

STATE FFA CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Workshop schedule subject to change. Final listing of all workshops will be in the official convention program.

Monday, June 8, 2009

1:30 p.m. The Great Equation

Regina Holliday, 2008-09 National FFA Southern Region Vice President

How well do you know yourself? What are you truly capable of doing? Even if it is hidden everybody has one! What is it? Come to this session and discover the great equation to help you find yours!

Connection 1 Room - Sheraton Hotel

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

10:00 a.m. Dairy Goat Career Development Event

Clara Hedrich, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor, West DePere High School

Tom Considine, American Dairy Goat Association Licensed Judge and Dairy Goat Farmer

Workshop participants will first be familiarized with goats and goat judging. Participants will be placing several dairy goat classes. Plaques sponsored by the West DePere FFA will be awarded to the top four teams and the top four individuals.

Teams will consist of four members with the three best scores taken from team placing. You may also enter the event as an individual if you do not have enough for a team. Anyone interested in dairy or meat goats is encouraged to attend and participate in this workshop.

**Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall
Room: Mendota 8**

10:30 a.m. Cultivate Your Attitude

Kaleb Santy, 2007-2008 Wisconsin FFA Officer and 2008 National Officer Candidate

Andrew Christenson, 2007-2008 Wisconsin FFA State President

Ever been angry, mad, upset, irate, or downright enraged and wished you were in a good mood? If you answered yes and would like to take part in a fun, fast pace workshop at the Wisconsin FFA Convention then "**Cultivate Your Attitude**" is for you. Join Andrew and Kaleb on an outdoor trip that will give you plenty of chances to learn how to cultivate the attitude that **YOU** want to have!

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10:30 a.m. Sweet Scrapbooking Solutions for You

Becky Wirkus Stratford Agriscience Instructor and FFA Advisor

Rachel Sauvola New Richmond Agriscience Instructor and FFA Advisor

Kathy Breunig, State FFA Alumni Council Section Six Representative

From the basics to more bang for your buck, we will cover hands-on scrapbooking techniques for you to promote your activities and recruit new members! Groups will be working at different stations to match their experience level. We will show you how to turn a blank page into exciting background and texture paper to show off your events. We'll review the basic scrapbooking techniques for those who are just starting out, along with discussing tips on where and what to purchase. We will also share ideas on what sort of layout will not only document the history of your chapter members, but also recruit new members to join in the fun! Limit of 40 members for this workshop, so plan to come early!

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12:00 p.m. What's new in Ag in the Classroom?

Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin AITC Coordinator, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Find out what's new in Ag in the Classroom that you can use with your Food for America Program. This workshop will explore new resources that your chapter and FFA Alumni can use in presentations, farm tours, classroom visits and other special events!

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1:00 p.m. Agricultural Entrepreneurs-What are your Dreams?

Jolene Gibbs, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

The Farm Service Agency's Farm Loan programs are involved in financing the next generation of agricultural producers. Do you wish to start an agriculturally related income producing project while still in high school? Do you wish to learn about how to make a profit in your own business? Do you wish to start building equity so that at some point you can be an agricultural entrepreneur? If the answer is yes to these questions the Farm Service Agency's youth loan program and beginning farmer loan programs are there to assist you in your endeavors. If you wish to be an agricultural entrepreneur or assist in financing the next generation of Ag Entrepreneurs you must attend this session. It is getting more difficult but it is not impossible to start implementing your dreams. Come and have a discussion of your business start up or career aspirations in the future of Wisconsin Agriculture.

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2:00 p.m. Operation Cooperation**Mendota 8***Cathy Statz, Wisconsin Farmers Union*

Join us for a whirlwind tour of all things cooperative during this interactive session. Wisconsin has a rich co-op heritage – and co-ops have the potential to sustain and rejuvenate the rural and urban communities of tomorrow. Want to be ready for the next generation of leadership? Find out how the cooperative model and philosophy can prepare you for the future of agriculture, education, business – and beyond!

3:00-5:00 p.m. Change Lives!! Teach Agricultural Education**Room: Mendota 5 and 6**

By Invitation Only!! This program will be an action-packed two-hour program including a panel of current teachers to share their stories of why they decided to become agricultural education instructor as well as representatives from the universities in how you can earn a degree in agricultural education. There will be other fun activities and discussions related around learning more about a career in agricultural education.

4:00 p.m. Just the Tip of the Iceberg**Mendota 8***Dustin Baker, 2008-2009 Michigan State FFA Officer**Chris Sanford, 2008-2009 Michigan State FFA Officer*

This workshop is geared to help members better understand the importance of character. We will have the students examine themselves and their own strengths and weaknesses. Finally, we will look at the importance that a solid character plays for an effective leader.

5:30 p.m. Make Your Own Lunch - The Second Helping**Mendota 8***Ryan Porter, Professional Speaker*

This workshop has nothing to do with making a sandwich but everything to do with you deciding to create your own experiences and living a life that you love! In this workshop Ryan will show you 4 decisions you can make that will completely change the way you view your future. His outrageous escapades from Hawaii to Slovakia will have you laughing, learning and preparing to lead the life of your dreams. Stop living by someone else's menu and Make Your Own Lunch!

Wednesday, June 10, 2009**8:30 a.m. The Great Equation****Mendota 8***Regina Holliday, 2008-09 National FFA Southern Region Vice President*

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9:30 a.m. The NEW Parliamentary Procedure Contest; I SECOND THAT!**Mendota 8***UW-River Falls Agricultural Education Society*

Would you like to learn more about running FFA meetings, and how to excel in the Parli Pro Speaking Contest? Then this is the workshop for you! In this workshop, you will learn the basics of Parliamentary Procedure, as we as get exposed to the new rules that will be implemented this year. You will learn and understand par-law, receive handouts to advance your knowledge even further, and you will be ready to jump into any parliamentary procedure contest, or any meeting and understand what is going on! Don't forget to bring your secretary because the contest will now always score the secretary's notes.

10:30 a.m. The Leadership 'Secrets' of Success**Mendota 8***Andrew McCrea, Professional Speaker*

Do great leaders know leadership "secrets" that bring success? In this fun and fast paced session, Andrew McCrea will share some of the little things you can do to become a more successful leader. He brings leadership insights from interviewing hundreds of guests for his daily syndicated radio features that we can use in FFA and beyond!

12:30 p.m. Should There Be An FFA Alumni Affiliate In Your Chapter's Future?**Mendota 8***Jayme Buttke Wisconsin FFA Alumni Executive Director**Ken Harter Wisconsin FFA Alumni President**Herman Seebandt Wisconsin FFA Alumni President-Elect*

Agriculture education departments, FFA chapters and members, and instructor/advisors need "helping hands" today. A local FFA Alumni affiliate can fill this need. This workshop is for chapters that presently don't have an active FFA Alumni affiliate or would like to get theirs re-activated. You will hear FFA members give testimonials of opportunities provided them, which would not have been afforded, if not for the assistance of an active local FFA Alumni; an instructor/advisor fill participants in on his perspective on having a very active Alumni affiliate; and what the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association has to offer to assist in the organization or re-activation of local affiliates. We encourage concerned FFA members and advisors to attend.

1:30 p.m. Connecting to your Future with the Farm & Industry Short Course

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Karen Knipschild, UW Madison Farm & Industry Short Course Assistant Director

Learn about the Farm and Industry Short Course Program at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Discover what courses are available, what it costs, and who is qualified to attend. Karen will also provide an overview of the program, as well as academic and admission requirements. This is a great option to further your education and get the academic background you need to be successful!

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Chapter Officer School of Rock

Mendota 1-4

Jenny Russell, AgSource and Jackie Mundi, Dow AgroSciences

Workshop Designed for Chapter Officer Teams to Attend!!!! This workshop is a great opportunity to prepare chapter officer teams with the help of past National FFA leadership with a band twist! Whether you are getting the band back together or starting a band of new chapter officers, your team needs a little rock star training. Learn to harmonize, synthesize and mobilize so that you can rock your chapter all year long!

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3:30 p.m. Service Project Opportunity: Outreach to Liberia

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Donna Barber, Founder of Global Orphan Outreach

Is your chapter looking for a new and exciting way to give back to others through community service? Come to this workshop to learn how your chapter can promote and encourage sustainable agriculture globally. Your talents and resources can be used to help Liberian students become educated and gain proper tools to help alleviate food shortages. The time is now YOU can help be the difference and make an impact in the lives of fellow agriculturalist who are less fortunate than ourselves.

4:30 p.m. Lights, Camera, Teamwork!

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Michael Dolch, 2008-2009 Iowa State FFA Officer

Austin Willer, 2008-2009 Iowa State FFA Officer

FFA members assemble! Although life resembles a thrilling motion picture, we cannot avoid the untimely commercial – team conflict and dysfunction. While surfing the team development network, discover a channel leading to commercial-free performance and dynamics. Tune in, affirm your talents, harness conflict, and maximize your team's ability to experience overwhelming success. Make your debut today!