



# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER FRANKLIN COUNTY MIDDLE FFA

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## 2017-2018 FCMS FFA OFFICER TEAM

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FCMS FFA Reporter

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For the complete story see pg 2 of the full length newsletter on FCMS website.

## 2017-2018 FFA CHAPTER EVENTS

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success** through agricultural education.

The FFA Mission Statement

- Ag Olympics, August 22
- Area II FFA Rally, September 7-8
- FFA Movie Night, September 22
- Young Farmer Auction, October 7
- FFA Gravitopia Trip, November 10
- Christmas Party at El Parian, December 5
- Discovery Conference, January 26-27
- FFA Ice Skating Trip, January 30
- Franklin County FFA Week, February 12-16
- Young Farmer Auction, March 3
- Spring Rock A Thon, March 16
- State FFA Convention, April 26-28
- Parent Member Banquet, May 3
- Summer Leadership Camp, May 21-25 or May 28-June 1

It is very important that you as an FFA member listen to announcements, keep an eye on social media, and remind your parents to sign up for emails, so that you know what events, contests and trips are occurring throughout the year.

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The two sessions of COLT were held at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center near Covington, Blue COLT on July 17-19 and Gold COLT on July 19-21. This year's COLT theme was *"WE: Invest. Inspire. Ignite."* Chapter officers were challenged to create a set of standards for their team and write down goals for the year. Participants attended workshops that focused on professionalism, service, commitment, sharing the message, recruitment and teamwork. The students also began planning their chapter's Program of Activities for the coming year and learned strategies for time management, creativity and communication. Officers were encouraged to make an impact in their

school and community and gained ideas for member involvement, fundraising, and promoting the FFA.

"COLT Conference provides a great opportunity for chapter officers to learn ways to work together, set goals, and plan out their year as a chapter officer team," says State FFA President, Tucker Felkins. "We appreciate the dedication set forth by these students in creating goals that will help invest in their chapters, inspire their members and ignite a passion for success throughout this school year!"

The officers from the Franklin County High FFA chapter who attended COLT were: President Christa Anderson, Vice President Kellie Smith, Secretary Jeret Royston, Treasurer Zach Neese, Reporter Megan Cattafi, Sentinel Tyler Ertzberger, Chaplain AnnaGrace Tompkins, Historian Jacob Tompkins, and Parliamentarian Hunter Botts.

The officers from the Franklin County Middle FFA chapter who attended COLT were: President Abbie Gilbert, Vice Presi-

dent Ginger Mitchell, Secretary Gracie Minyard, Treasurer Jacob Keese, Reporter Sydney Allen, Sentinel Ella Freeman, Chaplain Josie Hallford, and Historian Liam Ford.

As a part of the COLT conference officer teams participated in the Opening Ceremonies contest. The Franklin County Middle FFA chapter was named the Middle School Opening Ceremonies champion for COLT conference 2017. Franklin County High FFA members Kellie Smith and Megan Cattafi were named as the Overall Outstanding Vice-President and Reporter respectively.

The Georgia FFA Association is the third largest state association in the nation with more than 42,000 members. The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. The mission of the FFA organization is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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## TERRY ENGLAND LEADERSHIP CENTER

By Sydney Allen,  
FMCS FFA Reporter

COVINGTON, GA – The officers of the Franklin County High and Middle FFA Chapter were honored to be a part of the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Terry England Leadership Center at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center. Dozens of dignitaries, including Governor Nathan Deal, gathered to dedicate the new facility in honor of Terry England, who is a leader in agricultural education in Georgia.

State Rep. Terry England of Auburn serves as chairman of the Appropriations Committee and co-chair of the Agricultural Education Advisory Committee and is a member of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Education, Industry and Labor, Natural Resources and Environment and Ways and Means committees.

During his statement, Deal thanked England for his continued support of ag education. “I can’t think of anyone that it is more appropriate to name this facility for,” said Deal. “Young people in years to come will hopefully be told the story of why it bears your name. It will be a story that is well worth repeating.”

England said the tribute was humbling “to the point I don’t really know what to say.”

He credited FFA with taking him as a shy middle-schooler in Barrow County and helping him develop leadership and public speaking skills. “FFA gave me the opportunity to learn how to stand in front of people and speak,” said England. “It gave me the opportunity to learn to be a better friend, showed me how to be a better hus-

band, a better son and a better person. My hope is that for decades and generations to come that this facility here recreates the memories that some of the buildings down the hill have created for me.”

The Terry England Leadership Center is a 20,000-square-foot facility featuring a 14,000-square-foot room that will seat as many as 1,400 people or 750 for banquet dining. Todd Teasley, director of development and leadership at the FFA Center, has said the meeting space is the largest in the surrounding area.

The center was funded through a \$9.5 million appropriation in the state budget in 2015. In addition to the center, the funding will help construct a new dining hall, which is expected to be completed next May.



**CDE**  
**(Career Development Event)**  
**Contests that members compete in to test their skills learned through agriculture education**



## FFA MEMBERS ATTEND UGA LIVESTOCK CAMP

By Sydney Allen, FMCS FFA Reporter

Franklin County Middle FFA members Eli Hallford, Josie Hallford, Ginger Mitchell and Leah Cleveland recently were among nearly 80 FFA members who attended the UGA Livestock Judging Camp held at the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Teaching Arena Tuesday, June 27-Thursday, June 28.

This three day event was designed to allow members to enhance their livestock judging skills in the Classic City! The camp was open to any 4-H or FFA member who is a rising 6th-12th grader. The camp was led by local producers who shared their livestock along with former and current collegiate judging team members from across the nation assisting with officials and reasons. Collegiate judging team members included:

- Caroline Waldrep- Junior at UGA; UGA Judging Team; Major: Ag Ed
- Greyson Fernandez- Junior at UGA; UGA Judging Team; Major: Animal Science
- Caroline Hinton-Junior at UGA; UGA Judging Team; Major: Animal Science

- McKinley Blassingame; Sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma; NEO Judging Team; Major: Ag Ed

- Michael Loughridge- Sophomore at Hutchinson Community College; HCC Judging Team; Major: Animal Science

- Hadley Schotte- Sophomore at Hutchinson Community College; HCC Judging Team; Major: Animal Science

- Hayden Echols- Sophomore at Hutchinson Community College; HCC Judging Team; Major: Animal Science

- Amanda Tinkle-Ph.D. Student at UGA researching swine locomotion

Britta Thingulstad- Masters student at UGA in Crop and Soils

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event, which will be held in November 2017, allows agricultural education students the opportunity to make accurate observations of livestock, determine the desirable traits in animals, make logical decisions based on their observations, and discuss and defend those decisions. Participants place classes of breeding and market

beef, sheep, goats and swine, and then give oral reasons to the judges as to why they placed each class as they did.

Franklin County Middle FFA advisor Anna Watkins also attended the Livestock Evaluation for Teachers course, which took place alongside the student camp. The purpose of this course was to educate and familiarize teachers with livestock evaluation while incorporating Animal Science Curriculum. It was taught utilizing UGA Livestock Specialist Jacob Seger, other experienced agriculture teachers, and collegiate judging team members. Class participants were engaged with facilitators to learn about preparing a competitive livestock evaluation team, correctly formulating and teaching students how to present reasons, analyzing Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) and setting up practice classes for students to evaluate.

FFA is a national organization of members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education program in public schools. The FFA mission is to make a positive differ-



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## STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP

By Sydney Allen,  
FMCS FFA Reporter

COVINGTON, Ga – This summer 33 students from the Franklin County High and Middle FFA chapters attended Summer Leadership Camp (SLC) at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, on the banks of Lake Jackson.

Each summer, the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center hosts six weeks of Summer Leadership Camp for high school and middle school students involved in chapters of Georgia's FFA and FCCLA youth leadership programs. Teachers bring their students to the week-long camp, where they participate in leadership programming designed to build relationships, develop teamwork and leadership attributes, and most importantly, have a great time! Activities include team and individual competitions, dances, the mega slide, the blob, swimming, ropes course, shooting sports, crafts, horseback riding, a muddy obstacle course, and more!

This year's theme for Summer Leadership Camp was "SLC Unlimited". Led by the idea that "you don't get to decide how your story begins, but you do get to decide how it ends", stu-

dents were challenged to discover their unlimited future. This theme guided the programming for the week, including skits, challenges, and nightly reflections.

Over the course of the six weeks of Summer Leadership Camp, the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center hosted more than 3,300 students, advisors, and guests. Driven by the purpose of investing in the lives of every camper that comes through the gate, the summer was full of fun, new experiences, and life-changing growth.

The students from Franklin County Middle chapters attending camp included: Grace Adcock, Sydney Allen, Devin Boyer, Diana Fowler, Abbie Gilbert, Makenzie Godwin, Jara Jordan, Jacob Keese, Ben Martin, Gracie Minyard, Ginger Mitchell, Allie Royston, Jeret Royston, Hope Tompkins, Lex Turner, and Tanner Thomas.

"Summer Leadership Camp is a unique experience for students that is full of fun and memorable activities, but the ultimate goal is to provide the atmosphere for teachers and students to connect in such a way that teachers

can better invest in their students year-round," says Russel Towns, Camp Manager.

During the week, teams compete for both Leadership Team of the Week and Competition Team of the Week. Leadership Team of the Week is awarded to the team that best exhibits the ideals of Summer Leadership Camp. This team strives to make sure all campers and teams get the most out of the camp experience. Teams are scored by the staff all events during the week. Each team also places one vote towards this coveted title. This year the Franklin County girls, "Team e-LEMON-ators" brought home the Leadership Team of the Week Runner Up award.

Competition Team of the Week is awarded based on a point system as teams compete in various competitions and activities throughout the week. From the softball field to the craft shop, the variety of activities available at camp keep members active as they all earn points towards team of the week. This year Franklin County brought home eight competition titles...cont. pg 6



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## GOAT CAMP

By Sydney Allen,  
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This summer 30 students from across Georgia and South Carolina attended Goat Camp which was held at the Franklin County Agriculture Center June 1-2.

The program was designed for FFA and 4-H members who have a market goat projects for the 2017-2018 school year. Students came to this two-day camp, where they develop the necessary skills, participate in a hands on atmosphere, develop teamwork and leadership attributes, and most importantly, have

a great time! Activities include feeding, washing, clipping and practicing in the show ring as they grow their knowledge of raising market goats, which will be used throughout the next show season.

The camp was led by county agriculture extension agent Raymond Fitzpatrick with the help from county 4-H extension agent Audrey Justice and Amanda White and agriculture education teachers Eric Hickox, Anna Watkins and Cale Watkins. Goat industry experts were also brought into share knowledge with the students: Will Cabe from CABE., Jimmy Youngblood

from Blue Ribbon Show Supplies and Roy Deason from Deason's Farm and Garden.

"Goat camp is an opportunity for our students to gain hands on experience working with their animals prior to the show season so that they can advance their knowledge of the animal industry. The primary goal is to prepare students to be active members of the production agriculture industry as they learn to raise market goats and enter the show ring over the next year." says Raymond Fitzpatrick, County Extension Agent.



## SLC...CONTINUED

Hope Tompkins and Grace Adcock had the highest score in the Quiz Competition. Sydney Allen, Abbie Gilbert, Kellie Smith, and Anna Grace Tompkins brought home top honors in the Mile Relay Event. Ben Martin and Caleb Tompkins were the champion in the Tennis Competition. Lex Turner won in the Soccer Kick Competition. During the Swim Meet Caleb Tompkins and Hope Tompkins placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Belly Flop and Smallest Splash. Christa Anderson earned top honors in the

Camp Speech Contest with her speech on an "Unlimited Supply of Energy." In the craft shop, Kylie Bruce excelled in the Wood Crafts area with her first place win.

Franklin County High and Middle School FFA attend the Summer Leadership camp annually. Students interested in the agriculture education program should speak with an agriculture teacher when they start back to school in the Fall to sign up for an agriculture class and become an FFA member.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. The Georgia Association has more than 41,000 members in 310 chapters, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, through agricultural education.

**SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience)**  
Talk with Mrs. Watkins today to find out how you can begin a livestock SAE

## AG TEACHERS ATTEND SUMMER CONFERENCE

By Sydney Allen,  
FMCS FFA Reporter

SAVANNAH, GA – Anna Watkins, Cale Watkins, Trey Harris and Waylon Priester, agricultural educators in Franklin County, GA, were a part of the over 425 teachers from across the state who attended the annual Georgia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association (GVATA) Summer Leadership Conference held July 10-12, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia.

During the GVATA Summer Leadership Conference educators conduct an annual business meeting, participate in professional learning breakout sessions, award members for outstanding service and elect new representatives to serve on the GVATA Executive Board. This meeting also allows educators the opportunity to communicate and collaborate with other agriculture teachers from across the state.

Many special guests attended this year's annual meeting including State School Superintendent, Mr. Richard Woods, who addressed the agricultural educators during the opening session. Dr. Barbara Wall, State Director for Career, Technical and Agricul-

tural Education, was also present during the conference and brought greetings during the closing business session. Senator John Wilkinson was also in attendance at the GVATA annual summer conference as he was presented with the Outstanding Service Citation during the awards luncheon.

Franklin County Agriculture Education program was excited to welcome two of its former students and FFA members to the profession during the annual teacher's conference. Brandon Poole, a 2013 graduate of Franklin County High School, and Addie Thomason Tucker, a 2014 graduate of Franklin County High School, have recently graduated from the University of Georgia with their bachelors in agriculture education. Poole will be starting a at a new program and teaching at Burke County Middle School. Tucker has accepted a position in Wilcox County and will be leading the agriculture education program there. Franklin County agriculture teachers were very proud to welcome these former students into the profession during the summer teacher's conference.

GVATA members recog-

nized for their outstanding achievement in agricultural education were: Outstanding Young Member, Sarah Nerswick of Cambridge High School; Outstanding Teacher, Kasey Jackson of West Laurens High School; Outstanding Agricultural Education Program, Emmanuel County Institute, advisor Tori Meadows; Outstanding Adult Education Program, Toombs County Young Farmers, Advisor Joey Montford; Ideas Unlimited, Jonathan Harde-man of Montgomery County High School; Lifetime Achievement, Mr. Dennis Sheppard; Teachers Turn the Key, Brandi Baade of Pike County High School, and Outstanding State Staff, Mrs. Christa Steinkamp; Outstanding Cooperation, Georgia EMC.

New members elected to serve on the GVATA Executive Board were: Area 2 Director, Marcus Pollard of Newton County College and Career Academy; Area 6 Director, Josh Drew of Lee County High School; and Audrey Davis of Thomas County Middle School to serve as President-Elect.

**GVATA mission:**  
"provide  
agricultural  
education for the  
global  
community  
through visionary  
leadership,  
advocacy, and  
service."



## AG PROGRAM HOSTS TRAINING FOR AG TEACHERS

By Sydney Allen,  
FMCS FFA Reporter

The Franklin County Agriculture Education program recently hosted a Livestock Nutrition, Fitting and Showing for Sheep, Goats, Swine and Cattle Workshop for educators at the Franklin County Agriculture Center, June 13 and 14. Franklin County Ag Teachers, Cale Wakins, Anna Watkins, and Eric Hickox, assisted in organizing and leading this two day workshop.

This two day training was designed to allow educators to enhance their knowledge of livestock, so that they could better assist students with their supervised agriculture experience programs. The camp was open to teachers from across the state of Georgia. The camp was led by Mr. Kent Benson, North Region Animal Science

Teacher, who also led discussion and demonstrations on sheep. Four other Agriculture Teachers from around North Georgia also led species specific discussions and demonstrations: Mr. Eric Hickox, Franklin County High School (swine), Mr. John Lastly, Madison County Middle School (goats), Mr. Josh Whitworth, Jackson County Young Farmers (beef cattle), Mr. Mitch Davis, North Hall High School (dairy cattle). Finally Montana Smith with Godfrey's Feed was present to discuss nutrition. During the two day training teachers not only learned from the panel, but were also given the opportunity to learn through hand-on experience with each species.

At the conclusion of this workshop, teachers left more equipped to assist their students in raising and exhibiting livestock. By

participating in livestock projects, students not only take on responsibilities, but learn how to take care of the animal. By doing livestock projects they have a good start to success down the road in this busy world. As a result of this clinic, their teachers are better able to promote those life changing experiences.

If any families in Franklin County are interested in raising and showing livestock, there are opportunities to show lambs, goats, beef cattle and swine projects. Opportunities are available to show in the fall and winter; age and grade requirements are different for each species and season. For more information about how your child can get involved, contact the agriculture teachers at the high school or middle school or the county extension agent.

Did you know that Ag teachers work all year. They put in an extra 40 days during the summer doing professional learning, working with students or at the cannery.





## AG OLYMPICS

The Franklin County Middle School FFA will host the annual Ag Olympics on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The Ag Olympics is our first "just for fun" activity for the year. It is an opportunity to welcome the members back to school and to greet our new members. It is a totally fun filled meeting with competitions such as Sack Races, Sweet Tea Slurpin', Watermelon Eating, and much more. We will be giving away FFA t-shirts and other goodies as prizes. We will also eat pizza at 5:30 p.m.

This year, we will have a slip-n-slide at Ag Olympics. We do want to make sure that student bring change of clothes and or an appropriate bathing suits. For girls one piece or tankini bathing suits are suggested, or any bathing suits can be covered with COL-ORED tee shirts (no white tees). Boys may wear swimming trunks and COL-ORED tee shirts. This will be a homemade slip-n-slide, so it is suggested that shorts be worn as well.

This event is for FFA members only. It will start immediately after school. A bus will transport students from the middle school over to the Agriculture Center and students must be picked up at the FC Ag Center no later than 6:00 pm. This is a school function - so all school rules apply. Students must be on their best behavior. Any disciplinary infractions will be dealt with in accordance to school policy. Permission forms must be returned by August 21, 2017 (9:00 a.m.) to attend.

## FCMS FFA COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to offer you the opportunity to serve on one of our FFA committees this year. We will have our first committee work day on Friday, August 18 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the ag room at the middle school.

We are asking for member input on our Program of Activities (POA). In an effort to make sure that we consider all of our members, we have decided to put together committees to help plan events so that all members in our chapter will enjoy and benefit from our activities. I am excited to offer this leadership role to so many members this

year, and your child is being offered this opportunity because he or she has expressed interest in chapter leadership opportunities and/or been an active member of our chapter in the past.

We have plans to make multiple committees to work on different focus areas throughout the year such as growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Of course the number of committees will depend on the number of members who plan to take part. We also plan for the committees to meet 3-5 times

throughout the school year.

For the August 18 meeting, we will meet right after school in the agriculture room (915) from 3:30-4:30. The FFA will also provide a snack for all members who participate. Please make sure to turn in permission forms by August 16, so that we can be prepared.

### Upcoming

#### Events:

**Committee**

**Meetings:**

**August 18**

**Ag Olympics:**

**August 22**

**Area II Rally:**

**September 7-8**

## AREA II RALLY

North Region Rally is the first event of the school year held at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. It is an overnight experience where members from all over the North-East Georgia Area come together to compete and celebrate the successes of the past year. It is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills, meet people from around north Georgia and bond with other people in our chapter. For the past nine years our chapter was awarded the Area II Middle School Chapter of the Year Award while we were at the Area II Rally. We know that we are in the top 5 again this year. So we are excited to hear the results for chapter of the year again this year. Students who competed at or above the Area II level during the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend the Rally as we celebrate our successes and get excited for the new year.

Franklin County Middle FFA will be leaving for The Area II FFA Rally on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Listed below are some important items students need to know.

**How much is the registration fee?** The registration fee for the North Region FFA Rally is \$50.00, which includes lodging, meals, and a tee-shirt. It is due by Monday, August 21.

**What to wear?** Official dress is required for the opening ceremonies contest (FFA Jacket, FFA tie or scarf, black pants or skirts, white dress shirt, and black dress shoes). During recreation and free time students are encouraged to dress casually; see the agenda for more information. If you are a contestant in the Chapter Challenge Obstacle course, you will get dirty. We would like for all of our members to wear their chapter t-shirt to the awards program at 11:30 on Friday.

**How much money do I need?** All meals, at the Rally, are covered in the registration fee. Students might want to bring money for drinks, pizza, or other refreshments from the canteen. Students will also be responsible for purchasing any meals or snack to and

from the Rally; in the past they have chosen to stop and eat lunch on the way home.

**What do I need to bring?** Clothing, bed linens, pillow, towels, soap, and other toiletries.

**Other items of importance!** We must have the following forms before we leave for the rally.

1. Parental Consent Form
2. Challenge Events Parental Consent

**When will we return?** We will return on Friday, September 8, 2017. We should return around 3:30 p.m. If this varies greatly, then we will call on the way back. Students will be school related and will not need to return to the middle school on Friday. They will be picked up from the Franklin County Ag Center.

Students please remember that you are representing Franklin County Middle FFA without me, so be on your best behavior. All school rules still apply.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

This school year, the officer team is very excited to offer more community service opportunities. Our areas of focus this year will be Pop Tabs and Recycling program, Pennies for Patients, Helping Hands for Jesus, and Environmental Clean-up Days. Please make sure that you keep an eye on this section of the newsletter each month for more information.

### Pop Tabs for Heifer International:

All year long the entire school will be collecting pop tabs for the FFA. As an August kick off, any pride class that collects TWO full jugs of pop tabs during the month of August will receive donuts.

### FCMS Environmental Clean Up Days:

This year, FCMS FFA will partner with middle school athletics to pick-up trash and clean up fields once during each sports season (fall, winter and spring). Members will be able to earn chapter credit, use volunteer hours towards SAE projects in class, and help keep the environment a little greener at FCMS.

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**LEARNING TO DO,  
DOING TO LEARN,  
EARNING TO LIVE,  
LIVING TO SERVE.  
- FFA MOTTO -**

## FUNDRAISING & CHAPTER CREDIT

For the 2017-2018 school year, each fundraising opportunity will be coupled with a **chapter credit**. These credits can be used any FFA expense such as chapter shirts, FFA jackets, or FFA trips (Gravitopia, Discovery Conference, Ice Skating, etc.), camps and conventions or be used to pay for any other FFA expense.

*The credit cannot be redeemed for cash and must be used on an FFA function by the end of the school year. Any credit that is not used by the end of the school year will be void. Credit will be handed out in the form of gift certificates, and it is the member's responsibility to keep up with his or her certificates. Certificates are not replaceable.*

**Pre-selling Country Meats snacks is a continuous way to earn chapter credit.** Any FFA member can pick up a yellow order form from the bulletin board, pre-sell, and turn in their money and order forms on the last Friday of each month. Orders are filled the next week for members to distribute. *We will also have opportunities for students to sell Country Meats snacks during November and March by taking 25 at a time and selling to friends and family. This extra fundraiser will hopefully help members in paying for trips such as Discovery Conference, Convention and Camp.* For every 50 meat sticks sold, the member will receive \$5 in chapter credit.

Credit can also be earned by working at Young Farmer Auctions and selling Strawberries in February.

## UPCOMING CDE OPPORTUNITIES

Agriscience Fair (8th Grade only)  
Agriculture Mechanics (4 spots open)  
Creed Speaking (1 spot)  
Dairy Evaluation (1 spot)  
Environmental Natural Resources (4 spots open)  
FFA Quiz (1 spot)  
Floral Design (no spots open)  
Floriculture (no spots open)  
Forestry (11 spots open)  
Horse Evaluation (4 spots open)  
Jr. Prepared Public Speaking (0 spots open)  
Lawn Mower Operations and

Maintenance (1 spot open/8th grade only)  
Land Evaluation (2 spots open)  
Livestock Evaluation (no spots open)  
Meats Evaluation (3 spots open)  
Nursery Landscape (4 spots open)  
Parliamentary Procedure (3-4 spots open)  
Poultry Evaluation (no spots open)  
Wildlife Management (2 spots open)

This is a complete of all of the possible contest opportunities. Our chapter typically competes in almost all of the contests available to middle school FFA members. It is your responsibility to listen to announcements, keep an eye on social media, and remind your parents to sign up for emails, so that you know what events, contests and trips are occurring throughout the year. CDEs sign ups will always be on the FFA bulletin board outside the cafeteria, so keep your eyes open and make sure to catch the opportunity to compete