

# Summer Highlights



Base Camp was our first training session as a part of the National FFA State Officer Continuum. As a team we learned about the talents that we had and how they would help us in the year to come! These 4 days were used to get to know our teammates and gear up for the year to come. A few weeks later we met again as a team for another 4 days of training called checkpoint 1. In these 4 days we were able to learn about facilitation and how to be effective in our workshops in order to best convey our message.



DC Summit was another part of the state officer continuum put on by National FFA. The entire state officer team traveled to Washington D.C. to learn about how to best advocate for FFA. In the week we were there we were able to interact with other state officers from throughout the nation. While there we also were able to meet with legislators about current issues that are related to FFA.



After state fair we traveled to Jag Lake the state FFA camp for our State Officer Retreat. Here we continued the planning process of upcoming events. We also had free time to bond as a team and enjoy some outdoor recreation activities. I encourage your chapter to check it out for your chapter officer retreat.



The Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators Professional Development Conference was our first chance to meet the advisors that we will be working with this year. We also had the opportunity to learn more about our role as a state officer and expectations for the year to come.



We were able to attend Farm Technology Days for one day this year. While there we were able to assist with the Tractor Operators Contest as well as interact with event goers as we walked the grounds after the contest was completed. We also took our turn in the mock cranberry bog that was on display throughout the show!



At the WI State Fair, we were able to spend all 11 days advocating for agriculture and FFA through the Discovery Barnyard and Veggie Races. We enjoyed teaching students about animals and vegetables and how both relate to their everyday lives. We also we able to take a ride on the Giant Slide as a team on one of our final days at the fair.