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Chapter Officer Initiative

Being a chapter officer is an honor that should not be taken lightly. Being an FFA officer means that you run your chapter. That means that you put forth the ideas to get recruitment, meetings, etc. together. FFA is unlike any other organization in the fact that the officers are supposed to run everything, your advisor should not be the one calling all the shots. Being a chapter officer means that you are willing to be a role model. People at your school will be watching you to see you fail, it is your duty to prove them wrong and make your chapter look it's best. This means your reputation is everything when you become an officer. In all, being a chapter officer is a blessing so go out and tell your chapter how you have been blessed with this amazing opportunity.

- Gracie West
South District President

District Eliminations!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas season and break from school. I enjoyed spending some of time with the South District Officer team. We are in the process of planning District Eliminations which will be held on March 19 at Enterprise High School. I hope that your chapters are making plans to attend. We have also been making Chapter visits. Which are definitely my favorite. The District Officers are trying to get a list of all Presidents and their contact info from each Chapter, when they visit chapters. Remember that all State FFA degree and proficiency award applications are due on February 15. I hope everyone's year is great and I look forward to seeing some of y'all in the future.

- Emily Williams
South District Secretary





FFA WEEK!!!

Hello Alabama South District FFA! I hope that all of you enjoyed Christmas 2014 and that your new year is starting off well!

Before we know it, it will be National FFA week which runs from February 21- 28, 2015. In 1947, at a National FFA board of directors meeting, the week of George Washington's birthday was designated as National FFA week. Today, FFA week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses February 22nd, Washington's birthday.

During National FFA week we celebrate FFA, agricultural education, and agriculture. FFA week is also a kind of recruitment week. It is an opportunity for FFA members, alumni, and sponsors to advocate for agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share with local, state, and national audiences what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day. It is also the perfect time to show our communities how we live the FFA motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

There are many ways to promote FFA week. One idea is that your chapter could plan a scavenger hunt during FFA week. Another one is your chapter could work with a local and school newspapers, radio and TV stations to run public service arrangements about agriculture and highlight local FFA chapter activities. Also your chapter could host an "AG Career Day" and invite local speakers, farmers, extension agents, agribusiness owners and managers. One good way to come up with ideas is to get your group of officers together and come up with ideas that way. This way promotes teamwork within the group of officers. I challenge every chapter in the South District to make FFA week the best FFA week that has ever been. Remember it runs from February 21- 28, 2015. Good luck and work hard the rest of this school year for FFA.

- Nathan Parker
South District Sentinel

You know you're a FFA member when...

You count down the days til FFA Week!



Chapter Visits!

My absolute favorite part about being a district officer is meeting the new members and learning about their chapters. Last month, I had the pleasure to visit Bryant Career Technical Center in Mobile County. I learned a lot about their chapter along with their officer team. BCTC holds very serious meetings which was very nice to be in a meeting room that was silent where every single member was paying attention. BCTC also holds a very consecutive streak of first place wins for the Small Engines CDE at the District level while also scoring high at the State level. On my tour, led by Wayne Greenhill (chapter president), I learned that Bryant CTC has several greenhouses that

flourish with numerous plants and flowers. Just outside the greenhouses,

is a large field and woods area that is used to practice for forestry practices and was once a home to heads of cattle.

I had such a blast with the officers. The team, during the cookout and meeting, made me feel so welcomed! I feel FFA is a huge family, no matter what school, district, or state you are from, and Bryant Career Tech Center continued this strong belief!!! I cannot wait until my next adventure to another chapter!!

- Alysa Gauci

South District Reporter



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