

November 2023

Parents & FFA members:

I wanted to put together a quick newsletter to help guide us as FFA opportunities increase and we get busier and busier! Also, with Mrs. McCarty still on maternity leave until January, I wanted both of our classes to have a consistent message. Here are some topics for you to review and some resources. As always, please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

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Career Development Event (CDE) News

- Congratulations to our horse judging team that won Ohio and qualified for nationals last spring. The team of Ava Fontaine, Jordyn Simpson, Marshall Ternes, & Jolee Wissinger was gold rated and 4th place in the United States out of 47 teams from other states and Puerto Rico! Congratulations!



- Rural Soils was 10th in the district (Allison Tuggle, Jolee Wissinger, Troy Nickolette, Callie Finnegan)
- Urban Soils team was 4th in district (Garrett Schlechter (2nd individually), Ruth Howells, Kyleigh Klingshirn, Kale Hamker). They qualified for state and were 20th in Ohio.
- Forestry CDE was 2nd in the district (Garrett Schlechter, Cohl Greene, Trevor Wiley, Troy Nickolette)
- Job Interview Leadership Development - Jack Copley-10th in D4, Kyleigh Klingshirn-5th in D3, Jordyn Simpson-6th in D2, Maggie Tansey - 6th in D1
- Novice & Advanced Parliamentary Procedure Teams compete later this month!

Many CDE/LDE opportunities will be available in 2024!!

Meat Raffle

Thank you all so much! The funds earned in this fundraiser are used for FFA activities including: Career Development Events, banquet, travel, meeting refreshments & meals, FFA gatherings, awards, sponsorships, donations, and more! The drawing is 11/10/23 and winners will be notified! The top selling class (3rd period Business Management) earned a class party!

Citrus Sale

The FFA counts on the funds of the Meat Raffle and Citrus Sale to pay for FFA activities. We know the stress of fundraising. As long as these fundraisers are profitable, we will not need additional funds! **Citrus forms & payment are due November 17th.** Fruit comes in the second week of December. Here is a link to the [form](#). Students may also get forms from either ag room!

Top sellers earn Visa gift cards! \$100-1st, \$75-2nd, \$50-3rd

Top class (average \$ sales per person) earns a class party

Firelands FFA Fall Hayride

November 11th, 6-9 pm @ Schlechter's Farm (11252 Baird Rd. Amherst, OH 44001).

Bring your FFA friends, pizza & drinks provided. Optional-bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Get permission slips from Mrs. Finnegan. School rules apply, be respectful of Schlechter's property.

Black River Leadership Night

38 students RSVPd for the Black River Leadership Night! Bus departs at 5:20 on November 13th. We will be back around 8:30. See Mrs. Finnegan for permission slips.

Program of Activities (POA) Committees

All FFA members are divided up into committees and each committee organizes and handles 1-3 activities of the FFA. As a fun challenge, we also have a chart in Mrs. Finnegan's room where students record their involvement in FFA activities. The committee with the highest average participation per student in the first nine weeks is:

Environmental POA - Chairperson: Garrett Schlechter

Members: Patrick Geist, Ayden Maclean, Jocelyn Wyatt, Jacob Kovach, Ashton Lutz, Heidi Williams, and Carter Woods.

Members will receive FFA merchandise as soon as the shipment arrives! Congratulations.

Greenhand Ceremony

We will be holding the Greenhand Ceremony to welcome new members (all AFNR students) in December or January. We had to postpone our original date because of a conflict with a district Career Development Event. We are working to secure a new date and will announce as soon as we do! All new members and parents are invited & encouraged to attend!

FFA Calendar

Please bookmark this link to the public view of our FFA calendar <https://firelandsffa.theaet.com/>

FFA Jackets

There is no requirement that an FFA member owns official dress. If your child plans on doing a CDE that requires official dress (Parliamentary Procedure, public speaking, job interview), plans to go to conventions (state & national) or is elected to an office, they will likely need to purchase a jacket. Jackets make great gifts! Here is the link: <https://shopffa.org/products>

General FFA apparel and gifts can be purchased at this link as well!

Shirt Sale

Here is your one stop holiday shopping website - buy apparel for the whole family until November 20th. <https://www.spencerscustomapparel.com/firelandsFFA/shop/home> Orders should be in before winter break!

Monthly Clover Communicator

Click [here](#) to see the 4-H Clover Communicator. It has both 4-H & FFA information related to fairs and projects. Review it at the beginning & middle of each month. Please bookmark this site.

Instagram

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National FFA Convention

Last week 23 Firelands FFA members represented Firelands at the National FFA Convention! Highlights include being recognized as a 3 Star FFA Chapter (the highest rating a chapter can get! Firelands ranks in the top 5% of all FFA chapters), 4th place in the nation horse judging team, a full day at the career expo & convention center, tours of Lincoln Tech and Ozark Fisheries, Hawaiian bowling & laser tag, and time with great people. We traveled with Wellington FFA.



Take care,
Shanna Finnegan
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