

## FFA Farm Day Proposal

Madison County FFA Chapter would like to host a district farm day at Madison County High School. The local community gives so much to the FFA chapter. The FFA would like to do something to give back to the community and advocate for agriculture. We would like to host this event on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to invite all of the first-grade students to the high school to attend a farm day. The farm day would have stations that groups of students would rotate through on a schedule. There would be 6-stations. These stations would include a petting zoo, state commodities, hay ride, plant science, food science, and ag mechanics station. Each station would have a different activity that FFA members would teach to the visiting students. Community members have also volunteered to help with supplies and any day of assistance. Students would also have memorabilia to take home with them to help them learn about agriculture.

Break Down of Rotations- Each station would last about 15 minutes.

The animals for the petting zoo are either owned by the school or by FFA members. These animals would be contained in small pens and properly restrained so that students would be able to reach through pens to pet/feed the animals. FFA members would talk about each of the animals and assist students with interacting with the animals.

State Commodities activity will involve a large cut out of the state of Florida with commodity icons. Students would learn about state commodities and have a color worksheet to complete through the activity.

Hay ride would show case the tractor and the farm. An adult volunteer would operate the tractor safely. We would also have FFA members to ride and assist students with loading and unloading. The hay has been donated for us to use by a local farmer.

Plant science station would allow students to learn about seeds and how plants grow. Each student will plant a seed and take the seed home to watch it grow. The resources for this have been approved by a grant.

The food science station brings in the FCCLA and culinary arts classes. We have several students who are members of both clubs. This station would teach students about basic handwashing and food. The students would make their own butter and be able to take this home with them as well.

The ag mechanics station will talk about welding and how materials are put together with welds like how we use band-aids. This will also showcase a new program at the school and future careers. Wee would talk about safety equipment and let students put on a welding helmet and gloves.

The schools would come in rotations with Greenville and Lee being in the morning. Groups would be between 10-15 students at each station so that the groups are small to be easier to work with. Pinetta and Madison Creative Arts Academy would be mid-morning to lunch time. Madison Central School would be the lunch to afternoon. The farm day should have all students returned in time for the buses to be back for afternoon routes.

We would approach the schools about providing the bag lunches for the students who attend the farm day.