Upcoming Events

- 92nd National FFA Convention and Expo – October 30th, 2019- November 2nd, 2019
- Fall CDEs – November 15th, 2019
- IMAGE Conference – November 25th, 2019

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Your 2019-2020 Connecticut FFA State Officers

Left to Right
State President: Ryan Nelson
State Vice President: Lauren Murtagh
State Secretary: Michael Wolf
State Reporter: Alexa DeAndrade
State Sentinel: Teryn Goulet

Base Camp

Your 2019-2020 Connecticut FFA State Officer Team started their year of service by spending a weekend in June at Farm Credit East. With the help from the 2016-2017 Iowa FFA State Secretary and National FFA Facilitator, Chase Kusel, the state officer team developed time management and communication skills through various activities they participated in. Furthermore, they learned their strengths and weaknesses in order to best serve the Connecticut FFA Association and its members.
Checkpoint 1

Once again, a few weeks after Base Camp, the newly elected State Officer Team gathered and drove to Vermont where they continued their training with Chase Kusel. In Vermont, at Lyndon State University, the team met up with state officers from all the New England states including Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. In between getting to know everyone and completing an incredible ropes course, every State Officer learned the dynamics of creating and facilitating a workshop as well as worked together to complete a ropes course and have reflective moments around a campfire.

State Officer Summit

In the middle of July, State President Ryan and State Vice President Lauren flew to Washington D.C. to attend the State Officer Summit hosted by the National FFA Organization. Throughout the week they met State Officers from across the nation, advocated for agricultural education on Capital Hill, and started working on the delegate process for the 92nd National FFA Convention that happens in late October.
**The Big E**

FFA took the Big E by storm during the first weekend the fair was open; where 2,000 FFA members and staff took part in the Eastern Region Competitions. Our State President Ryan served as an intern while Lauren, Mike, Alexa, and Teryn all aided in running numerous CDE, LDE, and State Star events that took place. Many Connecticut FFA members and teams placed in the top 5 in numerous events. Although The Big E and fair season have come and gone, we hope to see everyone again next year!

**Chapter Officer Leadership Training**

On August 20th, 2019, the Connecticut FFA Association hosted its annual Chapter Officer Leadership Training at Lyman Memorial High School. Chapter Officers from various FFA chapters around the state came to Lebanon, CT, to learn how to best lead their home chapters. The day began with students experiencing position workshops ran by the state officer team. Then they attended a workshop facilitated by . Then Megan Davenport, our National Officer Candidate, facilitated a workshop on team dynamics, followed up by every chapter competing to see who could blow up an inflatable shark the fastest! At the end of the day, the state officer team announced our state theme, Cast Your Line!
**FFA Fall Harvest Dinner**

In the middle of September, State President Ryan and State Secretary Mike attended the FFA Fall Harvest Dinner that was hosted by the Glastonbury FFA Chapter and sponsored by the Glastonbury Elks Club. Both Ryan and Mike took the opportunity to converse with FFA and Elks Club members, then Mike presented a speech at the dinner.

**Durham Fair**

In the last weekend of September, State Reporter Alexa attended the Durham Fair with Mattabasset FFA members to man the Agriscience and FFA booth. There, she and the members talked with the public about Connecticut agriculture and advocated for Agriscience and Technology Programs in our state by playing a trivia game.

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