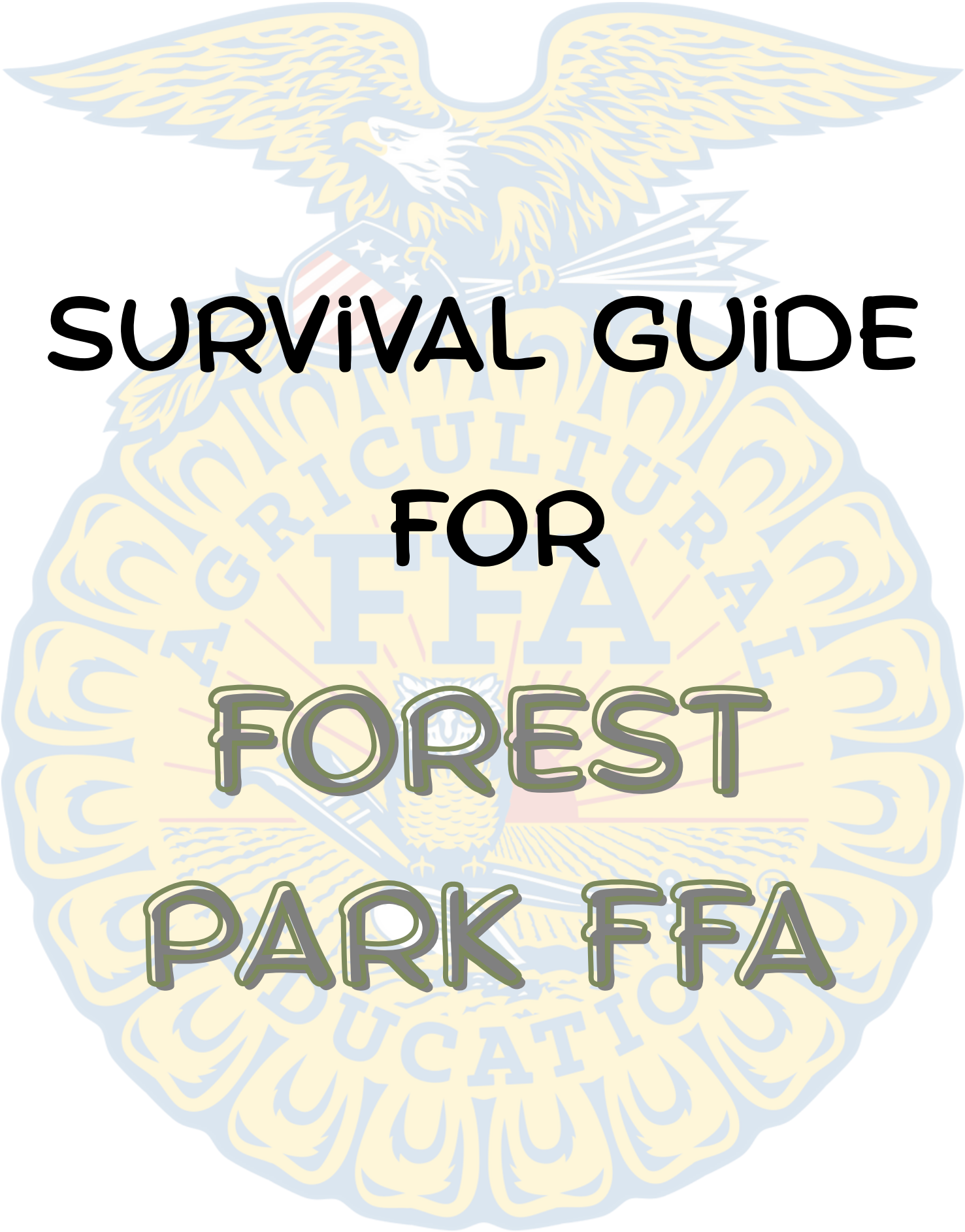




SURVIVAL GUIDE

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AGRICULTURE STUDENT LINGO

Terms you may hear agriculture students use

CDE (Career Development Event) – FFA / agriculture skill competitions

LDE (Leadership Development Event) – FFA / agriculture speaking competitions

Creed – a 5 paragraph document taught to all FFA members

Degrees – awards to recognize student progress and success in leadership, ag education and their SAE

Proficiency – award recognition for students with an outstanding SAE project

District – our FFA chapter is part of District X which consists of the following schools: Jasper, Southridge, Dubois, North Daviess, Washington, Gibson Southern, Princeton, North Knox, South Knox, Loogootee, Shoals, Perry Central, Tell City, Pike Central, Mount Vernon, North Posey, Heritage Hills, South Spencer, SICTC, Boonville, Castle, and Tecumseh

Section – our FFA chapter is part of Section IV which consists of the following counties: Knox, Daviess, Martin, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Perry, Spencer, Warrick, Vanderburgh, Posey, Monroe, Lawrence, Orange, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Clark, Washington, Jackson, Jennings, Decatur, Switzerland, Scott, Bartholomew, Jefferson, Ohio, Dearborn, Ripley, and Franklin

FFA Motto – “Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve.”

FFA Mission – “To develop students’ potential for Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, and Career Success through agricultural education.”

AET – the official record of a student’s SAE, done online through www.theaet.com

SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) – experiential learning that takes place outside of the classroom and is agriculture based

OD – FFA official dress

Tallywhacker – slang term that refers to the pull of a zipper on an FFA jacket

Paraphernalia – items representing specific FFA officer positions

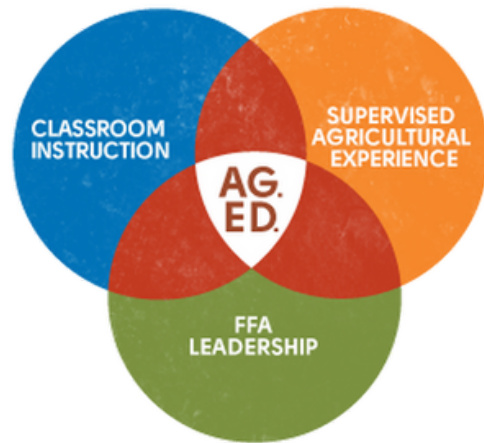


WHAT IS FFA?

FFA is a dynamic youth organization within agricultural education that prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. FFA was created in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America; however, that name was changed to the National FFA Organization in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture. Today, more than 1,000,000 student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading over 300 career opportunities in the agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industry. Students success still remains the primary mission of the FFA.

FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

FFA members are part of a total agricultural education program that connects students to exciting careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA is only one of the three essential components of the program, all of which work together to provide members with leadership, academic and career experiences essential for success.



WHAT IS SAE?

SAE is a student-led, instructor-supervised, work-based learning experience that provides hands-on, real-world practice in the agricultural industry. It helps students develop skills, competencies, and experience in their chosen agricultural career pathway. SAEs can take various forms, including owning a business, working as an intern, conducting research, or engaging in service learning.

TYPES: Foundational, Ownership/Entrepreneurship, Placement/Internship, Research, School-Based Enterprise, and Service-Learning



FFA OFFICIAL DRESS (OD)

A first impression is crucial, and that involves the way we dress as FFA members. Members must wear OD to all conventions, LDE competitions, and banquets. There will also be occasional additional opportunities. FFA Official Dress includes:

- Black pants or skirt
 - Skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slit no more than 2 inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat.
- White collared dress shirt / blouse
- Official FFA blue scarf or tie
- Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe
- Black nylon hosiery or socks
- Official FFA jacket zipped to the top



FFA CHAPTER DUES

Dues for the Forest Park (FP) FFA Chapter are \$20 each school year. The \$20 will cover the chapter, district, state, and national dues. Students who pay dues will receive an FP FFA shirt! The designs on these shirts change each year.



HOW TO WEAR AWARDS

- FFA degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket.
- Hoosier Degree or American Degree keys should be attached to a standard chain attached to the hem of the jacket.
- No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, current office held, and highest award earned.

DEGREES AND AWARDS

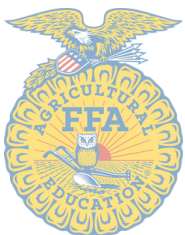


Discovery Degree – Degree for 8th grade students who have completed an agriculture class, paid dues, participated in at least one local FFA chapter activity, and have basic knowledge of agricultural careers and opportunities. The Discovery degree pin is made of bronze with blue enamel.

Greenhand Degree – Degree for first year high school members (freshmen typically) who have satisfactory plans for an SAE program and demonstrated knowledge of the creed, code of ethics, motto, salute, emblem, official dress, and important dates in FFA history. The Greenhand degree pin is made of bronze for its strength and durability.



Chapter Degree – The highest degree that a local FFA chapter can bestow upon its members. To earn this degree, usually awarded in the second year of taking agricultural courses, members must have a good standing SAE that has earned + invested \$150 or worked 45 unpaid hours outside of class or some combination, paid dues, have good scholastic record, completed 10 hours of community service, participated in at least 3 local FFA events, led a 15 minute group discussion, know 5 parliamentary procedure motions, and show progress towards FFA awards. The Chapter degree pin is silver.

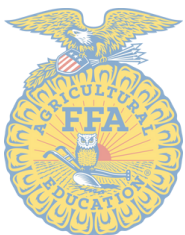


DEGREES AND AWARDS (CONT.)

State (Hoosier) Degree – The highest degree awarded by a state FFA association. It is awarded at the annual state convention. The State degree recipients earn a charm that can be worn on the official jacket or on a gold chain. Students must be active dues paying members, completed at least 2 years in FFA with 4 semesters of agriculture classes, have a good standing SAE that has earned + invested \$1000 or worked 300 hours or some combination, earned their greenhand and chapter degree, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 / 4.0, completed 25 hours of community service, participated in at least 5 activities above the chapter level, completed a 6 minute speech on FFA or agriculture, have knowledge on 10 parliamentary procedure motions, and have served as an officer, chair or committee member. The State degree is a gold charm that is worn on a gold chain attached to the inside of the jacket on the right hip.



American Degree – The highest award that an FFA member can receive. Less than 1% of all FFA members receive this honor. In order to earn the degree, members must have their State Degree, had at least 3 active years of FFA in high school, have graduated high school 12 months before earning the degree, had an outstanding SAE that earned \$10,000 + invested \$7500 or earned + invested \$2000 and worked 2250 hours, paid dues, had high school grades of “C” or better, completed 50 hours of community service, and have shown continued leadership growth. Recipients of this award receive a gold key and a plaque at the national convention. The American degree gold key is attached to the state degree gold chain.

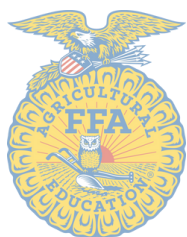


CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Livestock Skillathon
Forestry
Crops
Soils
Dairy Judging
Livestock Judging
Poultry Judging

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Creed Speaking	Ag Sales
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Prepared Public Speaking
Demonstrations	Employment Skills
Exhibit	Persuasive Essay
Premier Leadership	Scrapbook
Quiz Bowl	



CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

*Examples of possible opportunities.

SOAR (Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results) **Camp**

- Conference for students in grades 9 and 10. SOAR Curriculum is on a three year rotation: FFA Focus (Opportunities in FFA, CDEs, Defining Success, etc.), SAE Focus (developing strong SAEs, worth ethic, goal setting, etc.), and Ag Industry Focus (Opportunities in the agriculture industry, Personal Vision, Beliefs and Values, etc.) SOAR is a 3 day conference held on a weekend in October.

FIRE (Foundations in Reaching Excellence) **Camp**

- Conference for students in grades 11 and 12. The curriculum is on a two year rotation: Present Excellence Focus (Being a mentor, Setting Goals, Taking leadership to the next level, etc.) and Future Excellence Focus (Life after High School, Advocating for agriculture, Creating a personal vision, etc.). FIRE is a 3 day conference held on a weekend in November.

National FFA Convention

- The National FFA Convention & Expo is a large annual gathering of FFA members and guests, offering opportunities for leadership development, career exploration, and community involvement. It's a time for recognizing achievements, earning awards like the American FFA Degree, and shaping the future of the FFA Organization. The convention also features a career expo, educational tours, and a variety of workshops and events.

Indiana State FFA Convention

- Each year the State Association invites the over 14,400 Indiana FFA members to attend a three-day convention of leadership workshops, banquets and trade shows. Outstanding Indiana FFA members are also recognized at the annual state convention. Proficiency finalists, top teams and individuals in the State CDEs and LDEs and the four Stars over Indiana are all announced at the state convention. The Hoosier FFA Degree recipients are honored and the coming year's Indiana FFA State Officers are inducted. It is an exciting and enlightening event that is anxiously anticipated each year.



MEET THE CHAPTER OFFICERS!



President – Bailey Anderson

Vice Presidents – Ben Rasche and Caiden Beck

Secretary – Ava Verkamp

Treasurer – Adalyn Luebbehusen

Reporters – Miranda Rickelman and Trinity Foll

Sentinel – Brody Beck

Student Advisor – Lance Boeglin

Greenhand President – Jace Wright

8th Grade Representatives – Preslie Jochem and Vivian Rumple



MONTHLY CALENDARS

Year Long

- Little Free Pantry
- Food / Personal Care Item Drives
- Grow Towers & Raised Beds
- Bi-weekly JH FFA Meetings
- Monthly HS FFA Meetings
- Bi-weekly FFA Officer Meetings

August

- FFA Alumni Meeting
- State Fair
- Crop Scouting
- St. Anthony Pedal Pull
- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

September

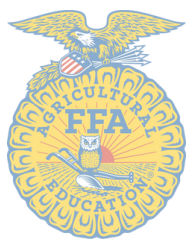
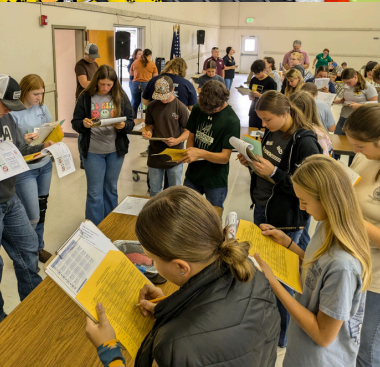
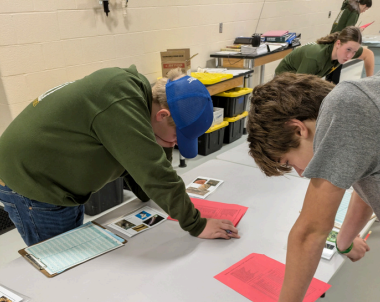
- District Kickoff
- State Officers Visit to School
- Livestock Skillathon
Invitationals
- Area Livestock Skillathon
- Soils Invitation
- VU CDE Event
- Fall Bash (during lunch)

October

- State Livestock Skillathon
- Area Soils Judging
- SOAR Camp
- National Convention
- Farm Bureau Meeting
- State Soils
- Fruit Sales Kickoff

November

- Area Crops, Forestry, &
Entomology
- FIRE Camp
- Crops / Forestry Invitationals



MONTHLY CALENDARS

December

- Fruit Sales Pickup
- State Crops, Forestry & Entomology
- Basketball Concessions & Cleanup
- Officer Elections / Interviews
- District Welding
- Christmas Party

January

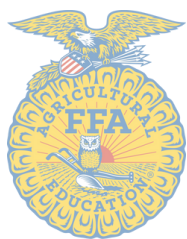
- FFA Alumni Meeting
- Basketball Gym Cleanup
- Basketball Concessions
- Taco Bar Fruit Incentive
- Ice Cream Fruit Incentive
- State Welding
- FFA Scholarship Applications
- Proficiency Award Applications
- Curriculum Spotlight Night
- Dubois County Ag Advisory Board Meeting

February

- Soil & Water Annual Meeting
- Farm Bureau Policy Meeting
- FFA Week
- Gym Cleanup
- Member Auction
- American & Hoosier Degree Applications
- FFA Barn Dance
- Chapter Officer Retreat



MONTHLY CALENDARS



March

- District Leadership Contests
- Farm Bureau Meeting
- Regional Environthon
- Small Engines Contest

April

- Livestock & Dairy Judging
- Chapter Banquet
- State Environthon
- District Officer Applications
- FFA Basketball
- National Chapter Award Application
- State Small Engines

May

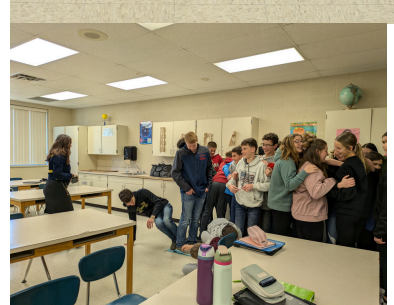
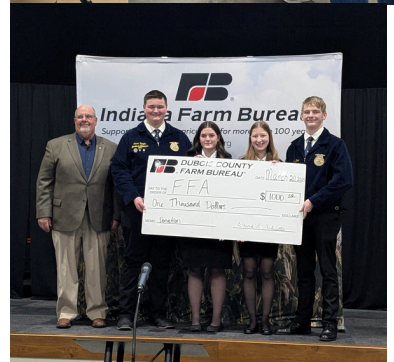
- State Livestock Judging
- District Officer Interviews
- State Poultry Judging
- State Agriscience Fair

June

- State Convention
- Heimatfest Kiddie Pedal Pull
- Discover Dairy Day
- St. Henry Pedal Pull
- State Dairy Judging
- SAE Visits
- Dubois County Ag Advisory Board Meeting

July

- 4-H Fair Kiddie Pedal Pull
- 4-H Fair Tug of War
- SAE Visits
- Dubois County Fair
- State Fair Workday



PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

What can parents do to ensure success in the Forest Park Ag Program / FFA?

- Ask about your student's SAE.
 - What are their SAE goals?
 - How many hours are they working? Are their record books up to date?
- Communicate with the agriculture teachers about any concerns or questions.
- Join our Remind! (ask your student or the FFA advisors for access)
- Keep FFA events on your calendar.
- Encourage your child to attend FFA activities.
- You are encouraged to attend several of our FFA activities as well.
- Encourage your student to compete. No experience necessary.
- Complete all permission slips on time so your student can attend out of school events.
- Share any agriculturally related newspaper, magazine articles, or media with your student.
- Encourage speaking and reading at home.
- Join the Forest Park FFA Alumni.
- Encourage your student to apply for FFA degrees.

Feel free to ask the advisors how else you can be a part of the Forest Park FFA!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

During their senior year, students can apply for local, state, and national FFA scholarships. The scholarship application is accessed and submitted through the National FFA website. Scholarship amounts vary anywhere from \$100 - \$10,000. Local chapter scholarships are awarded to students continuing their education at a 2 or 4 year institution as well as graduates pursuing an industry certification or CDL. In order to be eligible, seniors must complete an application and have participated in fruit sales and member work experience auctions each year they were a member.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Fruit Sales (grades 7-12) - Orders are taken in October with deliveries made in early December.
- Member Work Experience Auction (grades 9-12) - Members are auctioned to work 8 hours for a local agricultural business or individual.

Fundraisers help fund senior scholarships, FFA banquet, CDE and LDE registration, travel and hotel costs, chapter events, etc.



OPENING CEREMONIES

Official functions and some meetings begin with opening ceremonies. During opening ceremonies, all members in unison must repeat a specific part.

The part every member needs to know is: “To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess.”

HELPFUL WEBSITES & RESOURCES

- Forest Park FFA (<https://www.sedubois.k12.in.us/extracurricular-activities/ffa>)
- National FFA (ffa.org)
- Indiana FFA (inffa.org)
- Agricultural Experience Tracker (theaet.com) - Personalized online system for tracking experiences in agriculture education (i.e., SAE and degrees). Students have their own username and password and our Chapter ID is IN0021.
- Ag Explorer (agexplorer.ffa.org) - Explore the broad range of careers within the agriculture industry.
- Forever Blue Network (foreverbluenetwork.org) - Professional and personal development platform of the National FFA Organization.

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Follow Forest Park FFA on Facebook & Instagram!!!

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