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## ELKTON FFA NEWSLETTER

# Gearing up for Indy

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### Upcoming events

- **District Soils**  
Elkton, *October 4th*
- **State Soils**  
Sutherlin, *October 11th*
- **National FFA Convention,**  
Indianapolis, IN *Oct 19-22*
- **National Ag Teacher Con.**  
St. Louis, MO *Nov 16-19*
- **District Ag Sales**  
Glide, *December 2nd*
- **State Ag Sales**  
Dayton, *December 10th*

Winning the FFA State Forestry Competition last spring was only the beginning. Since then the team has been hard at work fundraising and prepping for their trip to the national competition. The event will be held at the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The team departs for the trip the 15th of October. Team Members include Christine Evoniuk, Tyler Trout, Solomon Aviani, Noah Miller, Hunter Rose, Stanley Dunas, and Justin Stubbs. FFA Advisor Braden Groth along with Coach/Chaperones Denny and Shortie Quinby will also attend the trip.

Throughout the summer, the seven students attending the convention, and Mr. Groth: split firewood, cleaned property, sought support from various businesses and organizations to raise funds for the trip. The group recently held a poker ride at the Big K Guest Ranch which turned out to be a *great* fundraising event for

the group. The event would not have been possible if not for the gracious support of the Big K and Erin Helgren.

In addition to raising funds, the team has been studying hard for the competition. Since the event takes place in Indiana, the students have had to



relearn a good portion of what they know about the forestry field. Forestlands in the Midwest are made up of various hardwoods, as opposed to the conifer dominant forestlands on the western coast. Not only does the forest make up differ, but the philosophies and ideologies about utilizing forest lands in the Midwest are different as well.

The national competition will encompass many of the same areas as the state competition, in addition to some new areas. The test sections (that can be completed as a team)

will be general knowledge and cooperative tests. The individual activities are forestry interview, tree identification, and equipment identification. Additionally, the team will have to complete two practicums chosen randomly including timber cruising for board volume, timber cruising for cord volume, timber stand improvement (TSI) and/or thinning, map interpretation, compass practicum, chainsaw part identification and trouble shooting, and tree/forest disorders.

Our team and chaperones are greatly anticipating the chance to compete at the National level, meet new people, learn new skills, and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience! If you would be a part of this once in a lifetime opportunity you can send contributions to Elkton FFA, P.O. Box 390, Elkton OR, 97436.

-Chris Evoniuk, Reporter



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## FFA Leadership Conference

On September 21, 2011, the first and second year members of the Elkton FFA Chapter traveled to the Douglas County Fairgrounds for a district-wide leadership conference. Not only were the speakers humorous but they were very motivating. When we walked through the doors of the Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds, we heard loud music and saw many familiar faces of other FFA chapters. As time went on, we began to see the room fill with nearly 500 other FFA members. Then it was time for the conference to begin.

A man walked up onto the stage, introduced himself and the other three gentlemen who joined him. These four speakers all had something in common; they were all past FFA members that attributed most of their success to the organization.

During lunch we could go eat outside and mingle with other FFA members. After lunch we broke up into groups indicated by the color on our nametags. At each rotation we learned about different aspects of leadership. Each speaker was energetic providing inspirational and motivating things to say. It was a very fun and positive day and the chapter looks forward to returning to the conference in two years.



*-Lea Whitley, Greenhand*

## Officer Highlight

*This Month's Highlight: Amy Parker, Chapter Reporter*

My name is Amy Parker I am a sophomore at Elkton High School. This year I was elected as the Elkton FFA chapter reporter along with Christine Evoniuk. This is my second year as an FFA member and I hope I can learn even more than last year while still having lots of fun. As a greenhand last year I attended leadership camp, participated in Beginning Job Interview, FFA General Knowledge Contest, and attended State FFA Convention.

As chapter reporter I hope that this year we can launch our already constructed website. We would like to get it online so everyone can know what's going on with our FFA chapter (not just those who receive our quarterly newsletter). We will con-

tinue to keep the public informed with our newsletter that's going into its second year.

Besides FFA I am also the sophomore class secretary. During the fall I play on the varsity volleyball team and in the winter I am on the girls' basketball team.

I am very excited about being an officer and can't wait to see what this year brings.

