


DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2025





HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

CHERYL AND GLENDA



AS WE WRAP UP 2025, WE WANT TO
WISH ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON...MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOU DO
FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, FFA
AND EVERY STUDENT YOU HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH.
ENJOY TIME WITH FAMILY AND
FRIENDS OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND
WE WILL RECONNECT AGAIN IN 2026!!





Reminders and Notes

2026 Half-Time Conference

Registration Due January 5

Final online registration is due Friday January 5.

Hotel Reservations can still be made.

Make sure to use the **HOTEL TRADING POST** to share rooms.
You may find someone that is still looking to share rooms with
students and advisors



2026 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention

Registration Due January 12

Attend the FFA Alumni and Supporters Convention
in Madison on February 20-21.



2026 FFA Farm Forum

Registration due January 15

Wisconsin Farm Bureau coordinates all of the registration and
program for Farm Forum to be held Thursday February 13 at the
Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild.



Compeer's High School Senior Scholarship

Now open, for students in our 144-county territory.

New this year: Each scholarship is worth \$2,000

Application deadline is February 15th

The application can be accessed online until it closes Feb. 15,
2026.





Marshfield Parliamentary Procedure Invitational January 15

Contact Tim Heeg at Marshfield High School
heeg@marshfieldschools.org

District LDE Online Registration Opens December 20

The 2025 Wisconsin FFA District Leadership Development Events begin in January. Don't forget to register your participants. Registration is due two weeks before the date of the district events.



Tribal Agricultural Fellowship (TAF) Offers WLC Scholarships

TAF is partnering with FFA to sponsor Native American high school students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., during week 5 (July 6-11). If you have a student who is 15 years or older by the beginning of WLC and of Native descent, encourage them to apply. The application deadline is Monday, Jan. 12.



2025-26 National FFA Scholarship Application - One month left to apply

Whether you are pursuing a trade school, vocational certificate or a two-year or four-year degree, don't miss your chance to apply for a National FFA Scholarship to help with your next steps in education. If you are a senior FFA member in high school or FFA Alumni in college, just one application is required for multiple scholarship opportunities totaling nearly \$2.5 million. Applications due Jan. 15.



CDE UPDATES



Auctioneer CDE Sign Up Due January 12

The deadline for registration for the Auctioneer CDE is Jan 12, 2026.
More information and guidelines are provided on the **CDE Website**.



The Ag Sales materials are listed on the CDE Website.

The Forestry Theme for 2026 will be Forest Health.

Several Floriculture CDE Workshops offered for 2026.

Information is listed below and can be found on CDE Website.

1) Lake Geneva-Badger High School

Saturday Feb 21, 2026 Time- 10-1 p.m.

\$20.00 per person

Sign up in Judging card.com

2) Bill Doran -Green Bay, WI

Sunday March 1, 2026 10-1 p.m.

Contact Jamie Propson -jpropson@mishicot.k12.wi.us

FREE of charge - space limited

3) Krueger Wholesale Florist

10706 Tesch LN Rothchild, WI

Tuesday Feb 24th Time- 1- 4:00 p.m.

Contact Glenn Schraufnagel gschraufnagel@thorp.k12.wi.us to sign up

FREE of charge

Space limited to first 50 people

4) UW- River Falls

Wednesday Jan 28, 2026 Time 2-5:30 p.m.

Sign up in judgingcard.com

\$20 per participant - limit 40 students.

Advisors can participate if the workshop does not fill.

FFA APPLICATIONS

American Degrees - Due January 15th

Before submitting American Degrees review the Reminder and Tips Document as well as, the 2026 Review Checklist.

American Degree Submission- theAET.com

Review the American Degree Submission document for step by step instructions on how to submit your FFA member's American Degree applications on the AET.



FFA Application Help Session - Jan. 7 5-6 p.m.

FFA Application Help Session

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 · 5:00 – 6:00pm

Time zone: America/Chicago

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yre-iiif-gfj>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-445-3562 PIN: 603 454 072#

More phone numbers: [https://tel.meet/yre-iiif-gfj?](https://tel.meet/yre-iiif-gfj?pin=2657487783155)
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The FFA application help document has several links to helpful resources for you to use and assist your FFA members.

Check out the new SAE Record Keeping Google Doc

This can help your students organize their records, make their SAE plans and set their goals!



LDE Updates:

Employment Skills LDE Electronic Employment Application Due 2 weeks before contest with the Resume, Cover Letter and the Job Description.

The Electronic Employment Application is located on the [Employment Skills web page](#) on the [wisconsinaged.org](#) website. Students need to complete the application by the 2 week deadline for all other documents to be emailed to the host.

There will not be a job application completed the night of the District LDE contest. Judges will score the application when they score the resume and cover letter.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON WEBSITE

All District LDE participants need to be registered on the [wisconsinaged.org](#) website by the 2 week prior to the contest date.

The deadline is set on the event registration on the website. You can make substitutions for contests you registered participants in at the contest, however you cannot add new participants to a contest you did not register to participate in.



HS Quiz Bowl and Conduct of Chapter Meetings

Registration for HS Quiz Bowl and Conduct of Chapter meetings teams will be on the [wisconsinaged.org](#) website in Event Registration.

Deadline is February 4, 2026



LDE Dates and Deadlines 25-26 Chapters, Sections and Districts

Note changes!



Pre Half-Time Conference Ag Literacy Workshop

by: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

Location: UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources



FFA Ag Literacy Workshop

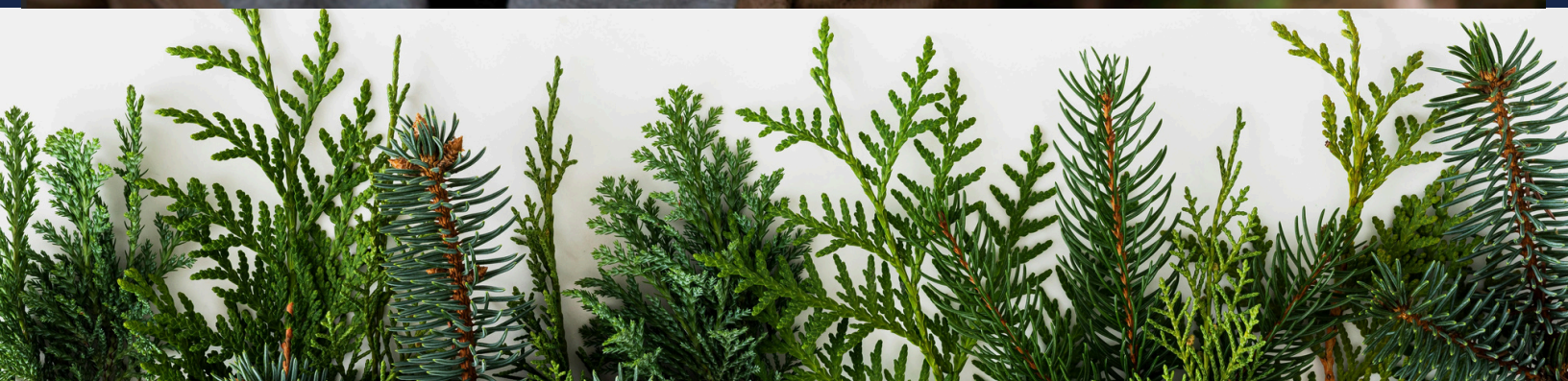
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Join Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom for an afternoon of hands-on learning, author meet and greet, and idea sharing! Every chapter will receive an Ag Lit Kit

Register at bit.ly/2026WIFFA

Featuring Lisl Detlefsen

Award-winning Children's Author





WISCONSIN FFA HALF-TIME CONFERENCE
JANUARY 16-17, 2026

2026 Half-Time Conference Student Workshops

Lighting Our Legacy

Let's discover how to put our chapter into the FFA Hall of Fame through improving team dynamics, positive community image, and passing down our knowledge to the next generation of leaders!

Lighting the Road to Make a Difference

Buckle up for an interactive road trip where every stop shows how you can make a difference! Explore FFA applications, improve service projects, and light the way toward personal growth, stronger chapters, and meaningful community impact.

Let It Glow

Come take a journey through magical lands as we attempt to fix Disney+.

We will make stops along the way to uncover the depth of the Program of Activities. Come join us through this magical experience as we illuminate ourselves and chapters.

Glow & Guide

Grab your camping gear and join us in the wilderness! In this workshop, we will learn how to inform others through agriculture, leadership, and FFA. Let's ignite our sparks and illuminate!



2026 Half-Time Conference ADVISOR Workshop

Saturday, January 17, 2026
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

AET Workshop

The workshop will present all of the AET Basic features you can use for FREE!

Roger Hanagriff from the AET will present the following:

Chapter Program of Activities and Strategic Plan
Meeting Agendas and Minutes
Calendar Dates
Student Roster
Contact and Messaging System
Foundational SAEs Made Simple
AET Records Process to Quality Awards

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What can I implement this month in my classroom?

Classroom Implementation Kits:

AgCareers.com provides information on a variety of agricultural careers and their classroom implementation kits provides activity sheets, resources, and lesson plans! They have career articles that your administration will love you including into your curriculum to help your districts ACT scores. In addition to careers there is information on the other Foundational SAE components - Employability Skills, Financial Management, & Workplace Safety.

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Newsletter!**

*Happy
holidays*



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Mission and Impact Food Drive



481 food items donated from Wisconsin FFA members given to...

Second Harvest Food Bank - Madison
Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry
Mondovi Food Pantry

Wafer Food Panty - La Crosse
Couleecap Food Pantry - Prairie du Chien
ECHO- Janesville
Reach Out Lodi Food Pantry

Loyal Food Pantry
Clintonville Food Pantry
Berlin Food Pantry
Food is Free Food Pantry - Beaver Dam



*Thank you Sally Ladsten for your service to
Wisconsin Agricultural Education and FFA
as well as all of Wisconsin Team Ag Ed.
Wishing you the best in your new role
at Compeer Financial*



*Thank
you!*

Merry Christmas



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HAPPY NEW YEAR