:** For 1<sup>st</sup> year Ag students.

**Chapter FFA Degree:** For 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ag students.

**Chapter Star Farmer:** For 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ag students.

**Chapter Star in Agribusiness:** For 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ag students.

**State FFA Degree:** For 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**State Star Farmer:** For 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**State Star in Agribusiness:** For 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**American FFA Degree:** For 5<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**American Star Farmer:** For 5<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**American Star in Agribusiness:** For 5<sup>th</sup> year Ag students.

**Speaking Awards**

**Judging Team Awards**

**Outstanding Ag Student Awards:** By grade level.

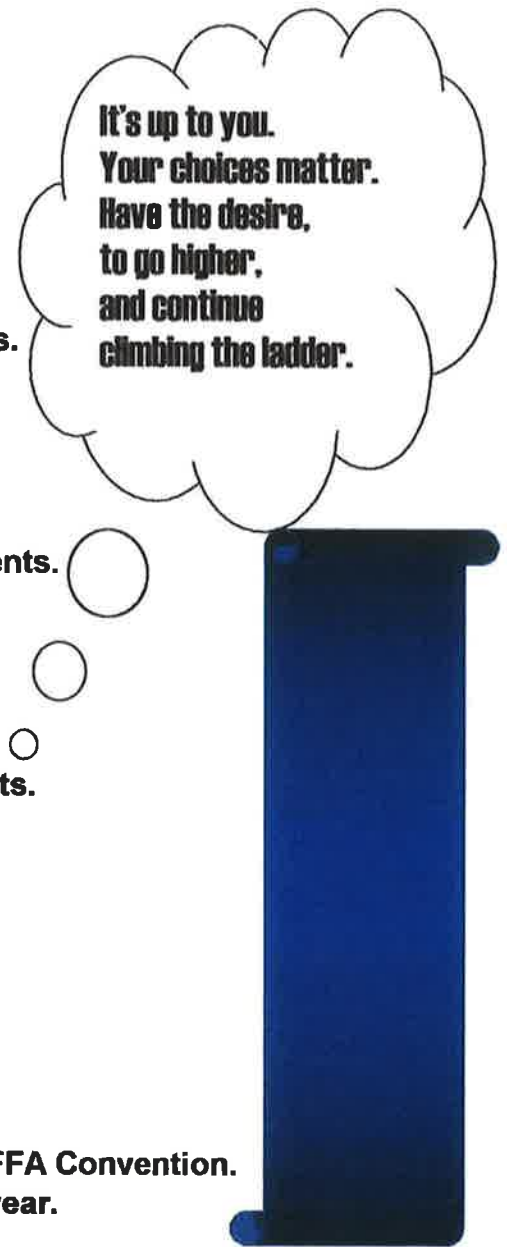
**Top 20 Awards:** Determined by FFA points.

- The #1 student wins a FREE trip to National FFA Convention.
- All 20 go on a trip together at the end of the year.

**Scholarships**

**Proficiency Awards:** Given at the Local, Sectional, Regional, State, and National levels.

**Outstanding Exhibitor Award:** Given by species at the end of the year.



**Strive to achieve; and you will see, your future turn into reality!**

# Point Award System

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The Top Twenty individuals on the point award system will be eligible to attend a summer achievement trip, and be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet in May. Students will fill out point sheets monthly and a list will be posted quarterly.

<b>I. Leadership</b>		
A.	Greenhand Degree (November of each year awarded)	30
B.	Chapter FFA Degree (November of year awarded)	50
C.	State FFA Degree	100
D.	Star State Farmer (In addition to degree)	75
<b>II. Offices (Points awarded in May)</b>		
A.	Chapter Officer	100
B.	Ag. Leadership Team (Excluding officers)	50
C.	Sectional Officer	50
D.	Regional Officer	75
E.	Student Body Officer (In May of each year)	25
F.	Class or Club Officer (In May of each year)	15
<b>III. Meetings/Conferences</b>		
A.	Attend Chapter FFA Meetings/Activities/Banquets	50
B.	Attend Sectional/Regional Meeting or Activity	50
C.	Attend State Convention	100
D.	Attend One Day State Convention	25
E.	Attend National Convention	150
<b>IV. Committees</b>		
A.	Committee member participant	15
<b>V. Community/Service</b>		
A.	Kids Day	50
B.	Ag. Awareness Day	50
C.	Middle School Rally	25
D.	Canned Food Drive	2/can
E.	Toy Drive	5/toy
<b>VI. Fundraisers</b>		
A.	Ticket Sales	
	1. Sale Price \$1.00 and under	1/each
	2. Sale Price over \$1.00	5/each
B.	X-Mas Brochure	5/item
C.	Pepsi Booth	25



VII.	Other		
A.	Participation in any FFA activity that is not listed		25
B.	Ag. Day (If you wear any paraphernalia concerning the FFA then you receive 5pts. Toward Top Twenty)		5
C.	Own FFA Jacket		100
VIII.	Supervised Agriculture Experience		
A.	Approved Enterprise: (Each project)		
1.	Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Swine		50
2.	Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats and Rabbits		20
3.	Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (Project)		50
4.	Landscape/Booth Entry		25p/d
5.	OH/Crop/Floral Entry		20
B.	Exhibit at Shows and Fairs		
1.	First Award		
a.	Mechanics		20
b.	Ornamental Horticulture		20
c.	Breeding		20
d.	Floral		20
e.	Landscape		20
f.	Booth		20
2.	Second Award		
a.	Mechanics		15
b.	Ornamental Horticulture		15
c.	Breeding		15
d.	Floral		15
e.	Landscape		15
f.	Booth		15
3.	Third Award		
a.	Mechanics		10
b.	Ornamental Horticulture		10
c.	Breeding		10
d.	Floral		10
e.	Landscape		10
f.	Booth		10
C.	Animal Projects		
1.	Grand Champion		50
2.	Reserve Grand Champion		35
3.	FFA Champion		25
4.	FFA Reserve Champion		20
5.	Breed Champion		20
6.	Reserve Breed Champion		15

D.	Market and Showmanship Placing (Novice through Advanced)	
1.	First Place	25
2.	Second Place	20
3.	Third Place	15
4.	Fourth through Tenth Place	10
5.	Round Robin Participant	15
6.	Round Robin Winner	25
7.	Any other Special Award/Recognition	15
IX.	Proficiency Awards	
A.	Applicant	20
B.	Sectional Winner	25
C.	Regional Winner	50
D.	State Winner	75
E.	National Winner	100
X.	Contests	
A.	Participation	25
B.	Placement	
1.	Individual	
a.	First High Overall	25
b.	Second High Overall	20
c.	Third High Overall	15
d.	Fourth High Overall	10
e.	Fifth High Overall	5
2.	Team	
a.	First High Overall	25
b.	Second High Overall	20
c.	Third High Overall	15
d.	Fourth High Overall	10
e.	Fifth High Overall	5
The above points for a State Finals Contest are doubled!		
XI.	Academics (Quarterly)	
A.	Superintendents List	75
B.	Honor Roll List	50

# THE OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE FIREBAUGH CHAPTER OF FFA

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## Article I. Name and Purposes

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. The letters "FFA" will be used to designate the chapter, it's activities, and members.

Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed by is as follows:

1. To develop agricultural leadership skills among all members.
2. To develop a global awareness of agriculture.
3. To bestow confidence among agricultural student and their work.
4. To promote agriculture career opportunities through hands-on training.
5. To develop competencies in communication, human relations, and social abilities.
6. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
7. To encourage improvement in scholastics.
8. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

## Article II. Organization

Section A. The Firebaugh Chapter of FFA is a chartered local entity of the West Fresno - Madera Section of the California Association, made up of local members.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provision in the constitution and bylaws of the California Association of the FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

## Article III. Membership

Section A. Membership is limited to students enrolled in Agriculture Education at Firebaugh High School.

- Section B. Membership of graduates is limited to students that were active members in high school.
- Section C. The Firebaugh FFA is a 100% affiliated chapter with every student becoming a member of the FFA when they enroll in an agriculture class.
- Section D. No student may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing with the FFA. In order to be in good standing with the FFA a student must owe no money to the FFA, and their name must not appear on the ineligible list.
- Section E. The FFA advisors at their own discretion have the right to dismiss any members from the FFA organization at anytime with approval of the administration.
- Section F. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:
1. Active - Any student enrolled in an agriculture education program.
  2. Alumni - Any person who has formerly been enrolled in an agriculture education program, or in other ways interested in supporting the FFA.
  3. Honorary - Any person who has helped to advance agriculture education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership.
- Section G. The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section H. Honorary membership in the chapter shall be limited to the Honorary FFA Degree.
- Section I. There shall be four levels of active degree attainment in the Firebaugh FFA Chapter.
1. The Greenhand FFA Degree
    - All Greenhand Degree recipients are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem charm.
  2. The Chapter FFA Degree
    - All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin.
  3. The State FFA Degree

- All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.
- 4. The American FFA Degree
  - All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

**Section J. Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualification for election:**

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

**Section K. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:**

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must be enrolled in their second year of agricultural education and have an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
3. Participate in planning and conducting of at least three official chapter functions.
4. Have earned at least \$150.00 or worked at least 45 hours and have developed plans for the growth of their SOEP.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of procedure law.
7. Show progress towards individual achievement in the FFA awards programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

**Section L. State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:**

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set

forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section M. American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section N. Special committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

## **Article IV. Officers**

Section A. The possible FFA offices for the Firebaugh FFA Chapter shall be as follows:

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1.) President             | 6.) Reporter  |
| 2.) Vice President        | 7.) Sentinel  |
| 3.) Second Vice President | 8.) Historian |
| 4.) Secretary             | 9.) Chaplain  |
| 5.) Treasurer             | 10.) Advisor  |

Section B. The Officers shall be elected or confirmed by a majority vote of the active members.

- \* The advisors and current chapter officers have the right to operate outside of the constitution for special circumstances not addressed.

Section C. If more than one student desires the office of president, the candidates ranking 1,2, & 3 by vote for office of chapter president shall be elected as president, vice president, and 2nd vice president, respectively.

Section D. The nominating committee shall be composed of the 12th grade chapter officers and the FFA advisors. Upon reviewing officer applications for chapter office, students will be slated as candidates on the ballot.

Section E. All officer vacancies, during the term of office, shall be filled by a majority vote of the chapter officers with the exception of the president. The 1st Vice-President shall fill vacancy. The president shall nominate candidates for the committee's consideration.

Section F. Officers Eligibility. Minimum qualifications to run for chapter office:

1. Must be academically eligible to run for a FFA office.
2. For offices of President and Vice President, the applicant must have already completed at least three years of Agriculture classes, and/or hold the Chapter FFA Degree.
3. Other offices require that they have completed a year of an Ag class, and hold the Greenhand Degree.
4. Must enroll in the agriculture leadership class.

Section G. Officer probation due to academic ineligibility

Any officer who becomes academically ineligible during their term of office will be put on a one-time probationary four-week suspension. At the end of four weeks a grade check will be due to the advisors. While officers are on probation they will not participate in any FFA affiliated activities. If the student meets grade requirements they will be immediately reinstated. If the officer remains academically ineligible they will be immediately removed from office.

- \* Grades will be based on quarter report cards
- \* Officer participation during the probationary period will be at the advisors discretion.

## **Article V. Impeachment of Officers**

Section A. Immediate Impeachment.

The FFA advisors may at any time at their own discretion remove an officer who has repeatedly disregarded his/her duties by not fulfilling them to his/her best ability.

Section B. Steps of Impeachment.

1. Any FFA Chapter Officer not fulfilling the duties of the office as described by this constitution will be required to meet with fellow officers and advisors to discuss a plan for improvement.
2. A written plan for improvement will be drawn up by the advisor based on the conversation of the meeting in Step 1, and will be confirmed and signed by the FFA President, Vice President, and the officer in question.
3. If the officer in question still does not fulfill his/her duties, then a 2/3 vote of the executive committee will remove that officer from office.

## **Article VI. Executive Committee**

Section A. Executive Meetings shall be held as needed.

Section B. Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All special meetings shall open and close with the official ceremony. Parliamentary Procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C. Hats shall not be worn in the meeting room.

Section D. Poor conduct will result in that member being dismissed from the meeting room.

Section E. Delegates go through an application process headed by the Ag staff to be able to represent the chapter at the State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

## **Article VII. Dues**

Section A. As long as Incentive Grant funds are available dues shall be paid for all members through that source.

## **Article VIII. Eligibility**

Section A. Eligibility of members exhibiting at fairs and shows will be based on the Advisors discretion.



Section B. Members must be academically eligible to participate above the chapter level.

Section C. See rules of article IV section G of the Firebaugh Chapter of ΓΓΑ.

### **Article IX. Amendments**

Section A. To amend the constitution, a majority vote of the Executive Committee is required.





### **Article X. Ratification of the Constitution**

Section A. This constitution shall become effective when passed by the executive committee and advisors.



# August 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Happy Birthday To our Chaplin Stephanie Phelen 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 School Begins 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1 Welcome Back FFA BBQ 4-6PM	31	


# September 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 No School	4	5	6	7	8
 Madera Fair						
9	10 Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	11 Back to School Night 6PM	12 WF/M Chapter Leadership Conference @ Riverdale	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 WF/M CATA Sectional Meeting @Sierra	20 WF/M Sectional Activity@ Blackbeard 5-8PM	21 Dinner Ticket Sales End 	22 Happy Birthday Ms. Geist
23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday To our Reporter Brittany W. 	27 FFA Drive-Up Dinner 4:30- 6:30PM 	28	29
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# October 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Brochure Sales Begin	9	10	11 FFA Meeting 5PM  Board Meeting 7PM	12	13 WHC Cotton Contest 8:30AM
14 Happy Birthday Mr. Catalan 	15 Brochure Sales End	16	17 FFA Skating Party 3:15PM	18	19	20 Corcoran Cotton Contest 8:30AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				National Convention 		
28	29	30	31 Halloween 			
Washington D.C. Trip 						



# November 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Cotton State Finals Fresno State 8:00AM
4	5 WHC Farm Safety @5PM  Food Drive Begins	6	7 Greenhand Conference @ Coalinga Middle School 7:45AM- 3:30PM	8	9	10 Veterans Day!  
11	12 NO SCHOOL	13	14 WF/M O/C @ Madera @5PM  Job Interview Apps. Due	15 Greenhand/ Chapter Banquet FMS 6PM	16 Food Drive Ends	17 FFA & CATA Regional Meeting @ Lemoore 8AM
18	19 Happy Birthday Mrs. Gravatt  	20 WF/M Job Interview Contest @Caruthers TBA	21 No School	22 Thanksgiving  	23 No School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# December 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Star Tree Project Begins	4	5 WF/M B.I.G. & Banking Contest @ Chowchilla 5PM	6	7 San Joaquin Regional Road Show Central H.S 8AM	8
9	10	11 State Officer Visit	12 FFA X-MAS Party 5PM	13 Ag. Leadership X-Mas Party 5PM	14	15
16	17 	18	19 Happy Christmas Vacation Birthday Diana!	20	21	22 
23	24	25 Christmas Day! 	26 Vacation	27	28	29 
30	31					

# January 2002





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
 <b>Christmas Vacation</b>						
6 <i>Happy Birthday To our Sentinel Carlos Adame</i> 	7	8	9 <i>WF/M State Degree RB Scoring @Kerman 5PM</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>WF/M Speech Contest @ Coalinga 5PM</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>No School</i>	22	23 <i>WF/M State Degree RB Scoring @Laton 5PM</i>	24	25 <i>Regional Officer Screening @ Tulare Farm 3PM</i>	26 <i>Made 4 Excellence &amp; Advanced Leadership Conference Reedley</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <i>CO-OP Teacher &amp; Student Teacher Conclave @Modesto</i>		



# February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Happy Birthday To our President April Phelen	4 Dinner Ticket Sales Begin 	5	6 WF/M Farm Records & CO-OP @ Firebaugh @ 5PM	7	8 Middle School FFA Rally	9
10	11 No School	12 Regional Proficiency Judging @ Redwood Library @ 9PM	13 Tulare Farm Show	14	15 Dinner Ticket Sales End  Bank Display	16 WF/M "Bowling 4 Kids" @ Madera @ 11:45PM-5AM
17	18	19	20 Teacher Appreciation Day	21 Lunch Time Activity 	22 Lunch Time Activity	23 San Joaquin CATA & FFA Regional Meeting @ Ridgeview 8AM
		<b>FFA WEEK</b>			21 Ag. Open House Dinner -4PM	
24	25	26	27 FFA Meeting @ 5PM	28		

# March 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
					UC Davis Field		
3	4	5	6 Regional Speech & Job Interview Contest @ 3PM @ Reedley	7 FFA Movie Night 3:10PM 	8	9 Floral & Livestock Contest @ Great Western	
10	11	12	13 WF/M Parli-Pro @ Fresno Central @4PM	14	15	16 Reedley College Field Day	
17 SJ re- gional State Officer Training @ Visalia Holiday Inn @9AM-2PM	18	19 "Kids Day" Newspaper Sales 	20	21	22	23 Merced College Field Day	
24	25 WF/M Sectional Officer Meeting @Riverdale @ 5PM	26	Easter Break				30
31 Happy Easter 							

# April 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School	2	3	4	5	6 Top Seller Trip 
7	8	9	10	11 WF/M State Degree & Sectional Proficiency Award Ceremony Wash. Union 6PM	12 Senior Scholar App. Due Ag. Awareness Day	13 Modesto Junior College Field Day
14	15 FHS Open House 	16	17	18	19	20 Fresno Field Day State FFA Conference 7PM 
21	S.T.A.R. Testing  				25	26 I-5 Career Fair
28	29	30				


# May 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Day on the Green 	4 State Finals @ Cal Poly SLO
5	6 EF/M & WF/M American Degree Scoring @ Fowler 5PM	7	8 WF/M Sectional CATA & FFA Planning Meeting @ Riverdale 4:30PM	9	10	11 Jr./Sr. PROM 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>CHOWCHILLA FAIR</b> 						
19	20	21	22 Senior Portfolio Day	23 ACE Testing	24	25
<b>Grad Night</b>						
26	27 No School	28 Yearbook Distribution	29 FFA Banquet @ FMS @ 6PM	30 Senior Awards Night 6PM	31	

June



2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 FFA Pool Party @ 2PM	5	6	7 Graduation 7:30PM 	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

