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2012 ARIZONA FFA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

On December 7th, 2012, several students from the Paradise Valley FFA Chapter traveled to the Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus to compete in the Mid-Winter CDE Conference.

We had a Wildlife Team, a Food Science Team, a Beef Speaking Contestant and A Creed Speaking Contestant.

Our Food Science Team had to create and package a food product to sell. They also had individual practicums such as taste testing food.

Samantha Osterlind, our Creed Speaker, had to recite the entire FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany from memory and answer several questions about the history of the Creed and the meaning of the FFA Creed.

Our Wildlife CDE team participated in several activities such as a pacing exercise, animal identification, written skills and a compass navigation activity.

Isaiah Govea represented the Paradise Valley FFA Chapter in the Beef Speaking CDE. He wrote, memorized and delivered a 5-7 minute speech on an aspect of the beef industry.

While we did not walk away with any victories, Samantha Osterlind was recognized as a Creed Finalist and our members had a lot of fun and walked away with some new experiences as well.

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PV FFA Degree Ceremony

On December 11th, 2012, Paradise Valley FFA hosted our second annual Greenhand and Chapter Degree Ceremony. We awarded several first- year members with the Greenhand FFA Degree. In order to receive this degree, students needed to meet some requirements such as being able to recite the FFA Creed and having a satisfactory Supervised Agricultural Experience.

We also awarded a few older members with their Chapter FFA Degree which is the next highest degree in our organization. These candidates had to have worked several hours and earned some money from their SAE in order to qualify.

We had the chance to be inspired by State FFA Officers from PV: Donald Coon and Tanner Kemp who were able to speak to students about their own experiences in FFA and to the parents of members about becoming more involved in their child's FFA experiences.



Donald and Tanner Speaking with FFA Parents to tell them more about FFA and the opportunities offered.

JANUARY CALENDAR

01/07/13 - Classes Resume

01/15/13 - Early Release

**01/17/13 - January FFA
Chapter Meeting**

**01/21/13 - MLK Day:
No School**

**01/25-26/13 - Peoria FFA
Mini Leadership Camp**

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DECEMBER PICTURES



COLT: Chapter Officer Leadership Training

From December 7th to December 8th, 2012 two of our Chapter Officers: Isaiah Govea and Cole Kemp once again had the opportunity to participate in the Chapter Officer Leadership Training conference put on by the Arizona Association FFA.

At this conference, officers learned more about different topics such as running for State FFA Office, getting students more involved, recruiting new students and working with their teammates. It is our hope that when our officers return from these conferences that they bring back valuable information and ideas that we can use for the good of our chapter.

Our officers are completely dedicated to making this year a great one and these conference allow them to do so. We cannot wait to see what is in store for the rest of this year!



Thanks to everyone who was able to come out to our
Second Annual Turkey Bowling Meeting!



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2013 Spring Semester Events

You Won't Want to Miss These Great Events!

- *Peoria FFA Mini-Leadership Camp - January 25/26, 2013*
- *Monthly Meetings including January's at which we will*

Welcome to State FFA Officers to our Chapter

- *District CDE's - February 13th, 2012*
- *FFA Week - February 15th-23rd, 2012:*

We will have Daily Activities all throughout FFA Week!

- *State FFA CDE's March 1st*

And more events to be planned along the way!

Be sure to stick around for all of our second semester activities!