

Firebaugh FFA



The Signature of Success!

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Program Of Work

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DEDICATION

Cindy Hansen

In sincere appreciation and great thanks, the Firebaugh FFA Chapter has dedicated this 1999-2000 Program of Work to our 1999 Honorary Chapter Farmer, Mrs. Hansen. She has been actively working in our program for the past five years.

Mrs. Hansen has been involved in our program helping with beef, swine, rabbits, and general extra help at the fairs. She has donated her time, energy, and just about anything else we have needed. She has helped enable our chapter to develop those qualities in our members that an FFA member should possess.

It is our honor to dedicate this Program of Work to such a special person, who has helped us tremendously throughout the years. We treasure her loyalty, support, and friendship.

Sincerely,

The Firebaugh FFA



Officer Letter

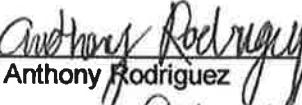
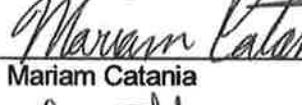
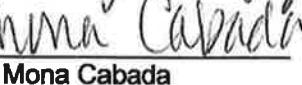
Dear FFA Members,

Greetings, from the 1999-2000 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 new and returning FFA members to unite in participating and involving yourself in the FFA organization. We have planned many fun and exciting activities this year to encourage your involvement in the Firebaugh Chapter. The FFA members are truly the backbone of our organization. It is due to your support and belief in the FFA, which will help us 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. You as members, possessing many talents will help to 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 1999-2000 school year. LET'S DO IT!!!!!!

Sincerely,
The 1999-00 Firebaugh FFA Officer Team

President	 Jordan Fickett	Treasurer	 Brittany Fickett
Vice President	 Anthony Rodriguez	Reporter	 Mariam Catania
Secretary	 Mona Cabada	Sentinel	 April Phelen
Historian	 Alexander Gonzalez		

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 1999-2000 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 relying on you to make this year a success!

Sincerely,
The Firebaugh FFA Advisors

Mr. Flatt
Ms. Geist
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 agriculture education awareness.
- * To develop a better working relationship among the community, and 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 be recognized as a 3 star chapter for the National FFA 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 of others by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To accomplish this mission, we the FFA will:

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

The Emblem

The National FFA emblem, consists of five symbols and is a 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 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 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	Public Speaking
Best Informed Greenhand	Marketing
Cotton	Floriculture
Creed Speaking	Opening/Closing Ceremony
Farm Records	Farm Safety
Computer Applications	

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 use 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 choice. The contestants in Extemporaneous Speaking must research an Ag based topic within 30 minutes and prepare a 4-6 minutes speech which is given to a panel of 4-6 judges. 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 (first year Ag students)
- Chapter FFA Degree (second year Ag students)
- Chapter Star Farmer (second year Ag students)
- Chapter Star in Agribusiness (second year Ag students)
- State FFA Degree (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- State Star Farmer (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- State Star in Agribusiness (3rd or 4th year Ag students)
- American FFA Degree (5th year Ag student)
- American Star Farmer (5th year Ag student)
- American Star in Agribusiness (5th year Ag student)
- Speaking Awards
- Judging Team 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, poultry, 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
	Total	\$ 1475.00
<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 thirty days prior to the fair. When you get your animals you have to feed them and practice showmanship. Showmanship requires you to inspect the animal. After you show your animal, it will go to the auction if it does well at the show.

Poultry Project Budget

<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 rabbits which are used strictly for showing and keep as your pet to 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
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 60.00</u>
<u>Receipt:</u>	Breeding Rabbits \$5.00-\$25.0	\$ 90.00
<u>Profit/Loss:</u>		<u>\$ 30.00</u>

Steer

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

Market Steer Budget

<u>Expenses:</u>	
Feeder Steer	\$ 600.00
Feed	\$ 500.00
Entry Fee	\$ 5.00
Vet. supplies	\$ 20.00
Insurance's	\$ 25.00
Showing & Fitting supplies	\$ 30.00
School Housing	\$ 5.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1185.00</u>
<u>Receipt:</u>	\$1265.00
<u>Profit/Loss</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>

Sheep

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

Market Sheep Budget

<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
<u>Total</u>		\$ 215.00
<u>Receipt:</u>		\$ 360.00
<u>Profit/Loss:</u>		\$ 145.00

Swine

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

Market Swine Budget

<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>		\$ 250.00
<u>Receipt:</u>		\$ 345.00
<u>Profit/Loss</u>		\$ 95.00

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 new toys at Christmas and deliver them at a church in our community.**
- * **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 will get involved with our program.**
- * **We will host a rally at the middle school to promote the Ag program.**
- * **We will sell Kids Day newspapers in order to donate money to help the children at Valley Children's Hospital.**

FFA Officers

Firebaugh Chapter Officers

President	Jordan Fickett
Vice President	Anthony Rodriguez
Secretary	Mona Cabada
Treasurer	Brittany Fickett
Reporter	Mariam Catania
Sentinel	April Phelen
Historian	Alex Gonzales
Advisor	Gina Gravatt

West Fresno Madera Section

President	Briana Jessen- Fresno Central
Vice President	Cassie Healy-Kerman
Second Vice President	Ben Fisher-Fresno Central
Secretary	Jordan Fickett-Firebaugh
Treasurer	Robert Thur-Tranquility
Reporter	Melanie Armstrong-Kerman
Sentinel	Ann Marie Diener-Riverdale
Chaplain	Ryan Ortez-Coalinga
Historian	Justin Otero-Easton
Parliamentarian	Kyle Prosperi-Madera
Advisor	Kristi Mattes-Central West Campus

San Joaquin Region

President	Michelle Vieira-Tulare Union
Vice President EF/M	Kristin Yancey- Sierra
Vice President WF/M	Briana Jessen-Fresno Central
Vice President SEQ	Brandi Morris- Redwood High
Vice President T/K	Victoria Costa- Tulare Union
Vice President K/I	John Bowden- Highland High
Secretary	Mandy Strahan- Sierra
Treasurer	Sammy Ramirez-Corcoran
Reporter	Megan Bowen- North High
Sentinel	Anthony Rodriguez-Firebaugh
Advisor	Kenneth Harris

Past State FFA Degrees

Jeff Cradock	1982	Jason Zaro	1995
Ron Diaz	1982	Cesar Arias	1996
Keith Dodderer	1982	Summer Houk	1996
Monty Robinson	1982	Dustin Lowry	1996
Barbara Diedrich	1983	Carolina Ramirez	1996
William Feliz	1993	Pablo Vasquez	1996
Billy Rousell	1983	Paula Pafford	1997
Teddi Snyder	1983	Juan Molina	1997
Edward Ward	1984	Augie Lopez	1997
Trace Maiorino	1985	Stacie Dabbs	1997
Gina Diaz	1986	Jane Diedrich	1997
Dustin Snyder	1986	Jacob Maiorino	1997
Freddie Fonseca	1987	Nathan Thomas	1997
Shelly Nash	1987	Sandy Catania	1997
Sheri Smith	1987	Shannon Norton	1997
Claudine Bishop	1988	Shaun Ramirez	1997
Susan Diedrich	1988	Victor Avila	1998
John Nuefield	1989	Leticia Campa	1998
Jeff Eppler	1990	Jason Daivs	1998
Tracey Coelho	1990	Jason Diedrich	1998
Stacey Gilbert	1991	Vincent Gracia	1998
Bobby Nash	1991	Ryan Lowry	1998
Geraldo Patlan	1991	Milagros Lujan	1998
Karina Franco	1993	Rafael Madriz	1998
Salvador Fuentes	1993	Roberto Perez	1998
Misty Gonzalez	1993	Tom Phelen	1998
Nicole Lake	1993	Susan Poppa	1998
Todd Turner	1993	Jose Sepulveda	1998
Erin Miller	1994	Alberto Torres	1998
Juan Arana	1995	Jordan Fickett	1999
Jesus Fuentes	1995	Tracy Hansen	1999
Martha Guzman	1995	Bobby Hogue	1999
Elias Lujan	1995	Patrick Ramirez	1999
Jesus Mendoza	1995	Ricardo Arellano	1999
Jose Molina	1995	Juan Jacobo	1999
David Ortega	1995	Jose Martinez	1999
Luis D. Perez	1995		
Josh Ross	1995		

Past Star FFA Degrees

Jesus Fuentes	1996
Jane Diedrich	1997

Past American FFA Degrees

Teddi Snyder	1988
Dustin Snyder	1988
Jesus Fuentes	1996

Past Proficiency Award Winners

Section

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jesus Mendoza	Specialty Animals 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 Production	1997-98
Tom Phelen	Soil and Water Management	1997-98
Alberto Torres	Diversified Crop Production	1997-98
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1999-00
Tom Phelen	Diversified Crop Management	1999-00
Vincent Garcia	Turf Grass Management	1999-00
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Livestock Production	1999-00
Jordan Fickett	Specialty Animal Production	1999-00

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
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1999-00
Bobby Hogue	Oil Crop Management	1999-00

State

Sal Fuentes	Cereal Grain Production	1993-94
Jane Diedrich	Equine Science	1996-97
Jason Diedrich	Diversified Animal Production	1999-00

National

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

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 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 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 anytime 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
 - All members holding the degree of Chapter FFA are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin.
- 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 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 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.) Reporter
2.) Vice President	7.) Sentinel
3.) Second Vice President	8.) Historian
4.) Secretary	9.) Chaplain
5.) Treasurer	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. The Officers shall be elected or confirmed by a majority vote of the Active members with the exception of the advisors who shall be the Agriculture education instructors.

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 after reviewing officer applications for chapter office, will slate 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 who's vacancy shall be filled by the 1st Vice-President. The president shall nominate candidates for the committee's consideration.

Section F. 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.

Section G. The Advisors and current chapter officers have the right to operate outside of the constitution for special circumstances not addressed.

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 will be required to meet with fellow officers and two 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 VIII. Executive Committee

Section A. Executive Meetings shall be held as needed. Beyond the Ag Leadership class.

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 the executive committee and advisors.

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 Meetings/ Activities/Banquets	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 Convention	100
	* Representing the Chapter at one Day State Convention	25
	* Representing the Chapter at National Convention	150
7.	Above the Chapter Level Involvements	
	* State Choir	50
	* State Committee Member	50
	* Similar Activities	50
8.	Committees	
	* Active committee member participant	15
9.	For each Advisor Approved article printed in school, town, or FFA paper written by an FFA member. This excludes Chapter Reporter	25
10.	Own FFA Jacket (Awarded in May of each year)	100
11.	Ticket Sales	
	* Sale price \$1.00 and under	1/each
	* Sale price over \$1.00	5/each
12.	X-mas Brochure	5/item
13.	Canned Food Drive	2/can
14.	Toy Drive	5/toy

II. SUPERVISED AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE

1.	Approved Enterprise: (each project)	
	* Large Mechanics, Market Beef, Sheep, and Swine	50
	* Small Mechanics, Market Poultry, Goats and Rabbit	20
	* Breeding Poultry and Rabbit (project)	50
	* Landscape/Booth Entry	25p/d
	* OH /Crop project	20
2.	Exhibit at Fairs and Shows	
	* First Award	
	* Mechanics/ OH/Breeding /Crop/Landscape/Booth	20
	* Second Award	
	* Mechanics/OH/Breeding/Crop/Landscape/Booth	15
	* Third Award	
	* 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	
	*Sectional Competition Participant	50
	* Gold Winner	20
	* Silver Winner	15
	* Division Winner	25
4.	Proficiency Awards	
	* Applicant	20
	* Local Winner	15
	* Sectional Winner	25
	* Regional Winner	50
	* State Winner	75
	* National Winner	100

II. 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!

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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 School Begins	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WF/M Section FFA Meeting 5pm Central	2 FFA Meeting BBQ/Swim 5-7pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				→	←	Madera Fair
12	13 →	14 Dinner Ticket sales begin WFM-Activity Night	15 E+WF/M Sec. CATA Meeting 5pm Sierra	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 FFA Drive Thru BBQ Dinner 4-6pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Brochure Sales begin	5	6 GH/CH Banquet 6pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Brochure Sales end	13 Back to School Night	14 Bakersfield Cotton Ag pavilion 4pm School Board Meeting 7pm	15	16 West Hills Cotton Contest
17	18	19	20 E+W F/M CATA 5pm Easton	21	22 GH Conference WHC Middle School Rally 2:15	23 Chapter Officer Leadership Conference COLC and CATA Hanford
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			National Convention			
31 Halloween →						

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food Drive begins	2	3	4	5	6 CSUF State Cotton Contest Fresno
7	8 Farm Safety WHC 5pm	9	10 FFA Skating Party 3:10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 WF/M O/C WHC 5pm	18 Food Drive ends	19	20
21	22	23 WF/M Job Interview (2)Caruthers	24 No School	25 Thanksgiving	26 No School	27
28	29	30 W/F Speech Manuscripts Due				

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WF/M BIG/Banking 5pm Chowchilla	2	3 San Joaquin Region Road Show	4
5	6 Toy Drive begins	7	8 WF/M Speaking + Creed WHC 5pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 FFA X-Mas Party 6pm	16 Toy Drive Ends	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 RB Scoring Kerman 5pm	13	14	15 Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Reedly
16	17 No School	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 RB Scoring/ Proiciencies Riverdale 5pm	27	28	29 Regional Officer Screening Tulara HS Farm
30	31					

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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dinner Ticket sales begin	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Tulare Farm Show	10 Regional Proficiency Applications& Books Due	11 No School	12
13	14 Regional Proficiency Judging 8am	15	16 WF/M Co-op Farm Records Firebaugh 5pm	17	18 Dinner Ticket Sales end Bank Display Regional Speech	19 West Hills College Field Day Coalinga
20	21 No School	22	23 Teacher Appreciation Day	24 Lunch Time Activity FFA Week	25 Lunch Time Activity	26 San Joaquin Regional CATA and FFA Regional Meeting F.S.U.
27	28	29		FFA Dinner		

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 State Proficiency Scoring Bakersfield	2	3 U.C. Davis Parli Pro	4 U.C. Davis Field Day Great Western Dariy Show
5	6	7	8 FFA Bowling 3:10	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 WF/M Parli Pro Easton 5pm	16	17	18 Chico State Field Day Reedly College Field Day
19	20	21 Kids Day Papers	22 FHS Open House	23	24	25 Merced College Field Day
26	27	28	29	30 E&W F/M State Degree Ceremony	31	

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Modesto Field Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 FSU Field Day FFA State Leadership Conference
9 State Leadership Conference	10	11	12 FFA Movie Night 3:10	13 Project Comp Banquet Madera 5pm	14 Day on the Green	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Break						
23 Happy Easter	24 No School	25 Officer Applications Available	26	27	28 Bailey Petting Zoo 9-1	29
30						

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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Cal Poly State Finals Prom
7	8	9	10 WF/M FFA& CATA Pershing 5pm	11 Officer Interviews Mills Carnival 1-3pm	12	13
14	15 FFA Officers Elections	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 FFA Banquet 6pm	24 Portfolio Day	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Chowchilla Fair

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Grad Night

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Pool Party 2pm	7	8	9 Last Day	10
11	12	13 Top Twenty Trip	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

