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October Deadlines

2-3	State FFA Executive Committee Meeting	FFA
3-4	MFE & ALD – Colorado Springs	FFA
3	CVATA Meeting – Colorado Springs	
3	New Teachers & Mentors Meeting – Colorado Springs	
3	FFA Heifer Wrangle Applications Due at MFE	FFA
15	Submit Membership Roster Online	FFA
	<i>Submit by due date to qualify for Superior/National Chapter Award & CDE Participation</i>	
15	Submit FFA Program of Activities - Requirement of Superior/National Chapter Award	
21-24	National FFA Convention – Indianapolis, IN	www.ffa.org



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Allowing your **credential or teaching license** to expire can have serious consequences for you and your school district. Making sure both of these documents are current can now be verified quite easily on the CDE website at <https://forms.cde.state.co.us/pes/FirstLastSearch.jsp> (this site can be found on the CDE licensing webpage under “check licensing history”) Input your name and it will show both your license and CTE credential. Make this an annual task. It’s your responsibility to maintain these documents.

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Opportunity to Judge National Proficiency Awards

Below is a list of proficiency areas that national is needing judges . This is an excellent opportunity for you to see how the national proficiency judging process works. It will also allow you to review applications from 4 other states.

If you do not want to judge you can serve as a room host and still be involved in the process.

The schedule for hosting would be:

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Thursday, October 22, 2009

- 10:30 – 11:30 am Room Host Orientation – ICC, Sagamore Ballroom 6 (2nd floor)
 12:00 – 1:30 pm Proficiency Luncheon – Marriott Hotel, Marriott Ballroom (2nd floor)
Free to room hosts as a thank you for assisting us.
 1:30 – 4:30 p m Proficiency Judging (assigned room)
 4:30 – 5:00 pm Return results to awards office – Westin Hotel, State Room (located in the corner of the lobby near the registration area).

Judges would only need to be present for the luncheon and the judging process. 12 noon to 4:30 on Thursday.

If you want to serve as a judge fill out the attached application attached and submit it to Teri Bucholtz.

Those interested in serving as a room host need to contact Rosalie Hunsinger at
 Rosalie Hunsinger
 317-802-4255
rhunsinger@ffa.org

The Western (this includes Colorado) region currently specific judging needs in the following events:

**2009 PROFICIENCY AREAS –
NEED WESTERN JUDGES**

Ag Processing	Equine Science – Placement	Outdoor Recreation
Beef Production – Placement	Fiber and/or Oil Crop Prod	Poultry Production
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	Fruit Production	Small Animal Production & Care
Dairy Production – Placement	Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Swine Production – Placement
Diversified Crop Production – Place	Grain Production – Placement	Turf Grass Management
Diversified Livestock – Entrep	Home and/or Community Develop	Vegetable Production
Environmental Science & Nat. Res.	Nursery Operations	Veterinary Medicine
Equine Science – Entrepreneurship		

Interested parties should fill out the attached form and fax it back to me at 317-802-5419 as soon as possible.

Teri Buchholtz
 Program Manager
 Awards and Recognition Team
 National FFA Organization

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If you're teaching **resumes, interviews or other career oriented topics** you might want to look at the website on the Collegiate FFA page at

http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_collegiate_careerbuilder.ShowCareerBuilderPage

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Ethanol Curriculum

The Renewable Fuels Association has partnered with National FFA to provide curriculum on Ethanol for all ag programs. The curriculum can be accessed at the Team Ag Ed Learning Center at

<https://forms.cde.state.co.us/pes/FirstLastSearch.jsp> This site also provides extensive lessons on swine management, the Lincoln welding curriculum as well as Risk Management and Service learning. All these materials are free of charge

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CVATA Poker Run

Carl Beman is once again managing the poker run to raise funds for the 2011 Region II conference to be hosted here in Colorado. Bring your \$25 to MFE or send it to Carl before the meeting to enter this years run. Drawings will be held at MFE, Mid Winter Conference, State CDE, State Convention and CVATA Summer Institute. Rules and regulations for the event are attached

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE COMPETITIVE EVENT HANDBOOK

is now available to help Advisors train their parliamentary procedure teams for contests. Left click below for the table of contents for this NEW HANDBOOK that has been evaluated by FFA, FBLA, HOSA, TSA, BPA, SkillsUSA, and FCCLA advisors and their teams:

http://pzen.northwest.net/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=41&zenid=iop7s2fhm4cac193tki0vggov0

The Handbook is produced by the Parliamentary Procedure Instructional Materials Center, which is an official licensee of the National FFA Organization and a resource for teaching materials for the study of Parliamentary Procedure for FFA advisors and members. www.northwest.net/parli-pro

Phone toll-free: 1.800.863.2256

Fax: 1.425.337.7051

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Parliamentary Procedure CDE Seminar

The Society for Agricultural Education Parliamentarians is offering a three-hour Parliamentary Procedure CDE Seminar. It will be held from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. on Wednesday at the 2009 national FFA Convention for Advisors and FFA members.

It will focus on training a team, and will be taught by coaches whose teams have won national gold medals.

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Click on the page below for details:

http://www.saep.us/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=16&MMN_position=33:33

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The BETR project is providing the opportunity to tour local businesses and earn college credit at the same time. Take a look at what businesses are participating in the Tuesday Tours Program at the link below. While you're at the site look at the other opportunities the program provides for students to connect to businesses in the real world.

Please support the local businesses wishing to partner with you and your school.
HURRY – CLASS STARTS SOON

In conjunction with your local [Workforce Center](#) we ask that you please forward this email to all teachers, in all grade levels employed in your school or within your school.



Please join us for the 2009/2010 school year by forwarding this to all district Certified Staff. Find out more about what teachers other Colorado districts have had to say about these tours by viewing this link: <http://www.betrproject.org/tuesday-tours-buzz> or simply take a few moments and view our website: www.betrproject.org

Visit Great Local Business and Participate in Our Third Great Year! All tours are offered at no-charge – Graduate credit is optional.

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Professional Development for Colorado Educators



**REGISTER
NOW!**



Graduate Credit

1, 2, or 3 Semester
Hour Options
\$52.50, \$105.00, \$157.50
Participate in Fun
Tours at Local
Businesses.

- Understand the tasks workers are expected to perform in various types of business
- Identify skills which employees need now and in the future
- Understand how math, science, communication, social skills, and technical applications are used in business and needed by students to succeed
- Establish ongoing communication between you, your students and business

Content

Participate in tours that start at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each of the following months during each school year:

**October, November, January,
February, March, and April.**

Intended Audience

- This training is particularly designed to support all teachers, counselors, and administration staff providing education in P-20 classrooms by establishing connections with businesses to learn about real-world needs for certain skill sets.

To Register or for Information

Please visit online—The Business and Education Talent Readiness Project (BETR) at:

www.betrproject.org

Look for the Logo:

Tuesday  Tours

You need not register for Graduate Credit to attend these tours.

Tours are FREE but you must register online to attend.

You may select to take tours on all dates or any subset of dates.



Cool, Informative, and Fun Tours at Local Businesses

Randy C. Dalton

Colorado State Coordinator of the BETR Project
The Business and Education Talent Readiness Project

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Special Commemorative Coin for FFA

The National FFA Foundation along with the National FFA Organization is working to gain authorization from Congress for a commemorative FFA coin to be issued in recognition of the 85th national convention in 2012. This will require the support of 2/3 of the house and senate. This is a great opportunity for your students to communicate with our congressional members.

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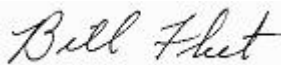
Attached to this message is a PDF flyer about the Commemorative Coin Act. We have also prepared a text version you can include in printed or electronic information. Below is a copy of the information:

The National FFA Commemorative Coin Act (U.S. Senate Bill #S.1553 and U.S. House of Representatives Bill #H.3464) will seek a U.S. minted commemorative coin honoring the 85th anniversary of the National FFA Organization in 2012. FFA is working with key leaders in Congress to promote and gain co-sponsors of the bill. In order for the bill to emerge from committee, FFA must list 67 Senate co-sponsors and 290 House co-sponsors.

Here's how you can get involved: Use the NAAE Legislative Action Center to contact your senators and congressional representatives and urge them to co-sponsor this bill.

1. Visit the NAAE website: www.naae.org
2. Enter your ZIP code in the "Contact Congress" block in the left margin of the home page
3. Go to Issues and Legislation
4. Select "The National FFA Commemorative Coin Act" option (under Current Action Alerts)
5. Read the Action Alert
6. Complete the editable message
7. Send it to your two senators and one representative

Thank you for your assistance on this. If we are successful in getting the legislation passed, the Commemorative FFA Coin created and properly marketed, FFA will benefit from the proceeds, which will be used to strengthen our programs and serve future generations of young people.



Bill Fleet
Chief Operating Officer
National FFA Organization

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