

# Forestville FFA

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2016-2017 Chapter Officer Team

## *New Year 2016-2017*

Welcome back from summer and welcome to a new school year! First of all we would like to take a moment to congratulate our 2016-2017 chapter officers! President: Jamie Noar, Vice President: Brenda Vargas, Secretary: Mitchell Almind, Treasurer: Emely Guerra, Reporter: Madison Potts, Sentinel: David Flint, and Historian: Destiny Harp. This summer we were able to attend several community events such as The Gravenstein Apple Fair, Love of the Land Fundraiser, and the Sonoma-Marin and Sonoma County Fairs. This year Forestville FFA was represented extremely well in everything we did. Thank you to every member who was able to make it possible! We hope the success we have had last summer is just a taste of the amazing things that we will be able to accomplish this year!

We are ready to start this new year with our new advisor, Ms. Jennifer Clark. She grew up in locally in Sonoma, and was an active participant of both Sonoma Valley 4-H and Sonoma FFA. She attended the Santa Rosa Junior College then transferred to California State University, Chico. Ms. Clark graduated from Chico State with a Bachelor of Science degree in both Ag Education and Animal Science and also earned her teaching credential at Chico State. Upon graduating, Ms. Clark was able to gain practical experience and knowledge in the agriculture industry by working for several local companies before joining El Molino.

# Highlights of the Fall Semester:

## Greenhand Leadership Conference: Sept. 13th

We had five eager freshman travel to Colusa, Ca. for the Greenhand Leadership Conference. They had a fun filled day learning about leadership and all the opportunities they have through the FFA.



## Potato Bar: Sept. 16th & 23rd and Oct. 14th & 28th

This year we decided to bring back the beloved potato bar with great success! We plan to continue this fundraising effort next year. You can find us at home football games to get your delicious baked potato and support Forestville FFA!

## State FFA Officer Visit: Sept. 21st-22nd

We were ecstatic when we found out we would have the joy of spending 2 days with Sam Looper our California State FFA Treasurer and, Amanda Skidmore our State FFA Secretary. We spent the night playing dodge ball watching movies and eating pizza. The next day we had the honor of having



them present in 3 of our ag classes. We all had an amazing time getting to know the state officers and wish them a very successful year of service.



## COLC (Chapter Officer Leadership Conference): Sept. 23rd-24th

Five of our Chapter officer team members spent two days in Fort Bragg, Ca. bonding while learning more about leadership and ways to better our chapter. We hope we are able to bring back everything we learned and can apply it to the things we do this year.

## Redwood Region Resource Rally: Sept. 29th

Four of our Ag Biology students traveled to Scotia, Ca. to learn more about the forestry and natural resources industry at the Redwood Region Resource Rally. It was the first time this event was offered by the North Coast Agriculture Partners and we can't wait to take more students next year!







Club Day: Sept. 29th

Every year El Molino students host a Club Day where all the campus clubs showcase what they have to offer. This year Forestville FFA gave it our all by bringing out many different animals like a dairy calf, chickens, and a rabbit. We were so happy to see all the interested students who wanted to learn more about our school's ag program and FFA.



McClelland's Dairy Field Trip: Oct. 21st

Our Ag Biology got to visit McClelland's Dairy in Petaluma, Ca. to learn about sustainability and experience how it works on a farm first hand. They got to see cows go through the milk parlor, visit with the calves, and take a turn milking a cow!



Officer Retreat: Oct. 22nd

The chapter officers patiently waited for their officer retreat. We finally were able to take a day away and spent the day planning, setting goals, and team building, as well as exploring, fishing, and eating s'mores. It was a productive and fun day!



Sonoma County Farm Trails Farm Feast: Oct. 29th

We were happy to have been asked to assist with the Sonoma County Farm Trails

Farm Feast dinner. Thirteen members attended, helping with setup, serving dinner and dessert, and clearing tables. All the food served was harvested within 40 miles of the feast site. They had a great live band and we even got to try water buffalo milk gelato! Thank you to the Sonoma County Farm Trails for having us!



El Molino Night: Nov. 3rd

Every year El Molino has a night for the whole school to showcase everything we have to offer to the incoming 8th graders. This year we showed off everything we have to offer. We hope many new students next year will be interested in becoming an active member of our chapter.



Opening and Closing Competition: Nov. 15th

This year we brought 21 members to the Sonoma Section Opening and Closing competition. We competed with 2 advanced teams, 1 novice team, and 1 officer team. We are extremely proud of each and every one of the members who competed this year!



Dutton Estate Field Trip: Dec. 8th

Our Viticulture class was able to visit Dutton Estate and learn about the machinery and processes included in making wine. We learned about barreling and some of the science and tricks that goes into wine making. Thank you Dutton Estate for letting us visit!

Sonoma Section Night of Service: Dec. 8th

Every December all the chapters in our Sonoma Section get together and help Redwood Empire Food Bank prepare meals for those less fortunate in our community. This year we had an overwhelming amount of students who were eager to participate. Our chapter was able to bring 15 students to help bag and sort meals this year out of the 150 that participated from our section.



Tri-Tip BBQ: Dec. 16th

To help fundraise for upcoming conferences and trips we held our previously loved Tri-Tip Fetch and Feed. Together our chapter was able to sell 162 tri tips. Even though it was a stormy rainy day we stuck it out and had a successful day. Keep your eye out for our second semester tri-tip bbq!

Check out our website: [newforestvilleffa.weebly.com](http://newforestvilleffa.weebly.com) for upcoming events!



## *Meet the Officers* 2016-2017 Chapter Officer Team



### *President: Jamie Noar*

**Grade:** 12th

**Year in Ag:** 3rd

**SAE:** Market Hogs **Favorite FFA memory:** First year at fair

**Favorite quote:** "You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain"

**Favorite food:** Cheese burger

**Dream job:** Vet tech

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be?**

A yacht, full tank of gas, and a compass.

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** Work our hardest at everything we do and encourage members to get more involved in FFA.



### *Vice President: Brenda Vargas*

**Grade:** 12th

**Year in Ag:** 4th

**SAE:** Market lambs **Favorite FFA memory:** State Conference

**Favorite quote:** "Into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul" - unknown

**Favorite food:** Tacos

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be ?**

Keith my best friend, hunting knife, and my phone with a lifetime of battery.

**Dream job:** Vineyard assistant manager

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** To become more united as a chapter and increase member involvement.



*Secretary: Mitchell Almind*

**Grade:** 10th

**Year in Ag:** 2nd

**SAE:** Market and breeding cattle

**Favorite FFA memory:** State Conference

**Favorite quote:** "Courage is being scared to death...and saddling up anyways" -John Wayne

**Favorite food:** Tacos or a really good burger

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be?** A knife for making things, a pot to cook, and a bow and arrow to hunt.

**Dream job:** A professional country singer

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** More community service and increase member involvement.



*Treasurer: Emily Guerra*

**Grade:** 10th

**Year in Ag:** 2nd

**SAE:** Market hogs and lambs

**Favorite FFA memory:** Barn sleepover!

**Favorite quote:** "Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon"

**Favorite food:** Cookie dough (raw... but for safety reasons "ice cream")

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be?** My dog because I love him lots, My friends because I would get lonely, life time supply of cookie dough "ice cream".

**Dream job:** Veterinarian

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** Get more people involved and show everyone that FFA can open your mind to trying new things and step out of your comfort zone.



*Reporter: Madison Potts*

**Grade:** 11th

**Year in Ag:** 3rd

**SAE:** Market hogs

**Favorite FFA memory:** Any ag van ride ever jamming out to "My Humps" and "Fergalicious", or spending the week at fair with my pigs and making lifelong friends.

**Favorite quote:** "Speak in such a way that others love to listen to you, and listen in such a way that others love to speak to you"

**Favorite food:** Any kind of ice cream

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be?** My phone, a lifetime supply of ice cream, and my bed.

**Dream job:** Ag Teacher

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** This year I would like to be able to get our



chapter more well known in our community. I would also like to create a bond throughout the chapter that will make us a more successful chapter in everything we do.

## Sentinel: David Flint

**Grade:** 11th      **Year in AG:** 2nd      **SAE:** Market Hogs

**Favorite FFA memory:** Dancing on the auction block at fair and starting a bidding war.

**Favorite Quote:** "Never quit."      **Favorite Food:** Pizza

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be and why?** Food, shelter, and my Ford.

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** Get along with everyone and make an impact on many FFA members.



## Historian: Destiny Harp

**Grade:** 11th      **Year in Ag:** 2nd

**SAE:** Laying hens and poultry birds

**Favorite FFA memory:** Going to fair with my laying hens and winning best of breed and variety with mt buff orpington, Goldie.

**Favorite quote:** "Be the change you wish to see in the world" -Mahatma Gandhi

**Favorite food:** Sushi

**If you could only bring 3 things to a deserted island what would they be?**

Things to start a fire, a flashlight, and batteries.

**Dream job:** Veterinarian or vet-tech

**What are your goals for this years officer team?** Increase member involvement.



## Save the Date!

We look forward to seeing you on March 11th, 2017 from 5-10pm at the Santa Rosa Junior College's Shone Farm Pavilion. The El Molino Ag Boosters will be hosting a fun filled evening- dinner, silent and live auction, raffles, and music! All proceeds will benefit the Forestville FFA program and El Molino High School ag facilities. Please contact Diana Stornetta at 707-490-2607 for ticket information.



*We wish you all a very happy holiday- See you next year!*