

Coachella Valley High School

Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy

A Future Farmers of America Organization



Agricultural Business
Animal Science
Agriscience
Ornamental Horticulture
Agricultural Mechanics



CONSTITUTION
AND
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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES ACADEMY
COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER CONSTITUTION
CA0043

ARTICLE I – Name and Purposes

Section A The formal identity of this organization shall be known as the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy. When specifically addressing the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy in regards to the three circles of agriculture education and the abbreviation “Ag. & Nat. Resources” or ANR Academy” May be used to designate the academy (educational program), its activities, or members thereof. The Future Farmers of America aspect of the name of this organization shall be the Coachella Valley Chapter of the Future Farmers of America” and the letters, “CV FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B The purposes for which this academy / chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and aggressive agricultural and natural resource leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life and natural resource appreciation.
3. To strengthen the California pipeline of agriculture majoring and minoring college-bound students in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of natural resources occupations and agricultural occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual occupational experience programs and establishment in agricultural and natural resources careers.
6. To encourage members to improve the home, school and community.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of the industry of agriculture and natural resources.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

ARTICLE II – Organization

- Section A The Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy / Coachella Valley Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the California Association of Future Farmers of America which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.
- Section B This academy / chapter accepts in full the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the California Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III – Membership

- Section A Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.
- Section B The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.
- Section C Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.
- Section D Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:
1. They attend 70 % of local academy / chapter meetings
 2. They show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the academy / chapter.
 3. Are properly identified as an ANR Academy student within the schools data base.
 4. Are properly affiliated with the state and national FFA organizations.
- Section E Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

ARTICLE IV – Logos, Emblems, and Tag Lines

- Section A The logo for academy shall be the *Gold, Green Fields, and Blue Three Overlapping Circles which create the Leaves in the Center.
- Section B The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the CV FFA chapter.

Section C Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the national organization of FFA.

Section D The tag line to be used in conjunction with the academy / chapter will be “Growing Tomorrows Leaders Today.”

*Gold, Green, and Blue Three Overlapping Circles is a description of the logo which can be found on the cover of this document.

ARTICLE V – Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section A There shall be four grades of active membership in this academy / chapter. These grades are: (1) The Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA Degree, (3) The State FFA Degree, and (4) The American FFA Degree.

All “Greenhands” are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Degree of Chapter FFA are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm. All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

Section B Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in agriculture and natural resources education course for an agricultural and or natural resource occupation and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised agricultural and or natural resources experience, and/or other agricultural or natural resources occupational experiences.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe the FFA emblem, colors, and symbols.
4. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
6. Know the duties and responsibilities of the FFA members.
7. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
8. Submit written application for the Degree for Chapter records.

Section C Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Must have the Degree of Greenhand and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the academy / local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in agriculture and natural resources education, have in operation an

approved supervised agricultural and or natural resources experience, and/or other agricultural or natural resources occupational experiences, and be regularly enrolled in an agriculture and natural resources education course.

3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of activities of the state association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the academy / local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his/ her own efforts from his/ her supervised agricultural and or natural resources experience and/or other agricultural or natural resources occupations program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$150 or worked 100 hours on his/her SAE in excess of scheduled class time.

Section D State FFA Degree: Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the State Association

Section E American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section F Special Committees shall review the qualifications of members and make recommendations to the academy / chapter concerning degree advancement.

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Section A The officers of the academy / chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Parliamentarian. The local Advisor shall be the teachers of the agriculture and natural resources academy in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices. When applicable additional positions in the form of Co as well as Support will be designated.

Section B Officers shall be elected semi-annually or annually by a majority vote of the members within the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy.

- Section C Officer applicants shall complete an Officer Application. A majority vote of the members within the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy. The top seven applicants will be interviewed and placed by the Executive Committee.
- Section D The officers of the academy / chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of activities shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Chapter Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the academy / chapter in accordance with actions taken at academy / chapter meetings and various regulations or bylaws adopted from time to time.
- Section E Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the academy / chapter except that of Advisors.
- Section F Academy / chapter officers must hold the at least a Greenhand Degree. The President and Vice – President must hold the at least a Chapter Degree. If no applicants hold aforementioned degrees than a Special meeting shall be held with the Advisors to determine a course of action.
- Section G If at any time an Officer is not fulfilling their prescribed duties that Officer shall receive one written warning from the Advisors. If satisfactory improvement does not occur that the Advisors shall dismiss the Officer from their duties. In this event a Special meeting shall be held with the Chapter Executive Committee and Advisors to fill the now vacant position within the Officer team.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

- Section A Regular academy / chapter meetings shall be held twice a month during the school year and once during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee. These regular academy /chapter meetings shall be held on Mondays unless otherwise specified. Special meetings may be called at any time.
- Section B Standard meeting equipment shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official ceremony. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.
- Section C Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, shall be elected annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State Leadership Conference. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the State.

Section D A majority of the active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the academy / chapter to any proposal or action. When applicable voting may be conducted via an internet based program to ensure a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

- Section A Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.
- Section B Full local, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members.
- Section C No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full local, state, and national FFA dues.
- Section D All active members are expected to purchase or check out and wear appropriately the current academy / chapter attire.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

- Section A This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular academy / chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members within the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy providing it is not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.
- Section B Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the academy / chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members within the Agriculture & Natural Resources Academy providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either the state association or the national organization.

