



Firebaugh

FFA

1993 - 94

Program
of
Work



Mr. Chris McCraw

As we, the Firebaugh Chapter of FFA, initiate another year of work and activities, we wish to dedicate this years 1993-94 program of work to Mr. Chris McCraw , our Honorary Chapter Farmer.

Mr. McCraw has demonstrated a genuine desire for the continual success of our Chapter by participating in many areas from substituting for Mrs. Gravatt, to livestock judging coach ; from Chaperoning, to selecting the hogs for Chowchilla fair. Mr. McCraw has unselfishly given his time and expertise in every phase of FFA activities. He has gone far beyond the expectations of his duties and we acknowledge his efforts and concerns on our behalf.

Dear Chapter Members,

As, we the 1993-94 Officer team , gets ready for a new fun and exciting year we wish to welcome back existing members and embrace new members into what we believe is one of the finest organization at Firebaugh High School.

The Firebaugh Chapter of FFA offers you the best pool of experience and information for continual success in our teachers and continuing members. We have strived to be the very best and through hard work and everyone's help we have historically achieved and surpassed our goals.

FFA offers diverse opportunities which will satisfy your endeavors. We have planned a variety of field days, fundraising events, an ample choice of animals to raise and most of all the comaraderie we share with everyone we come into contact with.

We invite you to become an active participant of any and all activities we will embark upon. We look forward to learning from each other and forming the unbeatable combination of success.

Sincerely,

**The 1993-94 Firebaugh
Chapter Officer Team**

Sal Fuentes
Sal Fuentes, FFA President

Elias Lujan

Elias Lujan, Reporter

Karina Franco
Karina Franco, Vice President

Joshua Ross

Josh Ross, Sentinel

Nicole Lake
Nicole Lake , Secretary

Jesus Mendoza
Jesus Mendoza, Historian

Mitch Robinson
Mitch Robinson Treasurer

Tom East
Mr. East, Advisor

We're Back

It's a new year and it looks like its going to be a good one. I trust you all have had a great summer, and are ready to go to work. With the addition of Mr. Magill to our enthusiastic staff, we know this will be our best year yet.

So, if you are thinking about getting involved in the FFA do it. We have an excellent officer team and a long list of exciting activities. We hope that the new members become active in the many FFA functions that vocational agriculture has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mr. East

Mr. East

Mr. Magill

Mr. Magill

Mrs. Gravatt

Mrs. Gravatt

1. *What is the best way to approach a difficult problem?*

2. *What are the key factors that contribute to success in a team environment?*

3. *How can one effectively communicate complex ideas to a diverse audience?*

4. *What are the most effective strategies for managing time and prioritizing tasks?*

5. *How can one develop a growth mindset and continuously improve their skills?*

6. *What are the best ways to stay organized and maintain a balanced work-life balance?*

7. *How can one effectively handle stress and manage their mental health?*

8. *What are the key components of effective leadership and management?*

9. *How can one develop a strong work ethic and maintain high standards of performance?*

10. *What are the best ways to stay up-to-date with industry trends and stay competitive?*

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FFA OFFICERS

SAN JOAQUIN REGION

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Firebaugh FFA State Farmer Degrees

Jeff Craddock	1982
Ron Diaz	1982
Keith Dodderer	1982
Monty Robinson	1982
Barbara Diedrich	1983
William Feliz	1983
Billy Rousell	1983
Teddi Snyder	1983
Edward Ward	1984
Trace Maiorino	1985
Gina Diaz	1986
Dustin Snyder	1986
Freddie Fonseca	1987
Shelly Nash	1987
Sheri Smith	1987
Claudine Bishop	1988
Susan Diedrich	1988
John Nuefield	1989
Jeff Eppler	1990
Tracey Coelho	1990
Stacey Gilbert	1991
Bobby Nash	1991
Gerardo Patlan	1991
Karina Franco	1993
Salvador Fuentes	1993
Misty Gonzales	1993
Nicole Lake	1993
Todd Turner	1993

American Farmer Degree

Teddi Snyder
Dustin Snyder

Ag Boosters

President

Pat Ward

Treasurer

Donna Diaz

John Diedrich

John Teixeira

Kitty Catania

Jim Maiorino

Brian Maiorino

Janice Maiorino

Mike Ledford

BUDGET

Estimated Expenses:

National FFA Convention Delegate	\$1000.00
State FFA Convention Delegate	\$400.00
FFA Banquets and Awards	\$1500.00
High Sales Trip	\$200.00
Point Award Trip	\$350.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	
	\$3450.00

Estimated Income After Expenses:

FFA Fundraisers:

Car Wash (Fall & Spring)	\$1000.00
Madera Chilli Cook - Off	\$300.00
Candy/Beef Stick Sales	\$300.00
Plant Sales	\$100.00
Donkey Basketball	\$800.00
Concessions	\$200.00
FFA Chapter Donations	\$500.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$3200.00
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September 1993

November 1993

December 1993

January 1994

March — 1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Project Competition 1	2	3	4	Davis Field Day 5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	Reedley Field Day 19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
April 1994						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 FFA State Conference	18	19	20	21	22	23 Modesto Field Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 West Hills Field Day

May
1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kate Finals						
1	2	3	4	5	6	May Day Fair
8	9	10	11	12	13	W-F Madera
15	16	17	18	19	20	FFA CHAPTER
22	23	24	25	26	27	CATA-FFA Meeting
29	30	31				BANQUET
						CHOWCHILLA FAIR
						SALE DAY
						Cal-Poly SLO
						State Finals Judging

June 1994

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Hold regular meetings that are well-planned for general chapter interest and participation.
 - A. Have regular monthly chapter meetings or activities.
 - B. Call special meetings when necessary.
 - C. Conduct regular executive committee meetings in order to maintain solid chapter communication.
 - D. Prepare well-planned programs before meetings.
 - E. Provide refreshments for meetings.
 - F. Have frequent and informative committee reports.
 - G. Invite parents and community leaders to meetings.
 - H. The duty of the sentinel is to set up for the meeting and maintain order.
 - I. The goal of our chapter is to have 100% attendance at each and every meeting.
 - J. Have an activity after each meeting.
2. Special meetings should be held as necessary.
 - A. A special potluck dinner will be held for the Greenhand Chapter FFA Degree Installation Meeting.
 - B. A very special Awards Banquet will be held in May to wrap up the year.
3. The official ceremonies will be used at all meetings.
 - A. All officers are required to learn their part.
 - B. The officers will wear official uniform at all meetings.
 - C. The necessary paraphanalia will be used at all meetings.
4. The chapter Executive Committee will decide any action to be taken against FFA members not conducting themselves in a manner becoming to the FFA.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The primary aim of the National FFA Organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. The specific purposes for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. TO DEVELOP COMPETENT AND ASSERTIVE AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP.
2. TO DEVELOP AN AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR WELL-BEING.
3. TO STRENGTHEN THE CONFIDENCE OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR WORK.
4. TO PROMOTE THE INTELLIGENT CHOICE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL CAREER.
5. TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGE ACHIEVEMENT IN INDIVIDUAL AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS.
6. TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATIONAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY.
7. TO DEVELOP COMPETENCIES IN COMMUNICATIONS, HUMAN RELATIONS AND SOCIAL ABILITIES.
8. TO DEVELOP CHARACTER, TRAIN FOR USEFUL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOSTER PATRIOTISM.
9. TO BUILD COOPERATIVE ATTITUDES AMONG AGRICULTURE STUDENTS.
10. TO ENCOURAGE WISE MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES.
11. TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOLARSHIP.
12. TO PROVIDE ORGANIZED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR AGRICULTURE STUDENTS.

The 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 dependance 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 depend 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. Revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

THE EMBLEM

The national FFA emblem, consisting of five symbols, is representative of the history, goals and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance. THE CROSS SECTION OF THE EAR OF CORN provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of 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, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture. The words "AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION" and "FFA" are emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.



FFA MOTTO AND COLORS

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

Our motto consists of only four lines filled with practical philosophy, reflecting a spirit and sincerity of youth, the backbone of our nation. The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. The FFA Motto is:

Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve

FFA CHAPTER KING AND QUEEN

The Firebaugh FFA Chapter puts on the Annual F.H.S Barn Dance every February during FFA week. The dance is open to the student body in the High School. The Chapter King and Queen are crowned at this dance.

1. Qualification for contest

a. Any male or female in any grade may run for king and queen, as long as they are in an ag. class.

b. You must really wish to represent the Firebaugh FFA Chapter at all official functions.

2. Rules and procedures

a. This contest is open to as many male and females who wish to be our king and queen.

b. Every king candidate must have a queen candidate, for the winners will be chosen by the number of tickets the pair has sold.

c. Every king candidate will receive a shirt. Every queen candidate will receive a shirt and a rose.

d. The newly crowned king and queen will receive an FFA jacket.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To develop in FFA members an attitude of service to the community in which they live, is the objective of community service.

The chapter will develop a sense of community service among the entire membership.

- We will have a food drive for Thanksgiving and work with a church to distribute the food to the most needy in our community.
- Our chapter will collect and distribute "Toys for Tots" for Christmas.
- The chapter will set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during FFA Week.
- Our Chapter will provide a Petting Zoo at the elementary schools in our area to acquaint these students to Agriculture.

BARN RULES

The following rules need to be followed when at the school barn.

1. The barn is open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
2. You must follow your feeding schedule.
3. If you can not feed make sure there is someone to feed for you.
4. If you forget a feeding, the first time you will be warned the second time your animal will not be allowed to be kept at the school barn.
5. You are to work with your animal as directed by your supervisor.
6. After working with and feeding your animal you must clean the alley way in front of your animal's pen.
7. Before you leave the barn make sure all the gates are closed in the barn and everything is put away.

BANK LOANS

Members of the Firebaugh FFA are able to obtain loans from the Firebaugh California Valley Bank. The following procedure should be used to obtain a loan:

1. Obtain two loan applications from the bank. You fill out one and your parents fill out the other.
2. Take the completed applications back to the bank. They will check them over for any mistakes.
3. The Ag Boosters will co-sign on the application so you are guaranteed to get the loan regardless of your financial standing.
4. The bank will contact you when your loan has been approved and tell you when your check will be ready.
5. After you pick up your check, take it to one of the Ag teachers so it can be deposited into the FFA Farm Account.

ANIMAL PROJECTS BUDGETS

MARKET STEERS

Animal Cost	\$ 600
Feed	\$ 500
Insurance	\$ 25
Total	\$ 1,125

MARKET LAMBS

Animal Cost	\$ 125
Feed	\$ 50
Wormer	\$ 5
Insurance	\$ 5
Entries	\$ 5
Total	\$ 190

MARKET HOGS

Animal Cost	\$ 150
Feed	\$ 75
Vet Supplies	\$ 10
Entries	\$ 5
Insurance	\$ 5
Total	\$ 245

BREEDING BIRDS \$ 5-25.00

BREEDING RABBITS \$ 5-25.00

POULTRY

Meat Pens (3)	\$ 9
Feed	\$ 15
Entries	\$ 1
Total	\$ 25

RABBITS

Meat Pens (3)	\$ 15
Feed	\$ 15
Entries	\$ 1
Total	\$ 31

MARKET GOATS

Goats	\$ 90
Feed	\$ 30
Insurance	\$ 5
Entries	\$ 5
Total	\$ 130

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES DUE TO VIOLATION
OF RULES PERTAINING TO FAIRS AND SHOWS

ANY VIOLATIONS OF MANDATORY GUIDELINES OR GENERAL RULES WILL
RESULT IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Serve one extra barn duty assignment.
- b. Talk to parents about the problem.
- c. Placed on probation at the next fair/show.
- d. Cannot show at the next fair.
- e. Cannot show for one calendar year.
- f. Animals are to be removed from the fair/show immediately.
- g. Pull premiums from the exhibitor.
- h. Drop exhibitor from FFA membership.
- i. Another just punishment.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR
FIREBAUGH FFA FAIR EXHIBITORS

1. All rules and regulations of the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District will apply to students who are participating at fairs.
2. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering his/her animals during the entire fair. Any time a student is unable to attend his/her animals arrangements should be made with someone to do so along with the permission and approval of the advisor. All animals are to be fed, watered, washed, and provided with clean bedding by 8:00 AM.
3. Each student will be expected to serve Barn Duty as assigned. Barn Duty consists of:
 - a. Exhibitor on barn duty is not to leave the livestock barn area.
 - b. Keeping alleys free from straw and manure.
 - c. Removal of manure from behind Beef and Dairy cattle.
 - d. Checking to see that cattle are tied properly and hog and sheep pens are latched securely.
 - e. Any other duties that may be assigned by the FFA advisor or FFA area chairman.
 - f. Exhibitors are expected to eat lunch/dinner prior to or following barn duty.
4. FFA members will be required to wear an official FFA uniform while showing his/her animals or while helping another member exhibit animals.
5. Where dormitories are provided all members must sleep in the dorms. Bed check will be made at 11:00 PM each night except 12:00 AM Saturday night. Exhibitors not accounted for may be sent home.
6. Where dormitories are not provided, all members must sleep at home and should be off the fairgrounds and out of the parking lot and away from the fair by 11:00 PM each night, with the exception of 12:00 AM midnight on Saturday night.
7. Premium money checks will be handed out to the exhibitors after thank-you letters have been turned in to the advisor after the fair.

8. FFA members are expected to have advance excuses from school classes, issued by the Ag. Instructor and signed by all their teachers for the days that they will be missing from school. Those without excuses are expected to be in school.
9. Each exhibitor should read the rules and regulations that are published in the fair's premium book.
10. Smoking, Profanity, or misconduct around the livestock area by exhibitors will not be tolerated.
11. All Firebaugh FFA exhibitors are expected to attend the awards program at every fair.
12. All medications administered to show animals must be cleared with the advisor prior to using them.
13. Feed pans are not to be left in front of the animals or in pens during the fair.
14. Before a student is issued an excuse for the fair, the above rules and regulations must be read and signed by an FFA exhibitor and his parents.
15. Please have your son/daughter return this form to school signed in the space provided below.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AT THE FAIRS AND SHOWS IN WHICH I WILL BE INVOLVED WITH THE FIREBAUGH FFA CHAPTER.

Signed: _____ FFA Member

Signed: _____ Parent

Date: _____

