



APRIL 2011

Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, Career Success

Members Participate in Kids Against Hunger Service Project



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Grade: Senior

CDE's: Dairy Foods, Ag Broadcasting, Food Science

Favorite FFA Memory:

"Having the opportunity to get to know Wyatt. I enjoyed it when he worked with our Leadership class in preparation for his National Officer interviews."



While attending the South Dakota State FFA Convention, West Central FFA members participated in a service project sponsored by the SD FFA Foundation. Members provided volunteer labor working with the Kids Against Hunger Organization. A humanitarian food-aid organization, whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world.

Kids Against Hunger's meals have been formulated by food scientists to provide a rich source of easily digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vitamins needed by a malnourished child's body and mind. The food also accommodates to the broad diversity of ethnic tastes and religious differences around the world.

Members worked in assembly line fashion to measure and package 87,480 meals for needy families and children. South Dakota FFA members donated more than 400 hours to Kids Against Hunger.



South Dakota State FFA Convention

The final gavel has fallen and the 2011 South Dakota State FFA Convention is in the history books.

Members competed in numerous Career Development Events. Individual medals earners are as follows: Horse Judging - Silver - Breanna Gray. Food Science - Bronze - Connor Miles. Ag Mechanics - Bronze - Anthony Even, Bronze - Jeremy Nettifee. Floriculture - Gold - Melinda Knuth, Bronze - Sarah Eich. Natural Resources - Bronze - Cam Green, Bronze - Cody Miller, Silver - Riley Olson. Ag Sales - Silver - Joe Schartz.

CDE Team medals were awarded to the following teams: Natural Resources - Silver Team Medal - Cam Green, Riley Olson, Cody Miller, Ethan Schumacher. Floriculture - Bronze Team Medal - Melinda Knuth, Sarah Eich, Sydnie Howey, Maty Skinner. Ag Mechanics - Silver Team Medal - Jeremy Nettifee, Anthony Even, Nathan Johnson, Ryan Serrao.

Members submitted applications for proficiency awards earlier in the year. Results of the proficiency judging were announced during convention. WCFFA members earned the following medals: Bronze - Agricultural Education - Ethan Schumacher. Bronze - Ag Services and Forage Production - Stacia Knuth. Bronze - Beef Production - Brooke Pearson. Bronze - Equine Science - Spencer Kurtz. Bronze - Floriculture - Sydnie Howey.

Melinda Knuth was recognized as the State Second place finisher in the Agri Entrepreneurship Contest. Melinda's application will now be forwarded for national competition. 10 national winners are named and recognized during the National FFA Convention in October. Each winner receives \$1000 to improve their entrepreneurial SAE.

Members were pleased to have several parents as well as WCHS Activities Director, Toby Bryant in attendance during the convention.



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