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La Habra FFA

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La Habra FFA Does Their Part to Support The Community

This year the La Habra FFA Chapter opened up the Christmas season with a generous canned food drive to help those in need. All FFA members were asked to bring in as many cans of food as they could to donate to

opportunity for us as students to understand the importance of community service as well as experience what it feels like to help those in need. The food drive was a huge success. We managed to donate hundreds of cans of food and other boxed items. Last year we donated over 1600 lbs. of canned food and this year was very close to the same. We recognize that there are many families across our great nation that are in need of support and will gladly accept any that is given

to them.

There is no better feeling than to know that we helped others in a time of need by giving back to our community that has so generously provided for us. Remember, sharing is caring!!! Thank you to all who helped donate to this wonderful cause.

Richard Casillas
FFA Vice President



the Second Harvest Food Bank. This was a great

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FFA's First Annual Holiday Movie Night

On December 15th the FFA held its First Annual Holiday Movie Night. This was a time for all of the members to get together and share in the holiday spirit before the winter break. The turnout

was fantastic. We had approximately 100 FFA members and a few guests in attendance. Both rooms at the farm played a different movie. The members had the option of watching "The

Grinch" or "White Christmas". Each room also had a supply of popcorn and hot chocolate. The event was a success and has paved the way to a new tradition.

—Allen Noriega



Fallbrook Field Day Results

On December 6th a Floral team, Livestock Judging team, and Small Gas Engines team headed south to Fallbrook High School to compete in a field day for their respective areas. Each contest had its own parts. For example: the small engines team had to take three individual tests and a team event. The livestock judging team was given a set of animals and their job was to place the animals in order from best to worst and also to give reasons as to why they were placed

that way. The Floral team had to make an arrangement of some type. During the field day, the small gas engines team did exceptionally well. They ended up taking 2nd place overall in the team score and they also placed in the individual scores. Greg Galliadi took 4th place individual, Aaron Lopez took 6th place indi-



vidual and Erica Mariscal took 10th place individual. Erica's score was a huge surprise because she was a fill in for a team member that did not show up. She had never worked on engines before. As a whole La Habra FFA did quite well.

- Greg Galliadi

- Aaron Lopez

La Habra FFA Open House

On January 13th La Habra FFA held its first FFA Open House. We invited all of the students and parents in the program to attend as well as parents of incoming freshman. We had a great turnout and it was a lot of fun. The point of this event was to give the parents an opportunity to learn more about the fun activities, competitions, projects, classes, and leadership opportunities available for their

student to take advantage of. There were different booths set up for each parent to visit and learn more. Some of the members and officers helped man each booth and answer any questions the parents might have had. Mr. Gentry and Mrs. Johnson cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. There was also chips, potato salad, cookies, and drinks available. Many of the parents ex-

pressed their appreciation for having this function because they learned a lot. This event served as a great retention and recruitment tool for us and we will definitely hold it again.

- Courtney Williams

FFA President

FFA Meeting Introduces New Officers

On December 9, 2008 the La Habra FFA chapter had its monthly meeting. This was a very important meeting in which we had the opportunity to install our new chapter officers. The new chapter President is Courtney Williams. This is her 4th year in Ag. and she has served on the team before as a

secretary. The Vice President is Richard Casillas. This is his 2nd year in Ag. and his first chance to serve on the team. Our new Treasurer is Allen Noriega. This is his first year in Ag. and his 1st chance to serve on the team. We are all



very excited to welcome the new officers and see what they will bring to the team in the new year. They hope to make 2009 an outstanding year for La Habra FFA.

- Janel Walker

The Tribe Has Spoken at the MFE/ALA Conference

On January 9th, 2009, four La Habra FFA members set off with Mrs. Rojas to the Ontario Hilton for two very important leadership conferences. These two conferences took place over the course of two days. All seven students that attended said that it was a great way to learn about leadership in a fun and exciting way. The two conferences were put on by the past state FFA officers and they chose a great tribal theme for the conferences. Although the two confer-

ences were held at the same place, they had entirely different objectives. The MFE (Made For Excellence) conference objectives were know yourself, grow yourself, and act for yourself. The point was once you know yourself you can better understand how to enforce those newly acquired leadership skills in your every day life.

The ALA (Advanced Leadership Academy) conference objective was to know how to make people

more aware of agriculture.

Both conferences served as a great learning experience and the students were eager to share everything they learned with the rest of the members, which is what this is all about. We are looking forward to sending a new crop of students to the conferences next year.

- Kristin Hope

- Josie Duran

Why Do We Do What We Do???

One of the battles of maintaining a successful FFA program is educating the public about agriculture and what our program has to offer its students.

The importance of agriculture in a community 9 times out of 10 is highly undervalued. People take those kinds of things for granted. It is our job as educators to teach students about agriculture so that

they can eventually teach someone else. By this I don't mean how to work a plow or breed a pig. Although we do teach these things, our main goal is to teach the students about **all** of the wonder job opportunities available in the agriculture industry. Most people don't know that 1 out of every 4 jobs is agriculturally related. We are teaching students skill in order for them to be successful right out

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of high school should they choose to go straight to work. After all, agriculture is the backbone of America.

Ongoing Activities and Dates

- 1/30: Drawing for Pig Raffle at Cal Poly Pomona
- 2/3: Mandatory Parent meeting for all students raising a spring animal
- 2/5: Greenhand Conference at Cal Poly Pomona
- 2/9: FFA Proficiency selection
- 2/16-2/20: FFA Week
- 2/19: Speech Contest at FUHS
- 2/21: Orange Section Softball Tournament at LHHS
- 2/26: Rancho Visit to educate them about agriculture



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La Habra FFA
Celebrating over 50 years
Of tradition and leadership.



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The purpose and mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The FFA first started in 1928 with a small program in Virginia. It has since grown to encompass every state in the U.S, California having over 66,000 student members. All members must be enrolled in an agriculture class.

La Habra FFA was founded in 1958. We have just recently celebrated our 50th anniversary. We currently have over 360 students enrolled in agriculture classes here on our campus. We look forward to watching our program grow and our students achieve success.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our program please contact Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gentry or Mrs. Rojas.

Recipe of the Month

Super Bowl is coming fast. Are you ready to accommodate the fans with great food ideas. Hopefully this one help. This month's recipe is Asian Marinated Beef Strips on a Skewer.. It's sure to be a hit. Below are the ingredients and directions for cooking. ENJOY!!!

1 1/2 pounds boneless beef top [sirloin steak](#)

1/3 cup soy sauce

1 green onion, thinly sliced

2 cloves garlic, finely minced

2 tablespoons brown [sugar](#), firmly packed

1 tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted

1 tablespoon dark sesame oil

1 teaspoon finely minced ginger root

Wooden skewers, soaked in water for 30 minutes

Directions:

- 1) Trim excess fat; slice steak diagonally across grain into 1/4 inch-thick strips.
- 2) Combine soy sauce and remaining ingredients in a small glass dish; add strips, and toss to coat. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

- 3) Remove steak strips from marinade, saving some marinade. Thread strips onto prepared



skewers.

- 4) Grill uncovered over medium coals 8 to 9 minutes, turning and basting frequently with remaining marinade.