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**PV FFA
Members at the
2012 State
Leadership
Conference**

ARIZONA FFA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Paradise Valley FFA Chapter attended the 83rd Annual State Leadership Conference in June of 2012. The State Leadership Conference is held in Tucson, AZ on the University of Arizona's campus. It is the largest event that Arizona FFA puts on every year.

PV FFA was well represented at this year's State Leadership Conference with several award winners, CDE participants and State Officer Candidates attending the conference.

We had Donald Coon compete in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE where he was given a topic and wrote a 5-6 minute speech about it in 30 minutes. Unfortunately, Donald did not walk away with any of the awards for this CDE but he was able to use it as a learning experience for future situations. We also had a Parliamentary Procedures CDE team compete where they ran a 10 minute meeting and were tested on Parliamentary Procedure in a real life application. We also had several students participate in the Farm Bureau Discussion Meet and even had Tanner and Cole Kemp make the final round

and walk away with second and third places respectively. The Paradise Valley FFA Chapter also participated in the Newsletter and Internet CDE, walking away with top honors for the second year in a row.

Isaiah Govea, current PV FFA President was recognized at SLC as the winner of the 2012 Arizona FFA Alumni Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship. With this scholarship, Isaiah was able to attend WLC in July of this past summer.

Donald Coon also represented PV FFA as a finalist for State Star in Agricultural Placement, while he was not named State Star, he was a major contender for the position.

Donald Coon and Tanner Kemp also ran for State FFA Office and were elected to State Sentinel and Treasurer respectively.

We are extremely proud of all of our members and are looking forward to more accomplishments in the future. This is going to be a great year for Paradise Valley FFA!

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Arizona FFA State Leadership Camp

From June 18th- June 22nd, 5 Paradise Valley FFA members attended the 2012 State FFA Leadership Camp in Heber, AZ. While there, our members had the opportunity to participate in many activities and meet so many people.

Activities included: small group activities, large group activities, physical and mental challenges, recreational activities, workshops, service projects and more!

One of the highlights of State Camp was definitely the service project. Over 200 members from all over the state participated in several activities that either benefitted the troops serving our country or the campground that has served and hosted Arizona FFA's State Camp for several years.

Our members had such a great time at camp! If you are interested in going to State Camp, remember to ask Mr. Norris about it in May!



PV FFA Members
at the State FFA
Leadership Camp

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

09/03/12

Labor Day - No School

09/06/12

Greenhand Introduction

09/13/12

Greenhand Conference

09/13/12

360 Conference

09/17/12

School Recess

09/20/12

Back To School Ice
Cream Social

09/25/12

FFA/Forensics
Water Tag

09/26-28/12

Fall Break

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Meet Paradise Valley FFA's First State Officers

Donald Coon and Tanner Kemp, both Paradise Valley FFA Alumni and past Chapter Officers were both elected to State FFA Office this summer at the AZ FFA State Leadership Conference.

In order to be elected, they faced extensive interviews with the nomination committee, addressed the delegate body of student from all over Arizona, and perform tasks that a State Officer would face during their year of service.

They are Paradise Valley FFA's very first State FFA Officers. Congratulations to Donald and Tanner! You're going to have a great year!



Left: Donald Coon
2012-2013 State FFA
Sentinel.



Right: Tanner Kemp
2012-2013 State FFA
Treasurer.



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Paradise Valley FFA President Attends the 2012 Washington Leadership Conference

My name is Isaiah Govea and I am the Paradise Valley FFA President this year. In June, I received the Arizona FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship at the Arizona FFA State Leadership Conference enabling me to attend National FFA's Washington Leadership Conference in July.

I attended WLC during Week 6 of the 7 week run. Once in D.C. I was able to mingle with members from all across the country and attend sessions and small group meetings to learn about service, leadership, diversity and even myself. I also had the opportunity to develop my own Living To Serve (LTS) plan which includes the furthering of the message of agricultural education and FFA into our middle and elementary schools.

I also had the opportunity to tour the D.C. area and monuments including Arlington National Cemetery, The World War II Memorial, The Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and many others. It was so great to be in our nation's capital and take in all of the history of our great country. Everywhere we went there was something new to learn and reflect on. One of my favorite memories of WLC was attending reflections at the Marine Corp Memorial and getting to hear about the lives of the men who raised the flag on Iwo Jima, to hear about their lives leading up to that moment and after that moment, and the war, was over. It is truly amazing how their stories connected and what purposes they were called on to afterwards.

Our theme for the week was "To do what we can, with what we have, where we are." While in D.C. we didn't merely talk about service and how we have served and were going to serve once we got home. We rolled up our sleeves and got to work in a service project right there in Washington D.C! Collectively, all 300 members who attended Week 6 of the Washington Leadership Conference packed 41,000 pre-packaged meals to send to families in Nicaragua that very same week! It was so amazing to be a part of those 300 FFA members from all over the country and to know that we were doing what we could, with what we had, right there where we were in Washington D.C.

I definitely had an amazing time at the Washington Leadership Conference and know that my experiences while there have changed me. I would recommend to anyone who thinks they may want to go, to do it! Fill out the scholarship application and get ready to have your life changed! You won't regret going to this conference!