

Hello FFA Advisors and Members,

FFA week is just around the corner. This is a time for celebrating 83 years of FFA history and getting students excited for the next half of the FFA year. We want to help each chapter to be as prepared as possible, and ready to go. The State FFA Officer team would like you to take this time to help them reach their goal of 18,000 members for the 2009-2010 year. We are sending out a reminder of a few things you can do and some resources for your chapter.

Still looking for some cool activities to do during National FFA Week? These are some great ideas that anyone can use. Here are some places to look...

- http://www.ffa.org/documents/ffaweek_ideas.pdf
- http://www.wisconsinffa.org/GAS_Station_View.php?Cat=Membership_Recruitment
- Call a neighboring chapter and ask them what they do.

This week is a great time not only to celebrate with your students, but it is also wonderful to share this experience with teachers, principal, staff members, alumni and communities. This is a time for you and your officer team to reach out to students still thinking about joining FFA. It is not too late to join. You can use this time to highlight what the National FFA Organizations has to offer its students, parents, and community. Here are some ways to do it.....

- **Invite** your principal, staff members, your alumni and your community to the events that the chapter is hosting.
- **Inform the Media.**
 - Write an article for your school newspaper and local community paper
 - Call up the local news and radio station and invite them to the events that you are having
- **This year Caitlin Roberts State FFA Reporter has made a special Wisconsin News Release for everyone to use. You can download it on the Wisconsin FFA Website. This can be used in your school or local community papers.**
 - <http://www.wisconsinffa.org>
- Have a variety of activities that all members will want to be involved in.

If you haven't heard, the Wisconsin Association of FFA will also be hosting Western Region National FFA Vice President Randa Braune as she travels around the state during National FFA week, conducting workshops and talking to numerous radio and television stations around Wisconsin.

Good luck to all of the chapters during National FFA Week!!!