

Fall Newsletter August 2017- December 2017

Forestville FFA

Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve



2017-2018 Officer Team

New Year! 2017

Welcome Back Forestville FFA members! Our chapter had an amazing summer and we hope you did too. We would like to introduce your 2017-2018 Forestville FFA officer team. President: Madison Potts, Vice President: Mitchell Almind, Secretary: Emely Guerra, Treasurer: Destiny Harp, Reporter: Justine Bowers, and Sentinel: Robert De Leon. This summer, our members showed the county how much hard work and time they put into their SAE projects at the Sonoma Marin and Sonoma County Fair. Forestville FFA is proud of our livestock showman who won many of ribbons with their market animals. Justine Bowers, won the Supreme Champion and Champion Bred & Born market goat. Madison Potts exhibited the Champion Yorkshire hog. Austin Kelsey won FFA Grand Champion Meat Pen at the Sonoma County Fair and also Champion Novice showman. Many members attended community events such as the Love of the Land dinner, local fairs, and have been fundraising to help take our American Degree recipients to Indianapolis for National Convention. Thank you to every Forestville FFA member that helped and showed support this past year! We are so excited to see what our new and returning members have to show us another amazing year here at El Molino's Ag Department!



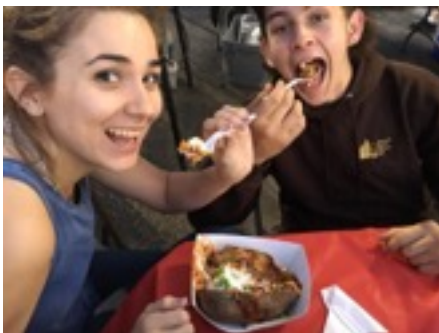
What has been Forestville FFA been up to?

Officer Team Retreat: August 25-26th

The officer team went camping for the night at Casini Ranch. They played many teamwork games, made s'mores, and thought of fun activities to do with their chapter.



Potato Bar: Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 29, Oct. 20



Did you enjoy a warm, yummy baked potato while watching a football game? Forestville FFA has answered that. We keep bringing back the wonderful potatoes! We hope you loved them.

Redwood Region Resource Rally: September 18th-19th

We had 5 students travel to Scotia, CA to learn about the forestry and natural resources industry. They toured a mill, watched professionals in the forestry business cut a tree down, learned how to measure trees, and went to a fish hatchery.



COLC (Chapter Officer Leadership Conference): September 22nd-23rd

Our officer team went to Dixon High School with our section and enjoyed attending workshops to better the team. Our officers also engaged in a lip sync battle to all Taylor Swift's songs.

Greenhand Leadership Conference:

September 27th

Two students attended their first FFA Conference as freshman. They learned more about FFA, enjoyed meeting new people, and interacted in some fun teamwork exercises.



Club Day:

October 5th

Every year El Molino students host a Club Day where all the campus clubs showcase what they have to offer. Forestville FFA had trivia questions about ag and FFA for the El Molino students who stopped by. Non-FFA students got to know what we do in the ag department.



Tri-Tip Drive Thru: November 9th

Our fall tri tip fundraiser had to be rescheduled because of the fires. We sold 161 dinners to our FFA family and friends, and raised over \$100 for the El Molino Fire Fund. Luckily, this year did not rain on us! Our chapter members helped package up the dinners and bring them to our customers cars.



National Convention:

November 25th-29th

This year two students and three graduated students flew to Indianapolis, Indiana with Mrs. Murphy to attend the 90th National FFA Convention. They listened to many important speakers and watched their fellow FFA members earn their American Degree. We had 4 recipients this year!



Opening and Closing: November 14th

We had 18 students compete in our section opening and closing contest. We had our Officer Team and two Advanced Teams. Everyone did so well and we very proud of all our FFA members.



El Molino Night: November 30th

Every year El Molino has a night for the whole

school to showcase what's in store for the incoming 8th graders. This year we showed off everything Forestville FFA has to offer our students. We hope many new students next year will be interested in becoming an active member of our chapter.



Sonoma Section

Service Night: December 7th

Ten members helped bagged apples for the homeless and fire victims at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Everyone had fun helping the community and meeting new members within our FFA Sonoma Section.



Wreath Class:

December 8th

For our last chapter fundraiser of the year, we decided to host a wreath making class. We had 13 attendees make a beautiful holiday wreaths. We look forward to hosting a class again next year!



Meet the Officer Team!

2017-2018



President: Madison Potts

Grade: 12th Year in Ag: 4th
SAE: Market Hogs

This is Madison's second year being on the officer team and she has shown us that she can be the leader of the pack. She is hoping to attend Chico State and become an Ag teacher like our own Jennifer Clark-Murphy. Madison likes to hang out with her friends, eat ice cream, and go to the beach. Madison is very excited to see what her last year in high school has in store for her.

Vice President: Mitchell Almind

Grade: 11th Year in Ag: 3rd SAE: Beef Cattle

Mitchell served as the 2016-2017 Secretary. Mitchell raises beef cattle for his SAE. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding dirt bikes. After high school Mitchell plans on attending college, but is undecided what he'd like to study at this time.



Secretary: Emely Guerra

Grade: 11th Year in Ag: 3rd SAE: Market Hogs and Lambs

Emely served as the 2016-2017 Treasurer. When Emely graduates she plans on attending the SRJC before transferring to a four year university to study something animal related. Other activities Emely enjoys is hanging out with friends, drawing, and spending time with her cats.

Secretary: Destiny Harp

Grade: 12th Year in Ag: 3th year SAE: Poultry

Destiny plans on going to the SRJC after high school to begin her journey in becoming a veterinarian. She likes to spend time with her chickens, family, friends and pets. She also likes to walk trails with her dogs and listen to music.



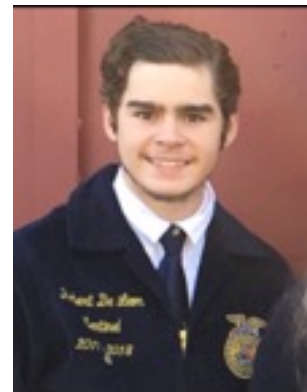


Reporter: Justine Bowers

Grade: 12th Year in Ag: 4th SAE: Market Goats
Justine is known as the crazy goat lady in our chapter. she has been very successful earning the Supreme Market Goat two years in a row. When Justine graduates she hopes to attend Ole Miss to study hospitality with hopes of becoming an event planner. Justine's hobbies include anything goat related, hanging out with friends and family, and softball.

Sentinel: Robert DeLeon

Grade: 10th Year in Ag: 2nd SAE: Market Goats
Robert joined us last year from Florida and jumped right into Ag. He hopes to raise his first market goat or lamb this year for the Sonoma County Fair. Robert is also an active member of the El Molino band and hopes to be a music teacher after high school. Robert is applying to be part of the State FFA Band to play the saxophone.



SAVE THE DATE!

We look forward to seeing our FFA family and friends on March 10th, 2018 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 Happy Holidays
from our FFA family to yours!
See you next year!*

