

FFA Local Program Success

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Ray Nash, a Mississippi agriculture teacher for more than a decade replaced his former agriculture teacher and successfully merged documents from school files to create a detailed yearly plan of activities... Nash said, "I ran across this plan of activities document from the 1970's and then found a yearly calendar and modified and merged them for today's standards." Nash works with new teachers on their plan of activities and emphasizes the need to know when to begin planning. "Take a look at the calendar as far as what's happening where you live and modify it accordingly. This gives us a road map to follow, it's like a caution sign as you are traveling down the road, now is the time to get ready and so before you reach the city limit sign, you will be prepared for the time to go," said Nash. Nash knows this is a working document and advises that you assess it year by year. Nash adds, "It has to be flexible enough to meet the changes that happen within the year." The Biggersville High calendar recently had major changes due to hurricane Katrina.



Agriculture Teacher Yearly Plan of Activities

AUGUST

Meet with advisory committee
Collect FFA Dues from all students
Submit form and check to attend National FFA Convention
Make travel and lodging arrangements for National FFA Convention

SEPTEMBER

Assign all members to FFA Program of Activities Committees, set meeting dates, times and locations
Attend federation organizational meeting, with no less than two members
Set and document visits to new students and parents to introduce FFA and SAE
All students sign SAE agreements
Begin all students on a record keeping system
Prepare Chapter Program of Activities
Submit form and check to attend National FFA Convention

OCTOBER

Attend FFA Day at the State Fair
Email FFA Membership to state FFA coordinator and send check for membership
Mail Chapter Program of Activities
Begin training for FFA Land Judging Contest
Begin training for FFA Platform Judging Contest
Begin annual FFA fundraiser (Fruit, Turkey, Ham, etc.)
Attend National FFA Convention
Order plant plugs if you intend on using them in your greenhouse production

NOVEMBER

Continue training for FFA Land Judging contest
Continue training for FFA Platform contest
Attend State Land Judging Contest
Attend Federation Platform Contest
Place order for fund raising items

DECEMBER

Register for FFA Sponsors and Legislative Breakfast
Contact local legislators to invite them to FFA Breakfast
Attend State Junior FFA Retreat
Attend NAAE Convention

JANUARY

Attend State Greenhand Retreat
Make travel arrangements for FFA Breakfast
Attend District Livestock Show
Begin training for FFA Skills contest
Meet with advisory committee
Plan FFA Week activities
Begin training for district and state CDE's
Mid month plant seeds of flowering plants if not using plugs
Begin work on FFA State Degree, Proficiency, State Officer and National Chapter Award, American FFA Degree Applications

FEBRUARY

Attend FFA Sponsor's and Legislative Breakfast
Attend FFA Federation Skills Contest
Continue training for district and state CDE's
Hold FFA Week activities
Last week of month plant pepper seeds

MARCH

Begin preparation for CPAS
Attend MAVAT Legislative Luncheon
Attend MAVAT Spring Meeting
Continue training for district and state CDE's
Attend district contest
Plant seeds for tomato plants second week
Submit State FFA Applications (Proficiency, Degrees, National Chapter Award, Officer)
Submit American Degree Applications to State for approval
Set greenhouse plant sell dates and advertise
Begin NAAE/MAVAT Award Application

APRIL

Attend State FFA Contest
Register for State FFA Convention
Continue training for state CDE's
Make travel arrangements for State FFA Convention
Submit for Extended Contract by 15th
Conduct greenhouse Plant Sell
Submit NAAE/MAVAT Award Applications
Turn in Local budget request for equipment, supplies and repairs
Hold member recruitment functions for junior and senior FFA and classes for next year

MAY

Elect new chapter FFA officers
Conduct chapter FFA Banquet or year end cookout
Register for Summer Leadership Conference
Order new officer FFA Jackets
Continue training for state CDE's
Book rooms for National FFA Convention

JUNE

Attend State FFA Convention
Register for MSACTE Conference
Compete in State Platform Contest
Pay MAVAT Dues
Begin Summer SAE visits
Work with local growers and agribusinesses if needed and establish SAE placement opportunities
Order needed supplies for next school year
Attend In-service training for CEUs
Attend Regional NAAE Conference

JULY

Register for NAAE National Convention
Attend Summer Leadership Conference
Attend Summer Teacher's Conference and MSACTE Conference
Attend In-service training for CEUs
Continue Summer SAE visits
Clean Lab area
Ready yourself for school year