

**CONSENT: CURRICULUM: Overnight Field Trip – Perris High School's Future Farmers of America Students to Attend Various Agriculture Field Days in March 2017 (funded through Perris High School's Agriculture Incentive Grant/Perkins Fund and Student Body Fund, not the General Fund)**

**SUMMARY:**

Perris High School's Agriculture teacher, Douglas Cousins, has submitted four (4) overnight field trip requests for members of the Perris High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) students to attend the following FFA Field Day events during the month of March:

U.C. Davis Field Day – March 3-5, 2017:

Participants include 25 students and 4 adult chaperones. This event will be held at the University of California (UC) Davis for their annual Career Development Event/Field Day. The UC Davis event is one of the two largest state level California Department of Education (CDE) FFA event of the year. The top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. Students will be exposed to this top agricultural university while learning more about their contests and competing at the highest level in the state. Students will be exposed to the university atmosphere which will help motivate them to work hard towards their goals for their future careers. Students will develop hands-on leadership skills as they interact with other students, judges, and teachers at their competition sites. Cost per student/adult is \$40 each.

Chico Field Day Competition March 10-12, 2017:

Participants include 25 students and 4 adult chaperones. This event will be held at Chico State University, in Chico, California. The Chico FFA Field Day event is one of the two largest state level Career Development Event (CDE) of the year. The top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. FFA members attending the Chico FFA Field Day Competition will be able to visit with other FFA members from throughout the state, as well as leaders from other states and the National FFA. Each attendee will be focusing on the following objectives: participate in Career Development Event that will enhance their skills, develop leadership skills through interaction with other members, receive awards and honors for hard work and achievement in their contest area, and be exposed to the university setting and experience new places. Cost per student/adult is \$50 each.

Merced FFA Field Day Competition - March 20-22, 2017:

Participants include 20 students and 5 adult chaperones. This event will be held on the Merced College campus, in Merced, California. Top teams will be competing at this event in preparation for the state finals competition in May. Students will be learning about contests and competing at the highest level in the state. Students will be motivated to work hard towards their goals for their future careers and will develop hands-on leadership skills as they interact with others students, judges, and teachers at their competition sites. Cost per student/adult is \$40 each.

Modesto Junior College Agriculture Field Day Competition - March 24-25, 2017:

Participants include 20 students and 5 adult chaperones. The Modesto Field Day offers students 24 different agriculturally based judging contests. The contests range from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. Modesto JC students, representing a variety of majors, coordinate the contests while faculty and staff serve as advisors. Students attending this event will be able to compete at a high level in their FFA judging teams while preparing them for the state finals, as this is one of the most competitive field days in California. Cost per student/adult is \$40 each.

Exposure to competition at the four events will enhance our students' ability to perform at a higher level and will enhance skills and knowledge in their given contests. It will also enable students to earn higher awards and placement in future competitions. Transportation to all events will be provided by district/site vehicles.