

# **CAMP VERDE FFA CHAPTER**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I -- Name and Purpose**

#### **Section A.**

**The name of the organization shall be the "Camp Verde Chapter of the FFA." Members hereinafter referred to as**

**"FFA members" and the letters "FFA" may be used to designate the chapter, it's activities, or members thereof.**

#### **Section B.**

**This chapter was formed for the following purposes:**

- 1. To develop premier, competent, and aggressive agricultural leadership.**
- 2. To create and nurture a love of agricultural life.**
- 3. To strengthen the confidence of students of agricultural education in themselves and their work.**
- 4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.**
- 5. To encourage members in the development of individual agricultural experience programs and establishment in agricultural careers.**
- 6. To encourage members to improve their home and its surroundings.**
- 7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of the industry of agriculture.**
- 8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.**
- 9. To participate in cooperative efforts.**
- 10. To encourage and practice thrift.**
- 11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.**

12. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

## **ARTICLE II -- ORGANIZATION**

### **Section A.**

The Camp Verde Chapter of the FFA is a chartered local unit of the Arizona Association of the FFA which is chartered by the National Organization of the FFA.

### **Section B.**

A FFA chapter can only be chartered when the National and State by-laws are followed, and when the FFA is a component of the total program of Agricultural Education.

## **ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A.**

Membership in this chapter shall be of three types: (1) active, (2) alumni, and (3) honorary, as defined by the National FFA constitution.

### **Section B.**

The regular work of the chapter shall be carried out by the active membership.

### **Section C.**

Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

### **Section D.**

An honorary foundation in conjunction with the chapter alumni will provide additional support to the chapter needs and activities.

### **Section E.**

1. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter meetings; and are eligible to represent the chapter in major FFA activities.
2. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

- a. She/he attends one more than half of the regularly scheduled FFA chapter meetings.
- b. She/he shows interest and participates in:
  - i. The development and implementation of the program of activities
  - ii. A minimum of one CDE(Career Development Event), at least one committee, and at least one fund-raising activity.
- c. She/he pays hers/his Annual FFA dues.
- d. She/he is enrolled in a class within the Agricultural Program.

#### **Section F.**

Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

#### **Section G.**

Members shall be removed from membership for the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to uphold the aims and purposes of the FFA.
- 2) Violation of the by-laws.
- 3) Failing to meet the standards of: discipline, required attendance to classes and meetings, and FFA activities.

## **ARTICLE IV -- EMBLEMS**

#### **Section A.**

The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the Chapter.

#### **Section B.**

Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained shall be officially designated by the National FFA Organization.

# **ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES**

## **Section A.**

**There shall be two levels of degrees awarded at the chapter:**

- 1) The Greenhand Degree, and**
- 2) The Chapter 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 emblem of the silver pin.**

## **Section B.**

### **Minimum qualifications for Greenhand Degree:**

- 1. Must be enrolled in an Agricultural Education Class and have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience.**
- 2. Be familiar with the Aims and Purpose of the FFA.**
- 3. Learn and explain the creed, motto, and the salute.**
- 4. Demonstrate knowledge of the chapter constitution and by-laws, and the chapter program of activities.**
- 5. Personally own or have access to the official FFA manual.**
- 6. Submit a written application for the Greenhand Degree.**
- 7. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular chapter meeting.**

## **Section C.**

### **Minimum qualifications for the Chapter FFA Degree:**

- 1. Must have received the Greenhand Degree.**
- 2. Must have completed at least one year of instruction in an Agricultural Education Program; and is currently enrolled in an Agricultural Education class.**
- 3. Program; and is currently enrolled in an Agricultural Education class.**

4. **Must have in operation an approved Supervised Agricultural Experience.**
5. **Must have earned and productively invested \$350.00 by the members own efforts and/or worked at least 150 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof.**
6. **Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the Chapter of Activities.**
7. **Must have participated in at least one Career Development Event.**
8. **Must have effectively led a group discussion for at least 15 minutes.**
9. **Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.**
10. **Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.**
11. **Must have a satisfactory scholastic record (GPA of 2.00 or above).**
12. **Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.**
13. **Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.**

#### **Section D.**

**A Special committee shall review the qualifications of members and shall make recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.**

## **ARTICLE VI -- OFFICERS**

#### **Section A.**

**The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:**

- **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor.**
- **The Advisor shall be the teacher and/or teachers of the Agricultural Education Program in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the duties and responsibilities of their office as stated in the National Constitution of the FFA.**

### Section B.

Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

### Section C.

The Chapter officers, Junior Officers, Greenhand officers, and the Chairpeople in charge of major standing committees shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The executive committee shall have the full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with the actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws from time to time.

### Section D.

Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except the Advisor.

### Section E.

In order to run for Chapter one must have completed one year of Agricultural Education, and must hold the degree of Chapter FFA, following the first year of membership.

### Section F.

Officers shall be removed from office if they fail to comply with the following: Discipline standards, Attendance to meetings, Overall lack of participation, and failure to fulfill their duties and responsibilities. The executive committee must recommend such action and the members may approve such action at a regularly scheduled meeting with a 2/3 vote of the member's present.

## **ARTICLE VII -- MEETINGS**

### Section A.

Regular chapter meetings shall be held twice a month during the school year, and once a month during the remaining of the year at such time and place as is designated by the chapter executive committee. Special meetings may be called at anytime by the President.

### Section B.

Special meetings may be called by the chair-people of the official standing committees, and/or those committees that are part of the program of activities.

### Section C.

Two delegates 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 the various FFA meetings within the state.

### Section D.

A majority of the active members listed on the Secretary's roster of the membership (roll call) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any purpose or action.

## 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 active and in good standing unless she/he pays full local, state, and national dues; as well as adheres to Section E Article III.

## ARTICLE IX -- AMENDMENTS

### Section A.

This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the State FFA Association Constitution and/or that of the National FFA Constitution.

### Section B.

By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws in no way conflict with the constitution and by-laws of either the State Association and/or National FFA Constitution.