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Chapter Challenge

By Kaitlyn Williams

During the Holidays, we all get into a spirit of joy and giving. But does that mean we should only be joyous and giving during November and December? No, we should carry this year around. This doesn't mean giving gifts to others all the time. The giving I speak of is giving back to those who support your chapter, live in your area, or anyone for that matter. Your chapter can give back by participating in community service activities such as volunteering at a shelter, cleaning up a community park, picking up trash in school campus or on sides of roads (be careful!), donating canned foods to a local food bank, or working for an elderly person to clean up their yard. There are many ways to give back to others. These community service projects can also be used for chapter awards! I challenge all chapters in the North District to participate in some kind of community service project, not just once but multiple times. As the last sentence of the FFA motto says "Living to Serve", as FFA members we should live to serve each and every day.

No act of kindness, however small,
is ever wasted.

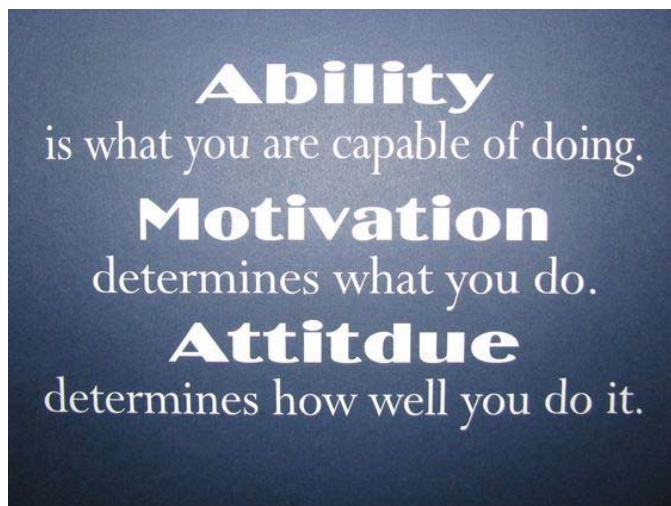


North District Mock Interviews

By Jodi Shotts

On January 23, 2017, the North District will hold the first rounds of Mock Interviews at Cullman Middle School at 5 pm. The second round of Mock interviews will be held later on February 6th, at Cullman Middle School at 5pm. Mock Interviews are held to better prepare each North District officer candidates for the real interviews which will be held on March 9th, at Wallace State in Hanceville, Alabama. During mock interviews, candidates will be given a written assignment, and will be tested on their basic FFA knowledge. Later that evening, candidates will also be split up into two different rooms where they will be interviewed by a select few. After interviews, each member will be given an overview on how well they tested, and will be shown their strengths and weaknesses from their interviews.

Mock interviews are very helpful to any member who is interested in running for office. You will get to meet other ffa members from our district, as well as advisors. I personally encourage anyone considering running for North District Office to take advantage of mock interviews.



2016 North District Land CDE

By John Crawford

The 2016 North District Land CDE was filled with eager competitors, proud advisors, and passionate FFA members alike. With an outstanding 160 participants, all of which encompassed 42 chapters in the North District, students gathered to compete on November 10th, 2016 at the beautiful St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. Although every team was exceptional in conduct, excellent in their involvement, and envisioned with amazing goals, only 4 teams were able to advance towards the State Competition held in March: 4th place – Falkville FFA Chapter; 3rd place – Douglas FFA Chapter; 2nd place – Elkmont FFA Chapter; 1st place – Curry FFA Chapter.

The Land Career Development, being one of many, many, CDEs, seeks to inform students about different types of land, the variety of soils and their abilities, methods concerning soil conservation, and ultimately different treatments in order to receive the highest level of production and preferred home site. With that being said, this event exemplifies team building, leadership, and career success thus preparing an FFA member for great opportunities in the future.

Congratulations to all who participated in this Career Development Event! The North District is being greatly represented at the State Finals and we are super excited about seeing each and every one of you at North District Eliminations this coming April! Continue to get involved; continue to fire the flames; continue to stoke the passion; and continue to "Transform: Purpose to action!"



Farm Safety Day

By Kailee Johnson

For some back to school just means one thing: football season. Certain FFA Chapters across the state have something else to look forward to: an annual Farm Safety Day. Many chapters including mine at Sylvania High School host a Farm Safety Day every year in September. At Farm Safety Day, FFA members inform elementary students on how to be safe while on the farm.

Sylvania's annual Farm Safety Day consists of several stations that students rotate through. The stations include: ATV/Tractor Safety, Chemical Safety, Disability Awareness, Drug Awareness, Gun and Knife Safety, Power Safety, Sun Safety, and the Ag-in-Action Trailer. Groups of 8-12 Third Grade students from Sylvania High School and Henagar Junior High School spent approximately twenty minutes at each station.

Attending Farm Safety Day is very beneficial to elementary students. It exposes them to one of the many things that they can do with FFA, teaches them skills that they can use in life, and informs them of many situations that they might encounter. Hosting a Farm Safety Day is very advantageous. I hope one day every school that has FFA hosts a Farm Day of some sort for elementary students.



FFA National Convention

By Eason Reece

The 89th annual National FFA Convention was held October 19-22 in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the convention FFA members from all corners of our great nation came to Indianapolis to learn more about the FFA, looking around the career show, and attend sessions in Bankers Life Fieldhouse. This years convention was attended by more than 64,000 members representing all 52 state associations. During the convention delegates from each state association met to discuss and vote on the business of the organization. The state of Alabama was well represented with 10 delegates including all six of the state officers and four district officers. The delegates were split into separate committees to vote on things such as technology in CDEs and diversity. Overall the 89th annual National FFA convention was a success and the Alabama FFA Association was represented proudly by all of its members who attended.



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