

# Colorado Agricultural Education Weekly Update

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10/16/2009

## [FFA Live Calendar](#)

We're in the final days of preparation for national convention and I hope you have time to review this update. For those of you heading east next week I offer a couple of reminders for the trip.

- Make sure you have the student medical release forms with you
- Stress to your kids that rest is important, especially this year with the widespread flu
- When things get stressful, step back, take a deep breath then ask yourself what is the sensible level of reaction this situation requires
- Maintain your patience with you students, colleagues, and convention staff. By mid week everyone is working on short nights and long days
- Stress the educational aspect of CDEs, proficiency awards & other competitive events. It's all about student growth, not the award
- Safe travels to all and may the week be a tremendous experience for everyone in from your chapter.
- See you in Indy

### **October, 2009** Event or Report Due Submit/Mail to or Request Info from:

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| 15    | Submit Membership Roster Online                                                                  | <a href="#">FFA</a>                          |
|       | <i>Submit by due date to qualify for Superior/National Chapter Award &amp; CDE Participation</i> |                                              |
| 15    | Submit FFA Program of Activities - Requirement of Superior/National Chapter Award                |                                              |
| 21-24 | National FFA Convention – Indianapolis, IN                                                       | <a href="http://www.ffa.org">www.ffa.org</a> |

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### **November, 2009** Event or Report Due Submit/Mail to or Request Info from:

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| √  | Make motel reservations for lodging at State Convention            |                     |
| 6  | Membership Invoices and Rosters Distributed for Review and Payment | <a href="#">FFA</a> |
| 15 | News articles for Colorado FFA Newsletter Dues                     | <a href="#">FFA</a> |
| 15 | Gates Interest – Free Loan Application Due                         | <a href="#">FFA</a> |

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### **December, 2009** Event or Report Due Submit/Mail to or Request Info from:

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| √ | Make Reservations for National Western Stock Show                                                                                      |  |
| 1 | Submit Payment for FFA Dues – Check must be postmarked by due date to qualify for Superior/ National Chapter Award & CDE Participation |  |

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Topics included this week

- [Update from the National Ag Ed Council](#)
- [October Update from National FFA](#)
- [State Staff Contact at National FFA Convention](#)
- [Greenhouse / PALS Enhancement Grant](#)
- [Newest Issue of Making a Difference Magazine is out](#)

**FFA Update**—Kenton Ochsner will not be available for assistance Thursday, October 14-Friday, October 23. If you need assistance on membership tomorrow or anything during National FFA Convention, please contact Mike Womochil at 317-750-1677. Kenton will be serving as one of the three Adult Consultants on the National Nominating Committee and we won't see him till next Friday.

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## **NAAE/FFA PALS Greenhouse Enhancement Grant Program**

(A Special Project of the National FFA Foundation)

The National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) is excited to announce it is now accepting applications from agricultural educators seeking to implement a greenhouse project into their Partners in Active Learning Support (PALS) program as a part of that program's educational outreach to elementary school students. This opportunity is open to all agricultural education programs with an active PALS program as part of their FFA chapter.

In 2009, three \$6,000 competitive grants will be awarded by the NAAE. Qualified applicants will be those agricultural education programs that meet the following criteria:

- have an active PALS program as part of their FFA chapter;
- provide proof of support from their administration;
- commit to using appropriate lesson plans with their students as a part of constructing the greenhouse;
- commit to a sustainability plan for the greenhouse; and
- agriculture teacher/FFA advisor is a member of NAAE.

This grant opportunity, made possible through funding from Campbell Soup Company, will be an invaluable outreach and educational opportunity. In addition, Campbell Soup Company will be involved for a national promotional and marketing campaign. **Applications must be received in the NAAE office no later than November 13, 2009.**

This funding opportunity is under the auspices of the NAAE. The National FFA Organization is the administrator of PALS. This is a special funding project of Campbell Soup Company through the NAAE as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Click here ... [Request for Applications](#) ... for the complete RFA.

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All inquiries regarding this greenhouse grant program should be directed to NAAE by calling (859) 257-2224 or (800) 509-0204 or sending e-mail to [JJackman.NAAE@uky.edu](mailto:JJackman.NAAE@uky.edu).

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It was a short one this week wasn't it? Don't get your hopes up that updates will be this short in the future. After convention I'll return to my prolific pontifications on items of vital importance to the profession of agriculture education in Colorado.

Have a great week all.

Mike