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Good Afternoon,

I hope that everyone is enjoying these warm, rainy summer days!

In an attempt to streamline communications and keep everyone updated on the status of NY AG ED & FFA we will be sending out emails on the 1st and 15th of each month (if one of these dates is on a weekend it will be sent out either the Friday before or the Monday after) that will have updates on all of the current and future events, projects, deadlines, etc. of our organizations. We will still continue to send out information if it can't wait to be included on the 2 week cycles but at least this way there will be regular communication and you know when it will be. All of our different groups will be participating in this new initiative which includes the following (NY Association of FFA, NY FFA Foundation, NY FFA Alumni, Ag. Education (NYAAE), Camp Oswegatchie, Ag In The Classroom) We hope this will help all of you and your programs going forward. Since today is July 14th, below is our first edition of NY AG ED/FFA News Blitz!

AG ED/Professional Development Updates:

Did you complete the survey after attending the 2017 NYAAE Professional Development Conference?

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYAAE17> Please help NYAAE and share your responses so your feedback can be incorporated into planning our 2018 conference.

Apply for XLR8 2017

Retaining quality, experienced teachers is important to the future of agricultural education. That's why we developed XLR8 — the eXcellence in Leadership for Retention professional development program — to meet the needs of mid-career agriculture teachers. The XLR8 program is for NAAE members who have been teaching between 7 and 15 years. Our goals for XLR8 participants are:

- professional development specific to this stage of your career
- leadership development with the goal of helping you mentor other teachers
- an increase in your overall career longevity and satisfaction

This program will include participation in an intensive professional development experience (multiple sessions) during the 2017 NAAE convention, recurring virtual learning experiences, and on-line collaboration using the NAAE professional learning community Communities of Practice as well as other social media tools. **Selected recipients will receive a scholarship to attend the XLR8 Institute at the 2017 NAAE Convention, December 5-9, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee (including airfare and hotel!)**

Applications are due Friday, September 1. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Want to learn more? Contact Rachael Anderson , from Greenville Central School, she was selected from New York to participate last year. andersonr@greenville.k12.ny.us

Tractor Safety- Empire Farm Days

Are you interested in learning more about tractor safety, and safe tractor operation? Consider joining Jon Clayson at Empire Farm Days and assisting with the Tractor safety competition. Great opportunity for professional development and lunch with colleagues. Contact Jon for more information. jclayson@pioneerco.org



Camp Oswegatchie Updates:

If you have any returning campers that want to do another week at camp in the next 3 weeks, we have spots open. This is just an offer for campers that have been here once this summer. They are able to get the early bird ffa rate if they pay through this link.

http://www.oswegatchiestore.com/store/c9/2017_Returning_Camper_Special_Offer%21_Limited_Time_Offer%21.html

You do not need to be here or bring the camper. (an opportunity for parents) These are extra spots we are able to offer for the first time ever.

I am pushing this on social media and through other channels. I just wanted to keep you in the loop.

Agricultural Education Outreach Updates:

With increased funding from Ag and Markets this year there will be several new opportunities for our students and educators to participate in. There will be multiple new grant programs through Ag. In The Classroom and Ag. Ed./FFA. We will be facilitating new activities and events throughout the upcoming year. Please stay tuned for more information as these things are developed. One of the first new events will be at the Great New York State Fair, there is more information about this under the FFA section.

With new opportunities comes new responsibilities. Therefore, AEO is in the process of hiring 1 fulltime position and 2 half time positions. Once this process has been completed we will update everyone regarding what everyone's role will be once our new team is in place.

New York Association of FFA Updates:

As of July 1st, we have started a new school year and we have new student leadership in place! The state officers and I are excited to support and encourage our members throughout this upcoming year. The state officers are currently at camp engaging with members at campsites, during recreational activities and through the leadership workshop. The State Officers and I are also excited to welcome 6 new FFA chapters to our state association:

New Collegiate FFA Chapters:

- Paul Smith's College Collegiate FFA Chapter
- Jefferson Community College Collegiate FFA Chapter

New Secondary FFA Chapters:

- Attica FFA Chapter
- Newark Valley FFA Chapter
- Pavilion FFA Chapter
- Waterville FFA Chapter

With a new school year comes the need to update and submit your students **waivers and emergency contact health forms** which can be found at <http://www.nysffa.org/student-waiver>. Each school must also submit a Certificate of Liability with the New York Association of FFA listed as additionally insured. Please feel free to send these things electronically or by mail to Nancy Grossman. We must have student waivers and emergency contact health forms in order for them to participate at any state level event, this includes all of the events happening over the summer (Intense, Empire Farm Days, State Fair, etc.)

The **FFA roster** year will be coming to a close in just a few short weeks. Please double check your rosters to make sure all of your students that are participating at Empire Farm Days, State Fair, Big E and National Convention are dues paying members before the August 15th deadline. Empire Farm Days is before this deadline, students must be on the roster before this event in order to compete in welding or tractor driving.

INTENSE has added a 5th college tour, Paul Smith's is now one of the agricultural colleges the 59 registered students will be visiting the week of July 30th – August 4th. If your students have not submitted their waiver, emergency contact form or headshot they must do so ASAP or will not be allowed to attend this conference. We have sent out the final schedule, packing list and pick up/ drop off information to registered participants. For more information regarding Intense please visit <http://www.nysffa.org/intense>.

Empire Farm Days will be August 8-10, 2017 with CDE's taking place on the 10th. Please make sure you contact either Johanna Bossard, jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org, (Welding) or Jon Clayson, jclayson@pioneerco.org, (Tractor Driving) to register your teams. They both have sent emails with the information that you need.

State Fair will be here before we know it! All of the information regarding CDE's, lodging, rules, etc. can be found at <http://www.nysffa.org/state-fair>. The updated dorm registration form can be found at this link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/statefairdorm2017_328.

State fair ticket request form must be submitted by August 1st.

We have been working on at least three new initiatives for the State Fair this year. With the State Fair hosting over 1 million people and having the National FFA President, David Townsend, joining us we want to take full advantage of these opportunities to engage our members but also the public.

- The first new initiative is called the AIM (Action Influences Members) Experience which will take place Saturday, 8/26, and Sunday, 8/27, at the Empire Room on the fairgrounds. The goal behind this experience is to help your chapter get excited and prepared for the upcoming year. Attached is more information and here is the link to register <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYFFAIM2017>. As you will note on the attached information, Saturday is optional to attend. This way if you are not able to spend the night you can still participate on Sunday. To encourage new ideas chapters who participate on Sunday will have the opportunity to win a \$500 grant to implement what they develop during the conference. Visit our website for more updates.

- The second new initiative will be to encourage chapters to bring displays to the fair. The National FFA President will pick one or two displays that really stand out and in return those 1 or 2 chapters will have the opportunity to have the National FFA President take your chapter out to dinner or a fun activity. David will be available after 3pm on Friday, 8/25, Sunday, 8/27 and Monday 8/28 to meet you and your chapter members within 2-3 hours of Syracuse at a location of your choosing.

- The third new initiative will be to recognize students on the talent stage that is located next to the 4-H building. We hope this will give our state fair competitors a little more recognition of their accomplishments.

National FFA Updates:

FFA to Work With American Farm Bureau to Share the Story of Agricultural Education

On Wednesday, National FFA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) to work together to discover opportunities that benefit both their members and agricultural education students in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information on the signing, read the joint [press release](#) issued by both organizations. A big thank you to the Virginia state FFA officers, who joined AFBF president Zippy Duvall and me for the signing.

Apply Now: \$400 Day of Service Mini-Grants

Be sure to apply for Day of Service Mini-Grants, applications are accepted all year. Applications submitted by the last day of each month are reviewed and awarded by the 15th of the following month (applications submitted by July 31

will be awarded by Aug. 15). To access the application in English or Spanish, visit [FFA.org/livingtoserve/grants](https://www.ffa.org/livingtoserve/grants).

Amazon Opportunity to Support FFA While You Shop Online

On July 11, online shopping site Amazon held its Prime Day, a one-day shopping event offering thousands of deals to its customers. Because of the philanthropic opportunities with Amazon Smile, the National FFA Foundation is able to receive donations when selected as shoppers' charitable organization of choice. The good news is that this opportunity is not just one day; this option is available to shoppers through eligible purchases 365 days a year through Smile.Amazon.com. Simply choose National FFA Foundation, Inc. as your charity of choice.

Perkins Passes the House

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously on the passage of H.R. 2352, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, which would reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Among other things, the bill gives more control to states in determining the funding mechanisms and accountability for career and technical institutions in their territory, including community colleges, juvenile centers, career and technical centers, and high school CTE programs. Additionally, the bill authorizes the appropriation of around \$7 billion in Perkins dollars over the next five years. National FFA is proud to support today's passage of Perkins as it sends a strong message to agriculture students that their agricultural education journeys matter. We look forward to the Senate taking swift action on Perkins in the coming months and urge them to show their support for CTE students everywhere.

Merchandise Center Observes Summer Hours

The merchandise division is observing summer business hours until Friday, Sept. 1. Hours on Monday through Thursday remain 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. EDT. Hours on Friday are amended to 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. EDT. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Look for the 2nd edition of NY AG ED/FFA News Blitz on August 1st! Enjoy the summer days!

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