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History of Cumberland Valley FFA

Chartered in 1954, we are an active chapter within the Pennsylvania FFA Association whose goal is to focus on professional development and enhance the leadership capabilities of our members and students. We strive to be active in the community in terms of service to the citizens of Cumberland Valley School District and beyond. Quick facts about the FFA are...

- Future Farmers of America: Established 1928
- Pennsylvania FFA Association: Chartered 1929
- Pennsylvania FFA Membership: Nearly 8,000
- National FFA Membership: Over 623,000 students in Agriculture Education
- In 1988, the name changed to simply The National FFA Organization to reflect the changes in the agriculture industry
- Official Colors: National Blue and Corn Gold

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**Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities**

**Division 1:** Student Development  

**Chapter Quality Standard:** Leadership  

**Committee:** Leadership Conferences and Training  

**Committee Members**

(Chair) Paige Smith (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

- SLLC
- Officer Training
- Officer Retreat

**Our Goals**
✓ To engage 60 of our FFA members in workshops to develop character and agricultural career skills which will persuade them to pursue a career in agriculture.

✓ 35% of membership will attend YOLO to develop leadership and communication skills.

✓ Have 55% of members that attend conferences actively participate as group leaders and active participants. Members will develop communication, networking, and leadership skills by taking the initiative to lead.

✓ Have all current officers attend two retreats each year.

Ways and Means
✓ Encourage students to participate in as many conferences as possible.
✓ Send a group of students to each conference every year along with an advisor.
✓ Officers gather together over the summer to form bonds and develop as a team through leadership activities.
✓ Officers develop program plans and committees for the upcoming year at officer retreat.
✓ Students who become involved in the statewide conferences are likely to participate at the national level.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 1:** Student Development  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Leadership  

**Committee:** Youth Overnight Leadership Conference

**Committee Members**  
(Chair) Abby Klinger (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**  
- Invitations  
- Registration  
- Logistics  
- Workshops  
- Refreshments  
- Entertainment

**Our Goals**
- Have 1 out of 9 chapters in the Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Area attend the Youth Overnight Leadership Operation. Attendees will participate in leadership, fellowship, and team bonding activities.
- Have at least four workshops based around CDE development.
- Have at least 2 icebreaker activities to promote fellowship between chapters in our area to form new friendships and conversations.

**Ways and Means**
- Offer a wide variety of team building exercises with intermingled groups.
- Offer leadership workshops involving various stages of directional guidance.
- Students will participate with area chapters promoting involvement in future events.
- Present several ice breakers to create a fluid transition into new relationships.
- Promote leadership roles within our chapter by asking members to create workshops and activities.
- Offer time to welcome freshman into the chapter.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 1: Student Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Healthy Lifestyles

Committee: Educational Spring Trip

Committee Members
(Chair) Mackenzie Yorlets (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Housing  Reservations  Food
Educational Tours  Itinerary  What to Pack
Entertainment  Administrative

Our Goals
✓ Have 20 members attend the educational spring trip. Members will learn about agriculture outside of Pennsylvania and the diversity across our country within the industry.

✓ Members on the trip will visit at least one college or university and learn of the post-secondary opportunities available after graduating from high school.

✓ Members on the trip will visit at least 3 industries for tours and learn of the agricultural career opportunities available after graduating from high school.

Ways and Means
✓ Submit field trip papers at least 6 weeks prior to the trip.
✓ Set schedule for the 4-day trip and distribute to parents.
✓ Set deadline for collecting trip fees.
✓ Formulate lists of what to bring.
✓ Calculate gas mileage for trip.
✓ Determine activities for the trip agenda.
✓ Promote the trip agenda to members at FFA events.
**Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities**

**Division 1: Student Development**  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Healthy Lifestyles

**Committee:** Recreational Activities

**Committee Members**

(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

- Ag Olympics
- Snow Tubing
- Holiday Party
- Educational Spring Trip
- Alumni Picnic
- Farm Show Field Trip
- Lawn Lunch
- Refreshments
- Fall Fest
- Roller Skating
- CDP Area Fun Night
- Juniata Volleyball

**Our Goals**

- Have 40 members attend at least one (1) recreational activity over the school year. Our recreational activities promote fun and learning activities which will lead to membership growth.

- 20 members will attend two (2) activities with our alumni chapter. The alumni at Cumberland Valley are a huge support system and provide funding for many events.

- Hold at least one (1) recreational activity per month. This will promote bonding between our members and serve as a way to keep members informed about FFA events occurring throughout the year.

**Ways and Means**

- Activities will be geared toward introducing new members to current members and members of other chapters.

- Team-related events will allow current members to get to know each other on a more personal level.

- There will be a sign-up sheet printed and hung up two (2) weeks in advance of the event.

- Transportation to recreational activities at other schools will be provided.

- Permission slips will be turned in to the advisors three (3) days prior to the event.

- Written articles about these activities will be printed in the bi-monthly newsletter.
Division 1: Student Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Career Success

Committee: Supervised Agriculture Experience

Committee Members
(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Entrepreneurship  Employment  Improvement
Practicum Skills  Conservation  Research
Chapter Record Book Contest  SAE Spotlight Poster  AET

Our Goals
✓ 90% our members will participate in an SAE. Our chapter has a firm belief that to fully experience FFA membership one must complete an SAE. This allows members not only to explore something new, but to develop responsibilities that one can use to further their future career.

✓ Hold one (1) workshop where the officer team will help new members find an SAE. The officer team and our advisors will be available to help new members.

✓ Feature two (2) members per month who maintain an SAE project on the chapter’s SAE Spotlight Poster, and in the chapter newsletter, during the 2015-16 school year.

Ways and Means
✓ Upperclassmen will give a presentation to new members about SAE project ideas.
✓ A teacher or advisor will assist with or visit each SAE project a minimum of one time during the school year.
✓ Class days will be provided to enter records into AET.
✓ An officer will be assigned to update the SAE Spotlight Poster bimonthly.
✓ A questionnaire regarding a student’s SAE project will be given to a member
✓ The questionnaire will be filled out and returned within three days, and the student will be featured on the SAE Spotlight Poster.
Division 1: Student Development

Chapter Quality Standard: Scholarship

Committee: Scholarships and Awards

Committee Members
(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Banquet Awards  Senior Achievement Night  National FFA Scholarship
Midwinter Convention  Jacket Scholarships  Alumni Scholarship
Chapter FFA Degree  CDP Area FFA Degree  Greenhand Degree
Keystone FFA Degree  American Degree  WLC Scholarship

Our Goals
✓ All of our members will receive an award for the year’s accomplishments. Members who put forth the effort deserve to be recognized for their achievements—whether it is a medal or chapter proficiency. Members will be recognized at the Annual Parent and Member Banquet.

✓ At least 75% of eligible seniors will apply for the state FFA degree (Keystone Degree). Members will also be encouraged to continue their SAE program to apply for the American FFA Degree after graduation.

✓ All new members will qualify for the Greenhand Degree by offering several opportunities to apply, post records, and experience Agricultural Education.

Ways and Means
✓ Publish a memo of all dates of application deadlines, and push members to apply.
✓ Instruct students on the proper way to complete record books in a timely fashion.
✓ Teach students about proper official dress, which is to be worn to awards night.
✓ The advisors will hand out applications to students who show interest and assist them in completing the paperwork.
✓ Provide students time to complete applications for the various awards during class.
✓ Inform members of their eligibility to be recognized in various chapter, county, and state award programs.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 1: Student Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Personal Growth

Committee: Shippensburg Community Fair

Committee Members
(Chair) Mackenzie Yorlets (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Set Up Clean Up Premium Catalog
Youth Livestock Sale SAE Stockman’s Contest
Buyer Letters

Our Goals
✓ Have 10 members show a livestock project at the fair. Our members will be educated in fair etiquette and proper animal husbandry.

✓ Have 3 new members join and participate in the Shippensburg Community Fair by exhibiting a livestock species. Our members will have the opportunity to critique the livestock raised by their peers and offer positive feedback for future advancement.

✓ Have ten (10) students participate in the Stockman’s Contest to connect non-livestock members with those who raise livestock to show them the importance of animal agriculture. Members will also have the opportunity to exhibit their knowledge of livestock through the contest.

Ways and Means
✓ Encourage student involvement in the community fair.
✓ Ensure that there is plenty of help to set up and clean up the fairgrounds.
✓ Distribute a fair premium book to members and point out what members can enter in the fair without a farming background.
✓ Display a fair schedule in the Agriculture classrooms to inform the membership of upcoming events.
✓ Distribute and complete Shippensburg Fair entry forms in the classroom.
✓ Students will apply knowledge from the classroom through the Stockman’s Contest.
✓ Encourage a majority of showmen to attend clinics as a refresher course.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 1:** Student Development  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Personal Growth

**Committee:** Career Development Events (CDEs)

**Committee Members**  
(Chair) Paige Smith (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**
- Small Gas Engines
- Marketing Plan
- Interview
- Public Speaking
- Ag Communications
- Ag Issues
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Livestock Judging
- Food Science
- Farm Safety Quiz Bowl

**Our Goals**
- Have 90% of our members compete in a CDE to develop job skills. Members will use the knowledge gained in the classroom and apply it through real world experiences.
- Have 65% of our CDE teams and individuals earn an opportunity to participate at the state level. Those who earn this right will be able to enhance their skills through competitive events with the potential of further advancement to the National level.
- Have three (3) of our CDE teams earn a gold medal in their respective state-level contest.
- Provide two (2) study guides and all materials necessary at least 1 month prior to the CDE competition to have a productive and successful CDE experience.
- To have members obtain at least four hours of practice time before competing in any Area, State, or National level CDE.

**Ways and Means**
- A committee will be formed to recruit members for the various teams.
- For speaking events, we offer up to three spots per contest.
- On the day of the event, students will compete with FFA members from other schools.
- Teams that place 1st at States will receive a trip to Nationals.
- Students will receive recognition in local newspapers and publications after each contest.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Chapter Recruitment

Committee: Social Committee

Committee Members
(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Meeting Refreshments  Secret Santa  Social Events

Our Goals
✓ Hold two (2) social activities that give members the opportunity to form interpersonal and intrapersonal skills which are essential to life.

✓ 70% of members will attend FFA events and activities. Provide the chance to socialize with peers of similar interests. Students will have a sense of belonging to something more than just a club or organization. The FFA will become an extended network of friends.

✓ Have two (2) additional social activities involving leadership and team building activities

Ways and Means
✓ The committee brainstorms ideas and discovers new activities for the members.
✓ The committee carefully plans all the activities and where they will be hosted.
✓ The committee will put out posters and announce activities at chapter meetings.
✓ Sign-up sheets for members to bring items to make the event successful will be displayed.
✓ Members will participate in team-building activities and games at the events.
✓ By coming together as a group, it will create fellowship between members of the chapter.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Chapter Recruitment

Committee: AgVenture Day

Committee Members
(Chair)  Jill Distler (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Petting Zoo  Workshop Leaders  Group Leaders  Lunches

Our Goals
✓ Have at least 40% of the members participate in the district wide 4th grade agriculture education day at the high school.

✓ Utilize four (4) outside agricultural groups such as 4-H or a breed livestock association to assist in providing programing for the event.

✓ Host 750 students, parents, and teachers for the event at the high school.

Ways and Means
✓ Workshop leaders will create a display board to represent different aspects of agriculture to be used in the workshops.

✓ Group leaders will follow workshop rotations to ensure a smooth running event.

✓ Freshman students will be paired with older members to guide them through the process of running the event.

✓ Officers will contact elementary school administrators to set up a date to have AgVenture Day with the 4th-graders.

✓ Follow-up communication will be provided via email if desired by parents.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 2:** Chapter Development  **Chapter Quality Standard:** Chapter Recruitment

**Committee:** Greenhand Activities and Initiation

**Committee Members**
(Chair)  Jill Distler (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**
Meeting Refreshments  Officer Presentations  Greenhand Ceremony  Social Events

**Our Goals**
✓ 90% of freshman members will fulfill all requirements to earn their Greenhand Degree. This includes advanced knowledge of the FFA Creed.

✓ 95% of Greenhand recipients will attend the ceremony with their families. Upperclassmen will host a Greenhand Night where all initiates will be bestowed with their first official FFA degree. Parents and family members, along with school administrators and FFA alumni will be invited to join the celebration.

✓ 100% of Chapter Officers will attend the Greenhand Night and officiate over the Greenhand Ceremony—with one officer being the coordinator.

✓ Have at least one officer present in each Intro to ANFR class every month.

**Ways and Means**
✓ Freshman members will be introduced to FFA through Agriculture Education Classes.
✓ The officer team and upperclassmen will serve as role models for younger members.
✓ Compile mailing addresses of freshman members to mail invitations to their families.
✓ Order refreshments and the cake for Greenhand Night.
✓ Order Degree pins and print certificates.
✓ Add recipients’ names to the banquet program.
**Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities**

**Division 2: Chapter Development**  **Chapter Quality Standard:** Chapter Recruitment

**Committee:** Apparel Sale

**Committee Members**
(Chair) Emiliann Goodhart (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**
Ordering  Distribution  Marketing

**Our Goals**

- All members should wear chapter T-shirt at chapter events
- 100% of students enrolled in Agriculture Education will have the opportunity to buy FFA apparel at optimal cost for a high quality product. Each year, a new design will be created to advertise Agriculture Education and FFA.
- Earn a 20% profit above the cost to produce all apparel.
- Orders will be due no less than two (2) weeks before apparel is scheduled to be delivered. Committee members will be responsible for collecting all monies and compiling orders.

**Ways and Means**

- Committee members will communicate with the National FFA to ensure that the product is in stock
- Members will communicate with Quest Custom Embroidery to ensure the desired product is available.
- Officers of the 2015-2016 year will pick the chapter T-shirt.
- Members will collect all money and submit orders when the deadline has been set.
- Members will submit the design for the National FFA T-shirt Design contest.
- Members will be able to buy National FFA apparel once a month.
Division 2: Chapter Development  

Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: Treasury

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Audit  Budget  FFA Dollars
Billing

Our Goals
✓ Each quarter, the chapter Treasurer along with the chapter advisor will audit the FFA account. The account books will be cross-referenced with district records.

✓ Have the Chapter Treasurer write one (1) monthly report for each meeting to educate members of our Financial Standing.

✓ The Chapter Treasurer along with the advisor will sign all disbursements and deposits. Weekly transactions will take place on Fridays, unless otherwise needed throughout the week.

✓ The chapter advisor, along with the Chapter Treasurer, will monitor member FFA Dollar accounts to ensure accuracy. Members will have access to their accounts via the advisor during resource period on Monday through Friday.

✓ The Chapter Treasurer will maintain a Fundraiser committee of at least 3 people to sort through fundraiser goods and tally orders.

Ways and Means
✓ The Officer Team will create a budget proposal to be voted upon by the general membership at the beginning of each school year.

✓ Opportunities to join the Fundraiser committee will be announced at all FFA meetings and snacks will be provided at the committee meetings.

✓ Chapter Treasurer will keep accurate records of all transactions and keep an up-to-date balanced checkbook.

✓ Chapter Treasurer and Advisor will keep an electronic spreadsheet recording all member financial activity, including FFA Dollar amounts.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: Citrus and Butter Braid Fundraiser

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Citrus        Butter braids        Ordering
Marketing    Disbursement        Donations

Our Goals
✓ Have 45% of our members sell fruit and Butter braids to their families, teachers, and communities.

✓ FFA members will earn a step incentive based on gross sales starting at $250 in the form of FFA Dollars

✓ Members will sell at least $10,000 in citrus and 300 butter braids—which will add over $3,500 profit to our chapter treasury.

Ways and Means
✓ Set prices and distribute order forms.
✓ Monitor online sales of fruit and Butter braids.
✓ Set delivery dates and pick-up deadlines.
✓ Organize orders and count money to ensure accuracy.
✓ Check quality of product and distribute in timely manner.
✓ Encourage members to sell products at all FFA meetings and in the classroom.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: Plant Sales Fundraiser

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Marketing & Sales Mums Herbs
Spring Bedding Plants Butterflies

Our Goals
✓ Have 100% of the Horticulture class participate in growing a crop of 125 mums to be sold as a chapter fundraiser for in the fall.

✓ Raise crops with a 5% mortality rate.

✓ After initial investment of plants, sell plants for a competitive price while maintaining a 70% profit margin.

✓ Have 60% of the green house in production for the entire school year.

✓ Set designated plant sale beginning and closing times.

✓ Sell plants at “Ag in the Valley”.

Ways and Means
✓ Selling plants will bring in fund for the treasury to use and incorporate into the chapter budget.

✓ Chapter members will be asked to approach the public about the purchase of plants.

✓ Bi-Monthly chapter newsletter articles will include information regarding the fundraiser.

✓ Put an ad on the CV Website.

✓ Hang up posters around the school to encourage staff and students to purchase plants.
Division 2: Chapter Development

Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: Football Milkshakes

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Marketing Advertising Production

Our Goals

✓ Have 12 members helping each evening that a football game will be hosted.
✓ Pay members a flat rate for every shift covered from open to close.
✓ Sell at least 4,000 milkshakes and gross income $16,000.
✓ All FFA officers will volunteer at least one football game.

Ways and Means

✓ Begin setup by 3:15 pm each Friday that a football game will occur
✓ Advertise to members that FFA dollars can be made by assisting at the milkshake booth at FFA Monthly Meetings.
✓ Use sign ups and bulletin boards to encourage members to
✓ Advertise to the school body about the milkshake stand through announcements and posters.
✓ Encourage members to work efficiently and waste less products.
Committee: Pie and Sub Fundraiser

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Ordering Inventory Marketing
Distribution

Our Goals
✓ Members will create an order form with Beeman’s Bakery and create sub price lists to distribute to 100% of our membership with the intent of 50% participation.

✓ Profit from sales of pies and subs will exceed 50% of total inputs to make the sale a success. Members will receive a step incentive based reward system starting at $250 in the form of FFA Dollars.

✓ 300 pies and 500 subs will be sold.

Ways and Means
✓ Members will be encouraged to sell pies and sandwiches to earn money towards paying for spring trip.
✓ Outside sources of reasonable working size will be considered when taking orders.
✓ Members will be asked to promote the sale of orders within the school district and community.
✓ Multiple agricultural classes will be brought together to advertise, work on, and deliver the orders.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: FFA Alumni Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Marketing  Scheduling  Advertising

Our Goals

✓ Have 10% increase of our members that help at the Tree Lot selling Christmas Trees. This will enhance their communication and sales skills and show improvement in the chapter.

✓ Members will earn $3.00 per tree sold toward their FFA Dollar accounts. This will be split between the workers of any given shift.

✓ In the period of 3 weeks, sell over 600 Christmas Trees for a profit of $12,000.00.

Ways and Means

✓ Students will continually work with the Alumni members to put the fundraiser in action.
✓ Members will work with the public in selling products/items.
✓ All money raised from the fundraiser will channel directly to the support of the FFA chapter.
✓ Members will be pushed to volunteer at the fundraiser at FFA meetings and in classes.
✓ Members will be asked to come up with new advertising methods to promote the fundraiser.
✓ District-wide electronic communication will be used to advertise the sale.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development

Chapter Quality Standard: Financial

Committee: Toy Show Fundraiser

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Marketing  Scheduling  Advertising

Our Goals

✓ Have every member going to State Convention volunteer at one or both of the Toy Show days.
✓ Raise 300 dollars from the concession stand.
✓ Have no customer wait more than 8 minutes for an item of food.
✓ Create six small signs and one large road sign to advertise Toy Show.

Ways and Means

✓ Members will be encouraged to help paint and create signs after or before school.
✓ Members will be encouraged to go to the fundraiser for a discount on their State Convention Fees.
✓ All money raised from the fundraiser will channel directly to the support of the FFA chapter.
✓ Members will be pushed to volunteer at the fundraiser at FFA meetings and in classes.
✓ Food at the fundraiser will be made in efficiently and delivered to the customer in a timely manner.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development    Chapter Quality Standard: Public Relations

Committee: Chapter Meetings

Committee Members
(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

Subcommittees
CV FFA Meetings Alumni Meetings Special Meetings
Meeting Activities Recreational Activities Committee Meetings

Our Goals
✓ Hold one (1) monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. The chapter will hold a general membership meeting in the Ag Room at 3:10 pm to keep members up-to-date with upcoming FFA activities.

✓ One (1) week before the chapter meeting, the agenda, Secretary’s minutes, and Treasurer’s report will be made available for public viewing.

✓ Have two (2) new members attend each official monthly chapter meeting.

Ways and Means
✓ After each committee meeting, the chairman must present minutes to the President.
✓ After each CV FFA meeting, the Secretary will type minutes for the next meeting.
✓ The Treasurer will keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and turn in their report at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

✓ An agenda will be posted the week before the meetings so that relevant information can be added.
✓ Meeting dates will be posted in visible locations throughout the department and will be hung two weeks before meeting day
✓ Officers will prepare meeting reports on our past/upcoming events and select a member to present it at the meeting.
✓ Committees will have reports ready to present at the meetings.
✓ FFA meetings will be advertised by decorating chalk boards within the classroom and inviting officers to speak to classes.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Public Relations

Committee: Farm Bureau and Legislative Meetings

Committee Members
(Chair) Mackenzie Yorlets (Liaison)

Subcommittees
County Farm Bureau Township Meetings Senate Meetings
House of Rep Meetings Commissioner Meetings School Board Meetings

Our Goals
✓ Have three (3) members, at least 1 officer, and the advisor attend two (2) Cumberland County Farm Bureau meetings each year.

✓ When invited, up to five (5) FFA members will attend legislative functions and public meetings within Cumberland County.

✓ Members will check legislative updates weekly and keep up-to-date with legislative measures being enacted for education and agriculture in our area.

Ways and Means
✓ Members will RSVP for county Farm Bureau meetings.
✓ Members will network with county officials at meetings.
✓ Members will attend public meetings with elected officials to keep informed about current legislation.
✓ Members will communicate with elected officials about the news and success within our chapter.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Public Relations

Committee: Pennsylvania Farm Show

Committee Members
(Chair) Paige Smith (Liaison)

Subcommittees
PA FFA Midwinter Convention  Livestock Exhibitors  Agriscience Fair
PA FFA Foundation Food Booth  Farm Show Demonstrations  Today’s Ag Exhibit
Landscape Display  Window Exhibit  Ag Safety Quiz bowl

Our Goals
✓ 80 students and FFA members will attend the FFA Midwinter Convention held at the PA Farm Show in January.
✓ Over 40 members will participate in at least one of the subcommittees listed and engage in interactive, hands-on learning.
✓ 100% of eligible seniors will receive their Keystone Degree during Midwinter Convention.
✓ 90% of freshman and sophomore members who applied for a jacket will receive their first FFA Jacket through PA FFA Alumni’s Jacket Campaign.
✓ At least 5 students will complete an Agriscience Fair project.

Ways and Means
✓ Inform members of the requirements to attend the Farm Show trip.
✓ Committee members must make sure all requirements are met for each member attending the trip.
✓ Enhance the leadership skills of members while preparing professional displays.
✓ Encourage seniors to keep accurate SAE records to be recognized with their Keystone Degree.
✓ Promote diversity and involvement among all members as this is one of the most engaging events of the year.
✓ Encourage all students to complete an Agriscience Fair project.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 2:** Chapter Development  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Public Relations

Committee: Media and Communications

Committee Members

(Chair) Abby Kinger (Liaison)

Subcommittees

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Our Goals

- All member success stories will be submitted to local media outlets for potential publication. This will be done through the chapter Reporter.

- A bi-monthly chapter newsletter will be created, maintained, and edited by the committee chair. Articles within the newsletter will be used to highlight FFA member’s success within CDE’s and SAE programs.

- The Reporter and committee members will maintain an electronic photo album to use in the media outlets. Files will be updated bi-weekly with at least 6 new photos added each time.

- An annual report of chapter activities will be submitted to administration and the school board. The school board will also receive a copy of the chapter POA to review and approve.

- Submit at least four press release to The Patriot News, The Sentinel and the front page of the schools website.

Ways and Means

- Chair will Organize and write bi-monthly newsletter. The Chapter Reporter will oversee the efforts.

- The chapter Reporter will write and submit all press releases.

- Two members will attend the school board meetings as needed.

- The chapter advisor and other teachers will review and edit the monthly newsletter.

- The executive team, especially the Vice-President, will edit and update the POA annually.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 2:** Chapter Development  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Public Relations

**Committee:** Scrapbook and Online Photo Album

**Committee Members**

(Chair)  
Abby Klinger (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

Supplies  
Digital Imaging  
Online Album

**Our Goals**

✓ The Reporter will collect at least 5 quality photographs from each FFA activity to be used for the chapter scrapbook and online photo album.

✓ Within two weeks after each event, the Reporter with the help of other members will create a scrapbook page for the event to create a memory of our activities and achievements.

✓ Bi-weekly the chapter advisor will update online photo albums on their website for members, parents, and the community to view.

✓ Each year, the chapter scrapbook will be submitted for review at the State Convention and will receive a Gold Medal.

**Ways and Means**

✓ Members will take pictures at all events.

✓ The advisor will maintain an up-to-date photo album.

✓ The Reporter and Advisor will organize photos into folders on a mass digital storage device.

✓ The Reporter will delegate who should complete certain pages within the scrapbook.

✓ The Advisor will order all supplies from National FFA and other vendors.

✓ The Reporter will maintain the chapter Facebook, twitter, and website.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development          Chapter Quality Standard: Public Relations

Committee: Bulletin Boards and Ag Hallway

Committee Members
(Chair) Abby Klinger (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Bulletin Boards       Wall Calendar       Student Work Display Cases

Our Goals
✓ A bi-monthly wall calendar will be displayed in the Ag Hallway for member and onlookers to see at all times. It will be updated at the conclusion of each month.

✓ All information on bulletin board will be accurate and appealing to the eye

✓ Weekly updates to bulletin boards within the classrooms will be completed to keep the most current information available to FFA members.

Ways and Means
✓ The Reporter will collect information on upcoming events to inform members of the opportunities.

✓ The Ag Hallway will be decorated for National FFA week.

✓ Have a poster displaying each class to be hung in the Ag Hallway

✓ When flyers for college visits or FFA events arrive in the mail, they should be placed on the bulletin boards and announced to each class and flyers are to be hung inside class room.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Leadership

Committee: National FFA Week Activities

Committee Members
(Chair)  Mackenzie Yorlets (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Teacher Luncheon  Teacher Gift  Decorating
Theme Days  After School Activities

Our Goals
✓ Each day of National FFA Week will have a theme. Forty-five (45) FFA members will participate in the themed activity each day.

✓ Every faculty and staff attending the teacher luncheon will receive a gift from FFA members to remind them of the integral role of agriculture in their daily lives. This may be in the form of a magnet, flash drive, mug, etc.

✓ Over 100 faculty and staff will attend a teacher luncheon hosted by FFA members in appreciation of their continued support.

✓ Fifteen (15) FFA members will participate in an after school activity with the chapter alumni such as snow tubing, bowling, etc.

Ways and Means
✓ Create a theme for each day of National FFA Week.
✓ Communicate and plan an event with the chapter alumni president.
✓ Create a practical gift for faculty and staff that boosts the chapter’s mission and name.
✓ Create invitations, order a meal, and serve to teachers in a buffet.
Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Support Group

Committee: FFA Degree and Award Filing

Committee Members
(Chair) Paige Smith (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Degree Pins Applications Review Committee
Certificates Recognition

Our Goals
✓ 70% of eligible members will apply for their respective award and degree. Awards will be given at the Parent and Member Banquet.

✓ 80% of members invited to receive an award will attend with their families to be recognized.

✓ 100% of all eligible and active members will receive an award for the effort in making advancements within the chapter throughout the academic year.

Ways and Means
✓ Committee members will order all supplies from National FFA and organize awards into a systematic degree file system.

✓ Degree and award applications will be updated and copied for distribution to the membership.

✓ A review committee will be created based upon the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

✓ Invitations will be sent to award recipients.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 2: Chapter Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Support Group

Committee: Annual Parent and Member Awards Banquet

Committee Members
Jill Distler (Liaison)    Emiliann Goodhart (Co-Chair)

Subcommittees
Meal  Script  Senior Slide Show
Awards  Program  Certificates
Practice  Reservations  Invitations

Our Goals
✓ At least 250 parents, members, and guests will attend the Banquet to celebrate the success of the members and our chapter.

✓ Four (4) administrators, including our superintendent and three (3) school board members will attend the banquet.

✓ Have at least one (1) representative from the PA FFA Association attend the banquet.

✓ Have the scripts memorized and practiced at least twice as a group before the annual banquet.

Ways and Means
✓ Send invitations to all award winners and their families.
✓ Collect and record reservations from the families that RSVP.
✓ Reserve cafeteria and post dates on the school calendar, newsletter, and Ag Dept.
✓ Prepare scripts for award presenters and the Master of Ceremony.
✓ Decide on a menu and sign the cafeteria contract.
✓ Prepare the banquet slide show including all member accomplishments.
✓ Print and frame all certificates and chapter awards.
✓ Have the banquet script finished and given to participants 3 weeks before the event.
✓ Invitations will be sent 1 ½ months prior to the event with an RSVP requested 2 weeks before the banquet.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 3: Community Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Economic

Committee: Hunger Banquet

Committee Members
(Chair) Emiliann Goodhart (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Meal Reservations Year-Long Events
Practice Programs Invitations
Script Speakers

Our Goals
✓ 4 events will be held to raise money and canned goods for hunger organizations (i.e. Heifer International, Project SHARE)

✓ 50% of membership will assist in preparing the meal, hosting events, and speaking at banquet.

✓ 750 pounds of canned food in combination with $150 of money donations by March 17, 2016

✓ 100 guests will be educated through this annual hunger banquet.

✓ Secure 3 speakers from, Heifer International, PA Food Bank, Project share, or New Hope Ministry.

Ways and Means
✓ Members will collect and record reservations from the families that RSVP.
✓ Members will send invitations to all members, families, and special guests.
✓ Members will reserve cafeteria and post the dates on the school calendar.
✓ Members will advertise this event through local media and post signs throughout the community.
✓ Members will decide on the menu and sign the cafeteria contract.
✓ Members will practice speeches prior to banquet.
✓ Members will contact representatives from Heifer International, Central PA Food Bank, New Hope Ministry, or Project SHARE to speak at banquet.
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Division 3: Community Development          Chapter Quality Standard: Environmental

Committee: Maple Syrup Education

Committee Members
(Chair) Abby Klinger (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Purchasing Trees  Planting Trees  Maintenance of Trees
Education

Our Goals

✓ All of the syrup will be used for educational purposes through workshops and other means.

✓ The students in the food science class will maintain trees with help from the plant science classes to tap and maintain tree health.

✓ Fifty (50) individuals will attend presentations about maple syrup production and the benefits of environmental education.

✓ To educate ourselves on the proper techniques to boil down sap so none of the sap is wasted or burnt.

Ways and Means

✓ Members will help plant trees in class and after school.
✓ Members will help with the care and harvest of the trees in class and after school.
✓ Members will help present about the trees for educational purposes at various events throughout the year.
✓ Members will use grants to help purchase trees and equipment.
✓ Members will be educated about the process to avoid wasted sap.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 3: Community Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Environmental

Committee: Environmental Education

Committee Members
(Chair) Anna Pauletta (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Eagle View’s Bay Day           Envirothon         Resource Conservation         Hands-On Native Exhibits

Our Goals
✓ Five students will volunteer on Eagle View’s Bay Day to educate middle school students about agriculture's part in the Chesapeake Bay.

✓ Four or more agriculture students will be competing in the Envirothon competition.

✓ 75% of paper from the Agriculture Education room will be recycled in the recycling bins.

✓ Students interested in environmental education will maintain three native species of Pennsylvanian animals to be used in educational programs and farm animal education.

Ways and Means
✓ Contact Christopher Irvin for information on Bay Day and a presentation slot.
✓ Have students create a lesson plan for the Bay Day presentation.
✓ Encourage students interested in wildlife, environmental, and natural resources to compete in Envirothon.
✓ Host study days after school for students to learn Envirothon material.
✓ Contact outside resources to help students gain experience with environmental field work.
✓ Create posters and fact sheets to post around the trash and recycling area to clearly instruct where to place certain waste items.
✓ Build a box turtle garden in the landscape to support the Eastern Box Turtle.
✓ Plan summer homes for the animals in advanced and follow through with feeding, watering, and cleaning schedules.

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**Division 3:** Community Development  **Chapter Quality Standard:** Human Resources

**Committee:** Harvest at Homecoming

**Committee Members**

(Chair) Emiliann Goodhart (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

Video Collection Distribution
Awards Advertising

**Our Goals**

✓ Have 75% of membership donate at least five (5) items for the food drive.

✓ Donate at least 7,000 pounds of canned food and non-perishable items to the New Hope Ministry.

✓ Have 45% of all Homerooms school-wide participate in the collection of canned and non-perishable food items.

✓ Have 70% of membership donate at least five (5) items to the clothing drive.

✓ 4 Events will be held to raise Money or canned goods for New Hope Ministry.

**Ways and Means**

✓ Make arrangements with the New Hope Ministry.

✓ Create a short commercial and posters to advertise the food and clothing drive on the morning announcements.

✓ Create and/or purchase items for Homerooms that collect the most food.

✓ Organize a collection bin for each classroom in the school.

✓ Meet after school for sorting.

✓ Advertising the 4 different events on CVTV.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 3:** Community Development  **Chapter Quality Standard:** Human Resources

**Committee:** Project SHARE

**Committee Members**

(Chair) Paige Smith (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

- Fruit Donation
- Summer Schedule
- Blanket Donation
- Volunteer Work Days

**Our Goals**

- Have 50% of the membership volunteer their time to help sort food donations and clothing at Project SHARE, a non-profit charitable organization in our community.
  
  Donate any extra fruit within one week of the citrus fruit fundraiser to Project SHARE to be distributed to needy family.

- At least ten (5) members will donate their time during summer break to help distribute items at Project SHARE.

- Hold at least 3 work days within the school year at Project Share.

**Ways and Means**

- Contact Project SHARE to determine their needs and wants.
- Deliver excess fruit to Project SHARE.
- Create sign-up sheets to have volunteers donate their time to work at Project SHARE.
- Set a schedule to have volunteers work at Project SHARE.
- Identify students who would volunteer during the summer to help harvest food from fields.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

**Division 3:** Community Development  
**Chapter Quality Standard:** Citizenship

**Committee:** Fall Fest

**Committee Members**  
(Chair) Abby Klinger (Liaison)

**Subcommittees**

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**Our Goals**

- ✓ All area chapters will be invited to Fall Fest to participate in the food, fun, and fellowship.
- ✓ To have 20 area chapter members in attendance at Fall Fest to better our friendships with our surrounding chapters and help first year members reach out and meet new people.
- ✓ Have Alumni officers attend Fall Fest with their families to interact with FFA members.

**Ways and Means**

- ✓ Contact Hayman Farms to see if we can use their facilities for Fall Fest.
- ✓ Organize a hayride with Tracy Gleim of Hayman Farms.
- ✓ Create an invitation and send it to area FFA chapters and Alumni officers.
- ✓ Order food and refreshments for Fall Fest.
- ✓ Contact the FFA Alumni to be part of the scare crew for the hayride.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 3: Community Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Agriculture Promotion

Committee: Farm Animal Education

Committee Members
(Chair)  Paige Smith (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Ag in the Valley Petting Zoo  AgVenture Day Petting Zoo
September THON Tailgate Petting Zoo  May Day Petting Zoos

Our Goals

✓ Have trailers booked two (2) weeks in advance for all events.

✓ Hold a Farm Animal Safety 101 meeting at the second FFA meeting of the year to educate members volunteering at petting zoos on rules and proper etiquette.

✓ Have signs representing each animal present at the petting zoos to educate the public about farm animals.

✓ Keep petting zoos clean and safe for all people visiting the event.

Ways and Means

✓ Discuss the importance of farm animals and facts about them at events.

✓ Find interesting facts that can be used on cage/pen tags.

✓ Allow students to talk about animals at events.

✓ To show the importance of Farm Animal Education to the community.

✓ Have hand sanitizer available at several stations at petting zoos.
Cumberland Valley FFA Program of Activities

Division 3: Community Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Agriculture Promotion

Committee: A-Day for Agriculture

Committee Members
(Chair)  Mackenzie Yorlets (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Vendors  Advertisements  Entertainment
Set-Up/Tear-Down  Ag in the Classroom  Attractions

Our Goals
✓ Offer six (6) free “Ag in the Classroom” activities for all kids that attend.
✓ Host (at a minimum) a hayride, antique tractor show, pony rides, and a plant sale for attendees to enjoy.
✓ 4 youth organizations will participate in A-Day to educate patrons of their role in the environment (i.e. 4-H, Boy scouts)
✓ Educate 500 attendees about agriculture and how it plays a role in our everyday lives.
✓ Three (3) agricultural awareness programs will participate in A-Day to educate patrons of their role in the environment (i.e. Pest Education, Master Gardeners)

Ways and Means
✓ Contact potential vendors and businesses about A-Day
✓ .
✓ Advertise in local media outlets and news stations.
✓ Contact local youth organizations.
✓ Work closely with school administration to acquire facilities to use.
✓ Contact state and local officials to attend A-Day.
✓ Create “Ag in the Classroom” activities in leadership classes.
Division 3: Community Development  Chapter Quality Standard: Agriculture Promotion

Committee: Community Hunger Garden

Committee Members
(Chair) Alicia Gates (Liaison)

Subcommittees
Advertising  Partnerships  Grants  Supplies

Our Goals
✓ Plant a one acre Community Hunger Garden to grow produce that will be sold to members of the community, and then donated to local food banks and charities.
✓ Run a produce stand that is open for 15 hours in the fall.
✓ Donate any remaining fresh produce to Project Share and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Ways and Means
✓ Members of the Cumberland Valley FFA will review ADA guidelines to ensure equal access to the garden.
✓ Corn will be planted at the end of the school year.
✓ Students will create a billboard after school to advertise the corn stand.
✓ Members will weigh and log the amount of food harvested and donated to each organization.
✓ A sign-up sheet will be hung up at the beginning of the school year for students to help work the stand and sell and pick sweet corn.
✓ Students may put these working hours toward the community service hours required to earn degrees and awards.
## State FFA Officer History since 1998

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### If This Jacket Could Talk

I know that to you, I may seem old. Well, I was officially adopted in 1933, which to many people is ancient history. I hear the groans from students when advisors say, “Everyone is to be in official dress.” Maybe that’s because you don’t really understand me. I am more than just a mass of blue corduroy, gold emblems, zippers, and buttons. Before you put me on, take a minute to consider what I really am:

1. A living legacy that started with 33 young men in 1928 and grown to nearly ½ million students across the US.
2. You’re wearing an emblem of the #1 industry in the world—Agriculture.
3. You’re wearing a uniform that is recognized by business people who operate our farms, main street businesses, and Fortune 500 companies on Wall Street.
4. You’re wearing opportunity.
5. You’re wearing an advertisement of yourself, your school, your community, your state, and your country.

So when you put me on, either you wear me with pride and try to represent all that I stand for, or don’t wear me at all.

~Your FFA Jacket
The FFA Creed

By: E.M. Tiffany

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.