

# Welcome Back NEWSLETTER

## Lincoln FFA



### Advisor's Message

Welcome back Lincoln FFA Members! We are excited for another year of awesome FFA activities, fun times and projects in classes, and getting your SAE projects up and running! The mission of the Lincoln FFA and Lincoln High School Agriculture Department is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. We hope to inspire you to participate in career development events and to become involved in our program by providing you with a high quality agricultural education. Our mission is to prepare students for higher education, technical training, employment and citizenship. We hope that you take advantage of all of the opportunities that the Lincoln FFA and Agriculture Department has to offer. We offer many activities, events and team opportunities that appeal to a variety of students, all of whom come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Please know that it is our sincere hope that all students will feel welcome, intellectually stimulated and inspired. The advisors in the Lincoln Agriculture Department believe that leaders can be made in the FFA program. With skills learned in the Lincoln FFA and Lincoln Agriculture program, students will be given the tools necessary to become a better and more effective leader. We hope that you use these leadership skills to run for office, join a team or inspire others to become more involved in our chapter and our community. We look forward to working with you this year and for years to come!

### 2024 - 2025 Lincoln FFA Theme



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## Ice Cream Social

### August 27th

Our newly elected officer team is feeling refreshed and ready for their year of service after having just returned from their Officer Leadership Retreat! As usual, they want to start the year off right with our Ice Cream Social! All students in any ag class are encouraged to come to the softball fields on 6th street **after school on Tuesday 8/27** to grab some free ice cream treats, and socialize with other Ag Students! This is always a great first activity, especially for brand new members! We hope to see everyone there!

## 3rd Annual Commitment to Corduroy Benefit Dinner

### September 28th

We are just over a month away from this year's Commitment to Corduroy Benefit Dinner! We are excited to once again have this night of food, fun, and some great raffle & auction items, all in an effort to raise money to support our students and their activities! In addition, we are still actively looking for donations from our community supporters of items to put in our raffle, dessert auction, silent auction, or live auction! If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please reach out to Mr. Willhite directly ([jwillhite@wpusd.org](mailto:jwillhite@wpusd.org))

If you haven't already, be sure to head over to [lincolnffa.org](http://lincolnffa.org) and purchase your tickets or VIP table ASAP! For more information, check out the store page on our website!

**Saturday  
September 28th, 2024**

*Commitment to Corduroy*

Location  
Fowler Ranch  
3111 Lincoln Newcastle Hwy  
Lincoln, CA 95648

Buying Tickets  
Tickets & VIP Tables can be purchased online at our website [lincolnffa.org](http://lincolnffa.org) or by scanning the QR Code below.  
If you would like to purchase with cash or check, please contact Mr. Willhite!

Information!  
**General Admission Tickets ~ \$60**  
Includes entry & Dinner with open seating  
**VIP Table of 6 ~ \$600**  
Includes Entry for 6 guests, Dinner, Reserved Seating, 6 Raffle Books & 2 Bottles of Wine  
**VIP Table of 8 ~ \$800**  
Includes Entry for 8 guests, Dinner, Reserved Seating, 8 Raffle Books & 3 Bottles of Wine

Doors Open at 5:00  
Dinner Served at 6:30  
No-Host Bar by Fowler Ranch

Scan the QR Code to Purchase Tickets!

For questions or donations contact;  
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## FFA Activity Points

To our new members & families, Activity Points may seem overwhelming and confusing. Per Educational Code, The National FFA Organization is an “intra-curricular” organization, which means that students receive a grade for their participation in FFA activities and for having an SAE project in all of their agriculture classes. For more information on how this works, we encourage you to reach out to your agriculture teacher, or to read more information on our [website](#). Please see the other resources linked below

[2024 - 2025 Activities List](#)

[Lincoln FFA's Google Calendar](#)

[Lincoln FFA Point Award Matrix](#)

## Woodshop Joins the Agriculture Department

This year Lincoln High School hired a new teacher for the Woodshop program. We are happy to announce that Mr. Cody Walker has joined Lincoln High School as the new woodshop teacher, and we will be using his Agriculture Credentials to begin to roll the Woodshop into the Agriculture Department!

Woodshop students in the advanced woodshop class this year will still be non-ag students enrolled in the final class of the Construction Pathway. Those students starting this year in the introductory or intermediate woodshop classes will become members of Lincoln FFA, and will be in the new Ag Construction Classes.

We are excited to be able to incorporate more of Lincoln High’s CTE programs into our department, and bring more of our students into the FFA program! Stay tuned for more information throughout the year, including adjustments to our Ag Mechanics pathway, and our 4 year pathway plans.

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## New SAE Grading System

In an effort to improve how Lincoln FFA assists and supports students with their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Projects, we have spent time creating a new system to evaluate and build upon students SAE projects, and knowledge of the AET program.

The new system involves every member completing a basic “foundational” project in each of their ag classes. These smaller scaled projects are short term, related to the classes’ curriculum, and will be graded as a part of their class grade. These projects will all happen in the Fall semester, and are meant to help students learn more about using AET and logging their activities in their SAE projects. In the spring semester, students will be expected to move onto more individualized advanced projects, or “immersion” projects.

To assist with this new system, the advisors have created a comprehensive monthly grading rubric meant to keep students on track to complete their SAE requirements in a timely manner. Each month has its own rubric, and evaluates different parts of a students’ AET account and their SAE project(s).

SAE projects are a big priority for us in the Ag Department this year. We want to make sure that students understand how these projects work, how they can benefit them in the long run, and make sure that we are being available and supportive to our students and families as they expand their experience and skills!