# **Bend FFA Chapter**

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Fellow Oregon FFA Members,



I remember it like it was yesterday. I can still hear the rumbling of the plane engine, and barely make out the static voice of the pilot over the intercom. I can feel the build up of speed as we raced down the tarmac. It was an in-between moment of hello and goodbye, and I was caught halfway between the unknown and the life I had *always* known. Several months earlier, my family had made the decision to move 1,200 miles away, from Arizona to Oregon. The day had arrived, and in just a few hours, I would set foot in a place I knew very little about. After the familiar scenery had all but faded below me, and we reached a cruising altitude, I sat back and began to wonder where life had decided to take me.

There are multiple times in life when we are all met with the unknown, overwhelmed with the odds that seem to be against us. Maybe you have moved away as well, or you changed schools. Maybe your unknown was a chapter meeting, or a CDE. Upon my arrival, the Oregon FFA quickly became my home, in a brand new city, and in a brand new state. When I zipped up my blue corduroy jacket for the first time, I began to envision the new dreams and different destinations in my future. Since then, my blue jacket has taken me across the map, to places that I never imagined before. Without the boarding pass that brought me to what was once my unknown, I would have never ventured into unexplored territory to discover my passions and my capability to be a servant leader. Without the FFA, I wouldn't be surrounded by people who continually invest in me and believe in my ability to succeed.

Oregon FFA, I believe in every single one of you, and the places you will go. Now, I am eager and ready to embark on a new adventure. I want to spend a year of my life in the unknown with

you, riding shotgun as we accelerate towards *your* destination, whatever it may be, and wherever it may take us. It is with great honor and anticipation that I announce my candidacy for the 2017-2018 Oregon FFA State Officer Team. In just a few short months, we will all arrive at a common destination: the 89th Oregon FFA State Convention. Our journey awaits us, and it's up to us if we dare to introduce ourselves to the unknown. Sincerely,

Emma Rooker

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Bend FFA Chapter President

Central Oregon District President



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# Freshman Year

2013-2014

#### **FFA**

- District Ag Sales
- Chapter Beginning Public Speaking
- District/Sectional Creed Speaking - 1st
- State Creed Speaking1st
- State Convention
- National Creed Speaking
- Breeding Sheep Project
- Market Lamb Project
- Reserve Champion FFA Steer
- State Livestock
  Judging Team 1st
- Chapter Banquet
- Greenhand Degree

## School/Other

- Fuel Conference
- Honor Roll
- Shiloh Ranch Tech Team Member

# **Sophomore Year**

2014-2015

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Assistant Vice President
- District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- Chapter Extemp Public Speaking
- District Sophomore Public Speaking

- District/Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- State Convention
- Ag Issues
- State Dairy
  Evaluation -1st
- State Livestock
   Judging 2nd
- National Dairy Evaluation
- Breeding Sheep Project
- Market Steer Project
- Breeding Cattle Project
- Chapter Banquet
- Chapter Degree

### School/Other

- Shiloh Ranch Church Junior Leader
- Floral Production Manager

#### **Junior Year**

2015-2016

#### **FFA**

- Chapter Vice President
- District Treasurer
- District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- ODOT Training
- Chapter Advanced
   Public Speaking
- District/Sectional Parliamentary Procedure
- State Convention
- Ag Issues
- Champion FFA Steer

- State Livestock
   Judging 3rd
- Chapter Banquet
- State Degree

# School/Other

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Shiloh Ranch Church Junior Leader
- Floral Production Manager

## Senior Year

2016-2017

## FFA

- District President
- Chapter President
- District Leadership Camp
- District Rituals
- WLC
- District/Sectional
  Parliamentary
  Procedure

#### School/Other

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Middle School Mentor
- Haiti Hurricane Relief Team
- Rise Together Conference
- Westside Church Student Leader
- MVHS Cross
   Country Athlete

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