



Winnisquam Ag Center News

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Welcome Mr. Beaulieu!

Agriculture staff and students are pleased to welcome Mr. James Beaulieu, Natural Resources Instructor, to the Ag Center. Mr. Beaulieu comes to Winnisquam from the Sugar River Valley Career & Technical Center in Newport, NH where he was employed for ten years and taught Natural Resources, Agriscience and Earth Science. Along with his classroom experience, he brings industry know-how and knowledge of the FFA to his new school.

While in Newport, Mr. Beaulieu served as co-advisor of the Sugar River Valley FFA Chapter and coached numerous forestry teams. His ag classes at SRV produced maple syrup, cordwood and ornamental fish and studied a myriad of natural resource topics. One of his favorite subjects to teach is orienteering.

Prior to launching his teaching career, Mr. Beaulieu was employed as an arborist. He

worked for a time in Montana, where he also studied forestry. He is especially interested in the area of recreational land management. In his free time, he is an avid disc golf player.

Mr. Beaulieu is excited about bringing his knowledge and experience to a new school community, and looks forward to getting involved in the Ag Center's many service projects as well as with the Winnisquam FFA Chapter. When asked what his favorite thing about his new job is, he replied "collaborating with the ag staff!"



Mr. James Beaulieu
Natural Resources Instructor

FFA News

Fall is always a busy time of year for FFA members and this year is no exception! Already students have participated in activities at the Eastern States Exposition (the Big E), Deerfield Fair, UNH and the National FFA Convention.

On September 17th, the parliamentary procedure team competed against 8 other states while Seth Tilton-Fogg represented NH in Extemporaneous Speaking, both at the Big E. The next day the students performed community service by working in the pie booth at the NH building on the fairgrounds. The following weekend, another group of students made the 3 + hour trip on the ag bus back to the Big E to serve pie once again.

Even though the skies opened and rain poured down for much of the day, 25 Winnisquam students enjoyed judging dairy cattle at the Deerfield Fair on October 1st. Ag Science classes studied dairy

cattle conformation in preparation for the big day when students tested their skills against those of 200 other NH FFA members.

FFA was invited to UNH on October 15th for the annual Fall Interscholastic competition. WRHS FFA'ers tried their hands at the horticulture and woodsmen's events. Twelve high schools from across NH were present.

On October 19th, Ms. Rosequist and Ms. Gornert escorted 11 students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN where they spent nearly a week competing, attending leadership sessions and touring the city. Students excelled in three different events with the following results: Parliamentary Procedure - silver; Extemporaneous Speaking - bronze; Food Science & Technology - bronze. Nearly 55,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended the annual convention.



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Living to Serve

The harvest is in! Ag Center students and staff reaped a variety of crops this fall, the result of their spring planting efforts. Potatoes, Jacob's Cattle Beans (a dry bush bean), squash and onions were grown at Brook Hill Farm and donated to the Franklin Community Action Program. Additionally, the ag program donated three cords of wood to *Wood for Warmth* to help those in need heat their homes this winter.

Last spring, the ag program received a \$5,000 service learning grant from the USDA. The money was used to purchase a small greenhouse and related supplies, as well as a large sign highlighting our community partnerships. The greenhouse and sign will be erected at Brook Hill Farm in the coming weeks. Ag

students will be assisted in the construction project by John Moulton of Moulton Farms, a long-time friend of Winnisquam agricultural education. The greenhouse will be used to grow vegetable plants for donation to several community gardens next spring.

Meanwhile, the Ag Center's other partnerships continue, with monthly activities at the NH Veterans' Home, volunteering for the NH FFA Foundation and helping out at the Pines Community Center. It is hoped that students will learn the value of service through participation in these projects, and will truly live the FFA Motto:

*Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve*

Class Acts

As a Freshmen Seminar instructor, Ms. Rosequist will influence every WRHS ninth grader this year! Students will rotate through different units during the semester-long course and each will spend time at the Ag Center participating in service learning.

Ag Science classes recently made apple cider using apples donated by Surowiec Farm. Many students were amazed to learn that cider can be made using an old-fashioned press and requires no additional ingredients!

Floriculture students created 10 vases of flowers for the recent Winnepesaukee River Trail Association "Taste of the Trails". Mr. Beaulieu's classes, meanwhile, are learning tree i.d., working at the Vets' Home and choosing which species of fish to grow.