

# Southern Region Agricultural Education

## Weekly Update

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### I. Current AgEd News & Updates

- 1. SLE and Sub Committee Chairs Apps DUE:** Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE) and State FFA Conference Sub-Committee Chair Applications due **Dec. 1**. Applications are an online application.
- 2. Fallbrook Field Day – Saturday, Dec. 2** – Registrations is due Tuesday, Nov. 27
- 3. Heritage Cup Field Day – Saturday, Dec. 9** – Registration is due Tuesday, Dec. 5.
- 4. Southern Region In-service – Tuesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Southern Region In-service – Tuesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Starts promptly at 8:30 AM. A Continental Breakfast will be available at 7:45 AM. Please be on time - take into account traffic.

A free parking permit is required and must be pre-printed. Go to the following web link to print a parking pass <https://event.gg/5673/>

Reminder: Southern Region CATA Award applications are due that day. Turn them in at registration.

CATA Region Officers and Section Presidents are expected to stay after the In-service and score the CATA applications. We will NOT start scoring until after the lunch. Plan accordingly.

### **5. Current Openings in the Southern Region:**

- **Julian High School** – filled by Curtis Martineau

### **6. Due Bills:** The following schools have not paid the following Region Past Due Bills (as of 11.27.17):

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Mission Viejo           | Fall CATA Mtg |
| Ramona                  | Fall CATA Mtg |
| Escondido - San Pasqual | Fall CATA Mtg |
| Serrano                 | Fall CATA Mtg |
| Westminster             | Fall CATA Mtg |

7. **AIG and R2 Reports** – The following table shows schools that have **MISSING** information. **AIG** is whether or not your *original, signed* Expenditure Report has been received. The **Grad** indicates if you have posted your graduate follow up report. **Roster** indicates you have posted your roster and they match your enrollment. (as of 11.27.17)

| School          | AIG | Grad | Roster |
|-----------------|-----|------|--------|
| All Tribes      | NA  | N    | N      |
| Antelope Valley | N   | X    | X      |
| Julian          | N   | N    | N      |
| Lucerne Valley  | N   | Y    | Y      |
| San Marcos      | N   | Y    | Y      |

## **II. Previous and/or On-going AgEd News & Announcement**

8. **Welcome – Two New Chapters** – Southern Region welcomes two new chapters to the Southern Region – Lakeside Middle School lead by Tricia Digenan and Valley Center Middle School headed by Katherine Curt.

9. **National FFA Living To Serve Grants:** Several Southern Region chapters were awarded service learning grants: Citrus Hill (\$3,000), San Marcos (\$1,200), and Norco (\$400).

### **10. Southern Region CATA Awards – Due December 5**

A reminder that the following Southern Region CATA Award applications are due at the Dec. 5. Region In-service (Roadshow):

- Outstanding Young Member
- Outstanding Teacher
- Outstanding Ag. Mechanics Teacher
- Outstanding Agriscience Teacher
- Outstanding Program (1 person, 2-3 person, 4+ person)
- Outstanding Mentor Teacher

They can be found on the Southern Region Website <http://www.srffa.org/cata/index.htm>  
Please only use the Southern Region applications, not those found on the state CATA or NAAE websites.

11. **Star FFA Degree Application** – It has been announced that starting this year – California will use the Star application available on AET. AET will be creating a California specific Star application in the next couple of weeks. I will have details soon of which parts will be required for Section and Region. (similar to what we do for Proficiencies).
12. **State Degree and Proficiency Applications** – I know many of you have started on your State Degrees and many more of you plan to get started. Now is also a good time to start on Proficiency and Star Farmer apps. To assist you with the Proficiency apps, there is a matrix of the required pages to fill out for each level (Section, Region, State) on the Southern Region website, under CATA, Resources, and FFA Applications.

**13. American Degree** - Now is a good time to get your graduates started on completing their American FFA Degree application and record books. Many of them may be off to college, so the holidays are a good time to find them at home. The American Degree applications are now web based and can be accessed on the National FFA at [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) or AET.

- I will still offer my services to complete the financial part of the application. (NOTE - If they are using AET as their record book, that system will do the entire application. It will fill in the financial information. I therefore will only need to review their AET books)
- I will need your student to start an application online at the National FFA website or AET. They need to complete the “Cover”, “SAE Descriptions” and “Community Service”.
- Send me the record books if they are paper copies AND/OR let me know if they are using the iBook.. I can access a student’s AET and iBook online without their password. I would not waste the time changing to AET. They will need books completed through December 31, 2017. I DO NOT need a 2018 book.
- I can also access a student’s online application without passwords – as long as I know the student name and chapter.
- Once I have completed the application, I will instruct you to print the application at your end, get the necessary signatures, and mail it to me.

Although applications are not due until May 18, 2018 now is a good time to get started.

### **III. Things to Do for Department Chairpersons:**

- CATA Award applications are due at the Region In-service Dec. 5. Please us the applications on the Southern Region website.
- Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE) application is due December 1.
- State FFA Conference Committee Chair applications are due December 1.
- Complete State Degree, Star, and Proficiency applications.

### **IV. Important Dates to Remember:**

- Nov. 30 High Desert Job Interview Registration due 4:00 PM @ Apple Valley
- Dec. 1 Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE) Applications due
- Dec. 1 State FFA Conference Sub-Committee Chair Applications due
- Dec. 2 San Diego Section Field Day @ Fallbrook 8:00 AM
- Dec. 5 Southern Region December In-service @ Kellogg Conference Center – Cal Poly Pomona 8:30 AM
- Dec. 5 Southern Region CATA Award Applications due @ In-service
- Dec. 5 Riverside Section Job Resume and Letter of Intro due
- Dec. 6 High Desert Job Interview, Extemp. And Impromptu Contests @Apple Valley HS 3:00 PM
- Dec. 7 Imperial Section Creed and BIG @ Brawley HS 10:00 AM
- Dec. 9 Heritage Cup Field Day @ Heritage HS 8:00 AM
- Dec. 14 Riverside Section Job Interview and Impromptu Contests @ Norco HS 4:00 PM