

2024 – 2025

Algona FFA Chapter Program of Activities



*Excellence in
Leadership, Personal Growth and
Career Success since 1947.*

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President's Message

Dear FFA Members,

As your Chapter President, I can assure you that this year is going to be yet another exciting year for the Algona FFA Chapter. I would like to welcome all new and returning members, and wish you the best on this upcoming year.

Agriculture is not just farming, as many of you have discovered. Agriculture is an exciting career field with areas such as business, horticulture, and animal production, just to name a few.

I cannot stress enough the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity you can through these coming years. The possibilities are endless, and can take you anywhere in life. FFA is all about choices, what choices will you make? What will you take advantage of? Our chapter is fortunate enough to have a greenhouse and a shop – something most chapters don't have, and one more opportunity for you to take advantage of. From livestock judging to leadership conferences, there is a place for YOU in this organization.

If you have any questions throughout the year or would like to know more about a particular area of agriculture, feel free to contact myself, an FFA officer or Mrs. Becker.

Again, I hope you have a wonderful year and I look forward to meeting new members and seeing familiar faces!

Sincerely,

Ace Studer

Ace Studer

The Mission and Strategies

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

To accomplish this mission, FFA:

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations, and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

(Adopted by the delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. It was revised by the delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.)

Order of Business for the Chapter Meeting

An established order of business should be followed at all chapter meetings. When members know what to expect they can participate more effectively. The following order is suggested for regular meetings, but can be changed to suit individual chapter needs. The most important reason for using this order is that significant items will not be overlooked and the maximum participation of members will take place.

1. **Opening Ceremony** – including the call to order, roll call and quorum determination.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – should be prepared and presented by the secretary and approved by the members as read or as amended.
3. **Officer Reports** – includes all officer reports to be made at the meeting. The treasurer's report should be given at every regular meeting.
4. **Special Features** – speakers, panels, guest appearance, award presentations and other non-business items belong here.
5. **Unfinished Business** – designed to resolve motions postponed or tabled at the previous meetings.
6. **Committee Reports** – presented by representatives from standing and /or special committees subject to acceptance by the membership.
7. **New Business** – proposed items on the meeting agenda and others introduced by chapter members.
8. **Ceremonies** – used when new members initiated, Greenhand members raised to the Chapter FFA Degree, or when officers are installed.
9. **Closing Ceremony** – preceded by final announcements. This brings the official meeting to a formal and dignified close.
10. **Entertainment, refreshments, and recreation** – the recreation committee should plan activities following the meeting to increase interest in attendance.

General Officer Duties

1. Be ready for FFA meetings at least fifteen minutes before the meeting starts.
2. A genuine desire to be a part of a leadership team.
3. A willingness to accept responsibility.
4. A sincere desire to work with all chapter members in meeting their leadership, personal, and chapter goals equally.
5. A commitment to lead by example.
6. Knowledge and understanding of the chapter, state, and national FFA constitutions, by laws and programs.
7. A working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
8. An ability to memorize their parts in the official ceremonies. There are specific duties and responsibilities that relate to each office.
9. Always be looking for new chapter activities.
10. Encourage involvement from everyone within the chapter.
11. Always represent FFA as best you can!

Officer Duties

President:

- Preside over meetings in accordance to the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure.
- Appoint committees and serve on them as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- Coordinate the activities of the chapter and evaluate the progress of each division of the Program of Activities.
- Represent the chapter in public relations and official functions.
- Be knowledgeable of all chapter activities.
- Complete the annual FFA chapter reports before the school year ends.
- Serve as emcee for the annual banquet.
- Chair officer meetings

Vice President:

- Assume all duties of the president if necessary.
- Develop the Program of Activities.
- Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees.
- Coordinate all committee work.
- Work closely with the president and advisor to assess progress towards chapter goals.
- Establish and maintain a chapter resource file.
- Collect committee reports and present them to the secretary.

Officer Duties Continued

Secretary:

- Prepare and post the agenda for each chapter meeting within one week before it is scheduled
- Prepare and post the minutes of each chapter meeting.
- Place all committee reports in the designated secretary's book.
- Be responsible for all chapter correspondence.
- Maintain member attendance and activity records.
- Have on hand for each meeting
 1. Secretary, treasurer, and POA record books
 2. Copy of the chapter constitution and bylaws
- Keep an official record of all FFA meetings, including attendance.
- Have thank you notes written within two weeks of an activity.
- Notify out of school members when necessary

Treasurer:

- Receive, record and deposit FFA funds and issue receipts.
- Present a monthly treasurer's report at chapter meetings.
- Collect dues and assessments.
- Maintain a neat and accurate treasure book.
- Prepare and submit the membership roster and dues to The National FFA Organization through the State FFA Association in cooperation with the secretary.
- Serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Officer Duties Continued

Reporter:

- Plan public information programs with local radio, television, newspaper, and service clubs and make use of other opportunities to tell the FFA story.
- Release news and information to local and regional news media
- Prepare and maintain a chapter scrapbook.
- Send local stories to area, district and state reporters.
- Send article and photographs to FFA *New Horizons* & other national & regional publications.
- Serve as the chapter photographer.

Sentinel:

- Assist the President in maintaining order.
- Keep the meeting room, chapter equipment and supplies in proper condition.
- Welcome guests and visitors.
- Keep the meeting room comfortable.
- Take charge of candidates for degree ceremonies.
- Assist with special features and refreshments.

Advisor:

- Supervise chapter activities year-round.
- Inform prospective students and parents about the FFA.
- Instruct students in leadership and personal development.
- Build school and community support for the program.
- Encourage involvement of all chapter members in activities.
- Prepare students for involvement in career development events and leadership programs.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

The FFA jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, one of our new responsibilities is to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below.

1. The jacket is to be worn only by members.
2. The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
3. The jacket should have only a large emblem on the back and a small emblem on the front. It should carry the name of the State Association and the name of the local chapter, district or area on the back and the name of the individual and one office or honor on the front.
4. The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
5. The jacket should be worn by officers and members on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
6. The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
7. School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
8. When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
9. The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a nonmember.
10. A member always acts like a lady or gentleman when wearing the jacket.
11. Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol while wearing the FFA jacket or officially representing the organization.
12. All chapter degree, officer, and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held, and the highest award earned by the member.

Essentials of a Successful Chapter

The local chapter is the heartbeat of the FFA. Chapters, which strive for success keep members active at all levels of the organization and provide students with many opportunities of leadership. Emphasizing the following 10 items will help ensure the chapter's success.

1. Knowledge of the FFA

Every member and chapter advisor needs to understand the functions and opportunities of the FFA in order to fully reap the benefits. Information can be found in the Student Handbook and other FFA publications.

2. Diversity of Membership

Agriculture Education enrollment and FFA chapter membership should be representative of the diversity of the student body population. Serving this broad cross-section of students is an opportunity and a responsibility. Achieving this objective has many rewards including – greater service to students, parents, and the community, broader spectrum of community support, and a more creative program plan through diverse input.

3. All Members Share Responsibilities

4. Capable Officers

Students nominated and elected to officer positions must have the talent and dedication necessary to lead the chapter. Open elections should be held, and officers are to serve as role models for the chapter.

5. A Challenging Program of Activities

These should provide flexibility to allow progress, yet provide enough structure and support to give the chapter a firm foundation. All chapter decisions should be based upon its constitution and by-laws.

6. A Workable Constitution and Bylaws

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7. Proper Equipment and Records

The chapter should acquire the equipment necessary for officers as well as secretaries and treasurer's books in which to keep complete financial and membership records.

8. Well-planned, Regularly-held Chapter Meetings

Monthly meetings, scheduled at a regular time and guided by a sound agenda, will provide the efficient transaction of business, promote chapter unity and encourage better attendance.

9. Adequate Financing

Fund-raising projects are essential in FFA. Yearly earnings will contribute to the creativity and growth of the chapter by funding important activities and projects.

10. School and Community Support

The chapter must strive to meet the needs of the community and work with the school system in which it operates. Since many chapter activities depend upon local support, public relation activities should be conducted in the community. An FFA alumni affiliate will provide organized community support and service.

The FFA Creed

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 through 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.

(The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and at the 63rd convention.)

The Salute

The official salute of the FFA organization consists of facing the flag of the United States of America, placing the right hand over the heart and holding it there while repeating the following pledge

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.”

At the conclusion of the pledge, the hand should be dropped to the side and the members should again face the president’s station. The salute should always be used in the official closing ceremony for meetings.

The FFA Motto

The motto consists of only four lines, but these lines are filled with practical philosophy reflection, the spirit and sincerity that is the basis of the FFA.

Learning to do,

Doing to learn,

Earning to live,

Living to serve.

The Colors

As the blue field of our nation’s flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors of national blue and corn gold give unity to the organization. All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

Algona FFA Officers

Algona

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

REPORTER

SENTINEL

ADVISOR

Ace Studer

Tucker Brunsvold

Cassidy Bierstedt

Malea Divis

Morgan Fraker

Harold Reynolds

Betsy Becker

Wesley

Wesley

Whittemore

Algona

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Algona FFA Membership Roster

FFA ID	First Name	Last Name	Grade	FFA ID
605695610	James	Adams	10	605695610
604140982	Carlee	Allen	13	604140982
605695586	Levi	Allen	10	605695586
606295902	Logan	Alt	9	606295902
603713336	Elizabeth	Anderson	14	603713336
603713342	Lauren	Anderson	14	603713342
605695615	Ryan	Barglof	10	605695615
606295895	Braxton	Bierle	9	606295895
605695603	Cassidy	Bierstedt	10	605695603
605115923	Breckin	Borchardt	11	605115923
606295894	Emmett	Bormann	9	606295894
606295907	Kaden	Bormann	10	606295907
605695602	Tucker	Brunsvold	10	605695602
603298076	Jordan	Buscher	15	603298076
604556241	Kayla	Buscher	12	604556241
603713334	Allison	Casey	14	603713334
603298058	Collin	Casey	15	603298058
603298073	Nicholas	Christensen	15	603298073
605695598	Taylor	Coleman	10	605695598
605115914	Braxton	Dahlhauser	11	605115914
606295903	Grandon	Dahlhauser	9	606295903
605695607	Malea	Divis	10	605695607
604556240	Porter	Divis	12	604556240
605695596	Charli	Dodds	10	605695596
604556251	Christopher	Dodds	12	604556251
606295889	Cody	Doege	11	606295889
605695612	Collin	Duff	10	605695612
605695593	Walker	Eilerts	10	605695593

605695605	Alissa	Engel	10	605695605
604556243	Makayla	Erpelding	12	604556243
604140967	Ian	Fehr	13	604140967
606295901	Hannah	Foust	9	606295901
605115918	Morgan	Fraker	11	605115918
606678299	Aubrey	Gardalen	11	606678299
604140979	Mya	Garman	13	604140979
603298057	Wyatt	Garman	15	603298057
606295893	Caden	Harms	9	606295893
606678295	Aubrey	Heidner	12	606678295
605699452	Taylor	Hellman	10	605699452
605695594	Sawyer	Herrick	10	605695594
606295892	Alex	Jahnke	9	606295892
604140977	Morgan	Kelly	13	604140977
605695606	Wyatt	Kelly	10	605695606
605695604	Grant	Kramer	10	605695604
605695595	Caden	Kuecker	10	605695595
604140974	Logan	Lentz	13	604140974
605699451	Maya	Lentz	10	605699451
604140973	Reid	Louwagie	13	604140973
605695600	Bree	Ludwig	10	605695600
606295904	John	Ludwig	9	606295904
606300592	Grace	Luitjens	9	606300592
605695608	Maya	Mcdermott	10	605695608
604556256	Avah	Merryman	12	604556256
606295900	Olivia	Merryman	9	606295900
606678298	Alyssa	Miller	11	606678298
605115911	Barrett	Morgan	11	605115911
606295905	Brooks	Morgan	9	606295905
603713349	Aidan	Morris	14	603713349

603298068	Conner	Olmstead	15	603298068
606300593	Lauryn	Penner	9	606300593
605695609	Hana	Perez	10	605695609
606295896	Kaleb	Rapstine	10	606295896
605695597	Sheila	Reding	10	605695597
605695589	Harold	Reynolds	10	605695589
604556253	Breanna	Ricklefs	12	604556253
604140961	Joseph	Ricklefs	13	604140961
606295906	Dylan	Riggert	10	606295906
605695590	Weston	Rosenmeyer	10	605695590
605696338	Wyatt	Rosenmeyer	12	605696338
604556259	Kara	Rotert	12	604556259
606295897	Grady	Ruger	9	606295897
605695611	Diedrick	Schnieders	10	605695611
605115913	Sam	Schutjer	11	605115913
604140960	Jacob	Schutter	13	604140960
605695591	Brody	Shipler	10	605695591
604556250	Carson	Skow	12	604556250
606678297	Emma	Smith	12	606678297
605695599	Emma	Spear	10	605695599
603713306	Jaden	Spear	14	603713306
606295888	Zachary	Spry	9	606295888
606295898	Lainey	Steuk	9	606295898
604556258	Ace	Studer	12	604556258
606295899	Kadence	Thompson	9	606295899
604556245	Landon	Thompson	12	604556245
606295890	Runier	Trujillo	9	606295890
604556248	Ellie	Vaske	12	604556248
603713312	Lilly	Vaske	14	603713312
606678296	Charity	Wildt	11	606678296

606295891	Kieden	Wingerson	9	606295891
Membership	In School	70		
	Out of School	19		
	Total	89		

Algona FFA Chapter Budget

Event Year: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Income	Expense
General Funding/Income Beginning Balance <u>\$24,000.00</u> Fruit Fundraising <u>\$40,000.00</u> Other Sources of Funding <u>\$ 500.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$64,500.00</u>	General Expenses School Funding <u>\$0.00</u> FFA Activities <u>\$4,000.00</u> Fundraising <u>\$26,000.00</u> Other Expenses <u>\$1,000.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$31,000.00</u>
Income from Committee Areas: Growing Leaders Leadership (National Convention) <u>\$2,000.00</u> Healthy Lifestyle <u>\$0.00</u> Scholarship <u>\$0.00</u> Personal Growth <u>\$0.00</u> Career Success <u>\$0.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$2,000.00</u>	Expenses from Committee Areas: Growing Leaders Leadership (state convention) <u>\$3,900.00</u> Leadership (national convention) <u>\$5,500.00</u> Healthy Lifestyle (Chapter meeting food) <u>\$1,300.00</u> Scholarship (Smithfield Scholarship) <u>\$2,000.00</u> Personal Growth <u>\$0.00</u> Career Success <u>\$0.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$12,700.00</u>
Building Communities Environmental <u>\$0.00</u> Human Resources <u>\$0.00</u> Citizenship <u>\$0.00</u> Stakeholder Engagement (test plot) <u>\$15,000.00</u> S. E. (Pancake Feed/Labor) <u>\$10,000.00</u> Economic Development (plant sale) <u>\$7,500.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$32,500.00</u>	Building Communities Environmental <u>\$1,000.00</u> Human Resources <u>\$500.00</u> Citizenship <u>\$0.00</u> Stakeholder Engagement (test plot) <u>\$8,000.00</u> S. E. (Pancake Feed/Labor) <u>\$2,000.00</u> Economic Development (plant sale) <u>\$5,000.00</u> E.D. (Fruit Donated Food Pantry) <u>\$1,000.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$17,500.00</u>
Strengthening Agriculture Support Group NEW Coop Donation <u>\$0.00</u> Chapter Recruitment <u>\$0.00</u> Safety <u>\$0.00</u> Agricultural Advocacy <u>\$0.00</u> Agricultural Literacy <u>\$0.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$ 0.00</u>	Strengthening Agriculture Support Group <u>\$0.00</u> Chapter Recruitment (Cherry Pie Feed) <u>\$240.00</u> Safety <u>\$0.00</u> Agricultural Advocacy NFFA Week <u>\$350.00</u> Agricultural Literacy <u>\$0.00</u> <u>Sub Total: \$590.00</u>
Total Income: \$99,000.00	Total Expense: \$61,710.00
	Ending Balance \$37,290.00

Chapter Goals to Success: 2024-2025

1. Have a minimum of twenty members participate in sub-district contest.
2. Have six CDE's at the state level.
3. Average at least thirty members at each FFA meeting.
4. Sell a minimum of \$40,000 in fruit, cheese and sausage fundraiser sales.
5. Have ten members of the chapter participate in leadership CDE's.
6. Establish a new Community Development project for 2024-2025.
7. Invite three officers above chapter level to a chapter event.

Algona FFA Chapter Activity Planning Committees

2024-2025

Each agricultural education class will have the responsibility to plan an activity during the semester. A monthly meeting will be held during class where a student chairperson will lead the class in discussion regarding the activity, a secretary will record meeting information and the class will vote on important decisions. Each student will have a part in planning and conducting the activity.

<i>Class</i>	<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>
Exploring Agriculture	Christmas Party	Children's Barn
Natural Resources	Soil Judging Soil Your Undies	Envirothon
Agricultural Science		Friends of the FFA Banquet
Agricultural Business	Ag. Research Farm	Friends of the FFA Banquet
Horticultural Science	Community Landscaping	Plant Sale Community Landscaping
FFA Officer Team	Welcome BBQ News Articles Radio Shows Adopt-A-Highway	Radio Shows News Articles National FFA Week Member Auction

Algona FFA 2024 - 2025 Calendar of Events

June	3	North Central District Officer Training
July	13-14	Algona FFA Officer Retreat
July	13	NC District Livestock Judging Contest - Hampton
July	20	North Iowa Fair Livestock Judging Contest - Mason City
July	21	Summer FFA Meeting 5:00 PM Ag Room
July	30-31	Kossuth County Fair - Algona
Aug	1-3	Kossuth County Fair - Algona
Aug	8-18	FFA Livestock and exhibits at Iowa State Fair
Aug	24	State FFA Livestock Judging Contest - Ames
Sept	3	Welcome Back BBQ - 6:30 (AHS Commons)
Sept	5	Farm Safety Day @ Kossuth Co. Fair Grounds
Sept	14	Clay County Fair Livestock Judging Contest 11:00 AM
Sept		Iowa Lakes Soil Clinic 9 AM
Sept	28	FFA Adopt-A-Highway roadside pickup 10 am Cozzini parking lot
Oct	1	NC District Soils & Greenhand Fire Up - Fort Dodge
Oct	1	FFA Chapter Meeting 6:30 / Grain Entrapment Demonstration
Oct	3	Fruit Sales Begins
Oct		Iowa FFA State Soils - Ames
Oct	31	Fruit Sales End
Oct	23-26	National FFA Convention
Nov	9	Ignite - Amplify - Transform Conferences - Ankeny
Nov	12	November Chapter Meeting- 6:00 pm meal 6:30 meeting
Nov	11	FFA Presentation with School Board
		Iowa Pork Congress - Des Moines
Dec	7	Ignite - Amplify - Transform Conferences - Ankeny
Dec	5	December Chapter meeting - 6 pm
Jan	9	January Chapter meeting - 6:30 PM
Jan	28	Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium - Des Moines
Feb	5	NC District Review Night/District Officer Interviews - Algona
Feb	10	February Chapter Meeting - 6:00 (meal) 6:30 (meeting) showcase 7 PM
Feb	11?	FFA Sub-district contest - Forest City
Feb	15-22	National FFA Week
Feb	20	FFA Pancake Feed & Labor Auction 5-7 PM (commons)
Feb	27	FFA Scholarship Applications due!
Feb	27	FFA chapter officer applications due
Mar	1?	FFA District contest - Charles City
Mar	3	March chapter meeting - 6:00 PM
Mar	6	FFA Chapter Officer Interview - 4 pm
Mar		Envirothon Competition

Algona FFA 2024 - 2025 Calendar of Events

Mar	12	State Convention Apps due
Mar	30	Annual Chapter Banquet 4:00 PM
April	1	April chapter meeting - 6:00 Meal 6:30 Meeting
April	13-15	Iowa FFA Leadership Conference - Ames
April		Iowa Envirothon State Competition - Grainger
May	6-8	FFA Plant Sale
May	12	May chapter meeting- Senior Farewell - 5:00 PM

Growing Leaders

Co-Chairs Morgan Fraker & Harold Reynolds

Goals 2024-2025

Purpose: The chapter will promote personal and group activities that improve life skills that can be used later in life.

FFA Fall Welcome Back BBQ

1. Have at least 25 new members attend with their parents.
2. Have all new members attending participate in mixers to help get involved.
3. Inform new members of the many opportunities in FFA that can be achieved.
4. Provide entertainment and refreshment to new members and their parents.
5. Invite at least one state or district officer to speak.
6. Have each officer give a brief personal description of themselves to relate with the students and describe offices.
7. Provide new members and parents with an Algona FFA brochure of how to get involved.
8. Provide chapter T-shirt order forms to help the incoming new students feel involved and part of the chapter.

Monthly Meeting Recreation

1. Conduct activities after each meeting.
2. Have at least three quarters of the members in attendance at the meeting participate in recreation.

Greenhand Fire-Up

1. Have a majority of the prospective Greenhands attend.
2. Meet other Greenhands and district officers.

Ag Expedition

1. Reward at least four members for their participation in FFA throughout the school year.

2. Explore agriculture occupations and career areas.
3. Develop and practice human relations on career days and industry tours.
4. Identify three tours for students to gain career and industry knowledge.

State & National Convention

1. Develop communication skills by meeting new people.
2. Have at least twelve members attend the National Convention.
3. Have at least fifteen members attend the State Convention.
4. Develop leadership skills by attending at least two workshops.
5. Have members attend one retiring address at state and/or national convention.

Officer Retreat

1. Develop chapter goals in areas of student, chapter, and community development.
2. Have a cooperative officer team with high expectations for the year by setting achievable goals.
3. Have group recreational activities both days.
4. Have one guest speaker attend the retreat.

Recognition of Members Scholastic Abilities

1. Have all senior FFA members apply for at least one Algona FFA agriculture scholarship.
2. Have at least four members from each class to fill out the underclassman scholarship application.

Leadership Contest

1. Have Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, and individual speaking contestants qualify for district contest.
2. Have at least fifteen members participate in sub-district contest.
3. Have at least ten members participate in district contest.

4. Have 10 members participate at state convention.

Kossuth & State Fair

1. Have at least ten members exhibit SAE projects at county and/or state fairs.

Freshman Buddies

1. Create a positive environment for the incoming freshman by having an officer meet with them at least once a month.
2. Provide, if necessary, transportation to all FFA activities.
3. Provide contact information of all the officers for all incoming freshmen if they have any questions.

Building Communities

Co-Chairs Ace Studer & Cassidy Bierstedt

Goals 2024-2025

Purpose: The chapter will cooperate with other groups to make the community a better place to live and work.

Citizenship

1. At the November Friendsgiving party members donate items for the food pantry.
2. Donate extra fruit from the fruitsale to the Kossuth County Food Pantry.
3. Adopt a family during Christmas time.
4. Plant extra flowers after the greenhouse sale.
5. Set up the Kiddie Barn and Learning Center at the Kossuth County Fair.
6. Volunteer at EPAK.
7. Clean up our Adopt a Highway in the fall.

Research Farm

1. Make the public aware of related agricultural issues and food systems by planning with Smithfield, to utilize 21 acres of their property.
2. Members develop new agriculture technology skills by using a farm simulation program.
3. Meet with Smithfield to discuss the results of our experiments.
4. Take frequent trips to test plot during both planting and harvesting times.
5. Members will learn new computer skills by accurate record keeping.
6. Members will create a Research Plot Summary Slide-Show.

Kossuth County Fairgrounds

1. Send members to participate in fairground set up and clean up.
2. Set up and tear the Kiddie Barn and assist in set up down of the Ag Learning Center

Strengthening Agriculture

Co-Chairs Tucker Brunsvold & Malea Divis

Goals 2024-2025

Purpose: Encourage students to work together to build community knowledge in agriculture.

Support Group

1. Fruit, Cheese and Sausage Sales

- Develop sales abilities in members by selling a minimum of \$450.00 of product per member.
- The chapter goal is to sell a total of \$40,000 of product.
- To develop computer skills to keep accurate records by putting sales information on the computer.

2. Friends of the FFA Banquet

- To have members develop planning and organizing skills by meeting all deadlines.
- To thank supporters from the community for their help throughout the year by recognition at the banquet.
- To have members develop written and oral communication skills.
- To have at least 300 members and guests attend the banquet.

Literacy

1. Plant Sales

- To develop horticulture skills by selling a top quality project.
- To have chapter members sell over \$7,500.00 worth of plants and materials.
- To develop advertising skills by creating a flier, newspaper articles, and radio ads.

2. Soil Your Undies

- Identify soil health of various farming situations
- Help promote new technologies to better support agriculture
- Identify sustainable agriculture practices

Chapter Recruitment

1. Presentations

- Mail information to 8th graders and their parents about the FFA before registration.
- To recruit 20 members to join FFA each year.

Safety

1. Farm Safety Day

- Have at least 8 members participate and raise awareness of farm safety.
- Involve 10 community members to help teach the kids at Farm Safety Day.

2. Bring in a grain entrapment rescue device

- To help members gain an awareness of the danger of flowing grain.
To learn how to prevent grain bin entrapment.

Advocacy

1. Public Relations

- Develop a radio program in October, February, March, April.
- Officers develop public service announcements for the radio.
- Send out monthly newsletters and have newspaper articles at least once a month.
- To develop a presentation on the Ag Research Farm to be presented at a Smithfield Company Update Meeting.
- To develop a presentation on FFA activities and present to at least one Algona CSD board meeting.
- Introduce this year's new officer team to local supporting businesses.

2. National FFA Week

- Promote a positive image and inform the public about chapter activities by having a pie feed, appreciation breakfast, open house, and public service announcements.
- Raise money by having at least 75% of high school FFA members participate in the member auction.
- Have 5 members participate in the Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium.
- To present a radio program about FFA and chapter happenings.

3. Drive Your Tractor to School Day

- Students attract curiosity and attention from their peers and the community, sparking conversations about agriculture and promoting agricultural education and the significance of agriculture in our daily lives.
- This engagement strengthens ties between the school and the broader community, fostering support for agricultural initiatives and the Algona FFA program.
- Provide a practical demonstration of the significance of agriculture in daily life, reinforcing the educational objectives of the Algona FFA program.
- By participating in this event, students demonstrate their commitment to promoting agriculture and advocating for the Algona FFA program's mission.

CONSTITUTION

ALGONA CHAPTER OF THE FFA

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the “ALGONA CHAPTER OF THE FFA.” Members herein after referred to as “FFA” and the letters “F.F.A.” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B. The purpose for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive agricultural leadership.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and it's contribution to our well being.
3. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.

7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and develop foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agriculture students.
10. To encourage wise management resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

- Section A. The Algona Chapter of the FFA is a chartered local unit of the Iowa Association of the FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.
- Section B. This Chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Iowa Association as well as those of the National FFA Organization.
- Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section D. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when he/she:
1. Attends 7 out of 12 local chapter meetings.
 2. Shows an interest in and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
 3. Pays his dues regularly.
- Section E. All members shall be encouraged to support the Chapter's activities.
- Section F. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the executive committee.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section A. Membership in this chapter shall be two kinds:
1. Active

2. Honorary

- Section B. The regular work of the chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section D. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when he/she:
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 2. Shows an interest in and takes part in the affairs of the chapter.
 3. Pays his dues regularly.
- Section E. AFES members shall be encouraged to support the Chapter's activities.
- Section F. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the executive committee.
- Section G. Any member who is in violation of the Algona High School Good Conduct Policy must serve four hours of community service to the Algona FFA Chapter before being able to participate in FFA events above the chapter level.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

- Section A. The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the chapter.
- Section B. Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

- Section A. There shall be two degrees of active membership conferred by this chapter. These degrees are:
1. Greenhand FFA Degree
 2. Chapter FFA Degree
- Section B. Greenhand Degree. Minimum qualification for election.
1. Be regularly enrolled in at least one semester of Ag Ed class per year and actively participate in FFA activities. Also have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
 2. Be familiar with the purpose of the FFA and the program of activities.

3. Recite the Creed of the FFA.

Section C. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election.

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic instruction in Ag Ed. Have in operation an improved SAE program, and be regularly enrolled in an Ag Ed class.
3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of work of the State Association and National FFA Organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own effort or worked at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a SAE program.
7. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting.

Section D. Special Committees shall receive the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:

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| 1. President | 5. Reporter |
| 2. Vice President | 6. Sentinel |
| 3. Secretary | 7. Advisor |
| 4. Treasurer | |

The advisor shall be the instructor of Ag Ed in the school where the chapter is located. The president shall, if so desired, pick a Parliamentarian. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

- Section B. Officers shall be selected annually by a committee. If any officer is unable or unwilling to complete his/her term of office, the president will appoint a replacement or an election will be held if desired by 2/3 membership.
- Section C. The officers of the chapter together with the chairman in charge of the major sections of the annual program of work shall constitute the chapter executive committee. The executive committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations of by-law adopted from time to time.
- Section D. Since officers should be held to a higher standard, additional consequences will be considered when an officer violates the Algona High School Good Conduct Policy. Rev. 2017
- o First Offense the Algona High School Good Conduct policy will be in effect and the appropriate punishment will be followed according to the Algona High School Student Handbook. In addition the officer will be required to:
 - Serve additional 10 hours chapter service above the Algona Good Conduct policy to the Algona FFA Chapter
 - Submit a statement to the chapter explaining their mistake and how they will learn from it and improve their actions in the future.
 - o Second or subsequent Offense the officer will be subject to the Algona High School Good Conduct policy and the appropriate punishment will be followed according to the Algona High School Student Handbook. In addition the officer will be required to meet with the agricultural education teacher, high school administrator, and a member of the ag advisory committee in a group meeting to determine if the officer is fit for office. If the officer is found to be fit for office the following additional penalties will be in place:
 - Serve additional 15 hours chapter service above the Algona Good Conduct policy to the Algona FFA Chapter
 - Submit a statement to the chapter explaining their mistake and how they will learn from it and improve their actions in the future.
 - o If an officer has a pre-existing violation before taking office, it will carry forward and be applied if there are future violations

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM

- Section A. To transact business at any chapter meeting, a quorum must be present. A quorum is a majority of the in-school chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- Section A. The constitution may be amended by 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I. EXECUTIVE MEETING

Section A. The regular executive meeting of chapter officers and committee chairpersons will be held at 7:30 a.m. on a day selected by the officer team each month.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Section A. To be eligible to participate in FFA events beyond the chapter level, members must attend at least 50% of the chapter meetings held that school year. Examples of FFA events where a member must attend 50% of the chapter meetings to participate are showing at the County and State Fair.

