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Call To Convention

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Convention Deadlines:

- April 23rd Band, Chorus, Talent and Courtesy Corp
- April 26th SC Registration
- April 28th Delegate Registration
- April 29th State Officer Apps Request
- May 4th National Chapter and Food for America
- May 7th State Officer Apps Due

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Hello, North Dakota FFA members!! Well, it's about that time of year again. State Convention is right around the corner! The State Officer team hopes that all of you will take the opportunity to participate in the 81st North Dakota



FFA Convention. This year's theme is Lead Out Loud. It's more than a theme—it's a statement of who we are and what we do. Although leadership skills are built in FFA, this theme focuses on leading through your actions, not only your words. Other than a week packed full of State CDE's, making new friends, and electing the 2010-2011 State Officer Team, this year we will see entertainment from Dueling Pianos as well as hear from our National Southern Region Vice President, Chelsea Doss! I encourage you all to attend and make the most out of this week. Don't be afraid to try something new! Compete in that contest you passed up last year or try to beat your highest score in a contest you've already done. Good luck to everyone, and remember no matter what the outcome is, always try your best! Whatever this year's State Convention holds in store for you, I hope you all make many memories and bring back the excitement of convention to your chapter and community. FFA members, guests, and advisors: It's the 81st North Dakota State FFA Convention, Lead Out Loud!

Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos defies all expectations and experiences in a dueling piano show. Dave and Ted take you on a variety class act adventure where the audience paves the way to a wild and zany performance. Eichholz and Manderfeld are the duo of Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos, a piano variety act offering a Las Vegas-style show mix of comedy, enticing extensive audience participation, and featuring an unlikely and surprising mix of music and parodies. Ranging from classic rock to country to rap to show tunes- they do it all, and they do it hilariously well. However, the key to their marathon of musical comedy lies in the participation of audience members. Come to Monday night's session at State Convention and enjoy the entertainment of Deuces Wild!



It's the banquet season

Lucas Schmaltz NE Region Vice-President

With the year winding down for the North Dakota FFA Association our team has been busy traveling across the state, attending many of the CDE contests and doing chapter visits as well. With many more places to go yet before state convention arrives. But trust me, there is no shortage of activities for everyone to be involved with. Everyone thinks of all the spring activities that come to mind, but we as state officers think of the very special members and people that are all involved with the ND FFA Association. In order to communicate and be a part of



these members' experiences, we are privileged to be able to attend the chapter banquets this spring. We as a state officer team are traveling to over forty banquets across North Dakota and sharing the achievements of the hard working members in our organization. We are also getting to know many of the important people in the "behind the scenes" part of our organization -- the individuals or businesses who are the sponsors or local volunteers that help with chapter activities as judges, coaches, bus drivers, alumni, or other support.

The Honorary Chapter FFA Degree is an award that is given to one or more recipients by a local chapter to thank them for their involvement within the chapter and for all of the help they have provided. Not only are these people being recognized, but we can't forget about the members themselves who are recognized at banquets; look at all of the different activities we cover throughout the year as members. The chapters have been busy putting together slideshows that try to catch every member of their chapter and their successes this year. I know that we are proud of our members in this association for the hard work that they have done.



Finally there are the great achievements of the hard work of our members that they are recognized by the degree ceremonies, proficiencies awards, and other chapter awards. I know our officer team has really enjoyed and continues to enjoy the great meals, fellowship, and achievements that we are able to be a part of in each of your



chapters. We would like to wish you all good luck and success for the rest of this

Looking for a way to stay connected with other FFA Members? After an FFA event you have met so many cool people who have become your friends that you want to stay in touch. One great way to do this is to become part of the North Dakota FFA group on Facebook. Here you can see pictures from events from across the state, have discussions with other members, and even get the inside scoop about upcoming events. The FFA Facebook page is a great way to get to know other members and stay in touch with your friends. *FFA Nation.org* is another way to stay connected with FFA members. It's like Facebook; you can create a profile, upload pictures, join groups, start discussions with other members on topics of common, keep up on FFA news, and even access the FFA New Horizons magazine. One difference however, is that FFA Nation keeps you in touch with members from across the nation in this exclusive online FFA Community. If you join before April 15th you will automatically be entered into a drawing for an FFA sweatshirt/t-shirt combo!

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FFA's Got Talent

Hope Johnson NW Region Vice-President

Who's got talent? North Dakota FFA does! This year members from across the state gathered in Bismarck at the Ramkota and Radisson Hotels for Winter Leadership Conferences on January 8th and 9th.

Every year, the State Officer team plans an action-packed weekend for the Greenhand FFA members and with the help of Mitchell Becker, the 2007-2008 North Dakota State FFA President, we showcased North Dakota's talents like never before.

This year's theme for Greenhand Conference was "FFA's Got Talent." We demonstrated the importance of how your greatest personal success can come from the strength of a team. We filled the day with workshops dealing with leadership skills, FFA knowledge, goal setting, and opportunities in the FFA.

The Made for Excellence Conference is made for sophomores who are anxious to build on the next level of leadership. MFE students focus on personal growth and their personal leadership skills. Erika Guthmiller from the Lisbon FFA Chapter said her favorite part about MFE was definitely meeting new people.

The Advanced Leadership Development Conference is designed for junior and senior FFA members who wish to further their leadership abilities throughout their chapter and community. When asked what her favorite part of ALD was, Erin Mattson from the Carrington FFA Chapter said, "Well besides seeing my FFA friends, I would say just getting to grow as a leader and learning from other leaders as well."

But the buck doesn't stop there for North Dakota FFA members. After a day jam-packed full of energized members, opportunities and talent, members and guests attended

a banquet. Afterwards, members busted their moves and filled the dance floor with excitement.

What a remarkable weekend for North Dakota FFA! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's January Leadership Conferences an extraordinary experience.



Attention FFA Members

THE NEW FFA TALENT CD WILL BE OUT IN TIME FOR STATE FFA CONVENTION. THE FFA TALENT CD FEATURES FFA MEMBERS WHO ARE SINGERS AND SONGWRITERS. THE FFA TALENT CD COST WILL BE \$10. THE CD INCLUDES

LISA WEGNER FROM BOWMAN COUNTY WITH "LEAVE THE PIECES"

CHANCE MORAN FROM BOWMAN COUNTY WITH "MY LIST"

TONYA ZIMMERMAN FROM GARRISON WITH "THE CAPTAIN"

CHELSEA BENDICKSON FROM GARRISON WITH "MORE LIKE HER"



ELLYN SEMCHENKO FROM MAX & COURTNEY KRZMARZICK FROM GARRISON WITH "COME IN WITH THE RAIN"

KRISTINE KELLER FROM HARVEY WITH "FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST"

ZACHARY RAMEDEN FROM RUGBY WITH "GOOD DIRECTIONS"



AMY BUCHHOLZ FROM RICHLAND 44 WITH AN ORIGINAL SONG "GOODBYE FOREVER"

CHLOE KRINKE, HANNAH SABE, & KYLA TESKE FROM SCRANTON WITH "LANDSLIDE"

MORGAN HAUGE FROM STANLEY WITH AN ORIGINAL SONG "HICK CHICK GIRL"



DOUG VANNURDEN WITH "LONG BLACK TRAIN "



Attention: National Officer coming!

Danelle Hoff SW Region Vice-President

Hello all! Who is excited for State Convention?? Well, I know the state officer team is ecstatic and so is someone else! Ms. Chelsea Doss is more than thrilled to be attending North Dakota's State Convention this June! Chelsea serves as our 2009-2010 National FFA Southern Region Vice President. Ms. Doss is from Christiana, Tennessee and was a very active member of the Eagleville High School FFA Chapter. Doss is an agriculture business major at Tennessee Technological University. Doss has grown a successful business as her supervised agricultural experience program. She runs Doss Irish Setters where she breeds, cares for and markets champion Irish Setters. She also has received many awards and honors while in FFA, including placing second in the National Job Interview Career Development Event, receiving her American FFA Degree, and serving as a National FFA Delegate Committee Vice Chair. "The real success we achieve while wearing the blue jacket is the impact we make," said Doss. "We impact our schools, our community and our country. We don't always win; but we always learn. The lessons we learn vary, but we are bound together by a common thread—passion for agriculture and FFA."



Recently, Chelsea traveled to Washington to celebrate National FFA Week. She enjoyed traveling across the state to be involved in the chapter's activities. She put on small workshops and met many students along the way. In all this fun, she snuck away to enjoy a supper in the top of the Seattle Space Needle when she is afraid of heights! I don't blame her one bit! Chelsea is more than excited to meet all of you, so don't be afraid to say hi during state convention! See you all soon!



How are you getting to convention?
Come by boat, by plane, drive a tractor,
or jump on the bus! No matter how you
get to Fargo, June 7-11, you are sure to
have a great time!



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Not sure what you want to do after high school? Want a rewarding career with lots of opportunities? Share your passion about Agriculture. Consider a career in teaching Ag. Learn how, find out more about becoming an ag teacher, and join the National Teach Ag Campaign at www.naae.org/teachag

Winter CDE's in Review

Jesse Topp SE Region Vice-President

The judging season has ended almost as quickly as it started. This year 472 members, representing 52 chapters made their way to Valley City to compete in the State **Livestock Judging**, **Crops**, and **Ag. Sales** Career Development Events (CDE). It was a very exciting weekend and those who participated should be very proud of themselves!

The **Crops** and **Ag. Sales** CDE's took place on Friday, March 5. In the **Crops** CDE the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter was awarded top honors. Additionally, the Baby Bison was awarded to Alex Jones of Fessenden-Bowdon. The team worked very hard all season long and will have the opportunity to represent North Dakota at the 2010 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the **Ag. Sales** contest it was the Minot FFA Chapter that took home the state title. Rochelle Bitz of Napoleon was the recipient of the Baby Bison trophy.

The arrival of Saturday resulted in nearly 170 members ready for an eventful day of **Livestock Judging**. After judging six classes and giving three sets of reasons, these judges were ready for the big announcement. The announcement was made and the result...the Towner FFA Chapter had won! The high individual was Phillip Brandvold, a member of the Bottineau FFA Chapter.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the contests! It is never fun to see the judging season come to an end, but we look forward with anticipation to another exciting season to come! Also, a huge thank you to all of the members, advisors, others who helped to make the judging season a success; we are greatly appreciative!



The Do's and Don't of FFA Fashion

Do your pants hang low? Does your shirt wobble to and fro? Is your tie in a knot; is your scarf in a bow? Is your jacket zipped up right? Are your shoes the perfect black? Do you need some help? Then here's some help.

Five simple rules to Official Dress:

The shoes

Come to every event by putting your best foot forward. Official dress shoes need to be black closed-toed dress shoes- not boots, sandals or tennis shoes. These shoes are to be worn with black socks or black nylons for the ladies. Wearing dress shoes makes you look more professional and shows that you mean business.

The tie/scarf

It's time to straighten up! You wouldn't go to a job interview with a crooked tie, so make sure your tie or scarf is tightened and on straight. If you don't know how to tie your tie or scarf, ask an older member or your advisor.

The shirt

Don't shirk the shirt details! The white button up shirt can make or break your official dress look. Don't let your shirt tails hang down making your outfit look sloppy. Be sure to tuck in your shirt and have that top button done. This will also help your tie or scarf fit better.

The slacks/skirt

There is no skirting around the bottom half of this issue, you can't slack off. Dress slacks or skirt is the basic foundation for your official attire. Skirts must be at or below knee length, and slacks are not jeans, not shorts, but solid black slacks- no pin stripes or polka dots.

The Jacket

Time to suit up in style. The official jacket is to be worn with pride, zipped up to the top and with the zipper pull tucked in. Under your name on your jacket you may wear no more than three pins showing your achievements. Reading from left to right these pins are degree, officer position, and highest award. All other pins can be neatly hung on the inside of your jacket.

Now you are looking good and in perfect FFA style. You are ready for your big appearance on center stage at State Convention. Good luck and keep staying classy!



Looking for a Summer Camp?

What: North Dakota Range Camp

Who: anyone ages 13-18

Where: Hanson's Logging Camp Range
16 miles north of Amidon

When: June 15th – 18th, 2010
(Registration must be in no later than June 11th)

Purpose: Learn about range management and range judging while having fun.

Activities include volleyball, campfires, hiking in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, movies, touring Medora, and other games. Contact your advisor for a brochure or Kevin Sedivec at (701) 231-7647 or Kevin.sedivec@ndsu.edu

~Scholarships to attend range camp are given by sponsors including Natural Resources Conservation districts, 4-H, and grazing associations.



45 Days and Counting

Jesse Topp SE Region Vice-President

FFA Members get excited, State Convention is fast approaching. Have you started packing yet?! Don't worry, I haven't either, but as the time gets closer I know that there are some very important things that will be essential for an exciting week, and I thought I would share them with you.

Item #1- Official Dress. The first item that you should pack is, of course, the **Blue & Gold**. What would the campus of **NDSU** be like without hundreds of members running around in their Official Dress- not nearly as exciting that's for sure!

Item #2- Essentials. The essentials include anything that you would pack on any other trip. Towel, check. Toothbrush, check. Extra clothes, double check! You get the routine, and I have faith in your packing abilities!

Item #3- Alarm Clock. Now I know that they come standard on most cell phones, but it's better safe than sorry. The state officers want to make sure that you get exactly where you need to be on time!

Item #4- Dancing Shoes. You may be well aware that at State Convention there is not one, but two dances! Make sure to pack your dancing shoes and maybe some of the newest dance moves!

Item #5- Enthusiastic FFA Members. State Convention is going to be exciting, and the officer team wants you to be as excited as we are! Get pumped up for a week full of exciting sessions, great entertainment, and of course lots of memories!

45 days. That is how many days until the **Blue & Gold** will take over **NDSU**. Get those bags ready and be excited for a very eventful week!



Blue Jackets Bright Futures

The Blue Jackets Bright Futures Program this year was again a success. At the Greenhand Leadership Conference in Bismarck, 150 students received jackets, which were sponsored by 98 individuals or companies. Some of the donors were former state officers or members – there were also jackets given in memory of a person who was an FFA member.

The Blue Jackets Bright Futures Program began back in 2006 when 47 jackets were given away. Since then the program has grown immensely and a total of 470 jackets have been given away. There were 190 students who applied for jackets this year – so we know there is still a need to have this program.

Thanks to all who donated
2009-2010 ND State Officers

National FFA Week

Andi Hamel State Secretary



“Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve”. Sound familiar? As members of this organization, our FFA motto is what we should strive for, and try to live up to every opportunity that comes our way. And what a more perfect opportunity to show what we’re made of than during National FFA Week!

Did you know in 1947 George Washington’s birthday was designated as National FFA Week? This means it will always take place over February 22, Washington’s Birthday. This year, National FFA Week took place February 20-27. It was an extremely busy time for chapters and members all across our nation to promote FFA and agriculture in their communities and surrounding areas in more ways than one. FFA members take part in anything from planting gardens, to having tractor driving contests, to scavenger hunts. Some promote the organizations through social gatherings like pie socials or even pancake breakfasts! FFA members can partake in many different activities and events all out of volunteer work as well. Whether it is helping out at your local nursing home or volunteering at your local food bank, to even planning one day to clean up your community to make it overall a better and cleaner place. It doesn’t matter how small or large the task at hand is, you will make an impact in your community!

On the National FFA level, your chapter can compete with other chapters around our nation to see who had the most original, unique, and active chapter. The top three chapter could win anything from money to a spot on the *FFA Today* television show highlighting your FFA chapter! Last year, the top three chapters were in third place, Rushville (Rushville Indiana), second place went to Oconoe Cty Middle (Watkinsville, GA), and the overall winner was DeKalb FFA (Waterloo, IN). The top three chapters for the 2010 National FFA Week competition will be announced May 15.

Whatever it is that you plan on doing next year during this week, remember to do everything with pride! Get out and show your community how you and your chapter can make a difference! Remember, as members of this organization we are “LIVING to SERVE” so take all of the opportunities to “Lead out Loud” and make the difference during your FFA favorite week of all!

Will you be there when 2,300 FFA members converge on our nation's capitol? Will you be there when 11,000 hours community service are dedicated to help those less fortunate? Will you be there when the sun goes down and the night tour of Washington, D.C. begins?

Will you be there when FFA members become authentic leaders? Participate in the 2010 Washington Leadership Conference. More information at FFA.org.

Scholarships available from the North Dakota FFA Foundation and Alumni.



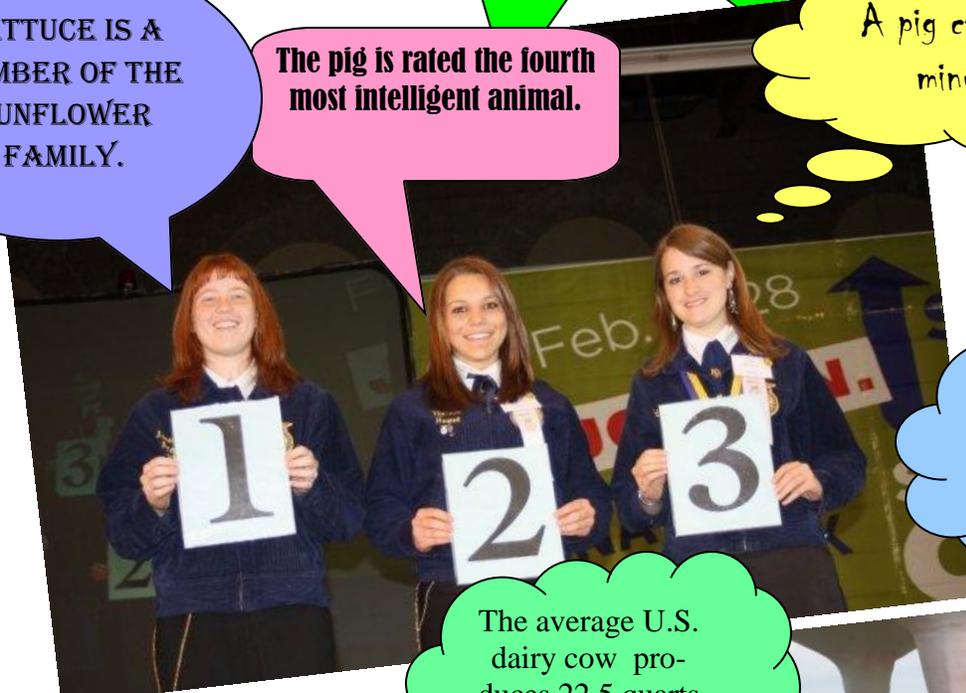
For applications visit www.ndffaoundation.com

Fun Facts

LETTUCE IS A MEMBER OF THE SUNFLOWER FAMILY.

The pig is rated the fourth most intelligent animal.

A pig can run a 7-minute mile



That's about 16,000 glasses of milk per year – enough for about 40 people.

The average U.S. dairy cow produces 22.5 quarts of milk each

A cow can eat up to three suitcases full of hay and drink up to a bathtub full of water every day. Moo!



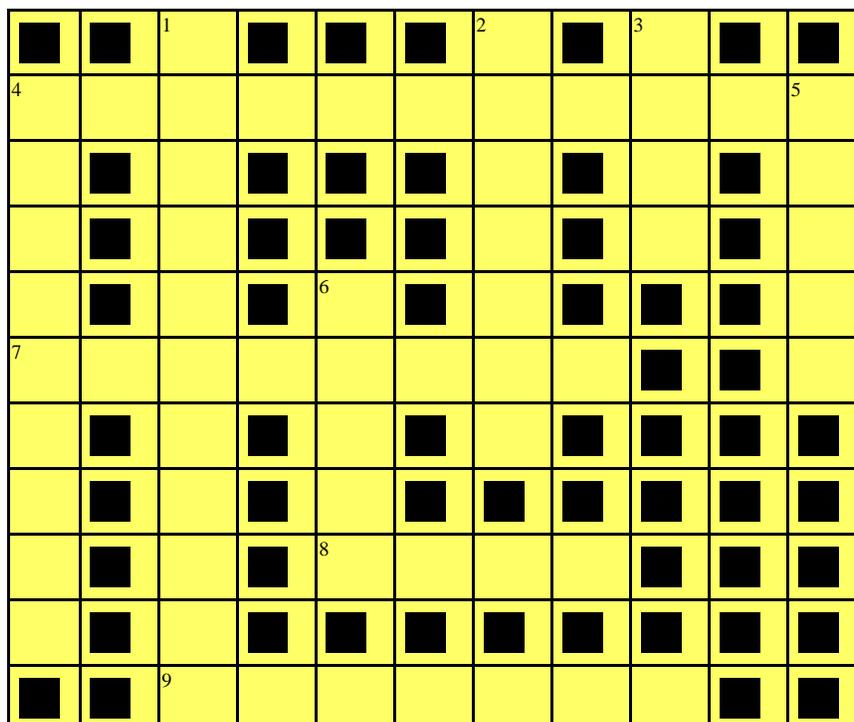
There are about 600 kernels on each ear of corn



One acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons



Officer Fun Page



Across

4. This National Officer will be attending our State Convention!!!!
7. What is Jessie Topp's favorite animal?
8. Which officer use to have pet geese named after the star wars characters?
9. This officer claims to have been able to milk a cow since she has been able to walk.

Down

1. What was this years National Convention theme?
2. Our most favorite season of all!
3. This officer has an FFA Tattoo.
4. Lucas and _____ went to Kindergarten together in Rugby!
5. Living to _____!
6. This officer wasn't on Facebook for 40 days AND SURVIVED!

1. ____ I live in the sauerkraut capitol of the World!
2. ____ I have traveled to more than 20 states.
3. ____ I'm a supporter of Case IH and Charolais Cattle!
4. ____ I think puddle jumping is Americas favorite past time.
5. ____ I use to have a 3 legged dog named Rusty that would fetch croquet balls.
6. ____ I am the only left-handed officer on the team.
7. ____ I have had the hiccups for almost 2 years straight.

- A. Lucas Schmaltz
- B. Danelle Hoff
- C. Erica Odermann
- D. Andi Hamel
- E. Jessie Topp
- F. Christine Wanner
- G. Hope Johnson

(Look for answers on North Dakota FFA Facebook Page)

Alumni News



ND FFA Alumni Raffle Results



\$100 Owen Wallace (Fessenden)
\$100 Jerome Held (Harvey)
\$100 Roberta Reishour (Carrington)
Medora Musical Tickets - Karson Mairs (Lisbon)
Shotgun - Allen Pfennig (Bismarck)
TV - Jerry Hagemeister (Fessenden)
270 gun - Jim Eidman (Rugby)
4 Wheeler - Coleen Paczkowski (Abercrombie)

Alumni Executive Council

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For more information on the Alumni or any of its events, go to our website at
<http://ndffaoundation.com/Alumni/FFAAlumni.htm>

North Dakota FFA Alumni and Foundation Auction

To FFA Members and Advisors:

Hi, my name is Christine Wanner and I serve as the 2009-2010 ND State FFA President, and I am writing on behalf of the North Dakota FFA Foundation. The ND FFA Foundation was founded in 1980 to help support FFA members across the state; and it would be no exaggeration to say that it has done just that. Thanks to this wonderful organization members from all corners of the state have been able to attend many different conferences, conventions, and contests. In 2000 the ND FFA Foundations united with the State FFA Alumni to host an annual FFA Foundation & Alumni Auction. This auction has proven to be one of the foundations greatest fundraisers and has helped us, the FFA members, tremendously! In 2009, it raised over \$8,000.

Of that \$8,000 raised last year, 20% of the proceeds went to the State FFA Alumni to provide scholarships for FFA members to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. The foundation used the remaining funds to send winning FFA teams and participating members to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. These are all individual and teams that have earned the right to represent the North Dakota FFA Association at the national convention, the highest level of competition offered to any FFA member.

The foundation is again looking for items to be auctioned at the ND State Fair, so they can continue supporting ND FFA members. Please consider donating items to this worthy cause. The items can either be picked up at your convenience or you can mail them.

The FFA truly makes a positive difference in our lives and helps us to achieve success, both in high school and beyond. We, the ND FFA members, would not be able to achieve the great things we do if we didn't have the support of the ND FFA Foundation and the ND FFA Alumni. So please help these two organizations help us achieve success.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact the ND FFA Foundation Executive Director, Mrs. Beth Bakke Stenehjem, with any questions you may have. She can be reached at 701-224-8390 or 701-471-5004 (cell).

Sincerely,
Christine Wanner
2009-2010 ND State FFA President





**ND FFA Alumni Association &
ND FFA Foundation**

Live and Silent Auctions

Auction Donation Form

2010 ND State Fair
11 A.M. Silent Auction- Magic Space Entry
2 P.M. Live Auction- All Seasons Theater Arena
Minot, ND July 24, 2010

**Please describe your auction donation in specific detail including any restrictions.
Please provide expiration dates for certificates/tickets.**

Description: _____

Estimated Retail Value: _____

Donor will: _____ Ship to ND FFA Foundation by July 5, 2010
(check one) _____ Bring to Auction Site by July 24, 2010, 11 A.M.
_____ Will have available for pickup

Donor/Organization: _____
(This is vital for sale bill listings, thank you notes and questions)

Contact Person: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Please return completed form, along with your brochure and other information to have your donation included in the auction sale bill. Send materials to:
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