



BEND FFA

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Oregon FFA,

I think it's safe to say that almost everyone has something they hold on to simply because it's within their comfort zone. For some people it's a blanket, stuffed animal, or a hoodie that's perfectly lived in. For me, that item was my Bent Chetlers. What I thought was going to be a never ending love story between me and a pair of skis started when I was just 12 years old. The moment I saw the beautiful graphics with rivers and canyons on the tops of the skis, and the neon sunsets on the bottoms, I knew that these skis were for me. Let me tell you, my Bent Chetlers were a complete game changer. I had never been so confident, so fast, and so happy on a pair of skis. That is, until five years went by.



Going into the 2022-2023 ski season I had to face the harsh truth, it was time to retire my Bent Chetlers. While I'm still short enough to use the same skis that I did when I was 12, I've grown in many other ways. Because of how junior skis are built, they weren't supporting me enough in my turns or holding an edge when it started to get a little icy. I had officially outgrown my comfort zone.

As FFA members, we all have our "Bent Chetlers". We all have something that we hold onto in this organization simply because it's within our comfort zone, even if it may be holding us back from our fullest potential. For some of us this could be not signing up for a speaking contest, because avoiding public speaking is much more comfortable than facing that fear; even though it's a skill you've wanted to work on. Or it could be sticking with the same SAE because you are more comfortable with swine than you are with applying for a job at your local feed store. As we spend more time in the corduroy and discover more of our passions, interests, and goals we also have to take steps to support that growth that results from our time as FFA members.

I challenge you to take steps to support your growth in this organization, even if that step happens to take you out of your comfort zone. I challenge you to try, to succeed, to fail, to learn, to take risks, and to be uncomfortable. Oregon FFA; Chapter office is my comfort zone, so I am thrilled and extremely honored to announce my candidacy for the 2023-2024 State Officer Team! This is my next step out of my comfort zone, what is yours?

Alina Walker
Bend FFA President

*"I take risks, that's my life
on the slopes and off."*

- Lindsey Vonn

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<u>FRESHMAN YEAR</u> <u>2019-2020</u> Degree: Greenhand	<u>SOPHOMORE YEAR</u> <u>2020-2021</u> Degree: Chapter	<u>JUNIOR YEAR</u> <u>2021-2022</u> Degree: State	<u>SENIOR YEAR</u> <u>2022-2023</u> Degree: State
<p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Chapter Meetings ● Greenhand Conference ● District Soils ● Bend FFA Fall Banquet ● Chapter Creed Speaking ● District Creed Speaking ● District Beginning Parliamentary Procedure ● Sectional Beginning Parliamentary Procedure ● State Beginning Parliamentary Procedure ● 1110 KBND FFA Week Radio Interview ● Teacher Appreciation Week ● Give FFA Day Blanket Workshop ● Chapter Officer Elections ● Plant Sale Fundraiser ● Bend FFA Chapter Banquet ● Bend FFA Cattle Workouts ● Deschutes County Fair Livestock Show (Steer SAE) ● Deschutes County Fair Junior Livestock Auction <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District, Sectional, and State Beginning Parliamentary Procedure (1st Place) ● Star Greenhand 	<p>Office: Chapter Assistant Secretary</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Chapter Officer Meetings ● Monthly Chapter Meetings ● Drive Away Hunger Food Drive ● Bend FFA National Convention Watch Party ● District Ag Sales ● District Advanced Parliamentary Procedure ● Sectional Parliamentary Procedure ● Holiday Letter Writing Community Service ● MVHS Humane Society Donation Drive ● 1110 KBND FFA Week Radio Interview ● Bend FFA Spring Banquet ● Bend FFA State Convention Watch Party ● Bend FFA Chapter Officer Elections ● State Vet Science CDE ● Agriculture Advocacy Outreach Presentation to Mountain View Culinary Program ● State Livestock Judging Animal Handler <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sectional Advanced Parliamentary Procedure MVP 	<p>Office: Chapter Treasurer</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Chapter Officer Meetings ● Monthly Chapter Meetings ● Chapter Officer Retreat ● District Rituals Contest ● Central Oregon District Leadership Camp ● Bend FFA Fruit Sale Fundraiser ● Bend FFA Fall Banquet ● District Ag Sales ● Bend FFA Holiday Workshop Fundraiser ● MO's Chowder Bend FFA Alumni Fundraiser ● Central Oregon District Convention ● State Degree Presentation ● District Portfolio Judge ● Oregon State Convention ● 8th Grade Night Bend FFA Representative ● Bend FFA Chapter Officer Elections ● State Floriculture CDE ● State Vet Science CDE ● State Dairy Foods CDE ● Bend FFA Chapter Banquet ● Deschutes County Fair Ring Assistant ● Bend FFA Alumni and Booster PeeWee Show Fundraiser Host <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Rituals Contest MVP ● District Rituals Outstanding Treasurer ● District Rituals (1st Place) <p>Job: Barista-Dutch Bros</p>	<p>Office: Chapter President</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Twice-Monthly Chapter Officer Meetings ● Monthly Chapter Meetings ● Chapter Officer Retreat ● Wilco Reel Contest Shopping Spree ● National FFA Convention ● Bend FFA Breakfast Social ● Central Oregon District Leadership Camp ● District Rituals Contest ● Well Rooted Farms Fundraiser ● Bend FFA Friendsgiving Dinner ● Bend FFA Fall Banquet ● Bend FFA Holiday Workshop Fundraiser ● Bend Christmas Parade ● Holiday Card Writing Community Service ● Bend FFA Game Night <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Rituals Outstanding President ● District Rituals (1st Place) <p>Job: Shift Lead-Dutch Bros</p>

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