

Tai Rogers



“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference” – Robert Frost

Entering my freshman year at The Dalles high school, I stood at two roads – the one I chose was less traveled by The Dalles students joining Dufur FFA. That decision has made all the difference for me. As I take on my next step along the path I want to encourage others to join me in the wonderful adventures of Oregon FFA. As your State Officer I will bring enthusiasm for positive youth development, agricultural endeavors and community involvement. Each year I have been a member of the Dufur FFA Chapter the number of students from The Dalles has grown. This year we will quadruple the number of students attending the Oregon State FFA Convention.

Bringing friends along has been one my goals of becoming a member of FFA. One of the first events I attended there were amazing members from all across the Blue Mountain District. There energy was contagious and I knew I needed more involvement. I attended my first State FFA Convention in 2013 and was the only member representing Dufur. Just because I was nervous at taking risks, I jumped in with other from the Blue Mountain District and found extended FFA family. I challenge each new and continuing member of Oregon FFA to take a risk, meet a new person, try a new opportunity, and join me on this road leading to a better Oregon FFA future.

Each day we are presented with new challenges, some easy and some a little harder. My hope for myself is to always do what is right – even when no one is looking. Sometimes “right” may take a little longer, or require a bit more work, but the outcome is much more meaningful. I remember this when it is late and my animals water is low and I just want to call it a day. The right thing wins and with my flashlight and coat I patiently scratch their appreciative noses. I challenge all Oregon FFA members to embrace opportunities of doing the right thing – leadership, agricultural knowledge, serving within the community and creating a healthier agricultural industry.

My journey continues, and I am hopeful it takes me down a path of becoming the next generation of Oregon State FFA State Officer! Please join me in as we clear the way down the path that only a few get the privilege of walking.

Sincerely,
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Freshman Year
2011-2012

FFA

- ❖ Creed Speaking- District
- ❖ Winterhawk Game
- ❖ State Officer's Visit
- ❖ Christmas Tree Sales
- ❖ Ag Sales Days
- ❖ Dufur Threshing Bee

School

- ❖ Cross Country Team
- ❖ Marching Band
- ❖ High School Track Team

Other

- ❖ Country Critters 4H Club – President
- ❖ Junior Superintendent – Wasco County Fair
- ❖ Impromptu Speaking – County State
- ❖ Oregon State Fair – Livestock Exhibitor
- ❖ Youth Advocate for Health (4H)
- ❖ Oregon 4H Leadership Camp
- ❖ American Boer Goat Association

Sophomore Year
2012-2013

FFA

- ❖ Chapter Reporter
- ❖ Sophomore Public Speaking
- ❖ Activities Committee
- ❖ Ag Sales Day
- ❖ Winterhawks Game
- ❖ State Officer's Visit – home stay
- ❖ Blue Mountain District Meeting Delegate
- ❖ Christmas Tree Sales
- ❖ Lamb Showmanship Camp
- ❖ Oregon State FFA Convention
- ❖ Linn Benton Livestock Judging
- ❖ Wasco County Judging Team
- ❖ Dufur Threshing Bee

Sophomore Year
2012-2013

School

- ❖ Cross Country Team
- ❖ Drum Major –Marching Band
- ❖ High School Track
- ❖ Delegate – Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference
- ❖ National Honor Society

Other

- ❖ Public Speaking – Kiwanis
- ❖ County Critters 4H Club
- ❖ Junior Superintendent – Wasco County Fair
- ❖ Impromptu Speaking – County & State
- ❖ Teen Staff at Oregon State Fair for Livestock Pavilion
- ❖ Oregon 4H Leadership Camp
- ❖ Owner – Tai's Goat Garden

Junior Year
2013-2014

FFA

- ❖ Chapter Vice- President
- ❖ Chairperson – Activities Committee
- ❖ Chapter Degree
- ❖ Chapter Recruiting Chairperson
- ❖ District Job Interviews
- ❖ State Officer's Visit – Home Stay
- ❖ Ag Sales Days
- ❖ Christmas Tree Sales
- ❖ Blue Mtn. District Meeting
- ❖ Blue Mtn. Leadership Camp
- ❖ Oregon State FFA Convention
- ❖ Blue Mountain District Secretary
- ❖ Dufur Threshing Bee
- ❖ Student Supervisor Wasco County FFA Sheep Barn

School

- ❖ Cross Country Team – Captain, Most Improved Girl, Most Inspirational
- ❖ Drum Major –Marching Band
- ❖ Oregon Girls' State – Representative
- ❖ National Honor Society

Junior Year
2013-2014

Other

- ❖ Country Critters 4H – President
- ❖ Junior Superintendent – Wasco County Fair
- ❖ Harvest Fest Volunteer
- ❖ Volunteer – Oregon Fair Advisory Committee
- ❖ Teen Staff at Oregon State Fair Livestock Pavilion
- ❖ Oregon 4H Leadership Camp
- ❖ Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Volunteer
- ❖ Owner – Tai's Goat Garden

Senior Year
2014-2015

FFA

- ❖ Chapter Vice-President
- ❖ Blue Mountain Leadership Camp Planning &Presentor
- ❖ State Degree Testing & Application
- ❖ Ag Sales Days
- ❖ Christmas Tree Sales
- ❖ Chairperson, Farm Bureau Ag Appreciation Feed
- ❖ Oregon State FFA Officer Candidate

School

- ❖ Presenter – American Legion Auxiliary
- ❖ Drum Major – Marching Band
- ❖ Section Leader – Pep Band
- ❖ Cross Country Team – Captain, Most Inspirational Girl
- ❖ National Honor Society

Other

- ❖ Country Critters 4H Club – Junior Leader
- ❖ Oregon State Fair Advisory Committee Volunteer
- ❖ Owner/Operator Tai's Goat Garden – Commercial Goat
- ❖ Volunteer Assistant Columbia Veterinary Hospital
- ❖ Volunteer The Dalles Senior

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