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**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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√ 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>

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- [October Update from National FFA Organization](#)
- [Online Membership Training Thursday at 4 pm](#)
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**Online FFA Membership Training.** Tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 pm Kenton will be conducting an online training for FFA Roster Reporting. If you want to watch this presentation log into this site at 4 pm.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/640278280>

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We'll try to record the presentation and have it on the website. (Try is the critical word here. This is new technology and can't promise we'll do it right the first time)

If you need assistance on membership system start at with the [quick reference guides](#) on the website.

These PDF files are one page, step by step guides on how to do specific tasks with the online membership system.

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This was in the NFFA update but I've copied it here so everyone notices the new teaching tool available for the New Horizon Magazine

## **The Newest FFA New Horizons Teaching Guide Now Available**

The October 2009 issue of the [FFA New Horizons Teaching Guide](#) is now available on [ffa.org](#). This useful online guide provides activities, discussion questions, teaching tips, additional links and more related to the October 2009 issue of *FFA New Horizons*. Printed copies of the guide will also be available at Teachers' World, located in the Indiana Convention Center, during the national FFA convention. Visit booths T-2, T-4, T-13, and T-14, near the Teachers Workshop rooms, to pick up a copy. Contact Julie Woodard, [jwoodard@ffa.org](mailto:jwoodard@ffa.org), if you have questions.

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**National FFA is in need of Spanish speaking judges** for creed and marketing plan competitions at convention. If you or anyone else attending convention is bilingual and could serve as a judge in either of these events contact Jim Armbruster at National. [jarmbruster@ffa.org](mailto:jarmbruster@ffa.org)

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## **Teacher Workshops**

Those of you who are attending convention in two weeks should take a look at the list of teacher workshops being offered on Thursday and Friday. I know your schedule is busy but if you can find a free hour to sit in on a workshop it would be a good use of your time. You can see a complete listing of the [workshops here](#). I would encourage you to consider the teacher panel in **Successful Strategies for Engaging All Student Populations** or any of the workshops in the **agriscience institute**. The inquiry based method of teaching will be a primary focus of our curriculum development in the next few years. Get a head start on understand this philosophy of teaching by attend one of the many workshops presented. They usually give away free materials at these so don't miss the opportunity.

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If you've preregistered for convention you have received a letter from Julie Adams at NFFA concerning **student health issues** this fall. If you did not receive this letter I've copied below the critical message.

*As a reminder, please remember that hospitals, doctors' offices and emergency clinics in Indianapolis **will not treat minors without a signed, parental consent form**. For your ease and convenience, we've attached the consent form to this e-mail. In the unlikely event that you do have to transport a student for medical treatment, we ask that you please inform the FFA control center at: 317-802-6055.*

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*We all know that traveling to and attending convention can be physically demanding. So that you may enjoy the best of all that convention has to offer, please arrive healthy and do everything that will allow you and your students to remain healthy: eat right, get enough sleep and wash your hands frequently.*

Make sure you have a signed medical parental consent form with you for every student traveling to Indianapolis. Trust me, this is not the year to forget those. I've attached the form sent from NFFA with their letter and the trip and medical release form from Hoene. Make sure you bring one of these along to convention.

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## Past Deadlines

If you have yet to turn in your course outlines, updated 5 year plan or completed the NQPS survey on survey monkey then you are getting close to receiving letters from me indicating your delinquency. The first letter will go to only you. Subsequent notices will include administration. Please send in the information and reduce my work load and your stress level.

**New Teachers do *not* have to complete the NQPS survey this year.**

NQPS survey is found at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DdyrjnvRP7wIsbkVedNOfQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DdyrjnvRP7wIsbkVedNOfQ_3d_3d)

The new NQPS based 5 year plan can be found at [http://www.ffa.cccs.edu/Program\\_Planning.htm](http://www.ffa.cccs.edu/Program_Planning.htm)

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## Online Equine Science Course

Equine Science ASC 102 will be offered online to Colorado high school students this coming spring. If you have seniors interested in taking this course online from Colorado Northwestern Community College contact Brandon Velie at CNCC. [brandon.velie@cncc.edu](mailto:brandon.velie@cncc.edu)

See the attached flyer for more information.

The course will be delivered via **Illumination** which is an online webinar software used by CCCS institutions. There is no hardware or software requirement for the local school other than a headset for the student. This is a great opportunity for your students interested in pursuing degrees or certificates in Equine Management to get a start on their course work. This course is in the curriculum of both NJC and CNCC Equine management programs.

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## Hispanic College Fund and PepsiCo Launch New

### Scholarship for Hispanic Students

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, PepsiCo is partnering with the Hispanic College Fund (HCF) to promote higher education among Hispanic students. The 2009 Pepsi Hispanic Heritage Month program's main feature, is a bilingual website (<http://www.buildurdestiny.com> or <http://www.construyetudestino.com>), that will offer information and resources to help parents and

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students through the college application process.

The program will launch on September 14th and end October 18th to coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month. The site's main feature is an opportunity for students to apply to a special merit scholarship, where the recipients will be selected by HCF. Thirty PepsiCo scholarships will provide recipients with financial assistance for their college and post-graduate studies:

- 5 Major Awards – \$4000 Tuition Scholarship each
- 25 Secondary Awards – \$500 Tuition Scholarship each

Entries for the merit-based scholarships will be accepted online. Applicants will have until March 1, 2010, from their date of entry to submit paperwork required for consideration.

Evaluation, selection, notification and student acknowledgement of award will take place from March 2nd- April 30th. All Scholarships will be awarded in September 2010. The website will also feature a daily Hispanic Heritage Trivia question that will enter participants in a daily and weekly sweepstakes with spectacular prizes, such as notebook laptops.

To learn more about this program go to [www.buildurdestiny.com](http://www.buildurdestiny.com).

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