



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

What do you do after you graduate from High School and can no longer participate in your High School FFA Chapter . . .

YOU JOIN THE NH FFA ALUMNI!!

What does the NH State FFA Alumni do? Our goal is to help out our local chapters and the state officer team when needed, through fundraising, extra set of hands, or just being there. We have not been able to do much due to our lack of membership and commitment. Once we get a few more members our goal is to spread out and attend a few chapter meetings a year, host an annual Alumni Meeting/Conference, and help out more with chapter scholarships and funding. We are currently taking new membership and anyone can join that is interested in the FFA and Supporting local chapters. Join if you are parents, past members, teachers and staff, business owners, etc. There is a \$10 annual fee for membership for our National Dues. Currently we do not have any state fees. Please email Katie LaRoche FFA Alumni at nhffaalumni@gmail.com.

Current Alumni Members our dues are now once again due... Please mail them directly to Katie. Please email at the above email link if you need the address. Also join us on Facebook under pages NH State FFA Alumni.



Have you been to the **Granite State FFA Association web page** lately?
www.nhffa.org

State Officer Spotlight



Nick VanderWoude
State Reporter

Nick VanderWoude, the current State Reporter, is a member of the Winnisquam Chapter. He was basically born into the FFA, but he feels it is an amazing organization where you will meet great people, travel and have a great time. As a member, he was awarded the State Star Greenhand and SAE gold for his work in raising goats and chickens along with caring for donkeys. Nick also earned a silver medal in his favorite CDE, Parliamentary Procedure, at the National Convention. He has also participated in the National Convention as a Delegate for New Hampshire. His favorite part is just walking around the city and seeing the blue jackets everywhere. Nick's goal is to intern on a farm and eventually start his own.

Best FFA Memory: National Leadership Conference for State Officers with the State Officer team where he met the other New England State Officers
Favorite Food: mashed potatoes
Favorite Movie: Water Boy
Hobbies: paintball, skiing and concerts
Favorite Song: Made in America by Toby Keith
Favorite Character: Adam Sandler in Water Boy
Something Most People Don't Know: he can play the banjo!
Idol: Corey Flournoy – he is an outstanding speaker, friendly to everyone and makes Winter Leadership Camp amazing!



CHAPTER CORNER

The Seacoast School of Technology held its first 'Family Fall Day' as an event for FFA Members and their families to come together to eat and to have fun in a variety of activities such as Farm Olympics (pie eating, sack race, hay stack, stuff the living scarecrow, calf roping and pie eating) plus Forestry Events (log drag, cross cut and cordwood stack). The event was also a way for chapter to make more connections with each other. J.R. Rosencrantz was a perfect host site surrounded by the big green tractors on a perfect fall day. SST had 65 people at the event.



REMEMBER: SAE PROFICIENCY AWARD APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CONCORD OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 15TH

If you have been working really hard on your SAE, complete the CORRECT application so you can be considered for an award at State Convention. Ask your advisor for the application or download it from www.nhffa.org under Forms and Applications. Once they are completed, checked, double-checked and have the necessary signatures, mail them to:

Mrs. Maria VanderWoude
Granite State FFA, NH DAMF
P.O. Box 2042,
Concord, NH 03302

NH FFA FOUNDATION

We have another fundraising event coming up! The next "5K for FFA" will be held February 11th at J&F Farms on Route 102 in Derry. A snowshoe race will be held on the same course as last May's cross country race. Competitors can tackle the 5K or they can choose to do half the course as a 2.5K. There will also be mini races and an area where you can just tromp around on snowshoes. There will be some snowshoes available to rent for a small fee. Along with the snowshoeing, there will be snow golf on a 3-hole course. Bring a club and give it a try! You can help right now buy dancing to the snow Gods!

More information and registration can be found at www.nhffa.org. Get your family and friends to join us so we can make this event a success!

How many peanuts does it take to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter?

Approximately 540

NH FFA Connection

January
2012

Agricultural Education Night at the Monarchs Game



SST participates in the Exeter Holiday Parade and wins their division for the 5th time.



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| Jan 20-22 | Leadership Camp at Camp Brookwoods in Alton |
| Feb 3 & 4 | Farm & Forest Expo, Manchester |
| Feb 11 | 5K for FFA Snowshoe Race |
| Feb 15 | FFA Proficiency Applications due |
| March TBD | Livestock Judging CDE, Whitefield |
| March 15 th | State Mtg for Nom Com and State Officer Candidates |
| March 16 th | Spring Interscholastics at UNH |
| March 24 th | Horse Evaluation CDE, Epping |
| April 12-14 | Granite State Convention, Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett |