

FIREBAUGH FFA . . .

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. . . **IS IT IN YOU?**



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2006 HONORARY CHAPTER FARMER



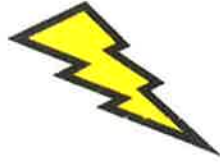
This year Firebaugh FFA has chosen an individual who has shown true leadership and dedication to our program. Chris Cardella received Honorary Chapter Degree Membership at our 2006 Spring Awards Banquet.

There's no doubt that Chris' support and dedication is why the Firebaugh Agricultural Department has seen many of its recent successes. Chris is an active member of the Ag Advisory Committee and is always there to lend a helping hand whenever the Ag Department needs it.

Chris has participated in many of the activities and projects that the Firebaugh FFA has to offer. Chris has shown to be a true survivor in lasting through those long fair auctions and setting a higher standard of BBQ when it comes to preparing one of the delicious FFA dinners. He has also donated the use of his equipment year after year. Over the years Chris has shown to be a genuine community member. He helps not only himself but others whenever they may need a helping hand. Chris is a dedicated member of the Firebaugh Lions Club and remains to be an outstanding member of the community.

It is hard to put into words how grateful we are for the support of this fine person, and it is with the sincerest of appreciation that we dedicate the 2006-2007 Firebaugh FFA Program of Activities to Mr. Chris Cardella. You have been a loyal and devoted supporter of our program, and for that we thank you.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?



**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



OFFICER GREETING

Welcome back FFA Members! Summer vacation is over and school is back in session, and we hope that you are ready to have a fantastic year! We have some major changes this year with the addition of two new Ag teachers and new Ag courses.

We hope that this years theme “Firebaugh FFA...Is *It* In You?” will inspire you to bring out the positive characteristics inside of you to help accomplish your goals for this upcoming year and in the future. We hope you carry on old traditions with our returning FFA members and start new ones with our Greenhand FFA members. Our members are the key to having a successful year and a successful chapter.

Your 2006-2007 Firebaugh FFA officer team hopes that you all have a fun-filled year, so bring out the Firebaugh FFA in you and get involved. Good luck!

2006-2007 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team





ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new and exciting year at the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Department. Mr. Catalan, Mrs. Opfergelt, Ms. Rayn and Mrs. Strohmenger look forward to continuing the long tradition of success and hope that each and every one of you will become an involved member of our exciting program!

This year promises to be one of new growth and expansion. Our curriculum is on the cutting edge and our facilities are ones we are proud of and compliment our already highly successful FFA Chapter. We have recently added an Agriculture Chemistry course for our junior and senior students. The course accounts for graduation credits, as well as admission credits for the University of California system. It is our hope to offer curriculum to our students that will provide them the opportunity to learn more about agriculture and science technologies while receiving credits to graduate and get into college. We have also been fortunate enough to have a new science lab in which to further our students' education and opportunities. This year we will be taking 10 pigs, 5 sheep, 6 goats, and 4 turkeys to the Madera Fair. These numbers are expected to be even higher this spring at the Chowchilla Fair. To accommodate the growth of our animal projects we will be developing a pasture area with the hopes of accommodating beef and dairy cattle projects. Our students are very excited to be a part of so many new opportunities.

The officer team has set the theme for the coming year: *Firebaugh FFA ... is it in you?* As advisors, we agree that individual student growth, both personally and professionally is the number one, most important element our department can offer each member. In order for this growth to occur we will provide many different opportunities for student involvement throughout the year. The *Program of Activities* can be used as a guide, outlining the variety of opportunities students can become involved with. Student involvement is the key to success for a powerful Agriculture program. The success of *your* Agriculture department is almost entirely dependent upon *your* involvement and *your* desire to do the very best you can do.

So once again, welcome back, as advisors we look forward to working with each and every one of you and firmly believe that with your help we can ensure that Firebaugh FFA remains among the very best Agriculture programs in the state!

Sincerely,
The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mr. Catalan
Mrs. Opfergelt
Ms. Rayn
Mrs. Strohmenger



MISSION AND STRATEGIES

“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 global and technological importance of agricultural and its contribution to our well being.
3. Strengthen the confidence of agricultural students in themselves and their work.
4. Promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourage wise management of the economic, environmental, and human resources of the community.
6. Encourage achievement in the supervised occupational experience programs.
7. Develop interpersonal skills in teamwork, communication, and human relations.
8. Build character, promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism in our students and community.
9. Promote cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promote healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourage excellence in scholarship.
12. Develop student responsibility and accountability among members



FFA EMBLEM, OFFICIAL COLORS AND THE FFA MOTTO

The FFA Emblem

The National FFA emblem consists of five symbols that represent the history, goals and future of the organization. The 5 symbols of the FFA emblem represent the goals and future of the FFA and our organization to its fullest. Each element within the emblem has unique significance, they are as follows:

THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, because corn is grown in every state of our nation.

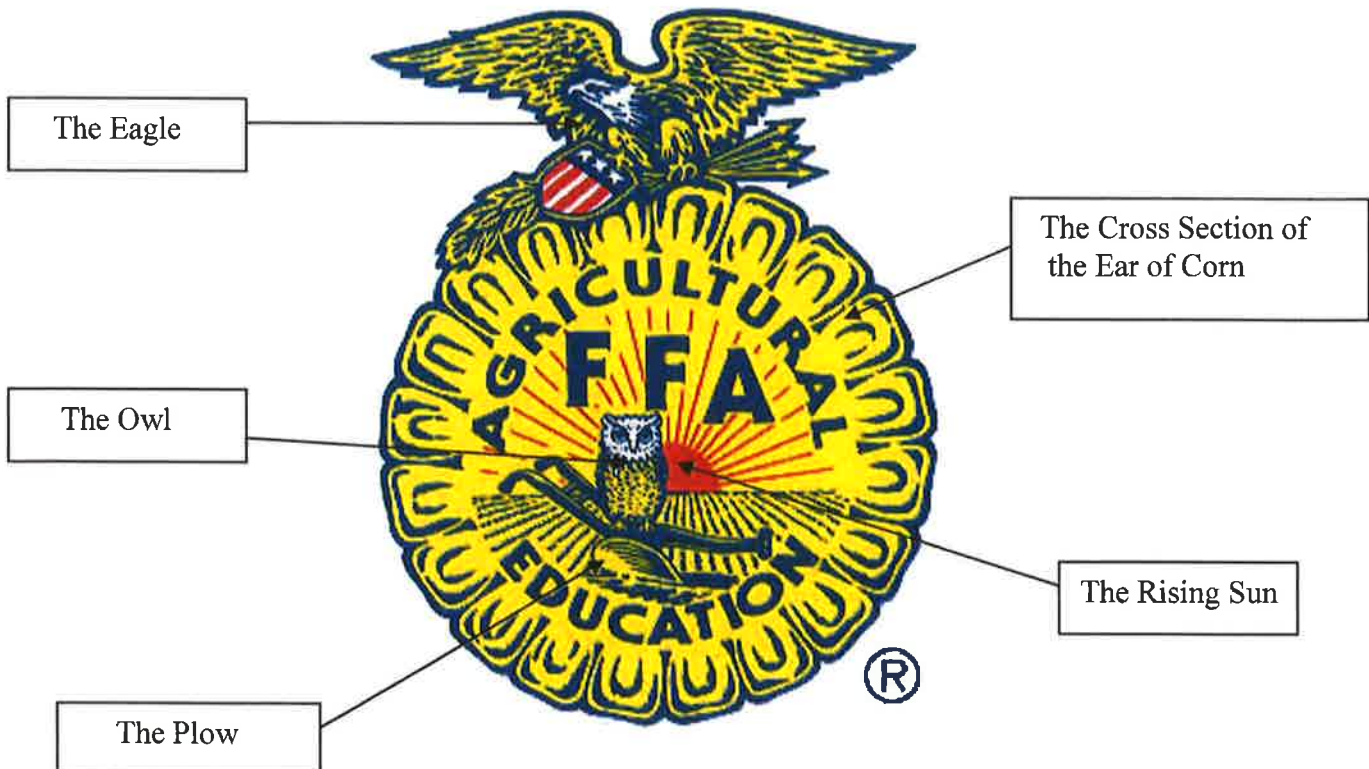
THE RISING SUN signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity.

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, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the agriculture industry.

The words "AGRICULTURE EDUCATION" and "FFA" are emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.



The Official 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 members, functions and paraphernalia should proudly display these colors.

The FFA Motto

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

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



FFA CREED

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generations 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 FFA Creed was written by E.M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National FFA Convention. It was revised at the 38th National FFA Convention and the 63rd National FFA Convention.





CHAPTER GOALS

- To educate children of all ages on the importance of agriculture, so they may 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 years.
- To provide the community with agriculture education awareness and an understanding of the importance of agriculture in our daily lives.
- To maintain and enhance the relationship between our organization and our community.
- To promote member participation throughout the numerous FFA activities, and succeed at the Chapter, Sectional, Regional, State, and National levels.
- To maintain our status as a 3 star chapter as recognized by the National FFA Organization.
- To excel in all aspects of agriculture education and develop those skills needed to succeed in life and in future careers.
- To provide all members the equal opportunity to participate.
- To promote scholastics within our chapter.
- To promote the FFA organization to other youth organizations in the community.
- To promote member involvement and achievement amongst a diverse group of members.
- To gain our status as an Outstanding FFA Chapter in the California State FFA Association.
- To inform all SAE project holders of the steps needed to earn recognition in section, region, and state proficiency levels.
- To inform the community and fellow FFA members, through a newsletter, of our chapter's activities and success along with the improvement of agriculture.





2006-2007 FFA OFFICERS

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Treasurer	Amy Crockett
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Sentinel	Adam Quinteros
Historian	Cristal Sanchez
Chaplain	Ricardo Lomas
Advisor	Heather Opfergelt

Firebaugh FFA Greenhand Officers

President	Alyssa Estrada
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Secretary	Rosario Alaniz
Treasurer	Silvia Acevedo
Reporter	Antonio Gonzalez
Sentinel	Ruby Prada
Historian	Griselda Avila
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Aimee Strohmenger	

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2 nd Vice President	Cheryl Hogue
Secretary	Cinda Mattrocce
Treasurer	Courtney Fisher
Reporter	Mika Petrucci
Sentinel	Austin Hubbel
Historian	Amanda Gillespie
Chaplain	Nicole Nonini
Advisor	Kristi Mattes

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Vice - President WF/M
Vice - President SEQ.
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Vice - President K/I
Vice – President South Valley
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Treasurer
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Monika Arredondo
Leslie Friend
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Nessie Early
Kaytlin Smith
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Ellie Titus
Matthew Johnson
Bob Heuval



FFA AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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 Management	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1998-99
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1998-99
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1998-99
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Crop Production	1998-99
Jordan Fickett	Specialty Animal Production	1998-99
Anthony Rodriguez	Ag Mechanics Placement	2000-01
Mathew Shuemake	Emerging Agriculture Technology	2000-01
Clayton Best	Turf Grass Management	2002-03
Michael Howard	Agriculture Sales and Service	2002-03
Joel Saldana	Diversified Crop Production	2002-03
Chris Miller	Beef Production	2002-03
Chris Demmers	Landscape Management	2003-04
Brian Wood	Agricultural Service	2003-04
Tyler Britton	Agricultural Service	2003-04
Michael Howard	Agricultural Service	2003-04
Marco Chavez	Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance	2003-04
Chris Demmers	Turf Management	2004-05
Luke Hicks	Forage Crop Production	2004-05
Brian Wood	Agricultural Service	2004-05

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

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 Gold Award 1996-97
Jason Diedrich Diversified Livestock 1998-99

PAST AMERICAN FFA DEGREES

<u>Class of 1988</u>	<u>Class of 1996</u>	<u>Class of 1999</u>	<u>Class of 2000</u>
Teddi Snyder Dustin Snyder	Jesus Fuentes	Jane Diedrich Paula Pafford	Alberto Torres Jason Diedrich Jason Davis Bobby Peres Tom Phelen
<u>Class of 2001</u>	<u>Class of 2002</u>	<u>Class of 2003</u>	<u>Class of 2004</u>
Bobby Hogue Patrick Ramirez Tracey Hansen Jordan Fickett	Anthony Rodriguez Brittany Fickett	Joel Saldana	Tyler Britton Luke Hicks Brian Wood

PAST STAR FFA DEGREES

<u>Class of 1996</u>	<u>Class of 1997</u>
Jesus Fuentes	Jane Diedrich

PAST STATE WINNING TEAMS

Computer Application Team –1995

David Ortega
Mishia Rodriguez
Jason Zaro
Coach: Gina Gravatt

Best Informed Greenhand Team – 2002

Clay Best
Melissa Cardiel – High individual
Vincent Fitch
Stacey Norton
Traci Robertson

Coach: Sheryl Geist

Best Informed Greenhand Team – 2005

Julia Calderon
Amy Crockett – High Individual
Ricardo Lomas
Martha Marin
Mayela Reyes
Coach: Elizabeth Ammon

PAST FIREBAUGH FFA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

1982-83	William Feliz
1983-84	Teddi Snyder
1984-85	Sandy Applewhite
1985-86	Gina Diaz
1986-87	Shelly Nash
1987-88	Johnny Neufield
1988-89	Jared Banta
1989-90	Jared Banta
1990-91	Dustin Dilliard
1991-92	Scott Kreighbaum
1992-93	Karina Franco
1993-94	Sal Fuentes
1994-95	Erin Miller
1995-96	David Ortega
1996-97	Shannon Norton
1997-98	Milagros Lujan
1998-99	Roberto Perez
1999-00	Jordan Fickett
2000-01	Anthony Rodriguez
2001-02	April Phelen
2002-03	Joel Saldaña, Jr
2003-04	Katie Maiorino
2004-05	Traci Robertson
2005-06	Manuari Marquez



FFA AWARDS OFFERED TO YOU

Firebaugh FFA holds the annual “End of the Year” banquet in May, where the following awards are given out.

Degrees

Greenhand Degree

This is the first degree that a member may earn. The requirements to earn this degree include being familiar with the FFA Creed, Motto, Salute, the FFA Mission Statement, the FFA colors, the Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket. Additionally, students must complete an application for the degree. The Star Greenhand award is given to the outstanding Greenhand student at the end of the school year.

Chapter FFA Degree

This is the highest degree that a chapter may award. The requirements of the degree include: must have received the Greenhand degree, must have satisfactorily completed one year of systematic school instruction in agriculture, have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions, have in operation a SOEP project, have earned or productively invested at least \$150 or worked 45 hours on their project, have led a group discussion for 15 minutes, have demonstrated 5 procedures of parliamentary law, have a satisfactory scholastic record and have completed an application. The Star Chapter award is given to the outstanding Chapter Degree student at the end of the school year

State FFA Degree

This is the highest degree that a state may award. The requirements of the State FFA degree include: have received the Chapter FFA Degree, have been an active member for at least two years, have completed two years of systematic school instruction in agriculture, have earned or productively invested \$1,000 on their project, work 500 hours, demonstrated leadership ability, have a satisfactory scholastic record, participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level and have completed an application. The State Star Farmer and State Star in Agribusiness award is given to the outstanding student at the State FFA Convention in April.

American FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications: must have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for three years and have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is granted, have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding project, have earned or productively invested \$7,500, have 1,000 hours of labor and have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement. The American Star Farmer and American Star in Agribusiness award is given to the outstanding student at the National FFA Convention in October.

Career Development Event Awards

Each Career Development Event offers individual and team awards at the numerous contests that they participate in throughout the school year. Students are also recognized for their involvement at the Spring Awards Banquet in May.

Outstanding Ag Student Awards

This award is given to the outstanding student in each agricultural course based on their academic success, as well as involvement in the FFA.

Top 20 Award

The Top 20 Award is determined by FFA points, which are awarded for students' involvement in FFA activities throughout the entire school year.

- The student who earns the most points throughout the year receives an all expenses paid trip to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN and Washington D.C.
- The top 20 students earn an all expenses paid trip to an amusement park or professional sporting event at the end of the school year.

Top Seller Award

Any student who participates in the top seller activities (drive-up dinner, take-out dinner, Chevy truck tickets and beef jerky fundraisers) and sells 30 tickets or items receives a free trip to an amusement park or professional sporting event at the end of the school year.

Proficiency Awards

These awards are given to students based on their SOE projects, and they are given at the Sectional, Regional, State, and National levels.



STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Class of 1982

Jeff Cradock
Ron Diaz
Keith Dodderer
Monty Robinson

Class of 1983

Barbara Diedrich
William Felix
Billy Roussell
Teddi Snyder

Class of 1984

Edward Ward

Class of 1985

Trace Maiorino

Class of 1986

Gina Diaz
Dustin Snyder

Class of 1987

Freddie Fonseca
Shelly Nash
Sheri Smith

Class of 1988

Claudine Bishop
Susan Diedrich

Class of 1989

John Nuefield

Class of 1990

Tracey Coelho
Jeff Eppler

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

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

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

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

Class of 2000

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

Class of 2001

Eric Arias
Mariam Catania
Omar Hernandez
Jeremy Ramirez
Matthew Shuemake

Class of 2002

Kris Hansen
Joel Saldana, Jr.
Santos Martinez
April Phelen
Samantha Sierras
Brittany Westbrook

Class of 2003

Carlos Adame
Genna Delgado
Karary Gonzalez
Michael Howard
Mayra Magallanes
Johanna Magana
Katie Maiorino
Justine Maiorino
Chris Miller
Manuel Torres
Amanda Trujillo
Crystal Rangel

Class of 2004

Tyler Britton
Melissa Cardiel
Vincent Fitch
Luke Hicks
Stacey Norton
Stephanie Percy
Gabrielle Perez
Traci Robertson
Brian Wood

Class of 2005

Ruth Baeza
Michael Barragan
Marco Chavez
Stephen Hurt
Manauri Marquez
Jayson Martinez
Stephanie
Shuemake

Class of 2006

John David
Calderon
Suzanne Catania
Chad Crockett
Cheryl Hogue
Samantha Miller
George Ortiz
Maricruz Silva
Brittany Wood
Tiffany Wood



AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

If you wish to obtain a scholarship application they will be available through the counseling office. It is the student's responsibility to fill out the application and turn it in by the deadline.

Matthew Roussel Memorial \$250

This memorial scholarship is to honor an alumni FFA member who has passed away. This scholarship is awarded to an FFA member who has been active in the FFA. If you want to apply for this scholarship you must fill out the general FHS scholarship application form. Once the applications are turned in and the requirements are met, the school scholarship committee will select a recipient.

California Women for Agriculture \$250

In order to obtain an application you must see your counselor or your agriculture teacher. The requirements for this scholarship consist of being an active in the FFA, as well as pursuing a career in agriculture.

Madera Agriculture Youth Association (MAYA) \$500

The MAYA scholarship is offered to high school students pursuing an agriculture career.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. A 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
2. Must be planning to enroll as a full time student with a minimum of 12 units.
3. Must be a resident of Madera County and an active FFA member of Chowchilla, Firebaugh, or Yosemite High Schools or a Madera County 4-H Club.

CALCOT \$1,000

The Calcot-Seitz is for students from Arizona or California who plan to or are attending a college that offers a **four year degree** in Agriculture.

Requirements:

1. The student must be from a cotton producing area in CA or AZ.
2. The student must be enrolled as a full time student in a four-year college and have a major in the field of agriculture.
3. A general guideline will be a 3.0 grade point average for high school graduates and college students.
4. Applicants must also complete the entire application form along with having three recommendations from non-relatives.

Lara Family Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a female Ag student who meets the following requirements:

1. Student must provide a copy of the completed scholarship application plus an essay to the Ag department chairperson by the school wide scholarship deadline (late applications & essays will not be considered.).
2. A committee will review the applications and check for the following mandatory qualifications:
 - a) Attend a two or four year college
 - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or be enrolled in one agriculture course per quarter/semester.
3. A typed 500 word essay must be turned in on your involvement in FFA now and in agriculture in the future.
4. The student will receive \$4,000.00. \$1,000.00 will be given each year, for four years 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
Total	\$1,000.00 (per year)
Grand Total	\$4,000.00

Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a male Ag student who meets the following requirements:

1. Student must provide a copy of the completed scholarship application plus an essay to the Ag department chairperson by the school wide scholarship deadline (late applications & essays will not be considered.).
2. A committee will review the applications and check for the following mandatory qualifications:
 - a) Attend a two or four year college
 - b) Declare an Agriculture Major or be enrolled in one agriculture course per quarter/semester.
3. A typed 500 word essay must be turned in on your involvement in FFA now and in agriculture in the future.
4. The student will receive \$4,000.00. \$1,000.00 will be given each year, for four years 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
Total	\$1,000.00 (per year)
Grand Total	\$4,000.00

Patrick Lopes Memorial Agriculture Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to an active FFA student who meets the following requirements:

1. An FFA member (3 year minimum)
2. 3.0 GPA or better

3. Major in agriculture at a community college or university (preference to animal science, crop science or agribusiness majors)
4. Have a monetary need
5. Be of good character with willingness to help other and have a dedication to agriculture.

The recipient for this scholarship will be selected by the agriculture boosters committee and will be presented by the Lopes family at the FFA Spring Awards Banquet in May.

2006-07 Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation

Student scholarship application will be available January 3, 2007 through March 1, 2007. Students can apply for over 425 different scholarships which include over 20 agriculturally related awards.

Monsanto Agriculture Scholarship

The Monsanto Scholarship group annually awards 100 high school students with an interest in working towards a degree in Agriculture. The award amount is \$1,500.00. To qualify one must come from an agriculture background, preferably from a farm family, and have an above average academic record. Also you must plan to enroll as a full time student at the college of your choice where you will be working towards an agriculture major.

Perdue University, College of Agriculture Ag Research Fund Scholarship

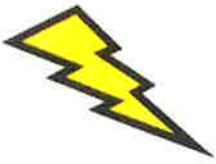
Information is available on the Perdue University College of Agriculture website. This scholarship awards you \$2,000.00 towards your fall and spring semesters. The scholarship is awarded to those students who are committed to be an active student at the University's Agriculture Department and research both past and future agriculture advancements. You may also receive \$500.00 from the Mentor of Agriculture Research for school supplies and expenses that may come up through out the school year.

Tech Garden Club/Ruby Marson Scholarship

A student wishing to attain the Tech Garden Club/Ruby Marson Scholarship must have a 2.5 GPA in all core academic classes throughout the school year. One must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all Agriculture classes. A committee looking over applicants may also take in account the student financial situation, work experience and scholarships the student may have attained through his or her work. The award amount is \$1,000 dollars. Tech Garden Club/Ruby Marson Scholarship foundation only provide scholarships to two students each year.

National FFA Collegiate Scholarship Program

Each year the National FFA Organization awards more than \$2 million in scholarships to members. There are many types of scholarships to fit the many types of FFA members. Scholarships are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Different awards may be used at colleges, universities and post secondary agricultural programs. The scholarships are sponsored by numerous agricultural businesses through the National FFA Foundation, and new scholarships are added every year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Firebaugh FFA Organization feels that community service isn't really a service at all. As community members we feel it is our duty to step in and help when it is needed. Whether it is making sure community members have food at Thanksgiving or making sure children have a toy to open on Christmas morning, Firebaugh FFA is there and willing to help when the community needs it.

Ag Awareness Day- We host a day in which we recognize the importance of Agriculture to the youth within our community.

Bowling-4-Kids- West Fresno Madera Sectional Bowl-A-Thon is an event awarded to those individuals who help raise money for Children's Hospital of Central California

FFA Displays- We set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during National FFA week.

FFA Food Drive- We will host a food drive during the Thanksgiving season, working with local churches to distribute the food to the needy in our community.

FFA Toy Drive- We will host a toy drive during the Christmas season, working with local churches to distribute the toys to the needy in our community.

Kids Day- We sell "Kids Day" newspaper in an effort to raise money for Children's Hospital of Central California.

Middle School Rally- We host a rally at Firebaugh Middle School to promote our FFA program to the students.

Box Car Derby – With the help and support of our Ag boosters the Firebaugh FFA hosts the box car derby which is held in the summer, and is a huge community success.

Donkey Basketball – Always a crowd pleaser is the annual donkey basketball match between FFA students and FFA Ag Boosters.

Relay For Life - Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.





CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Agriculture Mechanics

This contest is for those students interested in the manufacture and repair of equipment used in production agriculture. Skills that are developed include arc welding, cold metal fabrication, electric motors, oxy-fuel welding and cutting, plumbing, soil and water management, tool sharpening and woodworking. Members complete a written exam which includes a survey and tool identification portion; this is a hands on contest as well. Members demonstrate mechanical and problem-solving skills. Mr. Catalan is the coach for the Agriculture Mechanics team.

Banking

Members complete a written test made up of financial standings, such as checks and bank statements. Members will be expected to know the different rates of credit that may be given to them. Mr. Catalan is the coach for the Banking team

Best Informed Greenhand

This contest is for freshmen FFA students only. Members on this team complete a written test on their knowledge of the FFA and its history. This is a good contest for those students who are shy, as there is no oral communication in the contest. Mrs. Strohmenger is the coach for the Best Informed Greenhand team

Computer Applications

This contest provides students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to an educational or agriculture standing, to demonstrate public speaking skills, and their computer knowledge and skills. The contest is made up of three classes which include a written test on general computer knowledge, a computer applications problem and a speech on a computer topic. Mrs. Opfergelt is the coach for the Computer Applications team.

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. Mrs. Opfergelt is the coach for the Cooperative Marketing team.

Creed Speaking

This contest is for freshmen FFA students only. Students memorize and recite the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany. Some of the expectations of the judges are memorization, appearance and gestures. Mrs. Strohmenger is the coach for the Creed Speaking students.

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. Ms. Rayn is the coach for the Extemporaneous Public Speaking students.

Farm Records

This contest is based on pages from the most recently adopted FFA Record Book; it is also based on the most recently adopted Official Instruction Manual. The Farm Records contest consists of four sections which include a problem from the journal page, a problem from the budget page, a written test on the FFA Record Book and a problem from the Depreciable Property Inventory Page. Mrs. Strohmenger is the coach for the Farm Records team.

Job Interview

Members 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. All agriculture instructors are the coaches for the Job Interview contest.

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 as if it was an actual opening/closing ceremony. All agriculture instructors are the coaches for the Opening/Closing contest.

Parliamentary Procedures

In the FFA Parli Pro contest, members compete as a team of six members in a “mock chapter meeting.” Each team is judged on the basis of its skill and proper use of Parliamentary Procedure. This competition includes a test, secretary minutes and a demonstration of Parli Pro. There are two levels of competition. The novice level is for freshmen and sophomore students who have not yet competed. The advanced level is open to juniors and seniors and underclassmen that have already participated at the novice level. Ms. Rayn is the coach for the Parliamentary Procedure team.

Prepared Public Speaking

The member that chooses this speaking contest is to write and memorize 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. Mrs. Opfergelt is the coach for the Prepared Public Speaking students.



FFA CONFERENCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

The Greenhand Conference

This leadership development conference is designed for freshman students. Participants are provided an overview of the opportunities in the FFA. They also become involved in goal setting activities. We take 9 -18 students to this one conference. If you are a freshman, you will want to get one of the limited seats to attend this exciting activity.

The Made for Excellence Conference

This is designed for sophomore students and second in the Integrated Leadership Development Program. This conference builds on the Greenhand Conference. It continues with goal setting and helps to develop self-esteem and confidence. Unlike the Greenhand Conference, this is an overnight activity. The cost is about \$100.

The Advanced Leadership Conference

This leadership development conference is designed for junior students and is the third in the Integrated Leadership Development Program. This activity builds on the two previous conferences. The focus is on the continued development of leadership skills and how to best use them for success. Like the Made for Excellence conference, this is an overnight activity. The cost is about \$100.

The Sacramento Leadership Conference

This is the final conference in the Integrated Leadership Development Program. This is without a doubt one of the best conference that a student will have the opportunity to participate in. This conference is four days and three nights. Participants have the opportunity to discuss important agriculture issues with some of the most powerful and influential leaders of California. The conference includes an activity where students discuss an issue on the Senate Floor. Only forty students from the state of California are selected each year to participate in the Sacramento Leadership Experience.

The Washington Leadership Conference

Located in our nation's capitol, the Washington Leadership Conference is a five-day event that trains FFA members to make a positive impact in their school, local community, state and country. The conference focuses on the following five areas: Problem Solving, Relationship Building, Living with Character and Developing an Attitude of Serving Others. Student registration for the conference is \$550. This includes lodging, meals and transportation, while at the conference.



FAIRS AND SHOWS

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, goats, 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.

Market Swine

A swine project is a great experience. You must exercise your pig everyday in order for it to maintain a quality build. You are responsible for feeding and cleaning according to your assigned schedule. As your project progresses, you begin to wash your animal often and as fair time approaches you will begin to wash your animal daily. Before you go the fair you will need to clip 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 your animal.

Expenses:	<u>Feeder Hog</u>	<u>\$ 225.00</u>
	<u>Feed</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	<u>Entry fee</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	<u>Vet. Supplies</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	<u>School Housing/ Bedding</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total		\$ 460.00
Receipt:		\$ 550.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 90.00



Market Lambs

A market lamb project is challenging, yet rewarding. Raising this project will take a tremendous commitment on the student's part. From feeding and washing to shearing and exercising; a great deal of responsibility will be involved. The student will be required to feed one to two days per week as well as work with the lamb three to four times per week. The length of this project is two to three months. The student will exhibit the animal in a market class and a showmanship class at the fair. In market, the animal will be judged on muscle, balance and condition. The objective of the showmanship class is to determine the top exhibitor in terms of technique and style. The cost of raising a lamb project may vary throughout the year, but here is an estimate to assist you in your decision.

Expenses:	Feeder lamb	\$225.00
	Feed	\$ 60.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet & Show Supplies	\$ 15.00
	Equipment	\$ 10.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$270.00
	Receipt: 120lbs. X 3.00	\$360.00



Market Steer

A steer project is commonly thought of as the most challenging of animal projects in the FFA. Steers are normally purchased weighing 700 pounds and are shown at the fair at a market weight of roughly 1200 pounds. Therefore, no matter what developmental stage the steer is at, his weight will range from 4 to 8 times heavier than that of the average student showman. This means it is critical that any student wishing to show a steer have a working knowledge of livestock behavior and a thorough understanding of safe handling practice.

Showing a steer requires a tremendous amount of responsibility. Not only is each steer showman expected to perform the normal duties associated with raising sheep and hogs (feeding and care), but they are also expected to rinse and brush their animal each day. This is necessary in order to promote healthy hair growth. Additionally steers need to be walked and worked with so that they become accustomed to a show stick. Without a doubt, raising a steer to show can be challenging, but it is also very rewarding. Below is a projectile budget for a steer project.

Expenses:	Feeder Steer	\$ 700.00
	Feed	\$ 500.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet supplies	\$ 25.00
	Insurance's	\$ 50.00
	Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 30.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
Total		\$1340.00
Receipt:		\$1562.00
Profit/Loss		\$ 222.00



Replacement Dairy Heifer

To participate in this program, you must be an FFA member throughout the project and eligible to show at the Chowchilla- Madera Co. Fair. The heifer must be shown in Special Dairy Heifer Project classes as a calf at the Madera District Fair, as a yearling at the Chowchilla- Madera Co. Fair and shown and sold as a springer at the Chowchilla- Madera Co. Fair. You shall purchase your heifer with the approval of your FFA Advisor and the Dairy Committee. The dam of the heifer must be 100% of the relative value of the herd, verified by computer record. The sire of the heifer must have been a registered bull of the same breed as the dam. It will your responsibility to have the heifer dehorned, extra teats removed, hooves trimmed, vaccinated and tattooed for Brucellosis, and vaccinated for Leptospirosis. A veterinarian should be consulted immediately in case of sickness. A minimum of 21 months ownership will be required. Substitutions may be made only with the approval of the Dairy Committee for such causes as death, freemartin, barren (approval of veterinarian) and/ or abortion. Heifers will be born no earlier than January 1st, (approximately 28 months prior to sale) and no later than the following March 1st. An application form, dam's record sheet and a photograph of one side of your heifer must be turned in to the Dairy Committee by August 1st.

The heifer must be bred to a registered bull of the same breed, either by natural service or artificial insemination, to freshen within 90 days following the sale, which will be held around May 15th. Your heifer must be bred by November 15th, with a Vet certificate in the Dairy Committee Chairman's possession by January 15th. You must keep adequate records on care and management available for Committee inspection. Record Books will be due with fair entry forms for springers. Record books will be judged for excellence and the top book in FFA will receive an award. The Breeding and Update Form with the breeding date and service sire used, plus the dams updated DHIA cow sheet, (or other computer printout sheet) must be mailed to the committee Chairman no later than the fair entry due date.

Expenses:

<u>Heifer</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<u>Feed</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Equipment</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
<u>School Housing</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>Vet Supplies</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1265.00</u>

<u>Receipt:</u>	<u>\$2500.00</u>
<u>Profit/Loss</u>	<u>\$1235.00</u>

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 kept as your pet to use them for breeding.

Expenses:

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



Poultry

Raising and showing poultry is a great way for a beginner to learn the responsibilities of raising an animal. It is a project that doesn't require as much maintenance in comparison to other animals. When you get the animals you have to feed, water, clean and exercise your animal. The student will be required to feed once to two days per week as well as work with the animal three to four times per week. The length of this project is two to three months. The student will exhibit the animal in a market class and a showmanship class at the fair. In market, the animal will be judged on muscle, balance and condition. The objective of the showmanship class is to determine the top exhibitor in terms of technique and style. The cost of raising a poultry project may vary throughout the year, but here is an estimate to assist you in your decision.

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



Market Goat

A market goat project is challenging, yet rewarding. Raising this project will take a tremendous commitment on the student's part. From feeding and washing to shearing and exercising; a great deal of responsibility will be involved. The student will be required to feed one to two days per week as well as work with the goat three to four times per week. The length of this project is two to three months. The student will exhibit the animal in a market class and a showmanship class at the fair. In market, the animal will be judged on muscle, balance and condition. The objective of the showmanship class is to determine the top exhibitor in terms of technique and style. The cost of raising a goat project may vary throughout the year, but here is an estimate to assist you in your decision.

Expenses:	Feeder Goat	\$175.00
	Feed	\$ 60.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet & Show Supplies	\$ 15.00
	Equipment	\$ 10.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	Total	\$270.00
	Receipt: 100lbs. X 3.00	\$300.00





FIREBAUGH AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT PROJECT FACILITY CONTRACT

If you choose to keep your animal at the FHS farm you are required to maintain the following for the duration of your project:

1. Grades and Eligibility

- ❖ Student must have a 2.0 GPA currently with no more than one “F” grade.
- ❖ Student must maintain grade requirement until the first day of the fair.
- ❖ Student must arrange for homework to be completed with all teachers and must get signed out by all teachers before the start of the fair.
 - Failure to meet grade requirements will result in student not being able to participate, show or sell the animal at the Fair.

Student Initials _____ Parent Initials _____

2. Project and Facility requirements – Feeding and Cleaning

- ❖ Punch time clock at each feeding or cleaning. The time cards will be collected by project advisors at the end of each week. Failure to punch in will result in a strike.
- ❖ Contact advisor when feed is low (3 bags).
- ❖ Clean your pen and surrounding areas every day you are assigned to feed.
- ❖ Attend all required workdays on time. More than 10 minutes late will be considered a tardy!!!!
 - 1st unexcused absence or tardy: Warning.
 - 2nd unexcused absence or tardy: Strike
 - 3rd unexcused absence or tardy: Parent/Teacher/Student conference. Contact will be put into place to move animal to an alternate location and 2nd strike will be given.
 - 3rd unexcused absence or tardy: Student must remove animal from school facility and take it to the alternate location. Student will no longer be able to house any animal at the school facility.
- ❖ Feed and Clean on your assigned time and day. Failure to do any of the following will result in a strike.
 - Morning feeding – 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. (Includes fresh clean water at every feeding.)
 - Evening feeding – 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. (Includes fresh clean water at every feeding.)
 - Sweep and wash alley (if in old barn); Rake alley (if in new barn)
 - Sweep feed room (if in old barn)
 - Take garbage to dumpster
 - Shut all gates
 - Turn lights on and off
 - Turn fans and misters on and off
- ❖ Exercising and working with your animal
 - Student will exercise or work with their animal three or more times per week.

- Failure to work with and exercise your animal will result in a strike for each week that you do not work with your animal at least three individual days.
- ❖ Wear appropriate clothing for working on the farm and around livestock
 - Appropriate clothing includes long pants, short sleeve or long sleeve shirt (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops), socks and closed toe, closed back shoes. Failure to wear the appropriate clothing will result in a strike.
 - Clothing requirements also apply to loading in, exhibiting and loading out at the fair.
- ❖ Absences and Tardies
 - If you must miss a workday due to a doctor, dentist or other appointment you will need to bring a doctor's note or proof of the appointment. You will be excused from only one workday for appointments...after that you will receive a strike if you must miss workday due to an appointment.
 - You must call your advisor if you are going to miss any workday. Failure to notify your advisor will result in a strike.

3. Strike Policy

- ❖ 1st Strike: Warning, verbal conversation and strike form must be signed by student and parent and returned within two days of receiving the strike.
- ❖ 2nd Strike: Parent/Student/Teacher Conference will be assigned. Mandatory attendance will be necessary to discuss the direction of the project. Strike form must be signed by student and parent and returned within two days of receiving the strike.
- ❖ 3rd Strike: Removal of animal from school property. Student will be given one week to remove animal from the school property. Advisor will do project visits weekly to make sure the project is being cared for. If project is not being cared for, termination of the project will occur immediately.
- ❖ Strike items include but are not limited to:
 - Tardy or unexcused absences
 - Missing a feeding
 - Not working with or exercising animal
 - Not completing all work jobs for assigned day.
 - Not wearing appropriate clothing for working on farm and around animals.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE STANDARDS WILL RESULT IN THE "3 STRIKE METHOD". THE THIRD STRIKE WILL RESULT IN THE ANIMAL BEING REMOVED FROM THE BARN WITHIN 1 WEEK. IF YOU FAIL TO REMOVE THE ANIMAL IN THE ALLOTTED TIME IT WILL BE TAKEN TO THE LOCAL LIVESTOCK AUCTION AND THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FIREBAUGH HIGH SCHOOL AG DEPARTMENT. THIS CONTRACT IS DUE TO THE ADVISOR PRIOR TO KEEPING THE ANIMAL AT THE FIREBAUGH HIGH SCHOOL FARM.

STUDENT _____

PARENT _____



FIREBAUGH AGRICULTURE BOOSTERS

The Firebaugh FFA Agriculture Boosters are a critical component to the success of the FFA organization. Their continuous support and guidance allows students in our organization to learn more about modern day agriculture and experience success in a variety of areas within our Ag Education Program.

The Ag Boosters consist of community members, parents and volunteers who donate their time, money, knowledge and experiences for the betterment of all students involved in the FFA. Many of the Ag Boosters themselves are graduates of Firebaugh High School's Agriculture Department. Due to their experiences in the program they continue to support the program with or without children of their own going through the FFA. Their support is invaluable and often times is under appreciated, however we would like to take this opportunity to let them know just how much their help really dose mean to our organization.

The Firebaugh Ag Boosters make their presence known by supporting many of the students at the Chowchilla and Madera County Fairs. There financial support allows many students, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to show an animal, the chance to raise, work with and exhibit at the fair typically, the money earned from these projects goes into the student's college savings account. Boosters have been known to donate there time and physical effort to help with building numerous facilities including the assembly of the new barn and if any farm equipment is ever needed they can be counted on. Throughout the year we put on several different barbeques and invariably it is the Ag Boosters that volunteer to cook for us. Without a doubt the Ag Boosters provide the necessary support that allows the Firebaugh FFA to continue to be a success. Thank you very much Ag Boosters!





TOP TWENTY AND TOP SELLER TRIP

Top Seller Trip

Throughout the year, Firebaugh FFA members are given the opportunity to help raise funds for our chapter. The money our members raise is used towards numerous events and activities our FFA chapter puts on and participates in throughout the year. Firebaugh FFA plans a minimum of one trip per month during our school year that is at no cost to our students. For example, students participate in skating, bowling, and movie night. In order to fundraise for these trips, we put on different fundraising events during the year. This year we carried on the traditional fundraisers such as the Drive – Up Dinner, the Tri Tip Take – Out Dinner, Beef Jerky sales, Chevy truck ticket sales and Poinsettia sales. If a member has sold a total of 30 tickets or items at the end of the year, he or she will be invited to the Top Seller Trip. The Top Seller Trip is designed to give every student in our department the opportunity to attend a free trip to a designated theme park or professional sporting event. Last year's top seller was Noelle Catania.

Top Twenty Trip

Firebaugh FFA members are given numerous opportunities to participate in FFA activities during the school year. Throughout the year we give students points for attending and participating in FFA activities, events, and contests. These activities include trips, judging contests and fairs. The top twenty students are announced at the Spring Awards Banquet at the end of the school year and those students are taken on an achievement trip to a designated theme park or professional sporting event. The student who is the most active and earns the most points throughout the school year receives a full expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students fill out point award sheets at the end of each month and a running total is kept until the end of the year. The winner of the Top Twenty Trip is announced at the Spring Awards Banquet. Last year's Top Twenty winner was Amy Crockett.





TOP TWENTY POINT SYSTEM

I. Leadership	
A. Greenhand Degree (awarded in November of each year)	30
B. Chapter FFA Degree (awarded in November of each year)	50
C. State FFA Degree	75
D. Star State Farmer (in addition to degree)	100
II. Offices (Points awarded in August)	
A. Chapter Officer	100
B. Ag. Leadership Team (excluding officers)	50
C. Sectional Officer	50
D. Regional Officer	75
E. Student Body Officer (awarded in August of each year)	25
F. Class or Club Officer (awarded in August of each year)	15
III. Meetings/Conferences	
A. Attend Chapter FFA Meetings/Activities	30
B. Attend Chapter FFA Banquets	50
C. Attend Sectional/Regional Meeting or Activity	50
D. Attend State Convention	100
E. Attend One Day State Convention	50
F. Attend National Convention	150
IV. Community/Services	
A. Kids Day, Ag Awareness Day, and Angel Tree	50
B. Middle School	25
C. Canned Food Drive	2 pts./can
D. Toy Drive	5 pts./toy
E. Bowl-a-thon	10 pts./\$30.00
V. Fundraisers	
A. Dinner Ticket Sales	5 pts./ticket
B. Beef Jerky Sales	5 pts./bag
C. Poinsettia Sales	5 pts./plant
C. Donkey Basketball	5pts./ticket
D. Pepsi Booth at Cantaloupe Roundup	25pts./shift
VI. Other Activities	
A. Participation in any FFA activity that is not listed	25
B. Purchase FFA T-shirt	25
C. Purchase FFA Sweatshirt	50
D. Purchase FFA Jacket	100

VII.	Supervised Agriculture Experience	
	A. Approved Enterprise: (each project)	
	1. Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, and Breeding	50
	2. Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats, and Rabbits	30
	3. Breeding Poultry and Rabbit Project	50
	B. Exhibit at Shows and Fairs: Mechanics, Landscape Floral, and Animal Projects	
	1. First Award	25
	2. Second Award	20
	3. Third Award	15
	4. Fourth Award – Tenth Award	10
	5. Round Robin Participant	25
	6. Best of Show	50
	7. Outstanding Exhibitor (any species)	5
	C. Animal Projects: Market or Breeding	
	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
VIII.	Proficiency Awards	
	A. Applicant	20
	B. Sectional Winner	25
	C. Regional Winner	50
	D. State Winner	75
	E. National Winner	100
IX.	Contests	
	A. Participation	25
	B. Placement	
	1. Individual and Team Placing	
	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 State Finals Are Doubled!	
X.	Academics	
	A. Superintendents List	75
	B. Honor Roll List	50



FIREBAUGH FFA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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, its activities, and its 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 the 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 FFA Chapter 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 qualifications 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 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:

1.) President

6.) Reporter

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| 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 FFA Chapter.

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.

July

2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Chapter Officer Retreat	→		Madera Fair Lamb and Goat Weigh-in
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Box Car Derby
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Box Car Derby						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Cantaloupe Festival Pepsi Booth	→	
30	31					
						Cantaloupe Festival Pepsi Booth

August

2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Round - up

School
Starts

San Joaquin
Region
SOLC



Welcome
Back BBQ

WF/M
COLC

September

2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2

Drive up
Dinner
Ticket Sales
Begin

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Madera Fair →

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Madera Fair

Chapter FFA
Meeting

CATA
Meeting

Drive up
Dinner
Ticket Sales
End

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Blackbeards
Sectional
Activity

Drive up
Dinner

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

National
Delegate
Training

October

2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Chapter FFA Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Chapter Skate Night	School Board Presentation		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			National FFA Convention	—————→		
29	30	31				
Washington D.C. Trip	—————→					

Washington
D.C. Trip

National
FFA
Convention

November

2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
					Cookie Dough Sales Begin	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Canned Food Drive Bag Drop off	Greenhand Conference				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Canned Food Drive Bag Pick up		WF/M Opening and Closing Contest	Greenhand and Chapter Degree Banquet	Cookie Dough Sales End	San Joaquin Regional FFA Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
			New Professionals Conference	→		

December

2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	San Joaquin Regional Road Show		WF/M BIG and Banking Contest			
	Toy Drive Begins					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Chapter Christmas Caroling		Ag Leadership Christmas Party	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Recordbook Workshops	Recordbook Workshops			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January

2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4 5 6

SLE
Applications
Due

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Prepared
Speaking
and Job
Interview
Materials
Due

WF/M
Recordbook
Scoring

Coalinga
BIG Contest

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Student
Teacher/
Master
Teacher
Conclave



28 29 30 31

WF/M
Recordbook
Scoring

February

2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
				Chapter FFA Meeting	Takeout Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Bowlathon Fundraising Begins				MFE/ALA Conferences →	
					Regional Officer Interviews	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Star Award Applications Due		WF/M Speaking Contest		Middle School Rally	Bowlathon
			Tulare Farm Show		Setup Bank Display	
			Bowlathon Money Due		Takeout Dinner Ticket Sales Ends	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	National FFA Week	Lunch Activity	Farm Records and Co-op Contest	Lunch Activity		San Joaquin Regional FFA Meeting
			Teacher Appreciation Breakfast	Take out Dinner		
25	26	27	28			
			Proficiency			

March

2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
					UC Davis Field Day	→
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		SLE Conference	→			Chico State Field Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			FFA Meeting		Regional Speech Contest	Reedley Field Day
			WF/M Parli Pro Contest			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
State Officer Candidate Training			Movie Night		Regional FFA Speech Contest	Merced Field Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				State Degree Banquet	Regional Parli Pro Contest	Modesto Field Day

April

2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Ag Awareness Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Fresno State Field Day State FFA Conference
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
State FFA Conference	→					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			WF/M Sectional Officer Screening			Bakersfield College Field Day Madera Floral Contest
29	30					

May

2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
					Cal Poly State Finals	→
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Officer Interviews	WF/M Sectional Planning Meeting	FFA Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Chowchilla Fair	→				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Chowchilla Fair	American Degree Scoring		Spring Awards Banquet			
Regional Officer Meeting						
27	28	29	30	31		

June

2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Officer
Planning
Meeting

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

CATA
Conference



CATA
Skills Week



24 25 26 27 28 29 30

