



NorthWood FFA

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Important Dates:

- **September 19**– Livestock Skill-a-Thon
- **September 19**– Apple Festival Parade
- **September 24**– District Kick-Off
- **October 28-31**– National Convention
- **November 1**– Dues are due
- **December 19**– Consignment Auction
- **January 9**– District Small Engines
- **March 16**– District Leadership

Welcome to the NorthWood FFA newsletter!

The NorthWood FFA would like to welcome you to our chapter! We have many exciting activities going on now and there will be many more to come. We would like to welcome our new members and hope that this newsletter provides helpful information to you as you decide what you may want to be involved in this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any older FFA member or our advisor, Mrs. Beer.

The NorthWood FFA holds the same values and represent the same ideals as the National FFA organization. We believe in the future of agriculture and strive to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. We also value the beliefs that are stated in the FFA Creed.



Dues, T-Shirts, and Jackets

Every year each member must pay **dues** to be in the FFA. This money goes to the FFA organization. Dues are \$15: \$5 goes to Indiana's FFA and \$10 goes to the National FFA. Dues are due **November 1, 2015**.

We order chapter **t-shirts** every year as well. We are still in the

process of designing the shirts. Information on ordering and the picture of the actual design will be coming soon.

Each FFA member may also purchase an FFA **jacket**. These jackets are required at Leadership and Convention events. A regular jacket costs \$50 and a custom fitted jackets cost

\$75. You are not required to buy a jacket, however, if you plan on being involved in Leadership or going to State or National Convention, you should think about purchasing one. If you would like to order a jacket, talk to Mrs. Beer to get sized.

CDEs— Career Development Events

There are two types of CDEs that you can do in FFA: group and individual. Group CDEs include Livestock Skill-a-Thon, Livestock Judging, Vet Skill-a-Thon and Small Engines. Individual CDEs include Leadership, Proficiencies, and talent.

Livestock Skill-a-Thon

Students study numerous areas of the livestock industry including feed and breed ID and compete at Purdue in mid-September.

Livestock Judging

Students focus on judging cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Their activities begin in January.

Vet Skill-a-Thon

Students study numerous subjects and procedures relating to veterinary science. They compete at State Convention in June.

Small Engines

Students focus on the mechanics of small engines and learn parts as well as how to assemble and disassemble a small engine. They compete in early January.



Leadership

Students can choose any aspect of agriculture to give a demonstration on or can do a variety of other activities such as essays or public speaking. They compete in mid-March.

Proficiencies

Students can choose to do a proficiency on an SAE (supervised agricultural experience). The categories range from ag communications to goat production and everything in between.

Talent

Our chapter also does a talent activity, line dancing! It is open to everyone and you definitely do not need to know how to dance, you will learn! We are beginning practices soon and they will be in the morning before school. Sign up on the board in Mrs. Beer's room. We will hopefully be displaying this talent at district leadership in March.

2015 FFA Officers:

President— Liz Beer

Student Advisor— Mark Jarvis

Vice Presidents— Kate Minder and Brandi Henderson

Secretary— Allie Holdeman

Treasurer— Dylan Harmon

Sentinel— Lexi Kingen

Reporters— Dalton Tener and Alexis Keiser

Historians— Bridget Keller and Jessie Stouder

BIG Activities

There are many fun activities that we engage in throughout the year.

Three times a year we drive tractors for **Polk's Auction Company** during their auctions.

We have a consignment auction through Polk's, which raises most of our money for the year. The **Consignment Auction** will be on December 19th this year.

We have a **Worker Auction** where kids get auctioned off to

work. This also is a big fundraiser for us. This takes place in March.

Every year we have an **Awards Banquet** to conclude the year and say goodbye to our seniors. This is at the end of May.

Community Service

We love our community service activities. We help set up chairs and tables for the **Nappanee Apple Festival** every year. During the summer we work at a **seed to feed** community garden which directly benefits the Elkhart County Food Pantry. We help set up, watch over, and tear down **Young McDonalds Farm** at the fair. We also volunteer at **Waky Historical Ag Days** by helping set up and threshing wheat.



