EVERGREEN TOUR UPDATE 2018 (UPDATED 10-1-18)

2018-2019 FFA Roster

The FFA roster is entered through and housed by National FFA, not Washington FFA. You must use the FFA.org system for your roster, otherwise it is not official and cannot be processed. This year things are relatively the same as last year, however with NFFA updating their entire website, it is causing a few minor issues.

- **Roster #1:** Posted on the WAFFA website at: [https://www.washingtonffa.org/advisor-resources/](https://www.washingtonffa.org/advisor-resources/) are PDF Instructions that National FFA put together to help advisors navigate the roster system. Please print and use as you work on your roster. The steps remain the same: 1-RENEW, 2-Add new, 3-Double-check, 4-Submit for state approval.>

- **Roster #2:** You MUST “Submit for State Approval” or a student is not recognized as a member. This triggers the invoicing for dues, as well as advancement for NFFA membership. **Double-check your roster for duplicates (especially last name/first names reversed or nickname/full name accounts. Chapters WILL be charged for duplicates. Once you click “Submit for State Approval” it means you have checked for these errors.**>

- **Roster #3:** AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP – If your chapter is considering becoming an affiliate chapter I have posted all the information you need (fee scale, required documents, information on the opportunity, etc.) at: [https://www.washingtonffa.org/advisor-resources/](https://www.washingtonffa.org/advisor-resources/). Affiliate documents are due to me no later than noon on October 15. **If you are going to become an affiliate chapter DO NOT submit your roster for state approval!!! If you submit before your chapter’s status has been changed…It cannot be updated for this membership year and affiliate status would have to wait until 2019-2020.**>

- **Roster #4:** Dues remain the same at $17/member ($7 NFFA/$10 WAFFA). An OFFICIAL invoice will be emailed from me with the WAFFA logo on it – the version provided by NFFA is not official…it can just support the start of a PO process. If you use the NFFA one, be sure to explain to your Accounts Payable that the official invoice is still coming and that the WAFFA invoice will include the $100 Events & Activities fee that every chapter must pay to be in good standing. The deadline for dues and the E&A fee is **PAID (not PO) by December 1 or the chapter will be charged a $100 late fee.** It is the advisors’ responsibility to submit the roster early enough to process payment by Dec. 1. Rosters are processed in batches on Fridays and invoices are sent the same day. Submit early – you can always add members during the spring membership window.

The Washington FFA Website

There have been a number of updates and additions to the Washington FFA website and it will continue to evolve. It is a work in process so there will be some delays, adjustments and improvements…and constructive feedback is welcome.

- **Website #1:** CALENDAR – the official Washington FFA calendar is available as a Google Calendar and is updated in real-time so always check there for dates/deadlines and updates. **Please note: There are tutorials available to link Google Calendars to your personal e-calendar system (Google, iCalendar, Outlook, etc.) so check YouTube if you are interested in that.**>

- **Website #2:** CDE/LDEs – There is a page for every event that Washington FFA recognizes. Registration links and results can be found on these pages.>

- **Website #3:** ADVISORS – There is a page-thread just for you! Membership/Roster resources, state officer visit request form, documents, updates, etc. can be found here.>
State CDEs/LDEs

- **CDE/LDE #1:** REGISTRATION – State CDE/LDE registrations must be completed through the Google Form that Abbie emails via the listserv/posts on the CDE/LDE webpage.

- **CDE/LDE #2:** DEADLINES – Registration deadlines are listed on the registration, as well as the Washington FFA calendar. Deadlines will be enforced in order to verify participant membership and provide coordinators ample time to prep the event. Especially with the judgingcard.com system as the specialized scansheets have to be ordered a minimum of 10-days prior to the event.

- **CDE/LDE #3:** Judgingcard.com – The scanner has arrived and scorers will be trained over the next 2 months. The staff at Ewell Education are reviewing our CDE/LDE handbooks to ensure the correct scansheets are used...or that modifications can be made if needed. The scanner will likely be implemented with Spring 2019 events. Abbie will notify the listserv about the first event that will be using the system and send a PDF of the scoresheet so that students can see/know.

Evergreen Leadership Tour.2018

The state officer team is excited to visit the Washington FFA districts during the **2018 Evergreen Leadership Tour.** The team is working diligently to put together a worthy statewide activity, and appreciate the various chapters that have offered to host this activity.

**2018.Evergreen Leadership Tour Stops:**
- **Monday, September 24:**
  - 9am D6 @ Colton School
  - 6pm D5 @ Deer Park High School
- **Tuesday, September 25:**
  - 9am D9 @ Quincy High School
  - 6pm D7 @ Chelan High School
- **Wednesday, September 26:**
  - 9am D1 @ Stanwood-Camano Fairgrounds
  - 5pm D3 @ Rochester High School
- **Thursday, September 27:**
  - 9am D2 @ Thurston County Fairgrounds
  - 6pm D8 @ Prairie High School
- **Friday, September 28:**
  - 9am D4 @ Kamiakin High School

National FFA Convention – Oct. 24-27

Washington FFA will once again have a strong presence at the National FFA Convention in October. Again this is year the convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- **National Convention #1:** REPPIN’ FOR WAFFA – attached is a summary list of the teams/individuals that will be representing Washington FFA at the National Convention. Please encourage and support them! For those on the list → please text or call me with your status through the competitions so that I can keep the Association updated. 509-592-3444.

- **National Convention #2:** UPDATES – We have our text-based update system (Remind) that is used at state convention -- and will be using it for National Convention to keep folks up-to-date with how WAFFA is doing. This information, and pictures, will also be posted on the Washington FFA social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter) as time and technology allow.

  o The success of this update system will hinge on advisors of teams/individuals texting Abbie directly with information to share out via the update system – time/locations of competition rounds, advancement to finals, etc. 509.592.3444.

Here’s how you can opt-in to the WAFFA Nat’l Convention Text Updates *(don’t need to if already receive state convention updates!)*

➢ To receive messages via text, text @waffaupdate to 81010.

➢ You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, ‘unsubscribe@waffaupdate’.
National Convention #3: SCHEDULE – There are lots of scheduling components to National Convention…both before and during. Here’s a few that are Washington FFA specific:

- **Oct. 24-27**: CDE/LDE competitions. All schedules can be found on FFA.org.
- **Oct. 25 @ 4-5pm**: Waffen State BBQ Dinner. Abbie will be emailing a registration to pre-purchase this dinner.
- **Oct. 25 & 26**: Student Leadership workshops by past state officer Megan Gould (“I Need a Hero”)
- **Oct. 26**: State Photo at 9:45am.
- **Oct. 26**: Honorary American Degree ceremony. Washington has 3 recipients, 2 who will be present (Randy Wiggins & Bob Brown) – please come celebrate and honor their longtime support of WAFFA!

### Spring 2019 Events

**Spring 2019 – EMERGE Conference**: EMERGE will replace the NFFA 212/360 conferences. There will be two conference dates/locations: one conference will be held Feb.22-23 in western WA – final location being finalized. There will also be a conference held March 8-9 in Wenatchee, WA (*in coordination with WAAE Spring Exec/Degree review*). There will be limited spots available – 70 spots per conference track (*one track for 9/10 grade and one track for 11/12 grade…still no 7/8 grade options*) for a total of 140 students per location. Pricing has not been finalized but will be roughly $150-200/student and include meals, housing, materials, etc. We are hoping to have some grants available for underserved populations to help offset the registration costs.

**Spring 2019 – Legislative Days**: Farm Bureau has reframed their legislative “day” and is no longer doing a spring day on the hill for FFA to participate in. The CTSO groups are coordinating a day to make office visits, however there will not be any training provided for students. I am working with a couple past state officers with previous legislative experience who might be able to offer a half-day “legislative bootcamp” for FFA members…stay tuned for more information/updates.

- **Jan. 31**: CTSO Legislative Engagement & Advocacy (all day)

**Spring 2019 – FFA Week**: Saturday, February 16-Saturday, February 23. Washington FFA will be hosting a National Officer, as well as a couple NFFA staff, for the week and activities. I previous sent an email to the listserv with an [application for chapters to request the National Officer’s participation](mailto:). Deadline = **No later than 4pm on Oct. 15**. Late requests will **NOT** be considered.

### State Convention 2019

**State Convention #1**: The convention will be held May 9-11, 2019 in Pullman on the WSU campus. Registration will take place in Beasley Coliseum in the Cougar Lounge.

**State Convention #2**: The Washington FFA Board of Directors passed a motion at the June 2017 meeting to adjust the 2018-2020 state convention rates as follows with the ability to make adjustments if a significant pricing change or other major issue arose by our host (WSU) and comes to bear. The Association will continue to look at other options and contracts, what other CTSOs do, meals-on-own options, etc. to be financially responsible for the organization.

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*Adults can pay $100 flat-fee for a single-room, regardless of length of stay*
State Officer Visits

If you would like state officers at your next event (district gathering/CDEs, fair, award ceremony, service project, etc.), or are hoping to have them visit your chapter – please complete at request at: https://www.washingtonffa.org/visit-request-1/. There are still lots of opening available!

- *State Officer Visits #1*: The District “priority” weeks are listed on the Washington FFA calendar and have been emailed previously.

- *State Officer Visits #2*: Requests must be made at least 2 weeks in advance of the desired visit date. Visits are NOT guaranteed until a confirmation email has been sent from Washington FFA staff.

Other Information

- *National Constitution & Bylaws changes*: National FFA is hosting web-based townhalls regarding the Constitution & Bylaw updates that will be proposed in the near future. Please try to attend/listen/engage in these as silence is perceived as acceptance by NFFA. The National Board will vote to accept changes at their October meeting (Sun, Oct. 21) so questions/suggestions would need to be shared prior to that date otherwise will need to follow other procedures to make suggestions/changes.

- *National Charter*: Last we were updated, while the charter had supporters…particularly a number of Representatives (33), it had very few Senators (8) signed on in support and was recently assigned to a committee that will likely not have time to hear the bill before the end of session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

As always, I welcome questions, information and constructive feedback. I’m a lifelong learner and it is always, ALWAYS my goal to make things as great as I can for Washington FFA members – in the various ways that I am able to…but I am fallible and I know it.

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These individuals/teams will be representing Washington FFA in the National CDEs/LDEs:

- Ag Communications: Lynden FFA (Grubbs, Shumway, Brandvold)
- Ag Issues: Reardan 1 (Perleberg)
- Ag Sales: Wenatchee 1 (Schneider, Asplund, Kline, Ellwood)
- Ag Technology and Mechanics: Stanwood (Main, Carlson, Olson, Hougan)
- Agronomy: Lind-Ritzville (Williams)
- Creed: W. Scoggin, Pomeroy (Kimble)
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Connell (Shattuck, Thonney)
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation 2018: Lynden Christian (Van Weerdhuizen)
- Employment Skills: T. Schmitt, Chiawana (Coulsey, Johnson, Carr, Alford)
- Environmental and Natural Resource: Stanwood 1 (Carlson, Hougan, Main, Olson)
- Extemporaneous Speaking: A. Klaveano, Pullman (Matthews)
- Farm & Agribusiness Management: Lynden Christian 2 (Van Weerdhuizen)
- Floriculture: Woodland (Vetter)
- Food Science and Technology: Cashmere (Finch)
- Forestry: Mount Baker (Rightmire, Conlee, Whitcomb)
- Horse Evaluation: Prosser (Trump, Hayter, Zurcher, Devore)
- Livestock Evaluation: Asotin (Landrus)
- Marketing Plan: Yelm (Mounts, Nash, Lantz, Hull, Mersonides, Chisam)
- Meats Evaluation and Technology: Cashmere (Finch)
- Milk Quality and Products Evaluation: Cashmere (Finch)
- Nursery Landscape: Hudson’s Bay (Lorenz, Carpenter)
- Parliamentary Procedure: Asotin J (Landrus)
- Poultry Evaluation 2018: Kennewick (White)
- Prepared Public Speaking: A. Dorhauer, Yelm (Mounts, Nash, Lantz, Hull, Mersonides, Chisam)
- Veterinary Science: Lynden Christian (Van Weerdhuizen)
- Hall of States: Quincy (Cool, Wallace)
- Soils/Land Evaluation 2017*: Lacrosse  

*Soy/Land Evaluation is not a National FFA event – this team competes at the National NRCS event.
These individuals/teams will be representing Washington FFA in other National FFA areas:

- **National Chapter – Growing Leaders National Finalists**: Goldendale
- **National Chapter – Building Communities National Finalist**: Goldendale
- **National Chapter – Star Chapters**:
  - *Two Stars* = Centralia, Chehalis, Ephrata, Finley, Kennewick, Mount Baker, Sumner, Winlock
  - *Three Stars* = Elma, Goldendale, Omak, Yelm
- **National Proficiency Finalists**:
  - Isabella Vacca (Sumner), Agriscience Research Animal Systems
  - Nicole Harder (LaCrosse), Beef Production Placement
  - Kyle Appel (Colfax), Diversified Crop Production Placement
  - Krista Marchand (Omak), Equine Science, Entrepreneurship
- **American Degree – 43 recipients** from the following chapters: Castle Rock, Chelan, Cheney, Colton, Dayton, Deer Park, Elma, Garfield Palouse, LaCrosse, Lynden, Lynden Christian, Medical Lake, Omak, Pomeroy, Prosser, Shelton, Snohomish, South Kitsap, Tekoa
- **National Talent**: Chiawana Trio+Columbia Burbank (bucket drumming)
- **Honorary American Degree recipients**: Sen. Jim Honeyford, Randy Wiggins, Bob Brown
- **National FFA Teacher Ambassadors**: Nathan Moore (Colton), Tamara Whitcomb (Mt. Baker) and Tracy Brown (Snohomish)
These individuals/teams will be representing Washington FFA in National Agriscience:

- **Animal Science**
  - Division 1: A. Lobdel, Oakesdale (Moore) - bronze
  - Division 2: E. Dingman & J. Reed, Oakesdale (Moore) - bronze
  - Division 3: M. Davis, Walla Walla (Butcher, Johnson) - bronze
  - Division 4:
    - Division 5: M. Hardin, Walla Walla (Butcher, Johnson) - bronze
  - Division 6: R. Anderson & S. Dover, Enumclaw (Norton, Berryhill, Valentine) *drop*

- **Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems**
  - Division 1: M. Dahl, Goldendale (Krieg, Krieg) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 2: A. Metcher & J. Olson, Lind (Klindworth, Williams, Palmer) *drop*
  - Division 3: K. Lassiter, Pullman (Matthews) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 4: K. Wales & A. Rang, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 5: M. Hauge, Enumclaw (Norton, Berryhill, Valentine) *drop*
  - Division 6: H. Giddings & K. Spietz, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST

- **Food Products & Processing Systems**
  - Division 1: J. Perry, Oakesdale (Moore) - bronze
  - Division 2:
    - Division 3: C. Grant, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 4: A. Bergman & H. Griel, Onalaska (Sanderson) - DQ
  - Division 5:
    - Division 6: L. Williams & W. Lawson, Enumclaw (Norton, Berryhill, Valentine) *drop*

- **Plant Systems**
  - Division 1: L. Barton, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 2:
    - Division 3: M. Ford, Bonney Lake (Cullison) - bronze
  - Division 4: M. Harvey & J. Thrall, Walla Walla (Butcher, Johnson) - bronze
  - Division 5: L. Dorman, Walla Walla (Butcher, Johnson) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 6:

- **Power, Structural & Technical Systems**
  - Division 1: N. Bowdish, Goldendale (Krieg, Krieg) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 2:
    - Division 3: C. Roberts, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - bronze
  - Division 4: B. Anderson & J. Johnston, Bonney Lake (Cullison) – participant (no award)
  - Division 5:
    - Division 6: C. Kohler & G. Hood, Walla Walla (Butcher, Johnson) - NATIONAL FINALIST

- **Social Science**
  - Division 1: M. Ulery, Onalaska (Sanderson) *drop*
  - Division 2:
    - Division 3: S. Flesher, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 4: N. Penick & S. Blair, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST
  - Division 5: K. Bertrand, Enumclaw (Norton, Berryhill, Valentine) *drop*
  - Division 6: B. Affonso & A. Oman, Sumner (Olaiya, Montoya) - NATIONAL FINALIST