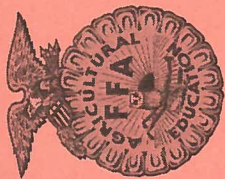


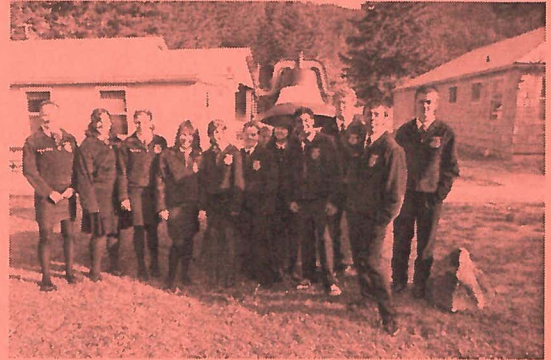
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DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CAMP

Competition, campfire, dancing, and workshops. If you didn't think all of these could happen in one place, think again. At the 2012 Umpqua FFA Leadership Camp, members were introduced to the exciting organization that is the FFA. The camp was held at Little River Christian Camp near Glide, September 8-10. Six other schools from the district attended the camp with a total of 80 members. In attendance from Elkton were the chapter officers, freshmen, and other chapter members.



Chapter members at Leadership Camp

Everyone who went was assigned a group, related to which office you held in your own chapter. Inside of your group, you attended workshops held by both state and district officers that taught you how to be a better leader and fulfill your roll as officer. Each member was assigned a speaking role which they performed in front of the whole camp. In addition to workshops, there were nightly reflections and a campfire on Saturday complete with skits and songs by District officers.

The camp was a huge success. Every member came home energized and excited to share new ideas with the chapter.

Alyssa Smith, Reporter

ON TO NATIONALS!

Last school year, members of the Elkton FFA chapter worked hard to prepare for the Forestry Career Development Event. In the spring they travelled to Tiller with their beginning and advanced teams to compete. Both teams placed first at the district and state competitions.

Six members from the state team will soon be traveling to

Indianapolis, Indiana. Team members include Amy Parker, Justin Stubbs, Hunter Rose, Nick Aviani, Erika Wolfe, and Kaila Trout. They will have the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention and compete in the National Forestry Career Development Event. Only four members will be competing, while the other two will serve as

alternates. The team will make the trip on the 20th of October. Members are flying back three days before the convention in order to prepare for the competition. They have worked very hard for this opportunity and are very thankful for everyone who has supported them!

Kaila Trout, Forestry Team Member

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **National FFA Convention**
October 24th-27th, Indianapolis, IN
- * **Elkton FFA Alumni Dinner & Benefit Auction**
November 15th, 5:30PM, Elkton Grade School Gym
- * **District Ag Sales**
November 16th, 9:00AM, Sutherland
- * **Holiday Metal Art Sale**
November 23rd & 24th, 10:00AM, ECEC
- * **State Ag Sales**
December 8th, 9:00AM, Crater

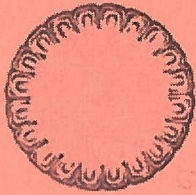
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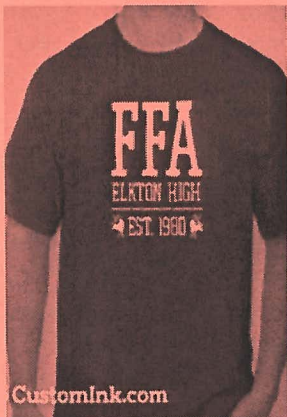
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Did you know that each part of the FFA emblem symbolizes part of the organization?

Q: *What does the cross-section of the ear of corn represent?*



A: *Our organizations common interest in agriculture*



Elkton FFA t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available very soon! Contact Mr. Groth if you wish to order one. T-shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$25.

OFFICER RETREAT

On August 16th, the 2012-2013 Elkton FFA Officer team loaded onto the activity bus with their advisor, Mr. Groth. The bus was headed toward Diamond Lake for Elkton's first ever officer retreat. The first stop for the officers was Fred Meyer, where the first activity took place. Officers were paired with each other and responsible for preparing a meal. The cost for each meal was to be kept under \$20 and feed the group of eight. After much debate, each group decided on what they would prepare, and members loaded back onto the bus, bags in hand.

With the help of ODOT, the bus finally made it up to Diamond Lake and began to set up camp. The officers helped each other set up tents, and then went hunting for firewood. Unfortunately, Diamond Lake's campground is well kept, so the task proved to be difficult. After we had a large pile of twigs and branches, we started the fire while Mr. Groth prepared our first Team Building activity.

We began our first activity with a table full of gummy bears, a styrofoam cup, toothpicks, and an apple. We were then pulled aside one by one and told to recreate a sculpture that was made by Mr. Groth's niece, Hannah. Each of us had about a minute to look at the creation, and then we returned to the group to report what we saw. In the end, we had an almost exact replica of what we had looked at. The officers also created a Program of Activities for the upcoming years, and set "S.M.A.R.T" goals for the chapter and as individual officers

Many exciting activities followed one after another, including a campfire and canoeing, making it difficult to choose a favorite. Overall, the experience helped the officers bond with each other, and helped us plan the year ahead. It was an unforgettable experience and the officers are already looking forward to next year's retreat.

Alyssa Smith, Reporter



Chapter officers on the dock at Diamond Lake from L to R: Lea Whitley, Alyssa Smith, Amy Parker, Hannah Whitley, Hunter Rose, Justin Stubbs, and Brianna Wuerbler

OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: LEA WHITLEY, REPORTER

My name is Lea Whitley and I am a sophomore at Elkton High School. This year, Alyssa Smith and I were elected Chapter Reporters. Being my second year in FFA, I hope to learn a lot this year. Last year I was awarded the Star Chapter Greenhand award and attended District Leadership Camp, State Convention, and showed a lamb at Lamb Show.

As the Chapter Reporters, Alyssa and I hope to keep the community informed by keeping our website updated and sending

out the newsletter every quarter.

Aside from FFA, I play on the varsity volleyball team and will play basketball this winter. I hope this year as an FFA chapter officer brings many fun learning opportunities!

