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STATE FFA CONVENTION

Alabama FFA Convention was held June 4-7, 2013 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Montgomery. On Tuesday the CDE competitions were held at Auburn University. The FFA Biscuits baseball game was also on Tuesday. That's always a blast because it's the first time you have to catch up with friends from across the state and of course have wonderful meals and watch a great ballgame. The convention started in full force on Wednesday. For me this week was so stressful and LONG. During the convention I ran for State Officer it was a experience to last a life time.

On Wednesday, interviews started for State Officer Candidates. Another fun event was the Rally To Fight Hunger where FFA members packaged over 40,000 meals for those in need. Sessions also began and keynote and retiring addresses were giving.

Thursday, there were plenty of activities going on. I was still in interviews along with all the other state officer candidates, this was our last day for interviews. We were all very thankful of that. The career show and food court was opened for FFA member to explore and have fun learning about agriculture opportunities in Alabama. There was also workshops for FFA members to at-

tended to help expand their knowledge about FFA and opportunities throughout the FFA.

I woke up Friday morning, the big day, with the biggest knot in my stomach. This was the day I found out if I was elected to State Officer or not. Friday was the day all members who were eligible received their State Degree pins, and also the day that 6 out of the 12 that ran for State Office life would change. I will never forget that day because I just gained 5 new friends that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Now I would like to introduce them to you!



By Shelby Windham

- 2013-2014 State Officer Team
- State President, William Norris from the Wetumpka FFA Chapter.
 - State Vice President, Bailey Sims from the Marbury FFA Chapter.
 - Hayden Whittle, State Secretary from the Geneva FFA Chapter.
 - Myself, Shelby Windham, State Treasurer from the Ariton FFA Chapter.
 - State Reporter, Kelsey Faulkner from the Ardmore FFA Chapter.
 - Alyssa Hutcheson, State Sentinel from the Red Bay FFA Chapter.



Kaleb Richard— DOLC

On July 16th – 18th, the South District FFA Officer team attended the District Officer Leadership Conference held at the 4-H Center in Columbiana, Al. During this event we were given workshops on parliamentary procedure, how to put a workshop on, proficiency awards, representing FFA, and communication. All these workshops helped us to prepare for this year and also for COLW (Chapter Officer Leader-

ship Workshop). During this event we, as a South District Officer Team, were able to grow and come together to make this year a successful and fun-filled year in the South District FFA. Whether it be our nightly reflections as a group listening to the

inspiring words of Jackson Harris or our State Officer team the memories we have of DOLC we will never forget. I must say I could not ask for a better officer team this year. We had so much fun planning for this year in the South District.



Blaire Hendricks— Turf Crew

At Zion Chapel the Turf Crew program isn't the average lawn service. Members go above and beyond the everyday FFA guidelines to ensure goals are accomplished. Zion Chapel's turf crew cuts grass for the football field, the four youth fields, as well as the high school softball and baseball fields. After football games

the stadium is cleaned and the trash disposed of. Out of the 24 members, not one works harder than the other. Each member challenges the remaining team to do the best they can no matter what the task may be. The students involved work diligently to clean up around the school grounds by spreading mulch and planting shrubbery. The

school clean ups not only improve the appearance of the campus but also give students the opportunity to take more pride in their school. Zion Chapel cherishes the hard work that the Turf Crew achieves.



Clay Tew— District Meetings

I hope everyone had a great summer and has been working hard with their FFA chapter this year. I know the South District Officers and myself have been busy planning for the year. One thing we have been trying to do this year is to get a list of the Chapter Presidents and their contact information. Also, all of the District Officers would love to come and visit your chapters to talk to the Chapter Officers and members. I hope all of you are working toward getting your State Degrees and have been filling out your Proficiency Award applications which are due this February 15, 2014. I hope all of you have a great year and I look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Allison Butts— COLW

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer!! Maybe you even attended one of our Chapter Officer Leadership Workshops. This year they were held in Daphne and Rehobeth and we had a great audience for both workshops. Me and my fellow officers spoke on various topics ranging from Teamwork to Parliamentary Procedure. Our theme this year was "SUIT UP

FOR FFA"! I hope you were able to have fun and learn a lot of new things that will help improve your chapters. I am looking forward to seeing you all during chapter visits and learn what your chapters have planned for this year. If you did not attend COLW's this year I hope you make arrangements to attend next year. If at any time during the year you need

help with applications or have questions feel free to contact any of us and we will be glad to help! Good luck this year and I encourage you to tell someone about the FFA!!



Tristan Gray— Fundraising

Fundraising plays a huge role in FFA Chapters. From buying supplies, to jackets, to trips, most chapters cannot function without fundraising. Every chapter should have several fundraisers throughout the year to support their Program of Activities. Fundraising also helps members in other ways. They provide a great opportuni-

ty to learn and practice communication skills, financial management, and team work. These are all vital skills that can be carried over into SAE activities or life in general. Traditional Fundraiser ideas include fruit sale, meat sale, plant sales, T-shirt, doughnuts, strawberries, and Rada products. If you are in an area with

other schools that compete for your customers, try to find creative and unique ideas for fundraising like a petting zoo, peanut boil, or auction of some type. We do not have a green house but we purchase and resale ferns and mums each year. Be creative and "google" ideas! Work together to raise funds for your chapter and use the funds to get involved!



Robin Miller— South District Officer Team



Back Row (from left to right) South District Reporter: Tristan Gray from the Southern Choctaw FFA Chapter, South District President: Kaleb Richard from the Elba FFA Chapter. South District Treasurer: Clay Tew from the GW Long FFA Chapter.

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Geneva FFA Golf Tournament

The Annual Geneva FFA Golf Tournament had a great turn out this year. There were around sixty participants and 14 teams present. The tournament was held at the River Oaks golf course in Geneva, Alabama at the River Junction. The play style of the tournament was a three man scramble with closest to the pin, longest shot, and best overall team prizes handed out. In addition to the solo contests, there were prize money awards given to the top three teams. Everyone had an awesome time and I encourage new chapters that have access to a golf course to definitely give this fundraiser a try. This fundraisers was used to help send several Geneva FFA Chapter members to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

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