

2004 CONVENTION IDEA BOARD SUGGESTIONS

AG PROGRAM AND FFA SUPPORT

- Rose Gross, Turtle Lake – Auction consignment toy show.
- Dan Ziegler, New Glarus – Sportsman Banquet great fundraiser.
- Tom Mueller, Antigo – Host FFA/Parent/FFA Week/ Pizza Party Meeting
- Tom Beane, Ft Atkinson, -- Alumni constructed storage shed@ high school 30x50
- Dr. Virgil Martinson, Stoughton – Schedule evenings to work with FFA members filling Out award application forms, speaking contest events, contest preparation.
- Don Southworth, Marathon – Work with school's program, support Ag Ed., be and asset.
- Jerry Wendt, Stoughton -- Pair up Alumni with FFA members with common interests.
- John Leiterman, Denmark -- Supply lunch for monthly FFA meetings, pay ½ of 1st FFA jacket, transport students to meetings and judging, supply a van, livestock program contributions for 9th and 10th graders.
- Don Wipperfurth, Lodi -- Send FFA members to National FFA Convention
- Vicky Harter, Oconto Falls – Be a guest speaker for Ag Ed class demonstrations.
- Dale Beaty, Milton – Alumni members volunteer to work with greenhouse activities.
- New London – Provide flyer for annual toy show.
- Emily Allen, Fennimore – Provide money for conferences, awards, scholarships.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES AND FUN

- John Elvekrog, Stoughton – Fun night @ school, i.e. cards, sports etc.
- Jeff Hicken, Sauk Prairie – Host monthly meetings at local business places.
- Barb Brandl, Ft. Atkinson – FFA Alumni, FFA member Bowling fun night.
- Don Wipperfurth, Lodi – Bowling, Camping, Case IH tour
- Joyce Gust, Verona – Picnics and Golf outing.
- Virgil Martinson, Stoughton – Alumni fun afternoon, i.e. gym activity, pool, pizza
- Don North, Waterford – Rodeo outing.
- Troy Lobdell, Darlington – Sponsor an FFA Alumni appreciation dinner to reward members and spouses for their yearly work.

- Bill Holler, Lodi – Take FFA students out for bowling, pizza and pop
- Janie Natzke, Tigerton – Bowling party for FFA members and families
- Mark Nordlie, Stoughton – Summer Picnics

- Stephanie Albert, Kewaunee – We hold an FFA Alumni truck and pull.
- Barb Brandel, Ft. Atkinson – We invite the senior FFA members to a brat fry where those FFA members who received their State Degrees get a \$50 cash award.
- Gary Utecht, Greater Wausau – We make the trophies and run a pedal tractor pull at our local dairy kick-off.
- John Leiterman, Denmark – Steak and Shrimp night, Spanferkel night, Halloween bash Brat night, annual meeting.
- John Schultz, Bonduel – Donkey basketball game.
- Emily Allen, Fennimore – Alumni softball game
- Tom Mueller, Antigo – FFA Alumni purchased a milk vending machine for high school to provide a drink alternative to soda and another source of income for FFA.
- Tom Schultz, Columbus – We sponsor games for FFA Week that FFA members have in gym for high school students.
- Alan Kelsey, Waterloo – Provide concessions for various events, good fundraiser.
- Corey Enright, Kewaskum – FFA Alumni summer picnic.
- Vicky Harter, Oconto Falls – Special occasion recognition with unique “lawn boat”.
- Don Southworth, Marathon – Promote new FFA Alumni membership by having activities that involve them.
- John Schultz, Kewaunee – Tractor pull.
- Janice LeFeber, New Holstein – Brat fry, pig roast, toy show, labor auction
- Dean Yandry, Ft. Atkinson – Not satisfied with Friday night fish fry
- John Schultz, Chilton – Donkey Basketball Game.
- Don Strueder, Waterford – Horse show, craft fair
- Mike Dunse, Sauk Prairie – Shorten auction, more music
- Clarence Natzke, Tigerton – Valentine Dance w/ live music (polka)
- Annette Southworth, Marathon – family picnic
- Josh Sabo, Marshfield – Silent auction @ Northway Mall Farm Show, Meat Auction, Dairy breakfast.
- Robert Wolfe, Brodhead – Consignment sale.
- Ken Roberts, New London – FFA Annual Toy & Craft show April 4; students, and adults
- Janice Seebecker, Mauston – “No Bake” bake sale. Send letter to all alumni, potential members, FFA parents, students. Explain how everyone is so busy, no time to bake so we just donate the amount of a baked item and you have helped support the FFA without any trouble or hassle.
- Karl Boeder, Kewaunee – truck and tractor pull.

- Dale Beaty, Milton – Annual Christmas party at the dog track.
- Audrey Buss, Tigerton – Donkey ball game.
- Joyce Gust, Verona – We had fun at our local golf outing.
- Patricia McGuire, Verona – Ag Tour; visit wineries, brewery tours, cheese factories. Invite locals and rent a bus.
- Tom Beane, Ft. Atkinson –Nov. pizza meeting. Alumni buys pizza, office election held.
- Helen Ploor, Sevastopol – Family picnic with Alumni-FFA challenge
- Dan Ploor, Sevastopol – Adopt-A-Highway right in front of our high school.
- Pat Walber, New Holstein – Toy show, pig roast, brat fry, labor auction
- Dennis Jesberger, Sun Prairie – Nut and bolt sale.
- Bob Keough, Argyle –Better attendance
- Lester Schlics, Denmark -- Golf outing, used as a \$3000-6000 fundraiser, get sponsors
- Dale Yanke, Sauk Prairie – Farm safety day.
- Stephanie Albert, Kewaunee – Tractor and truck pull; 2nd year to hold this event.
- Dwight Tolk, Edgar – Arts and craft show in the park, w/ 1st antique tractor pull

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

- Ray Schwed, Section 3 – Need to invite state and national representatives to convention.
- Robert Wolfe, Brodhead – Dinner for new FFA members and parents (free)
- John Schultz, Antigo -- Snow mobile race
- Blackhawk – Sportsman in order to be eligible for “Prize Gun of Night”, Alumni membership required. We gained 6 new members at Oct. 2003 event.
- Cadott – We would like to hear from you about recruitment ideas.
- Lester Schlier, Denmark – Fruit Sale & Farm supply sale
- Barb Brandel, Ft Atkinson – We mail our membership packet to all members & prospects with our annual banquet in Jan. We got 30 new members from that mailing.
- Corey Enright, Kewaskum -- Give talks at high school.

- Sevie Kenyon, Stoughton – Christmas Party.
- Vicky Harter, Oconto Falls – Parents night w/ FFA parents and Alumni
- Alan Kelsey, Waterloo – We have an Appreciation Dinner for all members 1x/ year and invite perspective new members.
- Patrica McGuire, Verona – Programs that match members interests and strengths.
- Laura Maier, Fennimore – School district newsletter
- Dale Beaty, Milton – Ask potential member to participate in on of your activities. Get them some “hands on experience” and recognize their ability to contribute.
- Joyce Gust, Verona – Contact former FFA members, send invitations to parents of current FFA members.
- Adam Wehling, Evansville – Nut and Bolt sale, Toy Show, Providing FFA with milk machine for milk, yogurt, string cheese.
- Charles Tauscher, Gillett – Help out a neighboring affiliate with their functions.
- Patrich McGuire, Verona – Encourage scholarship winner to “repay” support with participation in alumni activities.
- Harold Seebecker, Mauston – Don’t wait, ASK local business to join. Form a committee to work on membership, not just one person.
- Janice Seebecker, Mauston – Invitation letter to potential members, follow with visit.
- Ken Roberts, New London – Good food and fun, Sept. cook-out w/ softball game. Everyone is invited FFA members and adults.
- Bill Holler, Lodi – We have good luck in recruiting new people by showing them we support the young people. We have fun doing it; it isn’t that much work.
- Tom Schultz, Columbus – We sponsor a meal and invite businesses and FFA member parents. Tell them about FFA Alumni events and activities.
- Jerry Wendt, Stoughton – Alumni affiliate could pay FFA member dues for 5 hours work.
- Virgil Martinson, Stoughton – Membership sign up, organized visits to perspectives.
- Annette Southworth, Marathon – Have breakfast meetings, provide breakfast for prospect
- Josh Sabo, Marshfield –Hold first FFA meeting with Alumni to get new FFA member parents introduced to Alumni activities.
- Clarence Natzke, Tigerton – We give FFA graduates a 1 year membership or equivalent to lifetime membership.

- Don Southworth, Marathon --Only students with Alumni parents are eligible for scholarships.
- Kayla Woolever, Bloomer – Alumni or FFA chapter pays dues for parents of officer team
- Don Southworth, Marathon – Have to keep old members too. Recruit new by getting credit for what you do.
- Diane Sattler, Chilton – Don't forget to say THANK YOU to others!
- Stephanie Albert, Kewaunee – Talk at FFA Banquet to get member parents involved.

OTHER IDEAS

- Don Sattler, Chilton – Put numbers on pages of the program.
- Vicky Harter, Oconto Falls – Invite other area affiliates to your meetings and activities to share and learn.
- Emily Allen, Fennimore – Help coordinate and chaperone Food For America activities.
- Tom Beane, Ft. Atkinson – We helped the FFA chapter start a “Holiday Cheer” campaign for U.S. Troops stationed overseas during the holidays.
- Don Southworth, Marathon – Need to keep Section worker together. There are some problems out there when it comes to sections working on convention. Don't make changes without contacting members with changes.
- Johnson Creek – Flyer on NASCAR racing.
- Virgil Martinson, Stoughton – Sectional meeting, all in attendance, share Alumni affiliate activities.
- Dale Beatty, Milton – success Breeds more success. People want to be part of a winner. Strive to have your Alumni be recognized as the community organization that gets things done.
- Tom Mueller, Antigo – Have a horse drawn float in the Christmas Parade with the FFA members riding wagon.
- Patrick McGuire, Verona – Good Speakers are vital. If you have speakers who don't connect to the audience, you don't have an audience. This also means a good sound system is a must.
- Jerry Wendt, Stoughton – Train your main officers, main teachers well and support them.

FUNDRAISING

- Scott Gimler, Watertown – Setup food stand at local farm and household auctions. Machine shes make great locations for food stands on cold days.
- John Leiterman, Denmark – Golf outing Fundraiser 18-Hole Tournament. \$240/4-sum, \$50 hole sponsorship. Approx. \$5000 made 5 years. 104 golfers in 2003.
- V.O. Martinson, Stoughton – Food Stand owned cheese curds, cream puffs etc.
- Emily Allen, Fennimore – Farm toy show, bolt and filter sale, fruit sale.
- Barb Brandel, Fort Atkinson – Our student skill and consignment sale is held each spring. ½ of proceeds goes to individual students. Profits fund scholarships.
- Don Southworth, Marathon – Tractor pulls, old Tractor pulls, old tractors make money on concessions.
- Corey Enright, Kewaskum – Booth at County Fair, Scholarships, hog raffle, polka dance, tool sale
- Joyce, Gust, Verona -- Sport Show. We work with MC Sports of Madison. We buy about 15 guns, split them into three tables and at least 4 on the main ticket. We sell only 140 tickets at \$40 each. That includes dinner and other prizes. We buy other items for the tables and sell tickets for \$10 or 3 for\$20. Guns are returned to shop and winners get gift certificate at store for value of gun.
- Juda and Black River Falls--Toy show
- Don Wipperfurth, Lodi -- Toy show; roast pork meal at fair.
- Vicky Harter, Oconto Falls -- roast sandwich stand at local festival
- John Morton, Clinton -- Euchre card party \$15 per couple with door prizes
- Harriet Roberts, New London -- Toy and craft show; nut and bolt sales. Entertainment book sales.
- Tom Mueller, Antigo -- Host snowmobile races
- Dale Beaty, Milton – Hold a live attraction at your local golf course after a golf league night.