



SHERWOOD FFA CHAPTER

Sherwood High School – 18800 SW Haide Rd. - Sherwood, OR 97140
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Fellow FFA Members,

There you are 5 months into a global pandemic. The house is freshly cleaned for the 3rd time this month and you nestle into the couch, which is slowly beginning to form your shape. Your cat, almost on command, settles down on your lap at the sight of a freshly laid blanket. The remote is all too familiar in your hand as you scroll through hundreds of movies, seemingly you've already watched them before. A new one catches your eye, "Yes Day," a cheesy movie about parents saying yes to their children's requests for a day. Desperate for a deeper meaning you rack your brain and ponder what may happen if you said "yes" more often.

Before you know it, school is back in session and everything you were once interested in seems obsolete. In hopes of finding something meaningful again, you begin to say "yes" to every opportunity or club that comes your way. Soon, you find yourself at an Ag Sales practice, in a room full of people you've never met. Of course, this was me at the beginning of the 2021 school year. Regardless of every fear that came to mind, including doubting my abilities, or going at it alone when the friend who invited me flaked at the last second; I kept showing up. Even after the competition when the advisor invited me to become more involved, I said "yes" because what other answer could there be?

Little did I know that one "yes" would lead to dozens more, and before I knew it I was president of our chapter and advocating for agriculture to those around me. A new passion was sparked within me that no other club or opportunity could compare. Saying "yes" to opportunities isn't a one-time event but is a habit that forms. Little did I know that agreeing to a practice for a contest in FFA to try and get a free trip to Indianapolis would result in me leading meetings, organizing events, and farrowing pigs. Many times, my advisor would ask if I was interested in trying something new. Oftentimes I may have hesitated, but I knew that saying yes was the right answer.

If I were to enter a year of service as an FFA State officer, I would encourage every member to say "yes" to every opportunity and strive to fulfill it to their greatest ability. My goal is to help our members break down the walls of second guessing ourselves or fearing failure. Instead, together we will pioneer a way forward where we can learn from our mistakes and grow as a community, state, and national organization. Oregon FFA, are we willing to say "yes" to the new adventures that await us together?

Sincerely,

Caitlin Kirkpatrick
Sherwood FFA President



"God doesn't ask, 'are you capable?'"
He asks, 'are you willing?'"
- Christine Caine



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Freshman 2019-2020

Other:

JV Volleyball
Club Volleyball
Key Club
Horizon Youth Group
Fellowship of Christian
Athletes

Sophomore 2020-2021

Other:

Varsity Volleyball
Club Volleyball
Willowbrook Food
Pantry
Convoy of Hope
Horizon Youth Group
Fellowship of Christian
Athletes

Junior 2021-2022

FFA:

Chapter Historian
District Ag Sales CDE
Officer Retreat
State Horse Judging
CDE
State Floriculture CDE
Plant Sale
Banquet
State Convention

Other:

Varsity Volleyball
Club Volleyball
National Honors
Society
Led VBS Small Groups
Red Cross Blood Donor
Willowbrook Food
Pantry
Horizon Youth Group
Oregon Youth
Convention
Amplify
Fellowship of Christian
Athletes Leader
The Courts
(Concessions)
Serve Coffee at Church

Senior 2022-2023

FFA:

Chapter President
Livestock Judging
Officer Retreat
Chapter BBQ
Leadership Camp
District Soils CDE
Chapter Ag Sales CDE
District Ag Sales CDE
Club Week Booth
Farrowing Sows
Ag Expo

Other:

Varsity Volleyball
Club Volleyball
National Honors
Society
Horizon Youth Group
Oregon Youth
Convention
Amplify
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Athletes Leader
Serve Coffee at Church