

# Firebaugh FFA

1998-99



## America's Future

As the Firebaugh High School Eagles Soar  
Our Firebaugh FFA Strives to be the Best.

Mr Russell  
CYI - if you  
would like to attend  
Gina

FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
PEOPLE

The trip is just around the corner and we need to get together and discuss it in detail. I have an Itinerary of what we will be doing and I want to make sure we go over the dress for all events.

Almost of you have raised your trip in full (Great Job!). The cost was a little cheaper then we expected so there will be some money for several nice meals and some cab fares. We need to talk about the school days that will be missed and how we will work it out with the teachers.

They will go on indep.contral  
A I will let teachers know in plenty of time.  
I would like to have a meeting:

September ~~16th~~ 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday  
6:30pm

I'm getting so excited as I am sure everyone is!!!!

Thanks,

Mrs. Gravatt

# Program Of Work

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## **DEDICATION**

### ***Mark & Mary Fickett***

In sincere appreciation and great thanks, the Firebaugh FFA Chapter has dedicated this 1997-98 Program of Work to our 1998 Honorary Chapter Farmers, Mark and Mary Fickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fickett have been actively involved in our program for the past two years. They have donated much of their time, energy, and equipment in helping with animal, mechanic, and vegetable projects. With their assistance, these projects have been successful and students have had "hands on" experiences that will enhance their job readiness in the future.

It is an honor to dedicate this Program of Work to these special people who have dedicated so much to our organization. We treasure their loyalty, support, and friendship.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA

## Officer Letter

Dear FFA Members,

Greetings, from the 1998-1999 FFA Officer Team. We hope you had a fun, exciting, and relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year.

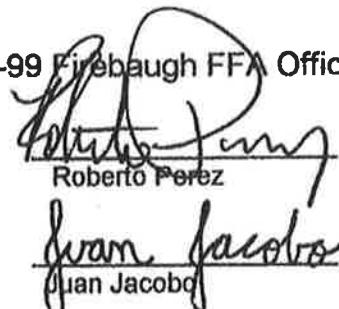
It is the goal of this year's FFA officer team to get you, new and returning FFA members to unite in participating and involving yourself in the FFA organization. We have many fun and exciting activities this year to encourage your involvement in the Firebaugh Chapter. The members are truly the backbone of our organization. Because of your support and belief in the FFA, we will continue to prosper in the upcoming years.

This year we have planned many exciting and new activities for you. Together, we will be able to develop an organization that is unmatched by any other organization. Because of your many talents, you will help better the Firebaugh FFA Chapter. We hope this year will be a great learning experience as well as fun and exciting for you. Due to your excitement and energy, we know we will have the ultimate FFA experience in the 1998-1999 school year. LET'S DO IT!!!!!!

Sincerely,

The 1998-99 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team

President



Roberto Perez  
Roberto Perez

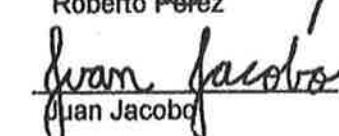
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Jordan Fickett  
Jordan Fickett

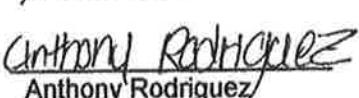
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President



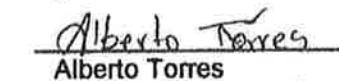
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Juan Jacobo

Reporter



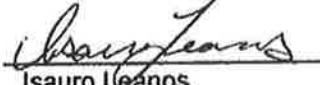
Anthony Rodriguez  
Anthony Rodriguez

Secretary



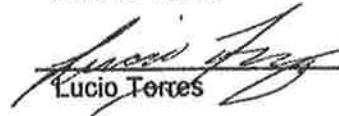
Alberto Torres  
Alberto Torres

Sentinel



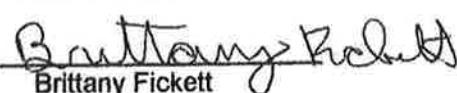
Isauro Leonas  
Isauro Leonas

Historian



Lucio Torres  
Lucio Torres

Chaplain



Brittany Fickett  
Brittany Fickett

## **Advisor's Message**

The Advisors of the Firebaugh FFA Chapter would like to welcome every new and returning member to the Firebaugh FFA for the 1998-1999 school year. Once again we are certain that the Firebaugh FFA is going to continue its success. The curriculum is on the cutting edge and our facilities rival many junior colleges only to compliment the already highly successful FFA Chapter.

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

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

Sincerely,  
**The Firebaugh FFA Advisors**

Ms. Brown  
Mr. Flatt  
Mrs. Gravatt

## Chapter Goals

- \* To begin educating children of all ages on the importance of agriculture, so they take an interest in agriculture, now and in the future.
- \* To further develop the involvement of members in our FFA organization, so that our chapter will continue to succeed and grow in the coming year.
- \* To provide the community with our agriculture education awareness.
- \* To be available for community events to enhance the relationship between our organization and the community.
- \* To encourage members to succeed not only at the chapter level but to go beyond their own expectations.
- \* To apply for the National FFA Chapter Award.
- \* To make this year one remembered with no regrets, and filled with accomplishments and improvement.
- \* To excel in every aspect of agriculture education.

## **Missions and Strategies**

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

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

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

## **Colors**

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

## **Motto**

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

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

## The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generation of agriculturist; 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 agriculture pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agriculture life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I can not deny.

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

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

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

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

## Judging Teams

Firebaugh FFA encourages students to participate in at least one of the following teams. You will be able to travel to different colleges throughout the state of California as you learn critical thinking, speaking, and leadership skills.

Ag Mechanics	Job Interview
Banking	Livestock Judging
Best Informed Greenhand	Marketing
Computer Applications	Novice Farm Records
Cotton	Floriculture
Creed Speaking	Opening/Closing Ceremony
Farm Power	Public Speaking
Farm Records	Ag Pest
Farm Safety	Parli-Pro

## Public Speaking

Public speaking contests are major leadership activities in the FFA. They promote speaking skills to large and small crowds alike. These skills are vital to any field of business you may be entering in the future. Public Speaking is becoming apparent in more and more contests. For instance, Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking are entirely based on these skills. However, the Job Interview Contest, and even the Computer Applications Contest uses these skills as part of their contest.

Prepared Public Speaking is just what it sounds like. A 6-8 minute speech is given to a panel of judges over a topic of the contestant's choices. The contestants in Extemporaneous Speaking, in addition to speaking to judges, must also research the Ag based topic within 30 minutes, and prepare a 4-6 minutes speech to give. Both of these contests, as well as Job Interview and Computers, are open to any FFA member interested. These contests take place throughout California.

## **Firebaugh FFA Ag Boosters**

The Ag Boosters Committee is valuable to the students of the FFA program. They help raise funds to support activities throughout the year. The Boosters are responsible for financially supporting the FFA Banquet, Buyers B-B-Q, and student trips.

The Boosters support the FFA students at the fairs by securing their break even price through the auction, if the students have earned it through working hard with their project. They also provide financial support to the Ag Department throughout the year when needed.

All parents of Ag students are encouraged to become a Booster member. With parent involvement we can support these students as they set and reach their highest goals. Monthly meetings will be established.

## **Firebaugh FFA Scholarship Committee**

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

### **Committee Members**

Kitty Catania  
Donna Diaz  
John Diedrich  
John Teixeira  
Pat Ward

## POSSIBLE FFA AWARDS

- Greenhand Degree (first year Ag students)
- Star Greenhand Degree (first year Ag students)
- Chapter FFA Degree (second year Ag students)
- Star Chapter FFA Degree (second year Ag students)
- State FFA Degree (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- Judging Team Awards
- Speaking Awards
- Outstanding Ag Student Awards (by grade)
- Top Twenty Awards (FFA points)
  - Number one goes to National FFA Convention
  - All twenty goes on an end of the year trip
- Scholarships
- Proficiency Awards (Local, Section, Region, State, National)
- Outstanding Exhibitor Award (by specie at the end of the year)

## Scholarships

The following scholarships will be offered through the Firebaugh High School Agriculture Program.

### **Matthew Roussel Memorial Scholarship-CWA-MAYA-CALCOT and the Lara Family/Willoughby Houk Memorial Scholarship.**

\* Applications are available through the Counseling Office.

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

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

First semester registration	\$250.00
First semester grades	\$250.00
Second semester registration	\$500.00
Total	\$1,000.00

## Fairs & 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, dairy, rabbits, chickens, goats, plants, flower arrangements and agricultural mechanics projects. If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, one of the Ag Teachers can get you started.

### Dairy

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

#### Dairy Replacement Heifers Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	Heifer	\$ 1200.00
	Feed	\$ 200.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 15.00
	Insurance	\$ 25.00
	Equipment	\$ 30.00
	School Housing (paid up front)	\$ 5.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1475.00</u>
<u>Receipt</u>	(Bottom Bid at Fresno Fair)	\$ 2000.00
<u>Profit/Loss:</u>		\$ 525.00

## Market Goats

A goat project is a fun project that does not require as much time as large animals. Basically you feed, clean, and practice showmanship. While at the fair you have to wash, feed, and shave your animal.

### Market Goat Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	Goat	\$ 90.00
	Feed	\$ 30.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 135.00</u>
<u>Receipt:</u>		<u>\$ 150.00</u>
<u>Profit/Loss</u>		<u>\$ 15.00</u>

## Poultry

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

### Poultry Project Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	Meat Pen (3)	\$ 27.00
	Feed	\$ 15.00
	Entry Fee	\$ 1.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 48.00</u>
<u>Receipt:</u>		<u>\$ 90.00</u>
<u>Profit/Loss:</u>		<u>\$ 42.00</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 fur rabbits which are used strictly for showing and keep these as your pet and use them for breeding.

### Rabbit Project Budget

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

## Steer

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

### Steer Budget on the next page

## Market Steer Budget

### Expenses:

Feeder Steer	\$ 800.00
Feed	\$ 500.00
Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 20.00
Insurance's	\$ 25.00
Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 80.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1435.00</b>
<b>Receipt:</b>	<b>\$1265.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>

## Sheep

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

## Market Sheep Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	Feeder Lamb	\$ 150.00
	Feed	\$ 45.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>
<u>Receipt:</u>		<b>\$ 360.00</b>
<u>Profit/Loss:</u>		<b>\$ 145.00</b>

## Swine

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

### Market Swine Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	Feeder Hog	\$ 150.00
	Feed	\$ 80.00
	Entry fee	\$ 5.00
	Vet. supplies	\$ 5.00
	Insurance	\$ 5.00
	School Housing	\$ 5.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<u>Receipt:</u>	Sale of animal	\$ 345.00
	<u>Profit/Loss</u>	<u>\$ 95.00</u>

## **Community Service**

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

- \* We will have a food drive for Thanksgiving and work with a church to distribute the food to the most needy in our community.
- \* We will collect and distribute toys at Christmas.
- \* We will set up displays in local businesses to promote our organization during FFA Week.
- \* We will provide a petting zoo at the elementary schools in our area to acquaint these students to Agriculture.
- \* We will host a Carnival at the A.E. Mills School, in hope that they get involved with our program.
- \* We will host a rally at the middle school to promote the Ag program.

## FFA Officers

### Firebaugh Chapter Officers

President	Roberto Perez
Vice President	Juan Jacobo
Secretary	Alberto Torres
Treasurer	Jordan Fickett
Reporter	Anthony Rodriguez
Sentinel	Isauro Leanos
Chaplain	Brittany Fickett
Historian	Lucio Torres
Advisor	Gina Gravatt

### West Fresno Madera Section

President	Frances Echeverria- Fresno Central
Vice President	Susan Poppa-Firebaugh
Second Vice President	April Chaney-Kerman
Secretary	Cassie Healy-Kerman
Treasurer	Erin Cardoza-Fresno Central
Reporter	Amanda Putnam-Chowchilla
Sentinel	Brian Hill-Riverdale
Chaplain	Jordan Fickett-Firebaugh
Historian	Maria Guevara-Coalinga
Parliamentarian	Ben Fischer-Fresno Central
Advisor	Kristi Mattes-Central West Campus

### San Joaquin Region

President	Nick Diaz-Fresno Central
Vice President EF/M	Kristen Callens-Kingsburg
Vice President WF/M	Frances Echeverria-Fresno Central
Vice President SEQ	Tony Perry-Golden West
Vice President WT/K	Michelle Vieira-Tulare Union
Vice President K/I	Sandra Smith-Bakersfield
Secretary	Victoria Costa-Tulare Union
Treasurer	Scott Grumbles-Kingsburg
Reporter	Darrel Day-Sierra
Sentinel	Paul Carr-Ridgeview
Advisor	Kenneth Harris

### Past State FFA Degrees

Jeff Cradock	1982	Jose Molina	1995
Ron Diaz	1982	David Ortega	1995
Keith Dodderer	1982	Luis D. Perez	1995
Monty Robinson	1982	Josh Ross	1995
Barbara Diedrich	1983	Jason Zaro	1995
William Feliz	1983	Cesar Arias	1996
Billy Rousell	1983	Sommer Houk	1996
Teddi Snyder	1983	Dustin Lowry	1996
Edward Ward	1984	Carolina Ramirez	1996
Trace Maiorino	1985	Pablo Vasquez	1996
Gina Diaz	1986	Paula Pafford	1997
Dustin Snyder	1986	Juan Molina	1997
Freddie Fonseca	1987	Augie Lopez	1997
Shelly Nash	1987	Stacie Dabbs	1997
Sheri Smith	1987	Jane Diedrich	1997
Claudine Bishop	1988	Jacob Maiorino	1997
Susan Diedrich	1988	Nathan Thomas	1997
John Nuefield	1989	Sandy Catania	1997
Jeff Eppler	1990	Shannon Norton	1997
Tracey Coelho	1990	Shaun Ramirez	1997
Stacey Gilbert	1991	Victor Avila	1998
Bobby Nash	1991	Leticia Campa	1998
Geraldo Patlan	1991	Jason Daivs	1998
Karina Franco	1993	Jason Diedrich	1998
Salvador Fuentes	1993	Vincent Gracia	1998
Misty Gonzalez	1993	Ryan Lowry	1998
Nicole Lake	1993	Milagros Lujan	1998
Todd Turner	1993	Rafael Madriz	1998
Erin Miller	1994	Roberto Perez	1998
Juan Arana	1995	Tom Phelen	1998
Jesus Fuentes	1995	Susan Poppa	1998
Martha Guzman	1995	Jose Sepulveda	1998
Elias Lujan	1995	Alberto Torres	1998
Jesus Mendoza	1995		

### Past Star FFA Degrees

Jesus Fuentes	1996
Jane Diedrich	1997

### Past American FFA Degrees

Teddi Snyder	1985
Dustin Snyder	1988
Jesus Fuentes	1996

## **Past Proficiency Award Winners**

### Section

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Mendoza	Specialty Animals	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 Production	1997-98
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1997-98
Alberto Torres	Diversified Crop Production	1997-98

### Region

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Fuentes	Forage Crop	1994-95
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Leticica Campa	Vegetable Production Placement	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Production Placement	1997-98

### State

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jane Diderich	Equine Science	1996-97

### National

Jane Diedrich	Equine Science Gold Award	1996-97
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## **Past State Winning Teams**

### **Computer Application Team-1995**

**David Ortega**

**Mishia Rodriguez**

**Jason Zaro**

**Coach: Gina Gravatt**

## **THE OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE FIREBAUGH CHAPTER OF FFA**

### **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 members.

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

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

### **Article II. Organization**

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

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

### **Article III. Membership**

**Section A.** Membership is limited to students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture 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 agricultural class.

**Section D.** No students may participate in any FFA activities unless they are members in good standing.

**Section E.** The FFA advisors at their own discretion have the right to dismiss any members from the FFA organization at any time with approval of the administration.

**Section F.** Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:

- 1.) Active
- 2.) Alumni
- 3.) Honorary-  
as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

**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 membership in their chapter. These levels are:

- 1.) The Greenhand FFA Degree
  - All "Greenhand's" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem charm.
- 2.) The Chapter FFA Degree

continued....

3.) The State FFA Degree

- All members holding the degree of State FFA are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm.

4.) The American FFA Degree

- All members holding the degree of American FFA are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

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

- 1.) Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
- 2.) Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
- 3.) Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
- 4.) Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
- 5.) Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the 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 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.) Shows 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 VI. Officers**

**Section A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:**

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

- The local advisors shall be the teachers of agricultural education in the school where the chapter is located.

\* The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices as outlined in the Official FFA Manual.

**Section B. President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary , Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain and Historian shall be elected or confirmed by a majority vote of the active members with the exception of the advisors who shall be the vocational agriculture instructors.**

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 C.** The nominating committee shall be composed of the 12th grade chapter officers and after reviewing officer applications for chapter office, will slate candidates on the ballot.

**Section D.** 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 whose vacancy shall be filled by the 1st Vice-President. The president shall nominate candidates for the committee's consideration.

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

- 1.) Must have and maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average .
- 2.) For offices of President and Vice President, the applicant must have already completed at least three years of Ag 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 agricultural leadership class.

## **Article VII. 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

- 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 VIII. Executive Committee**

**Section A.** Meetings shall be held once a month or as needed. The exact date will be set by the Executive Committee.

**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 IX. Dues**

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

## **Article X. Eligibility**

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

**Section B.** Members must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average overall to be eligible to participate above the chapter level.

#### **Article XI. Amendments**

**Section A.** To amend the constitution, a majority vote of the active members is required.

**Section B.** To become effective, an amendment must be posted for two weeks previous to the vote of the active members.

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

**Section A.** This constitution shall become effective when passed by a majority vote of the members voting.

## **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**

## Point Award System

The top twenty individuals on the point award system will be eligible to attend a summer achievement trip, and be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet in May.

Points are tabulated according to the following system:

1.	Leadership	
1.	Greenhand Degree (November of year awarded)	30
2.	Chapter FFA Degree (November of year awarded)	50
3.	State FFA Degree	100
4.	Star State Farmer (in addition to degree)	75
5.	Offices (points awarded in May)	
	* Chapter Officer	100
	* Sectional Officer	50
	* Regional Officer	75
	* Student Body Officer (In May of each year)	25
	* Class or Club Officer (In May of each Year)	15
6.	Meetings	
	* Attendance at each Chapter FFA Meeting	50
	* Participation in FFA Activities that are NOT listed	25
	* Representing the Chapter at Sectional Meetings	25
	* Representing the Chapter at Regional Meetings	50
	* Representing the Chapter at State Meetings	100
	* Representing the Chapter at one Day Convention	25
	* Representing the Chapter at National Convention	150
7.	Committees	
	* Active committee member	15
8.	For each Advisor Approved article printed in school, town, or FFA paper written by an FFA member. This excludes Chapter Reporter	25
9.	Own FFA Jacket ( Awarded in May of each year)	100
10.	Ticket Sales	
	* Sale price \$1.00 and under	1/each
	* Sale price over \$1.00	5/each
11.	X-mas Brochure	5/item
12.	Canned Food Drive	2/can
13.	Toy Drive	5/toy

<b>II. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE</b>	
1. Approved Enterprise: (each project)	
* Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine	50
* Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats and Rabbit	20
* Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats (project)	50
* Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (project), Landscape/Booth Entry	20
* OH /Crop project	20
2. Exhibit at Fairs and Shows	
* First Award Ribbon	
* Mechanics/ OH/Breeding /Crop/Landscape/Booth	20
* Second Award Ribbon	
* Mechanics/OH/Breeding/Crop/Landscape/Booth	15
* Third Award Ribbon	
* Mechanics/OH/Breeding/Crop/Landscape/Booth	10
Animal Projects	
* Grand Champion	50
* Reserve Grand Champion	35
* FFA Champion	25
* FFA Reserve Champion	20
* Breed Champion	20
* Reserve Breed Champion	15
*Market and Showmanship Placing (Novice and Advanced)	
* First Place	25
* Second Place	20
* Third Place	15
* Fourth through Tenth Place	10
* Round Robin Participant	15
* Round Robin Winner	25
* Any other Special Award/Recognition	15
3. Project Competition	
Local Competition	
Sectional Competition	50
* Gold Winner	20
* Silver Winner	15
* Division Winner	25

### III. CONTESTS

1. Participation	25
2. Placement	
* Individual	
* First High Overall	25
* Second High Overall	20
* Third High Overall	15
* Fourth High Overall	10
* Fifth High Overall	5
* Team	
* First High Overall	25
* Second High Overall	20
* Third High Overall	15
* Fourth High Overall	10
* Fifth High Overall	5

\* The above points for a State Finals Contest are doubled!



# August

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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>School</b> <b>Begins</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					



# September

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 WF/M Sectional FFA Meeting Fresno-Central 5 PM	3 FFA Meeting BBQ/Swim 6-8 PM	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
		<b>MADERA COUNTY FAIR</b>				
13	14 Dinner Ticket Sales Begin	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 FFA Drive- Thru BBQ Dinner 4 - 6 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# October

1998

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1	2	3
4	<b>5</b> Brochure Sale Begins	6	7	<b>8</b> School Board Meeting 7 PM	<b>9</b> Middle School Rally 2:15 PM	10
11	12	<b>13</b> Brochure Sale Ends	14	<b>15</b> Bakersfield Cotton Ag Pavilion 4 PM	16	<b>17</b> WHC Cotton Contest 9 AM
18	19	20	<b>21</b> WFM CATA Inservice Easton 5 PM	<b>22</b> FFA Meeting 3:10 PM Skating Party Madera	23	<b>24</b> S.J. Regional Officers Conference & Advanced Leadership Academy Hanford 8 AM  S.J. CATA Regional Meeting Corcoran 9 AM
25	<b>26</b> West Hills Farm Safety Contest West Hills 5 PM	27	28	29	30	<b>31</b> Halloween Corcoran Cotton Contest Corcoran 8 AM



# November

1998

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Food Drive Begins	3 GH/CH Banquet Cafeteria 6 PM	4 WF/M Opening & Closing Contest West Hills 5 PM NEW PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE SACRAMENTO	5 Tulare Cotton Contest Tulare Farm 4 PM	6	7 State Cotton Contest Finals Fresno State
8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> National FFA Convention	12	13	14
15 Washington Post Convention Trip	16	17 WF/M Job Interview Applications Due	18	19	20 Food Drive Ends	21
22	23	24 Greenhand Conference Firebaugh 9 AM - 4 PM WF/M Job Interview Contest Caruthers (by appointment)	25 <i>No School</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 <i>NO School</i>	28
29	30 Toy Drive Begins					



# December

1998

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**Sat**

		1 WF/M Speech Manuscripts Due  Toy Drive Begins	2 WF/M B.I.G./Banking Chowchilla 5 PM	3	4 San Joaquin Region Road-Show Fresno-Central 8 AM	5
6	7	8	9 WF/M Speech & Creed Contest West Hills College 5 PM	10	11 Toy Drive Ends	12
13	14	15	16 FFA Meeting X-Mas Party 6 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# January

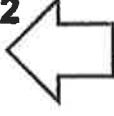
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					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
					<b>X-MAS VACATION</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> WF/M State Degree Record Book Scoring Kerman 5 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Made For Excellence Conference Reedly College 8 AM
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Martin Luther King Day No School</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Regional Officer Screening	<b>23</b> Regional AgriScience Fair Reedly 8 AM - 3 PM
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Cooperating Teachers and Student Teacher Conference	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>					<b>Sacramento</b>	



# February

1999

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 WF/M Record Book & Proficiency Scoring Riverdale 5 PM	4	5	6
7	8 No School	9 Dinner Ticket Sale Begins	10 Tulare Farm Show	11	12	13
14	15 President's Day No School  Regional Proficiency Application and Books Due In Office	16	17 WF/M Co-OP Quiz & Novice Record Book Firebaugh 5 PM	18	19 Bank Display  Dinner Ticket Sale Ends	20 Regional Speech & Job Interview Reedly College
21	22 	23 <b>National FFA Week</b>  Teacher Staff Appreciation Day	24  FFA Week Dinner & Program 4:30 - 6:30 PM	25 Reedly Open  Parl-pro Contest Reedly H.S. 4PM	26   Lunch Time Activity	27 San Joaquin Regional FFA & CATA Meeting West Hills College 8 AM West Hills College Field Day 8 AM
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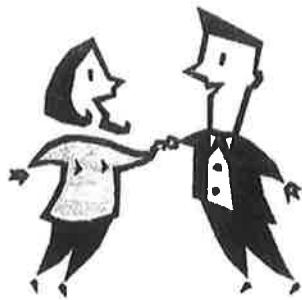


# March

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 State Proficiency Record Book Scoring	4	5 U.C. Davis Field Day	6
7	8	9	10 FFA Meeting 3:10 Bowling Madera	11	12	13 COS Field Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Reedley College Field Day
21	22	23 Regional Parli Pro Visalia Convention Center Visalia 1 PM	24	25	26	27 Merced Field Day
28	29	30	31			

**Easter Break Begins**



# April

1999

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> Easter Sunday	<b>5</b> No School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> E&WF/M State Degree Banquet Fresno State 6PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> State Leadership Preliminary Contest	<b>16</b> State Parli Pro Preliminary Contest	<b>17</b> C.S.U. Fresno State Finals & Field Day  State Leadership Conference
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>21</b> FFA Meeting 3:10 PM Movie Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
						<b>24</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Officer Applications Available	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> EF/M & WF/M American Degree Inservice Fresno Central 5 PM	<b>30</b> State Finals Cal Poly SLO



# May

1999

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						<b>1</b> State Finals Cal Poly SLO
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> EF/M & WF/M American Farmer Verification Fresno-Central 5 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
					<b>Officer Interviews</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
				<b>Chowchilla Fair</b>		
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> WF/M Section FFA & CATA Meeting Laton 5 PM	<b>20</b> FFA Officer Elections	<b>21</b> Top Seller Trip & Landscape Tour Magic Mountain	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> FFA Banquet 6 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day  No School					



# June

1999

<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 Pool Party 2 PM	9	10	11 Last Day of School	12
13	14	15 Top Twenty Trip Marine World	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>CATA Summer Conference</b>						
27	28	29	30			

