



## Nyssa FFA Chapter 823 Adrian Blvd. – Nyssa, OR 97914

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Dear Oregon FFA

“Tap, tap, tap, the meeting room will come to order,” said the President from the opposing chapter. I took a deep breath in and then exhaled out. My heart was racing like Secretariat at the Kentucky Derby. Nyssa is first in the line of rotation for debate and I am waiting to hear what the topic is. The secretary reads out number four, which reads ‘should Oregon FFA members support the banning of salvage logging of burned forested areas’. The president asked for a main motion. I shot out of my seat, stated my motion and debated. This happened three times, first at districts, second at sectionals, and last at state. Each time I was never more shocked then the last, that the topic had happened to be drawn again and again. We did not win state but we were close behind it. I gave my best and left it all on the debate room floor.

I was born last in a family of five where being a team player and helping around the house was a daily thing. Now that I have grown older, and my brothers have moved away I have had to pick up their slack in responsibilities. I help my father and grandfather run the small family farm. I am given a job to do every day and with that comes problems. Being able to fix a ditch break in a timely manner and get the water back on a crop is a very good skill to have. Becoming agile to these every day things is a key for success.

I can work well with others and I am very fun and caring. When people are just sitting around talking and some people aren’t getting attention or included, I will start a game to get everyone involved. I keep the game going and if people are shy I try to make them feel relaxed and I make sure that no one gets left out by calling on them to do something or choosing them when it is my turn.

I am Chase Cruickshank with outrageous excitement to announce my candidacy for 2011-2012 Oregon FFA State Office Team. I would be honored and privileged to serve the state by helping its members accomplish there goals by giving them the ability to grab life by the horns and be the best that they can be to accomplish their dreams.

Oregon FFA members, when your time comes to stand up and do something incredible, jump out of your seat, grab it by the horns and be the best that you can be. In the end if you gave your best, left everything on the field, court, debate room floor or what ever it might be; you will truly be satisfied in yourself. That is why I want you to do your best, try your hardest, and leave with no regret to become the best you can be.

Sincerely Chase “ Boo” Cruickshank  
2010-2011 Snake River District President  
2009-2011 Nyssa FFA Chapter Sentinel



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“Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and living to serve”

# FFA Activities and School Involvement

<p><b><u>Freshman Year (2007-2008)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Degree Received:</u></b> Star Green hand</p> <p><b><u>FFA Activities and Awards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual banquet committee</li> <li>- Beginning Parliamentary Procedure (1<sup>st</sup> Place Districts)</li> <li>- Beginning Parliamentary Procedure (1<sup>st</sup> Place Sectionals)</li> <li>- Beginning Parliamentary Procedure (2<sup>nd</sup> Place State)</li> <li>- State Convention: Pendleton</li> <li>- Tractor Driving (8<sup>th</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Livestock Judging</li> <li>- Soil Judging (3<sup>rd</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Beginning Dairy Judging</li> <li>- District swim party</li> <li>- CDE Days (meats alternate)</li> <li>- Shop skills contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Ag sales</li> <li>- Beginning leadership camp</li> <li>- FFA work day</li> <li>- Chapter bowling</li> <li>- National FFA week</li> <li>- Decorate fair grounds</li> <li>- County Fair</li> <li>- Crops</li> <li>- Round Robin Showing</li> <li>- Market Lamb</li> <li>- Sheep Showmanship</li> <li>- Mechanics</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- Football</li> <li>- Basketball</li> <li>- Baseball</li> <li>- Church group</li> <li>- 4-H</li> <li>- Community service</li> <li>- Job: Cruickshank Farms</li> <li>- Letterman (Baseball)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Offices held:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter Treasurer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>FFA Activities and Awards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual banquet committee</li> <li>- Parliamentary Procedure (3<sup>rd</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- FFA work day</li> <li>- Chapter bowling</li> <li>- National FFA week</li> <li>- State Convention: La Grande</li> <li>- Tractor Driving (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Livestock Judging (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Soil Judging (1st Districts)</li> <li>- Dairy Judging (1st Districts)</li> <li>- District swim party</li> <li>- Shop skills contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- CDE Days (Crops)</li> <li>- Decorate fair grounds</li> <li>- County Fair</li> <li>- Market Lamb</li> <li>- Sheep Showmanship</li> <li>- Mechanics</li> <li>- Crops</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- Football</li> <li>- Basketball</li> <li>- Baseball</li> <li>- Church group</li> <li>- Community service</li> <li>- Job: Cruickshank Farms</li> <li>- Letterman (Football, Baseball)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Junior Year (2009-2010)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Degree Received:</u></b> State Degree</p> <p><b><u>Offices held:</u></b> Chapter Sentinel Snake River District Sentinel</p> <p><b><u>FFA Activities and Awards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual banquet committee</li> <li>- Parliamentary Procedure (try-outs)</li> <li>- FFA work day</li> <li>- Chapter bowling</li> <li>- National FFA week</li> <li>- Tractor Driving (6<sup>th</sup> Districts)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Judging (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Soil Judging (1st Districts)</li> <li>- Dairy Judging (2nd Districts)</li> <li>- District swim party</li> <li>- Shop skills contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Decorate fair grounds</li> <li>- County Fair</li> <li>- Market Lamb</li> <li>- Sheep Showmanship</li> <li>- Mechanics</li> <li>- Crops</li> <li>- Snake River District Leadership Camp Committee</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- Football</li> <li>- Basketball</li> <li>- Church group</li> <li>- Community service</li> <li>- Job: Cruickshank Farms</li> <li>- Letterman (Football,)</li> <li>- Injury in Basketball</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Senior Year (2010-2011)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Offices held:</u></b> Snake River District President</p> <p><b><u>FFA Activities and Awards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tractor Driving (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Livestock Judging (1<sup>st</sup> Districts)</li> <li>- Soil Judging (1st Districts)</li> <li>- Dairy Judging (2nd Districts)</li> <li>- District swim party</li> <li>- FFA work day</li> <li>- Parade float committee</li> <li>- Parade float decorations</li> <li>- Job Interview</li> <li>- Snake River District Leadership Camp Committee</li> <li>- Executive meetings (April, July, January)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Honor Roll</li> <li>- Basketball</li> <li>- Church group</li> <li>- Community service</li> <li>- Job: Cruickshank Farms</li> <li>- Letterman (Basketball)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Sophomore Year (2008-2009)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Degree Received:</u></b> Chapter Degree</p>		