



Rylee's Reflections



Wisconsin FFA

October/November

Fall Newsletter

National FFA Convention and Expo: A Sea of Blue Floods Indianapolis

It's fair to say Wisconsin FFA kicked some behind and had a blast at this year's national convention with one of the highest turn-outs of any state association! Wisconsin FFA members flooded the streets of Indianapolis, IN with over 60,000 members from across the nation. Students and advisors alike never got bored with various things to do from sessions with key-note speakers to the FFA shopping mall to the exposition hall to various competitions and award ceremonies.

Chapter Visits



Chapter visits have been an absolute blast so far! Twenty-five chapter visits seemed like a daunting task in the beginning, but I have been having so much fun learning about each individual chapter and making friends everywhere I go. I also cannot believe the hospitality and kindness I have been shown throughout my travels. The small gifts and kind words truly mean a lot. Wisconsin FFA members make "Minnesota nice" seem unfriendly!

2016-2017

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National FFA Week

February 18th- 25th

It may not feel like it yet, but National FFA is just around the corner! That's right, it's almost time to celebrate one of the greatest traditions of our national life, and what better time than the birthweek of one of America's greatest agriculturist—George Washington?? We each celebrate the history and future of our organization in our own way; whether it be with dress-up days, community service events, or fun chapter activities, we all get the opportunity to reflect upon how the FFA has impacted our lives and share our pride for it with others.



Shout out to the middle schoolers at Clayton schools!

2016 Half-Time Conference

Who? Two leaders from every chapter

What? The Half-Time Conference is a two-day conference; the conference is designed to provide the resources necessary to build up your motivation and chapter for the rest of the year.

When? January 13th-14th

Where? Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Stevens Point
1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482

Speaking Contest Dates

District 1-

Ashland

February 14

District 2-

Clear Lake

February 10

District 3-

Rice Lake

February 16

Sectionals-

Amery High School

March 15th

Do you like to talk? How does becoming kick-butt speaker and a polished, young professional sound? Well, consider competing in Employability Skills, Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Creed Speaking, Discussion Meet, or Quiz Bowl and take that first step toward your personal growth!

#TRANSFORMFFA

It's official! In 2015-16, a record

649,355 FFA MEMBERS

represented **7,859 chapters**
and **52 state associations!**

FFA members were supported by

225,891

National FFA Alumni Association members!

Thank you!



*“Don’t ever give up, even if it seems
like the whole world wants you
to...”*

-Jonathan Benitez

2016-2017 Wisconsin FFA Membership Goals

The 2016-17 state officer team needs your help!! We have set this year’s membership goal at a record-setting total of 22,000 members. We need each and every chapter, advisor, officer, and member to help us reach this ambitious goal, but we know Wisconsin FFA can do this!

National FFA Convention Section 1 Results!!

National Agriscience Fair-Silver Winners: Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems – Division 1 – McKenzie Frank, New Auburn FFA, Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems – Division 3 – Hazel Cody and Violet Hyke, New Auburn FFA, Plant Systems – Division 4 – Emily Pintens and Lyndsey Mickelson, Barron FFA, Power, Structural and Technical Systems – Division 3 – Zachary Fedie and Peyton Trowbridge, New Auburn FFA
Bronze winners: Power, Structural and Technical Systems – Division 1 – Domonic Johnson, New Auburn FFA
Speaking Competition- Parliamentary Procedure: Amery FFA, Gold 3rd Place
Proficiency Award Finalists- Parker Massie, Barron FFA—Diversified Livestock Production
2 Star National Chapters- Barron, Prairie Farm
CDE Gold Award Winners- Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management—7th Place
National FFA Band- Carl Grenquist, Cumberland FFA and Abigail Solum, Rice Lake FFA
National FFA Delegate- Parker Reindahl, Clear Lake FFA



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