



# The Great Section Eight

Wisconsin FFA

October/November

Fall Newsletter

## *TRANSFORM! Highlights of the National FFA Convention and Expo*

The 2016 National FFA Convention ended on October 22, 2016. Throughout the week-long convention in Indianapolis, Indiana over 60,000 members, advisors, and guests took over the downtown area. Many were there to compete and others were there to take in the great words of many inspirational key-note speakers and National Officer Retiring addresses. On page two are all the members from Section 8 who competed at the National FFA Convention.

## Chapter Visits



Currently I have attended 11 chapter visits. They have been great so far. I have enjoyed getting out and traveling to different high schools. All the schools, advisors, and members have been so welcoming. Thank you for allowing me to come in and spend the day with your chapter. I look forward too many more chapter visits throughout the month of November!

### 2016-2017

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## National FFA Week

February 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>

The National FFA week started in 1947 when National FFA Board of Directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week to recognize his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. There are many ways to advocate for FFA during the National FFA week. Some chapters have dress up days, others have teacher appreciation lunches, AgOlympics, or even through community service projects. National FFA Week may seem like some ways away but it is never too early to start planning what your chapter will do for National FFA Week!



## Speaking Contest Dates

### District 22-

Where: Marion  
When: February 13

### District 23-

Where: Oconto Falls  
When: January 30

### District 24-

Where: Waupaca  
When: January 31

### Sectionals-

Where: Freedom  
When: March 13

Come and compete at the 2016 District Speaking Contest. You may compete in Employability Skills, Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Creed Speaking, Discussion Meet, or Quiz Bowl.

## 2016-2017 WI FFA Membership Goals

For 2016-2017 it is our goal to increase our membership from 20,500 members to 22,000 members and to set a new Wisconsin FFA membership record!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

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

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#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** FFA ALUMNI

National FFA Alumni Association members!

**Thank you!**



## National FFA Convention Section 8 Results

**National Agriscience Fair-** Gold 8th place – Plant Systems – Division 1 – Zoe Clough, Pulaski FFA

**Speaking Competition-** Extemporaneous Speaking: Mason Jauquet, Pulaski FFA – Bronze

**Proficiency Award Finalists-** Taylor Adeline Eilers- Waupaca FFA- Beef Production Entrepreneurship, Erin Rose Montgomery- Waupaca FFA- Equine Science- Entrepreneurship

**3- Star National Chapters-** Freedom, Manawa, Waupaca, Weyauwega- Fremont

**2-Star National Chapter-** Winneconne

**Model of Innovation Finalists-** Freedom FFA- Community Development, Manawa FFA- Student Development

**Model of Excellence Finalist-** Waupaca FFA

**National FFA Band-** Samantha Angotti- Freedom and Alex Lewandowski- Wittenberg-Birnamwood

**National FFA Chorus-** Laura Bomber- Freedom



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