



FIND OUT HOW FFA CHAPTERS ARE CONNECTING WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS!

SOUTH WINNESHIEK FFA; CALMAR, IA

South Winneshiek FFA reached out to two districts during their My American Farm Outreach. FFA members taught students in Kindergarten through 4th grades. It was truly a “students leading students” learning experience. Prior to the outreach event, the sophomores and juniors in the South Winneshiek FFA chapter researched the lessons and activities on the My American Farm website. They then prepared the 45-minute lessons and taught the students at the elementary schools.

PRAIRIE CENTRAL FFA; FAIRBURY, IL

Prairie Central FFA took My American Farm to the city! Chapter members visited Nettlehorst Elementary in Chicago to share My American Farm. With their project, “In Our Fields and Barns”, photos of Prairie Central FFA members working at their farms with crops and livestock were showcased. They then used the My American Farm app to play “In My Barn” together with the students. They highlighted other games on the My American Farm website and left the My American Farm activity books with the teachers for them to use as a follow-up activity.

SILVER LAKE FFA; ROSELAND, NE

The Silver Lake FFA chapter officers took the lead on their My American Farm Outreach project. Eighty Kindergarten through 6th grade students had the opportunity to rotate between five groups of FFA officers. Each group of officers taught a different lesson corresponding to the My American Farm games on the website. Three other lessons highlighted FFA knowledge about the official jacket and emblem, as well as an agriculture facts game.



WARREN FFA; WARREN, IL



A day of agricultural advocacy was held by the Warren FFA chapter for elementary students. For their My American Farm Outreach Project, they had dairy, swine, tractor and ATV safety events. Each student received a goodie bag with the My American Farm Activity Book to take home with them. Warren FFA worked with the elementary school teachers to allow students to play on the My American Farm games during the day that day. A total of 322 students were reached during this event.

BLUE HILL FFA; BLUE HILL, NE

Blue Hill FFA members visited Elementary classrooms and presented to over 100 students in K-6th grade for the My American Farm Outreach Program. They used Farmer’s Market Challenge, Ag Across America and Equipment Engineer to appeal to a wide variety of interests within the elementary students. The booklets helped to introduce other agriculture topics and they played an ag trivia game with the “Did You Know?” questions. They also divided up into groups and played other games individually with the students.

ELGIN FFA; MARION, OH



Elgin FFA members utilized My American Farm to educate first through third grade students about agriculture. Members partnered with the elementary technology instructors to integrate the website into their curriculum. Chapter recruitment members led the Kindergarten students using a smart board through the In My Barn game, utilizing the videos during instruction, and reinforcing concepts verbally with the students. The third graders were able to select their own games to play using the website with a number of FFA members interacting one-on-one to assist. The Elgin FFA chapter will utilize the

grant funds during their annual Food for America program this month, when FFA members will conduct educational stations for over 500 students to educate them about livestock and plant science, in addition to, farm safety.

CARBONDALE FFA; CARBONDALE, IL

The Carbondale FFA chapter facilitated an outreach event with 180 second and third graders at their school. Using the Fact or Fairytale, Farmer's Market Challenge, and The Steaks Are High online games, members of the chapter led the elementary school students through an afternoon filled with learning about different industries within agriculture.



LIBERTY UNION FFA; BALTIMORE, OH

The Liberty Union FFA Officer Team worked with 70 first grade students during their My American Farm Outreach. When the officer team arrived they played the game "Fact or Fairytale" with the four different classes. Students enjoyed the game because they got to actively participate in making choices about facts and myths within the agricultural industry. They also used the smart boards in each classroom to show the students how they can access the website and play the different games offered. The officer team touched on the scope of the FFA organization is about and the agriculture industry. The students also enjoyed receiving coloring books and information to give their parents about My American Farm.

OSKALOOSA FFA; OSKALOOSA, IA

The Oskaloosa FFA presented a Petting Zoo/Agricultural Learning Center at the 2015 Southern Iowa Fair in Oskaloosa, IA. At the petting zoo they had young animals for the children to interact with and pet. To go along with the animals they also had posters set up with information about the different species of livestock, as well as information on agriculture in Iowa and the United States. They featured the My American Farm games on tables and hay bales for the children to play! They handed out many of the coloring books and the youth seemed to really enjoy those. Overall it was a great experience for the Youth of Mahaska County and the Oskaloosa FFA.

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