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## JANUARY MEETING: CAPTURE THE FLAG

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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## State FFA Officers Return to PV FFA

On Wednesday, January 21st, Paradise Valley FFA welcomed two Arizona State FFA Officers to our chapter. We had the opportunity of having Brooke Griggeory, State FFA Secretary and Alex Cañez, State FFA Reporter visit us to give our students presentations.

While the State Officers were here, they presented interactive presentations for our members in our Agriscience classes. They also had a chance to tour the PVHS campus as well as meet with our administration, have lunch provided by our culinary club, and attend one of our chapter meetings.

We would like to thank the Arizona FFA State Officers for coming out to PV again. Our students were very excited for them to be here. Read about the Chapter Meeting that they attended on the front page.



Arizona FFA State Officers Brooke Griggeory and Alex Cañez return to Paradise Valley FFA.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

02/07/13 - Greenbacks Night

02/12/13 - Early Release

02/13/13 - Black Canyon District  
CDE Day

02/15/13 - National/State FFA  
Scholarship Applications Due

02/15/13 - State Degrees & State  
Star Applications Due

02/15-23/13 - National FFA Week  
02/18/13 - President's Day -  
No School

02/21/12 - February FFA Meeting  
02/25-26/13 - AIMS Testing

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## JANUARY PICTURES



## Peoria FFA Mini-Camp

On January 25th and 26th, Paradise Valley FFA Members attended the 2013 Peoria FFA Mini-Leadership Camp at Peoria High School in Arizona.

This year's theme was "Who Are You?" While in attendance, FFA members got the chance to learn a little bit more about who they are and what they can accomplish.

Arriving at PHS, our members participated in a Career and Fun Fair which included games and booths from a couple of colleges and companies.

Members then split up into small groups that were made up of FFA members from all over the state of Arizona. In these groups our members had the chance to interact with and meet a lot of new people.

There were also a couple of workshops including one presented by former Phoenix Police Officer who was also the keynote speaker for the first night and one presented by past State FFA Officer Keili Summey.

There were also physical activities including a dance, a dodgeball tournament, and a Foot Rodeo which was composed of several mini-games.

Our members had a great time and are looking forward to going back next year. Thanks to the Peoria FFA Chapter and Alumni for putting on such a great event every year!

# WHO ARE YOU?

**Peoria FFA Mini-Camp Theme:  
"WHO ARE YOU"**



**PV FFA Members Presenting to 8th Grade Classes at the Middle Schools.**

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## **Middle School Recruitment Visits**

Paradise Valley FFA has the chance to visit several middle schools every year.

This year, some of our Chapter and Greenhand Officers had the chance to visit middle schools in the Paradise Valley Unified School District to discuss enrollment in agricultural education and FFA at Paradise Valley High School with them.

The trips to these middle schools mark the third year of our chapter reaching out to middle school students to get them interested in agriculture and in the FFA. The students received our presentation very well and we had a lot of students interested in enrolling in agricultural education classes for next year!

We visited both Sunrise and Greenway Middle School and we are hoping to visit a couple of more to get even more students interested and involved in agriculture through enrollment in agriscience classes and involvement in the FFA.

Thanks to Sunrise and Greenway for allowing us to come out and give our presentation and we hope to see all of you again next year!