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ALUMNI INFORMATION ON CD

The FFA Alumni forms that are usually included in the roster mailing sent to either your alumni president or FFA advisor are being put onto a CD that will be sent out this fall to all FFA advisors, alumni council members and local alumni presidents. **These forms include all of the scholarship forms**, the chapter officer list, directions for completing the alumni roster, affiliate and individual award forms, the Intent to Run for Alumni Council form, a list of alumni council officer duties, national alumni forms for awards and local program grant, and the newly revised Illinois FFA Alumni Handbook. Once this CD is distributed, these forms will no longer be sent out in hard-copy unless you call and request them from the FFA Center.

The CD will have information and forms on it for the FFA and IAVAT as well. This is more information than most local alumni affiliates will use however, by keeping all of the organizations’ information all on one disk, it will help reduce the cost.

A new CD with updated forms will be sent each year as needed.

NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Convention will be held Wednesday, October 27 through Friday, October 29, 2004. The convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The business session will be from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29th. Illinois needs delegates to attend this session. If you or anyone from your local affiliate is interested in representing Illinois, please contact Ron Byers, Illinois FFA Alumni President, prior to the national convention. Delegates will be voting upon the newly proposed National FFA Alumni Association Bylaws (which can be downloaded from the website) and will elect the 2005 National FFA Alumni Council members.

Also for national convention, Sarah Myers is still looking for items to fill the Illinois basket (anything that is made locally or is representative of Illinois) and would appreciate any donations sent to her at 2270 E County Rd, Bowen IL 62316 as soon as possible.

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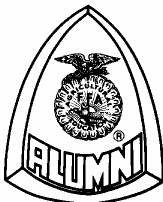
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STATE COUNCIL MEETING REVIEW

The alumni council met on July 28, 2004 at the FFA Leadership Camp in Monticello, IL. The following were topics of discussion:

- Chapter CD ROM – alumni information to be included on the CD was discussed (see 1st page article.)
- Raffle Report – the antique tractor was raffled at the FFA Convention in June. Rich Sanders reported that the gentleman from Chenoa who purchased the winning ticket was happy with the prize and has been showing the tractor. A new raffle for smaller ticket items will be kicked off at the Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting in January.
- Proposed Constitutional Amendments – the council discussed that national will be changing their fiscal year beginning in May 2005. The council discussed that Illinois may want to adjust our own fiscal year as well so that we are in alignment with the National FFA Alumni. To change this, there would have to be constitutional changes made at the annual meeting. It is possible a proposal of changes will be reviewed by the council and sent to the members.
- Annual Meeting – the 2005 location will remain at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. The location for the 2006, 2007 and 2008 meeting will be at the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield during the last weekend of January. Jay Runner will again be presenting information on contacting legislatures and the FCAE will again offer a rebate to affiliates attending both days of the annual meeting.
- WLC Tour Bus – the alumni discussed taking on the coordination of the chartered bus trip for WLC and spoke with Luke Allen, Clifton Central Ag Advisor who helped chaperone the trip this year. No action was taken but the topic will be on the October meeting agenda.
- Scholarship Due Dates - the scholarship due dates were discussed again and it was decided that no changes will be made. Teachers had mentioned that the MFE scholarship application was due during National FFA Convention. Council members decided not to change the due date because applications could be sent in prior to the deadline date.

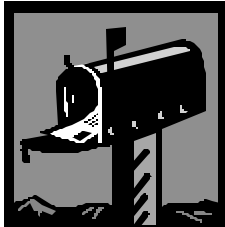
Following the business portion of the meeting, the alumni council prepared and served pork chops to the campers. A presentation was done on stage where scholarship recipients received their certificates and t-shirts were given out to 10 members correctly answering questions about the alumni.

DISTRICT V MEETING

A District V FFA Alumni meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2004 at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. More information will be sent prior to the meeting. All District V affiliates are encouraged to have someone attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

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Remember that your membership rosters must have been postmarked and returned with dues to the State FFA Center prior to judging to qualify for alumni scholarships. Rosters must show 10 or more active members and include a list of officers. Dates listed are the postmarked dates due.

Sept. 1, 2004	Legion of Merit App due to National FFA Alumni
Sept. 15, 2004	Chapter Grant Applications due to National FFA Alumni
October 1, 2004	Intent to Run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council due to State FFA Center
October 1, 2004	EDGE Conference Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	MFE Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate Award Application due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	Outstanding Achievement Award Application due to State FFA Center
January 1, 2005	Work Experience Abroad Scholarship Application due to State FFA Center
Jan. 28-29, 2005	Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting – Hilton Hotel, Springfield

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